

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday - Ponedjeljak, March 7, 2005**

7:30 A.M. Jozo Becich daughter
 Sr. Loretta Bozich Carm Parrilli
 Robert Jurlina ob. Stoja i Božo Kosir
 Nick LoCoco Catherine & Nick Perisin

Tuesday - Utorak, March 8, 2005

7:30 A.M. Kay Batina Vera Bozich
 Special intention Vera & family
 Marija Romanović obitelj Rudman
 Na čast sv. Anti obitelj Mato Tomić

Wednesday - Srijeda, March 9, 2005

7:30 A.M. Milijana Rozić Stojan Maslač
 Luka Botica Peter & JoAnn Peso
 Sabine Rebitsch Theresa Nagy & family

8:05 A.M. Mary Fry Mossman family

Thursday - Četvrtak, March 10, 2005

7:30 A.M. Mirko Matijević Luca Zeba
 Rafael Rogić Anica Ostojić i obitelj
 Jimmy/Judy Skokal Catherine/Nick Perisin

Friday - Petak, March 11, 2005

7:30 A.M. Luka Botica Anna Marie Arcieri
 Sabine Rebitsch Stipe Tokić & family
 Kathryn Batina Frank & Noreen Vinci
 Augustine & Agnes Salamone daughter Fran

Saturday- Subota, March 12, 2005

7:30 A.M. Milka Kotarac family
 Ivan Badrov obitelj Jureta
 Sabine Rebitsch Theresa Soupl
 Marge & John Sobocan Chris & Matt Pesce
 Rose Mustari Peter & JoAnn Peso
 Gianna Vacarello mother Debra Thome

5:30 P.M. Ilko i Ivan Sivrić obitelj
 Philomena Lamb family
 George Dragozetić nećakinja
 Dominic Versetta Dolly Caponigro
 Catherine Bills Joe & Carol Giuffre
 Diana Bukire obitelj Ankica Pervan
 Mark Sukolowski Theresa & George Hammer

Sunday - Nedjelja, March 13, 2005

7:30 A.M. Anthony Jezidija Plisic family
 Linda Humbert husband Robert
 Kraslen family Kraslen brothers
 Nick LoCoco Perisin grandchildren

9:30 A.M. Nick LoCoco Carm Parrilli
 Mark Bozich Vera & family
 Sr. Loretta Bozich Rose Marie Sestito
 Sam & Ann DeGregorio Mary Ann Senerchia

11:00 A.M. u spomen

Robert Jurlina obitelj
 Ivan Pavić Ivan Kutleša
 Ilija i Dragica Golemac obitelj Erkapić
 Za pok. iz ob. Toromanović Jurica i Davorka
 Dr. Ante Dragnić Dr. Lori Marasovich
 Žarko Ostojić Anica Ostojić i obitelj
 Rafael Rogić Stanko i Snježana Šego
 Marko Karačić Ivan i Karlo Karačić s obiteljima

Lectors

Saturday, March 12, 5:30 P.M. Frank DiLoreto
Sunday, March 13, 7:30 A.M. Matt Pesce
Sunday, March 13, 9:30 A.M. Family Mass
Sunday, March 13, 11:00 A.M. Mario Ivančić i Katarina Morandi

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Saturday, March 12, 5:30 P.M. Babich, Guzman, Zekich
Sunday, March 13, 7:30 A.M. Atteo, Raddatz
Sunday, March 13, 9:30 A.M. Insalaco, M. Olague, Perseghin
Sunday, March 13, 11:00 A.M. M. Jurković, J. Jureta, A. Kraljević, T. Kikaš, D. Bajić

► **For Rent:** APT on 25th Pl. 3 large bdrms, 2nd flr frnt, new appl., carpeting, enclosed porch. Call 630-904-6774.

► **For Rent:** Vic. 31st Princeton - 4 rooms, 2 bedrooms, remodeled kitchen. Call evenings 312-842-6176

► **For Rent:** Large apt. Vic. 32nd Wells Recently remodeled, 3 bedroom, appliances included, laundry on premises. 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.

WEEKLY MEDITATION — Fourth Sunday of Lent

There is a frightening amount of darkness in the world today, but today’s Gospel contains the wonderful words of Christ: “I am the light of the world.” The question is this — how well do we see? There are many forms of blindness besides physical blindness. Selfishness blinds us to the needs of others. Insensitivity blinds us to the hurt we’re causing others. Snobbery blinds us to the equal dignity of others. Pride blinds us to our own faults. Prejudice blinds us to the truth. Hurry blinds us to the beauty of the world around us. Materialism blinds us to spiritual values. Superficiality blinds us to a person’s true worth and causes us to judge by appearances. It is not only with the eyes that we see. The greatest tragedy is to have eyes and refuse to see. That was the situation of the Pharisees. Their hearts were in darkness. The most important eyes of all are the eyes of faith. The smallest child with faith sees more than the smartest scientist who has no faith. The Gospel story is essentially a faith story — the story of a man who came to faith in Jesus when he said, “Lord, I believe!” Those who have been enlightened by Christ can never again see themselves and their lives in the same light as before. Everything is lit up with an inner radiance. Faith helps us to find our way through the chaos, confusion, and darkness of the modern world. Christ is indeed the light of the world and of our lives. Oh, how much we need His light! Let us turn to Christ whose light is shining on us. Lord, help us to walk in the light of faith.

