

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday - Ponedjeljak, March 15, 2004**

7:30 A.M. Biserka Marušić suprug i djeca
 Mary & Rocco Iacullo M/M Anthony Sabbia
 George Mikich Jean & John Kirincich
 Fr. Marko Kozina William & Michael

Tuesday - Utorak, March 16, 2004

7:30 A.M. Ivan Bon Mirjana Šušnjara
 Joseph Joe LoCasto wife & sons
 Stana Delich Eva Butera
 Bonnie Borich Hooper Louis & Mary Scalise
 Anđela Kadić Frida Penavić i ob.

Wednesday - March 17, 2004 - St. Patick

7:30 A.M. Patrick Muldowney friends
 Joseph & Mary Popovich Jerome
 John & Marge Sobocan Sutera family
 Martin Gusich Novicki family
 Janja Grbeš Mary Fratto

8:05 A.M. mass with children**Thursday - Četvrtak, March 18, 2004**

7:30 A.M. Joseph Zekich wife & children
 Nediljka Lišnić Duško Bilonić i ob.
 Stipe Brajković Bruno Rašić i ob.
 Rosie Ferro Juliana Perisin
 Marija Bon Albine Pauletić

Friday - Petak, March 19, 2004 - St. Joseph

7:30 A.M. Patrick Muldowney friends
 Luca Badrov Nevenka Badrov
 Josipa Lovrinović Obitelj Krpan
 Marija Bon Mirjana Šušnjara
 Na čast sv. Josipu Obitelj Golub

8:05 A.M. mass with children**Saturday - Subota, March 20, 2004**

7:30 A.M. Bob Grooms Mary Vujić
 Na nakanu Luca Šego i ob.
 Ante Rodić Obitelj Tokić
 Ivan Kosić Katica Kosić

5:30 P.M. George P. Depeder Martha
 John Budich wife & daughter
 Kate & John Kirinčić Jean & John Kirinčić
 Louis Mateljan Jean & John Kirinčić

Sunday - Nedjelja, March 21, 2004

7:30 A.M. Lidna Humbert husband Robert
 Lucille Arado family

9:30 A.M. Mark Bozich Vera Bozich
 Dec. of Bozich & Grzetich Fam. Joe & Eleanor
 Ray Biamonte Nicky Bertucci

11:00 A.M. u spomen

Ivo Erkapić Obitelj Erkapić
 Branko Jurković supruga i djeca
 Stipe i Matija Šušnjara Ed & Mara Cooper
 Šima Vasilj Martin Žigni i ob.
 Stipe Pervan Ljuba Pervan i ob.
 Neda Lišnić Anđelko Bilonić
 Ante Rodić Obitelj Rodić
 Anđela Kadić Frida Penavić i ob.
 Ivan Babić Valerija i djeca
 Ivan Vranjković Pero Galić i ob.
 Marija i Niko Šumera Jerko Šumera i ob.
 Luca i Andrija Lišnić Obitelj Hostička

Lectors

Saturday, March 20, 5:30 P.M. Joseph Magyar
Sunday, March 21, 7:30 A.M. Matt Pesce
Sunday, March 21, 9:30 A.M. Carl Segvich
Nedjelja, 21. ožujka 11:00 A.M. Perica
 Dušević i Kristina Pejovski

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, March 20, 5:30 P.M. Mossman,
 Sabbia, Zekich

Sunday, March 21, 9:30 A.M. Bertucci,
 Guzman, Marlene O.

Nedjelja, 21. ožujka, 11:00 A.M. D.
 Obranović, T. Kikaš, J. Jureta, K. Jurković

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WEEKLY MEDITATION



The Lenten invitation to repentance is not merely a call to turn away from evil, but a plea to produce the fruits of good living. The burning question is whether our love to God is evident in our treatment of others. We can begin under our own roof at home and make a start at being more aware of our partner and more sensitive to our children and the other members of our family. It is easy to take our family for granted and to forget that they are individuals in their own right, who deserve respect. Outside of the family circle there are so many ways of showing love in the community. We can meet God by caring for the poor, the sick, the old, and the lonely. All of us have received a tremendous amount from others.

How concerned are we about giving something in exchange? Are we takers and not givers? Reaching out to others in need demands getting out of ourselves and putting aside our selfish ways. The warning about the unfruitful tree is not given to frighten us, but to remind us that the time for doing is limited and is fast running out. We cannot keep putting off good works indefinitely, otherwise there will come a time when there is no tomorrow and we will be found wanting. Lent is an opportunity for taking a hard look at our lives and asking how we stand before God right now. If we find that we are so caught up with material concerns that we have given a back seat to spiritual things, then we have forgotten the real purpose of why God gave us life. The challenge confronting us is to hoe the ground around our hearts with the expectation that it will produce good fruit.

ST. PATRICK TV SPECIAL will be shown today, March 14, at 9 p.m. on the Hallmark Channel.

\$13,000.00 RAFFLE is being sponsored by St. Jerome School. The first prize is \$10,000.00. Only 250 tickets will be sold and can be obtained at school or the rectory. Hurry and get yours!!! Winners will be announced at 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 4, at the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny event.

