

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday - Ponedjeljak, January 5, 2004**

7:30 A.M. Zvonko Banić Domagoj Paraga
Veljko Kirinčić Obitelj Penavić
Stana Delich Frank & Luanne Munnizzi

Tuesday - Utorak, January 6, 2004

7:30 A.M. Stana Delich Lucy Auld
John Sablich Catherine & Nick Perisin
Nediljka Lišnić M/M Zvonimir Gović

Wednesday - Srijeda, January 7, 2004

7:30 A.M. Stipe Brajković Marko Blažević
Stipe Pečuvčić Hrvoje i Neda Pečuvčić

Thursday - Četvrtak, January 8, 2004

7:30 A.M. James Roti Marion
Bobby Haugh MaryAnn DiVito

Friday - Petak, January 9, 2004

7:30 A.M. Stana Delich Mary Ann Romano
Šime Perković Marko Paljetak i ob.

Saturday - Subota, January 10, 2004

7:30 A.M. Pat Evans Robert Humbert
Katica Hobar Cathy Grčević
MaryAn i Anica Lerotić kći Ivanka i ob.
Ante i Iva Šušnjara sin Anđelko i ob.

5:30 P.M. Marko Tomljenović obitelj
Mary R. O'Shea family
Victor Bublich kćeri
Josephine Pietrantonio Scrivo family
Charles Cortese Sutera family

Sunday - Nedjelja, January 11, 2004

7:30 A.M. Linda Humbert husband Robert
Deceased of Kraslen family brothers

George Mikicich Pauline Bogetich
Special Intention of Mike and Ann Bricich
56th Anniversary
Al & Millie Mucenski family

9:30 A.M. Joseph & Mary Popovich Jerome

11:00 A.M. u spomen

Zvonko Banić Ivan Maroš i ob.
Luka, Marija i George Paljetak Marko Paljetak
Ante Rodić Obitelj Rodić
Za svoje roditelje Marta Spahija i ob.
Zvonko Rogić i Jerina Lišnić Marta Spahija i ob.
Grgo Nikolić Ante Runac i ob.

Lectors

Saturday, January 10, 5:30 P.M. Dolores Crane

Sunday, January 11, 7:30 A.M. Matt Pesce

Sunday, January 11, 9:30 A.M. Diane Krolo
Nedjelja, 11. siječnja 11:00 A.M. Nediljko Babić i Mate Žaper

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Saturday, January 10, 5:30 P.M. Babich, Ciaravino, Mossman

Sunday, January 11, 9:30 A.M. Lopez, A. Sarkauskas, R. Sarkauskas

Nedjelja, 11. siječnja, 11:00 A.M. J. Jureta, T. Kikaš, N. Babić, K. Šušnjara

Apt. for Rent:

Large, 2 bedroom apartment, 2nd floor.
Available Jan. 1. \$650 plus utilities. Phone: 773
259 – 2435.

WEEKLY MEDITATION



Today the Church celebrates the feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord. The word epiphany comes from Greek and means revelation or manifestation. We have come together today to commemorate that day when, more than two thousand years ago, the Incarnate Word was revealed to the world. Through the liturgy, the Church unites us to this feast and gives us a very important message: God was totally manifested in Christ. We all know, or we should know, that Jesus is much more than just a human being, as some believe. He is the Epiphany of God among us.

The New Year has just begun and we should resolve to take a step forward in our faith. The holiday season, with its aggravations, gifts and uproar is in the past. Now, more calmly, is time for us to sort things out so that this year we can follow Jesus more closely than we did last year. Above all, let us resolve to receive him in the Holy Eucharist with more respect so that every time we receive him will be a sincere act of adoration. In order for us to do this, we should first make a good confession. Some will have to abandon things, and maybe even people, that lead them to sin or that, for whatever reason, are impediments that do not allow them to sincerely come close to God. Let us pray today, Day of Epiphany, Day of the Three Kings, that we will receive the best of gifts: that Jesus, our Savior, Light of the World, will enlighten our minds and will place us on the road that leads to Him, as He did with the Three Kings.

YOU'RE IMPORTANT LECTURE INVITED

On Saturday, January 10, 2004, starting at 7:00 P.M., an important lecture will take place at St. Jerome's Parish small upper hall. US Army Lieutenant Colonel and historian, Dr. Charles R. Shrader, will give a lecture on the Croat-Muslim conflict in Central Bosnia 1992-1994, based on his extensive research recently published in his new book, *The Muslim-Croat Civil War in Central Bosnia: A Military History, 1992-1994.*, College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2003. Dr. Shrader, relying extensively on UNPROFOR and ECMM reports and testimonies in the Hague, has proven that the entire case against Croats from Central Bosnia in the Hague was based on a false premise. After the lecture, the Croatian cultural society "Napredak" will serve refreshments, and the guests will have the opportunity of meeting with Dr. Shrader.

We apologize to Joseph Negron and Renee Bills for missing their names in last week bulletin. They were married in our church on May 17, 2003.

