

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday - Ponedjeljak, February 21, 2005**

7:30 A.M. Rafael Rogić Zdenka Sičić
 Chester Brodlo M/M Matt Pesce
 Kathryn Batina Catherine & Nick Perisin

Tuesday - Utorak, February 22, 2005
Feast of the Chair of St. Peter

7:30 A.M. Luka Botica Helen Rak
 Marija Mrzljak Katica Kosić
 Sharon Pruzinas Bonnie DiCaro

Wednesday - Srijeda, February 23, 2005

7:30 A.M. Rafael Rogić Paul Petrie
 Ivan Kosić Katica Kosić
 Dec. mem. of Vladović fam. Sutera family
 Mariana Čubelić Jure i Milka Krpan

Thursday - Četvrtak, February 24, 2005

7:30 A.M. Jenny Borić Ellie Drozd
 Mate Granić Ellie Drozd
 Connie Caponigro Dolly Caponigro
 Steven Brajković Mary, Luka, i Sylvia
 Dr. Ante Dragnić Morse & Lynn Shankman

Friday - Petak, February 25, 2005

7:30 A.M. Na čast sv. Anti obitelj Tomić
 Nedjeljko Buškapić Nevenka Badrov

Saturday- Subota, February 26, 2005

7:30 A.M. Lorraine P. Corteze family
 Mate Braškić Ana Braškić
 Billy Crosby Catherine & Nick Perisin

5:30 P.M. Peter & Mildred Depeder Martha
 Ivan Dlačić Valerija Babić
 Rosalinda Rodriguez Mr. Rodriguez
 Šima & Sam Babich M/M Sam Babich

Sunday - Nedjelja, February 27, 2005

7:30 A.M. Margaret Marcello family
 Nick LoCoco Marion Roti
 Linda Humbert husband Robert
 Josip Nagy obitelj Stipe Tokić

9:30 A.M. Josip Nagy obitelj Rodić

Nick LoCoco
 Judy Skokal

Louis & Mary Scalise
 Perisin grandchildren

11:00 A.M. u spomen

Ana Šestan	obitelj
Jerko Kutleša	Ivan Kutleša
Magda Zekić	Zdenka Sičić
Stana Delić	Mary Pavletić
Jozo Erkapic	obitelj Erkapic
Rafael Rogić	Luka Bajić i obitelj
Žarko Ostojić	Anica Ostojić i obitelj
Mile Hrvojević	Šime i Rosa Hrvojević
Mate/Dragojka Badrov	ob. Pave/Anica Badrov
Mara Kikaš	obitelj Miro i Ankica Kikaš

Lectors

Saturday, February 26, 5:30 P.M. Rosemary Brcich

Sunday, February 27, 7:30 A.M. Matt Pesce

Sunday, February 27, 9:30 A.M. Carl Segvich

Sunday, February 27, 11:00 A.M. Ivanka Paraga i Mate Žaper

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Saturday, February 26, 5:30 P.M. V. Kenny, S. Olague, Perseghin, R. Sarkauskas

Sunday, February 27, 7:30 A.M. Ferro, Gonzalez

Sunday, February 27, 9:30 A.M. A. Nero, P. Nero, Rubio

Sunday, February 27, 11:00 A.M. A. Bušljeta, K. Kristić, M. Carlson, A. Kosić

► **For Rent:** Recently remodeled and repainted 3rd flr, 2+bdm, hardwood flrs, appliances; \$475. Vic. 27th Princeton. Call 708 567 1591

► **For Rent:** Vic. of 32nd Wells - 3 bedrooms, newly remodeled, appliances included. For information call 773 538 4515

► **Vega Travel** is hiring English/Croatian speaking person to work as travel agent. Call Marina 312 332 7211

CAREGIVER seeks full-time employment Monday through Friday. Call 312- 907-8337.

► **Apartment for Rent:** 3 bedrooms, 33rd and Wallace. Call Tom 773 619 4811

WEEKLY MEDITATION Second Sunday of Lent *The Transfiguration*

Even for Jesus life was a journey of faith. On Mount Tabor He had a wonderful experience of the closeness of God, His Father. This strengthened Him for the journey on which He was about to embark — the journey to Jerusalem where a violent death awaited Him. We too can experience rare moments of light and joy. We get glimpses of the promised land towards which we are traveling in faith. In His love for us, God allows us to taste on earth the joys of the world to come. These precious moments are given to us so that we can remember them when God seems far away and everything appears dark and empty. For the most part, like Abraham, we travel in the darkness of faith; however, we are not alone. God is always with us, giving us the courage to persevere.



Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:00 P.M.

OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

We welcome into our faith community the following new members:

Dragutin Petar Stinger, son of Alexander and Monika n. Simatic Stinger, whose godparents are Alan Zulanis and Stefanija Simatic.

Lucia Michelle Planinic, daughter of Ivica and Nicole n. Augustine Planinic, whose godparents are Damir and Marija Culina.

Matthew John McGlynn, son of John and Dawn Marie n. Senerchia McGlynn, whose godparents are Sam Senerchia and Sheila McGlynn.

We congratulate the parents and godparents. May God bless and protect these new little souls!