March — Season of Lent

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

WE WELCOME the Archbishop of Split, Croatia, Marin Barisic, who is visiting our parish for the first time this weekend on his way to California.

BOOK OF PRAYER INTENTIONS can be found at the entrance to 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.


St. Jerome Property Fund

Mortgage Debt:	\$400,000
Donated to Date:	\$ 98,465
Donations received during Feb.	\$ <u>4,895</u>
Monthly Mortgage Payment:	\$ 11,900



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

OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

BAPTISM  We welcome into our parish community **DARIO TOTI**, son of Massimiliano Toti and Susan n. Bede, whose godparents are Aldo Cardellicchio and Julijana Kozina. Congratulations and God bless him.

WISDOM’S CORNER *Are you Jesus?*

Once a group of businessmen, late in returning from a convention, ran to catch the train home. In their rush they knocked over a table supporting a basket of apples, but none of them stopped to help the young boy who staffed the apple stand. All reached the train in time, but then one of them felt a twinge of compassion for the boy whose apple stand had been overturned. He immediately decided to do something about it, said good-bye to his colleagues, got off the train, and returned to the scene of the accident. He was glad that he did because he discovered that the boy was blind. The businessman began to gather up the apples. As he did so he noticed that some of them were bruised. He took out his wallet and handed the boy some money saying, “Here take this for the damage we did. I hope we didn’t spoil your day.” As he started to walk away, the bewildered boy called after him, “Are you Jesus?”

Where is Jesus to be found today? If we show forth our faith in deeds of love and mercy, people will encounter Jesus in us.

YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

NOT BY BREAD ALONE

*Man cannot live by bread alone,
No matter what he may have or own...
For though he reaches his earthly goal,
He’ll waste away with a ‘starving soul’!
But he who eats of HOLY BREAD
Will always find his spirit fed,
And even the poorest of men can afford
To feast at the table
Prepared by the Lord.*

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. Please come to visit Him!

LENTEN CONCERT

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." Today the influential works of Schütz remain somewhat obscure among the general public because the librettos were written in German, a nod to the influence of Martin Luther, who wanted German to be the language of the church in Germany. All that is about to change as the Bridgeport Choral Society brings the dramatic telling of the Schütz St. Matthew Passion to life in English this spring. **The Passion will be performed Monday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m., here at St. Jerome Church.** The Bridgeport Choral Society boasts 15 members and will be joined by five soloists for all performances. There is no charge for this performance.



PALACINKA BREAKFAST & \$13,000 RAFFLE

St. Jerome School "palacinka" breakfast will be held on Palm Sunday, March 20. The winners of the H.S.A.'s \$13,000.00 Raffle will be picked and announced at this event. Only 250 tickets have been printed. 1st prize \$10,000; 2nd prize \$1,000; 3rd 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

BREAKFAST MEETING



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.

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.

HOLY THURSDAY PILGRIMAGE

For the last several years, the tradition of visiting churches on Holy Thursday evening has been observed by many of our parishioners. This special custom is again being planned for this year. A bus will be provided for those interested in making the pilgrimage. Specific information will be forthcoming.

THINKING ABOUT PRIESTHOOD?

If you would like to explore the possibility of priesthood, Ministry Weekends are being held at Mundelein Seminary. For more information contact Fr. Joe Noonan at 847 970-4845 or jnoonan@usml.edu, or www.chicagopriest.org.

VOCATION RETREAT for WOMEN

Might you have a vocation to be a Sister? You are invited to a weekend retreat for single women to discern if God is calling you to a Religious Life: March 18-20 and April 1-3 at St. Mary's, Notre Dame, Indiana, given by the Sisters of the Holy Cross. Call 574 284-5998 or email marysong1@aol.com for information.

CONGRATULATIONS to our parishioner Rachel Erceg, who was named to Loyola University's College of Arts and Science's Dean's List.

EMPLOYMENT

Wanted: Live-in caretaker in Beverly area, \$350 per week. Call Betty Jercich 773 238-8023.

Woman looking for job as a live-in care giver, has all necessary paperwork and can speak English. Prefers to work with Croatians. Call 773 - 583-0288

Want a Job? Chicago Sports & Novelty at McCormick Place on Michigan Ave. is offering part time work at \$10 per hour. Call Maribeth 708-496-8309

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Examine the contents, not the bottle."