DID YOU KNOW? That for the past 13 years the Diocese of Las Vegas has been the fastest growing diocese in the US. It comprises 465,000 Catholics (one-third of the total population) and 25 diocese priests - 1 priest for every 18,600 people. The diocese has two of the largest parishes in the country with over 8,500 families - a "mega parish".

RECOMMENDED READING

Would you like to be a Catholic? by Eugene Kennedy. "People who enter the Church do not feel that they are entering a foreign country where no one speaks their language. The language of the family is sacramental, concerns the things in life that are of concern to every human person, celebrates not escape from the world, but entrance fully into it" writes Kennedy. 96 pages, paperback, ISBN: 0-86716-530-8 (\$8.95)

BLESSING OF HOMES will begin in the new year. If you would like one of our priests to come to bless your home, please call the rectory and make an appointment.

OUR DECEASED Josephine Dragozetch, a long-time parishioner, died on December 30, 2003. She was buried from our church on Saturday, January 3, 2004 to St. Mary Cemetery. We offer our deepest sympathy to her son Kenny, daughters Eileen, Barbara, Joanie, and her relatives and friends. May her soul rest in peace.

ANNUAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS for our parish will be published soon. We ask that all clubs, societies, and organizations inform us of the dates for their 2004 events. Thank you!

Christmas Concert Today (Sunday) at 4 p.m. the Bridgeport Choral Society will hold its annual "Epiphany Concert" in our church. All are invited to enjoy this beautiful classical music befitting the holy season of Christmas. Admission: Adults \$10; Children 12 and under, free.

MARIAN SOCIETY Next Sunday the Marian Society will prepare a luncheon in our school hall. This delicious homemade meal will be served from 12 noon. All are welcome! Cost of dinner: \$10.00. Profits go to our church.

REFLECTION

NEW YEAR'S
RESOLUTION

PRAY DAILY

Let this coming year be better than all the others. Vow to do some of the things you've always wanted to do but couldn't find the time. Call up a forgotten friend. Drop an old grudge, and replace it with some pleasant memories. Share a funny story with someone whose spirits are dragging. A good laugh can be very good medicine. Vow not to make a promise you don't think you can keep. Pay a debt. Give a soft answer. Free yourself of envy and malice. Encourage some youth to do his or her best. Share your experience and offer support. Young people need role models. Make a genuine effort to stay in closer touch with family and good friends. Resolve to stop magnifying small problems and shooting from the lip. Words that you have to eat can be hard to digest. Find the time to be kind and thoughtful. All of us have the same allotment: 24 hours a day. Give a compliment. It might provide someone with a badly needed lift. Think things through. Forgive an injustice. Listen more. Be kind. Apologize when you realize you are wrong. An apology never diminishes a person. It elevates him or her. Don't blow your own horn. If you've done something praiseworthy, someone will notice eventually. Try to understand a point of view that is different from your own. Few things are 100 percent one way or another.

Examine the demands you make on others. Lighten up. When you feel like blowing your top, ask yourself, "Will it matter a week from today?" Laugh the loudest when the joke is on you. The sure way to have a friend is to be one. We are all connected by our humanity, and we need each other. Avoid malcontents and pessimists. They drag you down and contribute nothing. Don't discourage a beginner from trying something risky. Nothing ventured means nothing gained. Be optimistic. A can-do spirit is the fuel that makes things go. Go to war against animosity and complacency. Express your gratitude. Give credit when it's due -- and even when it isn't. It will make you look good. Read something uplifting. Deep-six the trash. You wouldn't eat garbage, why put it in your head? Don't abandon your old-fashioned principles. They never go out of style. When courage is needed, ask yourself, "If not me, who? If not now, when?"

WISDOM'S CORNER



A young lady received a newly published collection of poems as a birthday gift. She began to read the poems, but soon became bored with them. Within a few days she met a young man and fell in love. In conversation the young man mentioned that he writes poetry and said that a book of his poems had recently been published. The young woman then realized that his book of poems was the one she had received but cast aside as boring. As soon as she came home she found the book and began reading it again. At once all of the poems seemed interesting and beautiful - each one better than the other. When she had fell in love with the poet, she also fell in love with his poems. When you love someone, do you also love everything that belongs to the one you love?

NEW YEAR'S REFLECTION

We hope that you can with satisfaction say farewell to the old year. We trust that despite its good and bad aspects - the days that were better or worse - it was still a successful year. What was, was; whatever happened is in the past. Now it is time to begin anew. How wonderful it would be if every New Year people would make a change for the better in their lives. As we enter a new time, a new year, some questions remain: Are you happy with yourself, your values and priorities? Are you satisfied with your friendships, your life, your family? Are you reasonably happy these days? Here is some food for thought:

1. Cherish the hope and faith that life is essentially good despite everything that can happen.
2. Believe in yourself
3. Don't concentrate just on the negative aspects of life.
4. Remember to prioritize your values.
5. Be generous and charitable,
6. Avoid anger, pouting, and worrying about things that are beyond your control
7. Be wise!
8. Be a loving person!
9. Maintain a sense of humor.
10. Believe in God.

We wish you a Happy New Year, one that will be peacefully experienced and lovingly spent! **Your Franciscan Fathers**

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"The road to success is lined with many tempting parking places."