

MASS INTENTIONS
Monday - Ponedjeljak, January 3, 2005
 Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

7:30 A.M. In thanksgiving Y.M.
 Frank Fratto wife Connie
 Susan DeWitt Mary Harzich

Tuesday - Utorak, January 4, 2005
 Feast of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

7:30 A.M. Mara Šušnjara Dujo Šušnjara
 Stana Delich Jerko Šumera i obitelj
 Ante i Nikola Badrov Nevenka Badrov i ob.

Wednesday - Srijeda, January 5, 2005
 Feast of St. John Neumann

7:30 A.M. Marija Bajama Anna Novak
 Bernice Grodek Louis & Mary Scalise
 Gage Marino Catherine & Nick Perisin
6:00 P.M. Memorial mass for Sr. Loretta Bozich

Thursday - Četvrtak, January 6, 2005

7:30 A.M. Jim Sutera Perseghin family
 Marija Romanović Nevenka Jurković
 Angelina LaMantia Catherine & Nick Perisin
6:00 P.M. +Krunoslav Mašina

Friday – Petak, January 7, 2005

7:30 A.M. Bill Lowe John
 Sv. Anti Nikola Čosić
 Luka Botica Vivian & Ed Sexton

Saturday- Subota, January 8, 2005

7:30 A.M. For health of Sue Darby John
 Marija Bilanović Zorka Zeba
 Dominic Versetto Catherine & Nick Perisin

5:30 P.M. Liz Lamb Perseghin family
 Dominic Versetto Dolly Caponigro
 Matthew Cormardo M/M Sam Babich
 Jim Sutera Vesna i Ljubo Krišto
 Jozo Kajić kći Anđa Čančar i obitelj

Sunday – Nedjelja, January 9, 2005

7:30 A.M. Ante Rodić obitelj Rodić
 Linda & Pat Evans Robert Humbert

9:30 A.M. Ray Biamante niece Bonnie
 Luka Botica Cathy Amato

Special intention
 Annie Semetis

Cathy Amato
 Catherine & Nick Perisin

11:00 A.M. u spomen

Rafael Rogić Paul Petrie
 Žarko Ostojić Anica Ostojić
 Mara Šušnjara obitelj Iva Šipić
 Za pok. iz ob. Škaro Katarina Škaro
 Jago Čuvalo Ante i Danica Čuvalo
 Frano Grepo sin Ivica Grepo i obitelj

12:45 P.M.

Jack & Carmella Ruggiero & family family

Lectors

Saturday, January 8, 5:30 P.M. Robert Bazan

Sunday, January 9, 7:30 A.M. Matt Pesce

Sunday, January 9, 9:30 A.M. Diane Krolo

Sunday, January 9, 11:00 A.M. Anita Kosir i
 Antonia Jurković



ALTAR SERVERS



Saturday, January 8, 5:30 P.M. B. Kenny, V.

Kenny, Zekich

Sunday, January 9, 7:30 A.M. LoCoco, Lopez

Sunday, January 9, 9:30 A.M. Atteo, Nero,
 Perseghin

Sunday, January 9, 11:00 A.M. N. Babić, A.
 Bušljeta, M. Jurković, I. Jurković

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WEEKLY MEDITATION — Feast of the Epiphany

The story of the Magi has great relevance for us because we too are on a journey — the journey of life. We too are following a vision. As the Magi were guided by the light of a star, we are guided by the light of faith. Their journey can serve as a model for our journey of faith. However, we have one great advantage over them. We already know Christ and have encountered Him in faith. Christ, the light of the world, is the ‘star’ we are following. Nevertheless, the fact that we haven’t seen Him face to face means we haven’t yet arrived at our final destination. The fact that we have faith doesn’t mean we know all the answers. We are still searching, still traveling onwards. We must not be surprised if we have doubts and encounter difficulties. Faith doesn’t guarantee an easy journey, only a meaningful one.



The Magi’s journey was one of searching and questioning, of pain and joy, of fear and hope. The faith journey contains elements of all of these. Yet the Magi did not journey as individuals. They had each other. They formed a little community of believers. We are not alone, either. We too have a community to support us in our faith journey. We too have each other and, most significantly, we have Christ. May the lamp of faith never fail us. May its light see us through the darkness of this world, until we reach the heavenly Bethlehem when we shall see Christ in glory.

SEASON OF CHRISTMAS: *A gift of love wrapped in human flesh and tied securely with the strong promises of God.*

WISDOM’S CORNER *Time is....*

- Too slow for one who waits,
- Too fast for one who fears,
- Too long for one who mourns,
- Too short for one who rejoices,
- Yet, for the one who loves, time is eternity!

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2005!

St. Jerome Property Fund

Mortgage Debt: \$400,000
 Donated to Date: \$ 91, 295
 Monthly Mortgage Payment: \$ 11,900
 Thank you to all who have contributed and to all who are considering a contribution!