BOOK OF PRAYER INTENTIONS can be found on the small table as you approach the main aisle of our church. On its pages we invite you to list your special intentions, the names of those who are ill, or any other prayer requests. The book will be presented during the Offertory procession at Sunday masses each week and placed on the altar.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND, February 19-20, will be taken for the ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL.. Cardinal George writes: "Our Catholic faith is a priceless gift from God. We are called by God to share this gift and to experience the miracle that this gift is never diminished when we share it." Through the support given to the appeal, parishes, schools, religious education, families, and those with special needs receive help and resources, thereby sharing in our Catholic faith.

WIDOM'S CORNER *Is it a saint?*

A very earnest young man visited a famous rabbi. He told the rabbi that he wanted to become a rabbi and asked for advice. It was winter time. The rabbi stood at the window looking out into the yard while the young man gave him a glowing account of his piety and penances. The young man said, "You see, Rabbi, I always dress in spotless white like the sages of old. I never drink any alcoholic beverages; only water ever passes my lips. I perform numerous penances. For instance, I always carry sharp-edged nails inside my shoes to mortify me. Even in the coldest weather I lie naked in the snow to punish my flesh., and I take a dozen lashes every day on my bare back." As the young man spoke, a stable boy led a white horse into the yard and took him to the water trough. The horse drank his fill of water and then rolled in the snow as horses sometimes do. "Just look," cried the rabbi. "That animal, too, is dressed in white, drinks nothing but water, has nails in its shoes, and rolls naked in the snow. It also surely gets its daily ration of lashes from its master, but I ask you, is it a saint, or is it a horse?"

Penance is not an end in itself. The whole object of penance is to reform a sinful way of life!

A Matter of Life

Did you ever prepare for a special dinner by eating a light lunch or skipping it altogether? The idea was to make room for your favorite foods. That's the basic idea behind fasting during Lent. The penance we do during this season helps us create more room in our lives for God. Giving something up for Lent doesn't have to be about food. You can "fast" from anything that you treasure but don't really need. Fasting creates an inner hunger that can take you in one of two directions. It can eliminate the desire for the thing you have given up, thus making more room for God, or it can create a stronger desire for what you gave up. So, when you finally return to it, you appreciate it all the more. Either of these options can bring you closer to God. The important thing is that choosing to fast during Lent will help you celebrate the richness of Easter in a more complete way.

† SPECIAL MASS FOR THE SICK

On Sunday, February 27, at 9:30 a.m., the Parish Council will sponsor a mass for our parishioners who are sick, particularly for those who are homebound and cannot come to church. Even though they are remembered each Sunday at our masses, we want to celebrate a special mass for them and for their intentions. After mass the Sacrament of the Sick will be administered to those who have serious illnesses. We invite all of our parishioners and friends to join us for this very special liturgy.

A Lenten Journey of Love

† EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Thursday evening we come before Christ in the Blessed Sacrament to adore Him from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in our church. We would like to extend the hours of adoration and have the Blessed Sacrament exposed each Thursday from noon until 9 p.m. If you would like to participate, and are able to make a visit during these hours, let us know. There must always be at least one person in church while the Eucharist is exposed.



† LENTEN CONCERT

This year during Lent, the Bridgeport Choral Society will perform the Schutz Passion Concert in our church. This will be a fitting preface to the contemplation of

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Christ's suffering and crucifixion. The concert will take place on Monday, March 14, at 7 p.m. Please mark this special event on your calendar. Back by popular demand, the Bridgeport Choral Society, now in its 11th season of singing sacred choral music in the Chicago area, will once again present five performances of the the St. Matthew Passion by German composer Heinrich Schütz (1585-1672). "Schütz is one of the most influential yet little known composers of early sacred music," said director Frank J. Glab. "He was one of the first composers to utilize solo voices combined with choral polyphony in the dramatic telling of a story. This oratorio style combining soloists with a four-part choir is a form that modern listeners are accustomed to," said Glab, "as it is the basis for such well-known works as Handel's Messiah and Bach's St. Matthew Passion. The fact is that Schütz brought this form to Germany after studying with Gabrieli and Monteverdi in Italy."

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† COIN FOLDERS to be used as a means of almsgiving during the season of Lent are available in the rear of the church. Please take one.

† PALACINKA BREAKFAST

The annual St. Jerome School "palacinka" breakfast will be held on Palm Sunday, March 20. \$13,000.00 RAFFLE tickets are now available. Only 250 tickets have been printed. First prize \$10,000; second prize \$1,000; third prize \$1,000; 4th prize \$500; 5th prize \$500. Drawing will be held on Palm Sunday, March 20. Donation: \$100 per ticket. Please contact Fr. Joe or Cathi Wilkie at 312-808-0641.

† HUMANITARIAN LUNCHEON

The Croatian Woman, Branch 1 organization is hosting its traditional humanitarian luncheon on Palm Sunday, March 20, at the Croatian Cultural Center. The proceeds from this event go to help the needy in Croatia. More information will be forthcoming.

† SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The sacrament of Reconciliation, or Confession, is a step forward on the journey to Easter. We ask you not to ignore this vital sacrament. Confessions are heard before every mass. A special evening of Reconciliation for all parishioners will be held on Palm Sunday, March 20, at 6 p.m. in our church. There will be 6 priests available to hear confessions. Please avail yourself of the opportunity to receive God's precious grace, forgiveness, and healing.

St. Jerome Property Fund

Mortgage Debt:	\$400,000
Donated to Date:	\$ 95,845
Donations received during Feb.	\$ 2,275
Monthly Mortgage Payment:	\$ 11,900

Thank you to all who have contributed and to all who are considering a contribution!

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Blessed be the one who bears his suffering with gratitude!"