MASS WITH CARDINAL GEORGE Each year on Tuesday of Holy Week the Cardinal celebrates a special mass with hundreds of archdiocesan priests at which he blesses the holy oils used for the sacraments. If anyone is interested in attending this extraordinary mass, please let us know. The mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 6, at 3 p.m. in Holy Name Cathedral.



*From Death
to New Life*

OUR DECEASED Milijana Rozic (43) passed away suddenly in Ponikve, Croatia. Our sympathy to her uncles, **Fr. Paul Maslach, Stojan Maslach**, relatives and friends. Milijana was buried on Thursday on the island of Peljesac, Croatia. May she rest in peace.

St. Patrick, Bishop and Patron of Ireland - Feast, March 17 - Kidnapped, brought to Ireland, and enslaved, St. Patrick escaped and later returned to bring Christianity Ireland.

An Irish Blessing

May there always be work for your hands to do.
May your purse always hold a coin or two.
May the sun always shine on your windowpane.
May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain.
May the hand of a friend always be near you.
May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church

"St. Joseph, you were the man closest to Jesus while He was on earth. You presided over the events of His infancy, and your labors provided food and shelter for the Creator of the Universe. You offered Him and Mary love and unselfish devotion. No spoken word of yours has ever been recorded, but still the church with good reason cries out, "Go to Joseph." O, gentle man, who was chosen to be the protector of heaven's most precious treasures, I seek your protection over the lives God has entrusted to my care.

MORE ABOUT THE PASSION... Dear friends, I don't know if you read the article in last Monday's Tribune entitled "Gibson's 'Passion' Puts Jews in a Negative Light". The author is Jewish columnist Charles Krauthammer. In the column he not only attacks Gibson and his film, which he naturally has the right to criticize, but he also attacks the entire history of Christianity. Specifically, this very cynical man, whose view of the world is very narrow and for whom love has no place in any dialogue, maintains that "the blood libel that this story had affixed upon the Jewish people had resulted in countless Christian massacres of Jews, and prepared Europe for the ultimate massacre—6 million Jews systematically murdered within 6 years—in the heart, alas, of a Christian continent." Woe! It is unbelievable that Christians are to blame for possessing the Gospels, to blame for recalling the passion of Christ, to blame for every Jewish life, to blame for the death of 6 million Jews! It is impossible to tell how far this cynicism and accusation will go. Mr. Krauthammer's article ends with a very sad observation, namely, he quotes Gibson who says, "I don't want to lynch any Jews. I love them. I pray for them." To this Krauthammer replies, "Spare us such love." It seems to me that the real answer to everything is contained in that sentence. How can this journalist and all the media moguls understand anything about Christ - any discussion, film, drama, or words - when they don't understand love? Only one regret remains for us, and it is that in the 21st century this kind of person can write in the Chicago Tribune. What is sadder yet is that not one letter is published as a rebuttal to his harmful accusations and flawed interpretation of the Christian message! At a time when the morals of this society are plummeting, when politicians are betraying all moral principals, when gay marriages gain publicity, desirability, and legality, when judges no longer respect the laws they swore to uphold, when political correctness destroys every soul and every moral, when Christians keep their eyes and mouths shut in order to earn more money and protect their jobs...woe to us! Dear Lord, enlighten our minds and give all Christians the strength to respond and stand up for sound principals. **Fr. Joe**

CHICAGO BULLS will celebrate **Croatian Night** at the United Center on Friday, March 26. Tickets for the Croatian and Croatian-American community are **half-price** and can be ordered by using the order form available by visiting www.midwest-croatians.org. Ticket order deadline is March 15. Call 312 455 4134.

INVITATION TO PRAY Dear Parishioners, our church is open every morning at 5:30. If you go to work early and cannot attend mass, stop into church, pray, and spend some time in blessed silence, especially during Lent. Join our prayer group each Monday evening, come to Adoration each Thursday, and attend Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings or Sunday mornings.

Looking For A Fresh Approach To Commemorate Christ's Passion? If you've been seeking a more meaningful, soul-searching Lenten experience, here's your opportunity. We've invited the Bridgeport Choral Society to present a dramatic sung performance of Christ's Passion in our church on Monday, **March 22, at 7:30 p.m.** Based on "The St. Matthew Passion" by Heinrich Schütz, this sung Passion will include soloists and a four-part choir.

WISDOM'S CORNER Youth and Age

Youth is not a time of life, it is a state of mind. Nobody grows old merely by living a number of years. People grow old only by deserting their ideals. Worry, doubt, self-distrust, fear and despair—these are the long, long years that bow the head and turn the growing spirit back to dust. You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your hope, as old as your despair. So long as your heart receives messages of beauty, cheer, courage, grandeur, and power from the earth, from man, from the infinite, so long are you young. When the heart is covered with the snow of pessimism and the ice of cynicism, then I am grown old indeed, and may you, Lord, have mercy on my soul. **D. McArthur.**

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Peace within makes beauty without."