

**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday – Ponedjeljak, January 2, 2006**

**7:30 A.M.** Bisera Tomić ob. Mato Tomić  
 Matija Prskalo Catherine & Nick Perisin  
 Pok. iz ob. Veselko Čuvalo Veselko Čuvalo  
 Na nakanu Veselko Čuvalo

**Tuesday – Utorak, January 3, 2006  
Most Holy Name of Jesus**

**7:30 A.M.** Frank Fratto wife Connie  
 Ante i Nikola Badrov Nevenka i obitelj

**Wednesday – Srijeda, January 4, 2006**

**7:30 A.M.** Frank Marasso M/M Charles Marino  
 Mary Jo Madia Catherine & Nick Perisin  
 Guiseppa Tomasello Catherine & Nick Perisin

**8:05 A.M.** for parishioners

**Thursday – Četvrtak, January 5, 2006**

**7:30 A.M.** Rafo Rogić ob. Penavić  
 Pero Dečaj ob. Tabar

**Friday – Petak, January 6, 2006**

**7:30 A.M.** Edward Stone M/M Nick Perisin  
 Ann Contino (for God's blessings) friends

**Saturday – Subota, January 7, 2006**

**7:30 A.M.** Liam Cafferty Mary Vujić  
 Ralph Bonello Charles & Patricia Marino  
 Na zahvalu Josip i Iva Prša

**5:30 P.M.** Matija Prskalo Cathy Grcevic  
 Mara Šušnjara (2nd anniv.) Iva Šipić  
 Frank Vulich Cathy Amato  
 Dec. of the Rose & Michael Iozzo family  
 Terri & Sam Babich

**Sunday – Nedjelja, January 8, 2006  
The Epiphany of the Lord**

**7:30 A.M.** Evelyn Condich Ralph Vari fam.  
 Marty Vidovic Joan Sipich  
 Dec. of Kraslen family brothers

**9:30 A.M.** Joseph Bozich Frank (Scully) Scalise  
 Patricia Tito Mark Gusich  
 Agnes Steigerwald Mark Gusich

**11:00 A.M. u spomen**

Ante Rodić	obitelj Rodić
Dragutin Radošević	Marie Čuljak McGuckin
Vinko Lišnić	Mr. & Mrs. A. Hostička
Fra Ljubo Čuvalo	ob. Marko Knezović
Jerina Lišnić	Nediljko Lišnić
Petar i Ana Lišnić	Nediljko Lišnić
Filip i Iva Lišnić	Nediljko Lišnić
Mile Rukavina	obitelj
Obitelj Barun i Bralo	Mijo i Zdenka Barun
Na čast Krvi Isusove	ob. Hostička

**12:45 P.M.** Jack & Carmella Ruggiero & dec. fam.

**Lectors**

**Saturday, January 7, 5:30 P.M.** Mary Fratto  
**Sunday, January 8, 7:30 A.M.** Matt Pesce  
**Sunday, January 8, 9:30 A.M.** Carl Segvich  
**Sunday, January 8, 11:00 A.M.** Antonia  
 Jurković, Anita Kosir

**ALTAR  
SERVERS**

**Saturday, January 7, 5:30 P.M.** Ferro, B. Kenny,  
 V. Kenny  
**Sunday, January 8, 7:30 A.M.** A. Nero, P. Nero  
**Sunday, January 8, 9:30 A.M.** Perseghin, A.  
 Sarkauskas, R. Sarkauskas  
**Sunday, January 8, 11:00 A.M.** A. Bušljeta, N.  
 Babić, CJ Bušljeta, D. Kikaš, A. Rogić