THANK YOU! Dear Parishioners, we are grateful to all of you for your contributions to our parish during these holy days, and throughout the past year. Thank you for being a part of our congregation, and thank you for thinking of your priests. God bless you for your generosity and love!

With much love and deep appreciation, Fr. Joe

Thought of the Week

“Wise men still seek him!”

2005, YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer for the Year of the Eucharist

Loving God, You made us Your daughters and sons in baptism. You nourish us with the sacrament of Your Son’s body and blood, which He gave to us as a memorial of His death and resurrection.

As grain was once scattered in the fields, and brought together to form one loaf, so gather all Your people together as one.

May we faithfully follow Christ who poured out His life for us that we may offer our lives in loving service to our brothers and sisters.

May the Eucharist we share sustain us for our work on earth and lead us to the heavenly banquet in the eternal feast of heaven where You live with Your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

OUR BELOVED DECEASED

Sr. Loretta Bozich (87), a native daughter of our parish, died on Wednesday, December 29th. She was born in Chicago in 1917, one of the twelve children of Ante and Eva (Mindoljevic) Bozich who emigrated from Croatia and resided in Bridgeport. Sr. Loretta entered the convent after graduation from St. Jerome School. She was a teacher, novice mistress, mistress of postulants, and Mother Provincial of her order. She taught at St. Jerome School several different times over the years. Her funeral will be held on Tuesday, January 4th, at the Motherhouse of the Sister Adorers of the Most Precious Blood of Christ in Columbia, PA. We extend our sympathy to her sister Eleonore (Joe) Grzetic, brothers Tony (Lila) and Joe (Joann) Bozich, sister-in-law Vera (+ Mark Bozich), and to her many relatives and friends. A memorial mass for Sr. Loretta will be held at St. Jerome Church on Wednesday, January 5th, at 6:00 P.M. Our parish is proud of her service to the Lord. May God grant her peace and joy in His presence.

RECIPE FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR *The Five Simple Rules*

One day a farmer's donkey fell down into a well. The animal cried piteously for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do. Finally he decided that the animal was old, and the well needed to be covered up anyway. It just wasn't worth it to retrieve the donkey. He invited all his neighbors to come over and help him. They all grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well. At first, the donkey realized what was happening and cried horribly. Then, to everyone's amazement he quieted down. A few shovel loads later, the farmer finally looked down the well. He was astonished at what he saw. With each shovel of dirt that hit his back, the donkey was doing something amazing. He would shake it off and take a step up. As the farmer neighbors continued to shovel dirt on top of the animal, he would shake it off and take a step up. Pretty soon, everyone was amazed as the donkey stepped up over the edge of the well and happily trotted off. Life is going to shovel dirt on you, all kinds of dirt. The trick in getting out of the well is to shake it off and take a step up. Remember the five simple rules:

1. *Free your heart from hatred—Forgive.*
2. *Free your mind from worries—Most never happen.*
3. *Live simply and appreciate what you have.*
4. *Give more; judge less.*
5. *Always root your life in God by serving others.*
6. *If you ever get a better offer than living for God—take it!*

Resolutions

Show Kindness... It's a choice. Choose it.

Show Patience... Just remember, you're not perfect either.

Show Encouragement... If you do, people will strive for it.

Show Compassion... Put yourself in someone else's shoes.

Show Wisdom... It's in short supply these days.

Show Fairness... Don't stack the deck in anyone's favor.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

“Dear Father Joe, According to my Advent Calendar of Nov. 30th, it says “Offer your parish a Christmas gift of your time, talent, or treasure. Describe it in a Christmas Card that you send to your pastor.” So here goes. I have many talents, however at this time in my life I am incapacitated, so I decided to share some of my treasure. Therefore, I am donating \$300 to the new parking lot and I hope I can get a space occasionally. Sincerely, “ (Received by a parishioner)

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK will be observed from January 9 - 15. Our Christian vocation empowers us to be God's voice through our words and deeds. May Vocation Awareness Week be an occasion to plant the seed of vocations in the hearts of our children. More information next week.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP is a free service that offers both group and individual support to the Chicago community. The participants are afforded the opportunity to share their experiences as well as to receive and offer support. To register for this group call Dr. Katie Minogue at 312.567.2761. Meetings will be held on Thursday, January 13, at 6:00p.m. and Thursday, January 27, at 12 noon at Mercy Hospital's 12th floor Conference Room (2525 S. Michigan Ave.).

THIS NEW YEAR...

May we, as a community of the faithful, continue our journey of faith. May our Sunday masses be filled with wisdom, joy, love, and a sense of responsibility for each other. May the children of St. Jerome find an inspiring example in the people of our parish. May the deeds of the adults of our parish speak louder than empty words. May each one of us think first of the needs of others. May St. Jerome Church always be your spiritual home.