**FOR RENT**

- ▶ 29th Shields, large 7 rms, great condition, appl. included, \$675/mo. w/heat 773 523 1069
- ▶ Apt. 31st & Wells, 6 rms, 3 bdrms, Central air & heat, Hrdwd flrs, appliances included. 312 326 3805
- ▶ Apt. 30th Princeton, 2nd flr, newly remodeled, central air/heat. 312 225 0582
- ▶ Two apts. in 2 flat bldg, all new. 773 775 7541.
- ▶ Large apt. vicinity 29th Shields, 6 rms, very good condition, heat included, \$700. 773 523 1069
- ▶ Apt. on 25th Pl. 3 large bdrms, 2nd flr frnt, new appliances, carpeting, enclosed porch. 630-904-6774.
- ▶ 1st flr. 29th Shields, 5 rms, recently remodeled, hrdwd flrs, carpeting, cable 312 593 2864.
- ▶ Apt. for rent: 32nd Princeton 312-225-7959

**WEEKLY MEDITATION**

**— Solemnity of Mary,  
Mother of God**

Today's Gospel passage mentions the visit of the shepherds to the manger at Bethlehem. Mary is pictured as treasuring all of her experiences and pondering them in her heart. The circumcision of Jesus, the ceremony in which Jesus received the name given him by the angel, is then described. The name "Jesus" means "the Lord saves". This

indicates the role he has in God's plan of salvation. With our Blessed Mother, we can reflect on these readings. With Mary, we can relive the experience of seeing the shepherds come and honor her Son. With Mary, we can relive the solemn experience of Jesus' reception of his Holy Name. With Mary we are invited to treasure all these things and ponder them in *our own* hearts, at the level of our being, where we are most truly ourselves. This is the place deep inside ourselves where our understanding and free will, where our imagina-

tion and memory and emotions come together and we make our choices for good or for evil with regard to our role in the drama of salvation. For just as Jesus had his role in this drama, along with the Father and the Holy Spirit, and just as Mary had a role in this drama, so do *we*. It is by far the most important thing about us. Today's feast day is an invitation to reflect on this role, as Mary did, and entrust our living out this role to her motherly intercession with her Son. Then, we too will become bearers of Christ to the world.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR 2006!**

January 1 is both the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and a Day of Prayer for World Peace. We can deepen our celebration of the New Year by our prayer that our families and our world be open to the peace that Jesus offers.

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**A Matter  
of Life**

In this season of New Year's resolutions, let us pause and allow time to put aside our agendas and ask ourselves some important questions, the

answers to which will help us recognize what God wants to do in our lives during this new year.

What impedes our ability to listen? What other voices command our curiosity—if not our allegiance? What new personality theory, or web site, or type of recreation promises to put us in touch with our true self—but apart from God? What activities or personal agendas keep us from spending time with the Lord in worship and prayer? What relationship is paralyzed by unforgiveness? Where have we given up on someone and stopped interceding for that "child of God"? What sin has become so customary that we don't even notice how it cripples our freedom to follow Christ?

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**Thought of the Week**

**"Let every year make you a better person."**

**WISDOM'S CORNER**

**Love Knows**

It was a busy morning at the doctor's office when an elderly gentleman arrived to have stitches removed from his thumb. While taking care of his wound, the nurse began to engage him in conversation. He told her that he was in a hurry because he needed to go to the nursing home to eat breakfast with his wife who was a victim of Alzheimer's disease and had been living in the home for quite a while. The nurse asked the man if his wife would be worried if he did not arrive on time. He replied that it wouldn't really be a problem because his wife no longer knew who he was and hadn't recognized him in five years. Surprised by his answer, the nurse remarked, "And you still go every morning, even though she doesn't know who you are?"

The man smiled as he patted the nurse's hand and said, "She doesn't know me, but I still know who she is!"

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**St. Jerome Property Fund**

Mortgage Debt:	\$ 400,000
Donated to Date:	\$ 166,956
December donation	\$ 4,250
Monthly Mortgage Payment:	\$ 11,900

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

**KRŠTENI / BAPTIZED  
AT ST. JEROME IN 2005**

Jacob Sylvio Kolano – Jan. 2  
 Ethan Joseph Kolano — Jan. 2  
 Zachary Andrew Kolano – Jan. 2  
 William David Ruich — Jan. 9  
 Kyle Vukelic – Jan. 22  
 Keilah Nicole Miller – Feb. 13  
 Dragutin Petar Skinger – Feb. 20  
 Lucia Michele Planinić – Feb. 20  
 Matthew John McGlynn– Feb. 20  
 Dario Toti– Mar. 6  
 Abigail Faro – Mar. 12  
 Vincent Faro – Mar. 12  
 Valentina Marušić - Mar. 19  
 Maria Ann Lajoie — Mar. 26  
 Faris James M. Dispensa – Apr. 10  
 Ante Juric – Apr. 23  
 Gabriella Cimaroli Luburić – May 1  
 Marko Augustin Ilić– May 22  
 Matthew Joseph DiFilippo — June 4  
 Lucia Tereza Markotić – June 12  
 Lourdes Marija Filipović – July 2  
 Mihael Luka Toromanović – July 3  
 Ante Šušnjara – July 10  
 Luka Maro Ledić – July 10  
 Kayla Elizabeth Goravica – Jul. 10

Briana Lela Goravica — Jul. 10  
 Luka Markan Zakman – Jul. 24  
 Lucia Pascente – Jul. 31  
 Anthony Gapsare II Ciaravino– Aug. 13  
 Ivana Marina Izokaitis — Sept. 17  
 Emil Angela Pintar— Sept. 18  
 Daniel Josip Lisnić — Sept. 18  
 Tyler Jordan Kaminski — Sept. 18  
 Jake Anthony Krstulovich— Sept. 25

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**VJENČANI / MARRIED  
AT ST. JEROME IN 2005**

Richard Pulciani &  
 Nicole Meyer—Mar. 18  
 Larry Parsley & Jenna Riccio—  
 Apr. 2  
 Eric Von Zee &  
 Cynthia Pervan—Apr. 16  
 Frank Capic &  
 Diane Podborny—Apr. 30  
 Branden Adams &  
 Jennifer Ivanovich—May 29  
 Slavko Pervan &  
 Perla Munoz—June 4  
 Frane Miocic &  
 Christie Boreman—June 11  
 Paul Tromp & Mia Ferro—  
 June 18  
 Paul Horwath &  
 Christine Bazan —June 25  
 Kevin Marcus & Julie Pesce—  
 July 1

Charles Scalfaro &  
 Jamyn Craft—July 16  
 Warren Novak & Irena Banic—  
 Aug. 20  
 Thomas Eiseman &  
 Nancy Badrov—Aug. 27  
 John Badrov &  
 Victoria Abraham—Sept. 10  
 Patrick Cimaglia &  
 Lana Marasovich—Oct. 7  
 Anthony Giamarusti &  
 Jayme Serritella—Oct. 23

**MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND  
 KEEP YOU IN EACH  
 OTHER'S LOVE!**

**POKOPANI/ BURIED FROM  
 ST. JEROME IN 2005**

Anthony Frankovich (87) - Jan. 19  
 Marie Diamond (77) - Jan. 19  
 Evelyn Miloslavich (70) - Feb. 21  
 Vinko Lisnić (61) - Feb. 22  
 Dennis DiCaro (59) - Feb. 27  
 Patricia Messina (92) - Mar. 25  
 Bertha Bartuca (83) - Mar. 30  
 Eliseo Pena (53) - Mar. 29  
 Joseph Pullano (93) - Apr. 1  
 Daniel R. Groth (75) - May 4  
 Martha Depeder (77) - May 10  
 Michael Smajo (78) - May 10  
 Nicholas Jankovich (81) - May 16  
 Catherine "Kay" Gusich (86) May 17  
 Dragutin Radošević (51) - June 10  
 Anna Radick (76) - July 2

**KRŠTENI / BAPTIZED IN 2005 (continued)**

Luka Michael Krstulovich—Sept. 25  
 Nicolas Grlica—Oct. 2  
 Anasofia Žaper—Oct. 2  
 Ana Klarić—Oct. 8  
 Theofanis John Bumbaris – Oct. 23  
 Luka Ivančić – Oct. 30  
 Rudy Xavior Villarreal – Oct. 30  
 Frano Mario Kraljević – Nov. 20  
 Ian Joshua Alibašić – Nov. 26  
 Alaina Marija Kovačević – Nov. 27  
 Michael John Misura – Nov. 27  
 Christina Ann Misura – Nov. 27  
 Nicolas Kalil Mahmoud – Nov. 27  
 Jacob Ryan Magura – Dec. 4  
 Alessandro Benedetto Calderone - Dec. 4  
 Maria Isabel Romero—Dec. 11  
 Martin Galić—Dec. 18

**WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!**

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**THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING!****Our Appreciation**

Thanks for your gifts to our parish community.  
 Thanks for the gifts of flowers, signs of love for our sacred place of worship.  
 Thanks for your concern and help throughout the year.  
 Thanks for cleaning and preparing our church for Christmas.  
 Thanks for decorating our church for this beautiful occasion.  
 Thanks for all that you have done during the past year.  
 Thanks for your goodness, demonstrated innumerable times.  
 Thanks for remembering your priests, for the gifts, for your love, for your telephone calls, email messages, and invitations, for the times when you think of us as a part of you. Thanks so much!  
 Thank you in words that are not enough, but which come from a heart full of gratitude and love!

Yours in Jesus Christ,  
*Fr. Joe & Fr. Ivan*

**UPCOMING EVENTS:****EPIPHANY CONCERT IN ST. JEROME'S CHURCH TO BE SUNG BY THE BRIDGEPORT CHORALE SOCIETY:**

Music will tell the entire Christmas story in songs composed by Bach, Handel and other greats, on **NEXT Sunday, January 8, from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m.**, followed by refreshments in the small hall. Tickets are \$10 — in advance or at the door. For more, call Rosalie at 312-326-1321.

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**TEXAS HOLD'EM:** St. Jerome School is sponsoring a Texas Hold-em Tournament Raffle **Saturday, January 14, 2006**. Please arrive at 3 p.m. for seat assignments Raffle begins at 4 p.m. SHARP. Limited Seating. Wine, beer, food included. Donation \$200 per ticket. For tickets, call John Perseghin at 312 780 6739 or Brian Luce, 312 735 7219.

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**LADIES-ONLY TEXAS HOLD'EM:** St. Jerome School is sponsoring a **LADIES ONLY "Desperate Housewives Poker Night"** Texas Hold-em Tournament Raffle **Friday, January 13, 2006**. *Because Friday is a work-day, the start time will be later than the previously announced 4 p.m. time.* Limited Seating. Drinks & food included. Donation \$100 per ticket. For tickets, call John Perseghin at 312 780 6739 or Brian Luce, 312 735 7219.

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**Have a Ball helping the School**

Please mark your calendars for a Venetian Masquerade Ball in the school hall on **Saturday, Feb. 18**. Dinner, live entertainment, dancing, a live auction, silent auction and raffle will benefit the school. Buy your tickets at the school. Nomination forms for the **Postovani "Heart of the School" Award** are in the back of the church and at the school office. **Nominate** someone who goes above and beyond in serving the school **by Jan. 6**, and learn who won at the dinner.

**Football Mania Winners:**

Here are the winning numbers for **Week 16**: \$500 - 2549, \$200 - 3040, \$75 - 4519, \$50 - 2571, \$25— 3832, 4878 & 286.

**Grieving the Loss of a Loved One**

*Little Company of Mary Hospital in Evergreen Park offers two support programs for those grieving the loss of a loved one through death.*

**For Adults:** 6 consecutive **Wednesdays, beginning Feb. 22** from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30. Registration is required.

**For Children:** 9 consecutive **Mondays, beginning March 6** from 6:15 p.m. to 7:30. Early registration is required.

*Call the Pastoral Care Department 708 229 5480, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.— 4 p.m.*