

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday - Ponedjeljak, March 8, 2004**

7:30 A.M. Marija Bon Albina Pauletić
Mary Rocco Iacullo Bob & Nancy Link
Edward Pokorny Jerome

Tuesday - Utorak, March 9, 2004

7:30 A.M. Sam & Ann DeGregorio family
Katica Hobar Neda Roscich
Sara Tocco family
Josipa Lovrinović Mirjana Martinić
Lena Marino Jeanne Zekich

Wednesday- March 10, 2004

7:30 A.M. Stana Delich Eva Butera
Katica Hobar Petar Varvodić i ob.
Ivan Kosić Katica Kosić
Na čast Gospi Ivanka Šušnjara

Thursday - Četvrtak, March 11, 2004

7:30 A.M. Ivan Sasek supruga Dana
Stana Delich Cannatello family
Na čast sv. Anti Obitelj Tomić

Friday - Petak, March 12, 2004

7:30 A.M. Ivan Sasek supruga Dana
Nediljka Lišnić Božo Guvo
Marge & John Sobocan M&M Matt Pesce
Milka Kotarac Kotarac family
Matija Čubić Debbie

Saturday - Subota, March 13, 2004

7:30 A.M. Mary O'Shea Pauline Bogetich
Stipe Brajković Mate Mulac i ob.
Mara Šušnjara Toni i Marija Diacci
Luca Galić Pero Galić i ob.

5:30 P.M. Rosalie Zic daughter
Mile Rak Maria & Toni Diacci
Leroy Crisanti Angeline Szatkowski

Sunday - Nedjelja, March 14, 2004

7:30 A.M. Linda Humbert husband Robert

Deceased of Kraslen family Kraslen brothers
Al & Millie Mucenski family
Angie Crispo Debbie & Mary
Ray Biamonte Mamie & Jr.

9:30 A.M. Kata Botica M/M John Botica
Catherine Salvato daught. & niece Marge Curry
Edward Drozd Eleanor Drozd

11:00 A.M. u spomen

Ilija Golemac ob. Erkapić
Jozo Erkapić ob. Erkapić
Pero Kosir Ivo Kosir i ob.
Katica Hobar Ana Braskić
Mile Rak Jerko Ursić
Ivo Đebro Pero Đebro i ob.
Lenny Bajić Tomislav Lisnić i ob.
Stipe Šušnjara ob. Kikaš
Stipe Pervan ob. Iva Čubelić
Leonard Bajić ob. Hostička
Luca Galić brat Franjo Vranjković
Kata Mrkonja ob. Špehar

Lectors

Saturday, March 13, 5:30 P.M. Frank DiLoreto
Sunday, March 14, 7:30 A.M. Matt Pesce
Sunday, March 14, 9:30 A.M. Domingo
Rodriguez
Nedjelja, 14. ožujka 11:00 A.M. Davorka
Toromanović i Zrinka Jureta

**ALTAR
SERVERS**

Saturday, March 13, 5:30 P.M. Ciaravino, B-
Kenny, V. Kenny
Sunday, March 14, 9:30 A.M. M. Atteo, A.
Sarkauskas, R. Sarkauskas
Nedjelja, 14. ožujka, 11:00 A.M. S. Šušnjara,
N. Babić, Ante Mlinarić, Marko Jurković

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WEEKLY MEDITATION



The Transfiguration was one of a handful of genuinely exhilarating moments in the mission of Jesus. His was hardly a life of wine and roses. It was one tough existence. We have a nasty habit of confining His difficult moments to His last days. That judgment comes out of enormous naiveté. Christ elected Peter, James, and John to join Him. The other nine left at the base camp must have been delighted that they had not been drafted. They were busily looking about for a shady tree, a cool breeze, and a stream in which to bathe and do laundry. No doubt they needled the three unlucky ones with the message, "Tell us about it tomorrow, fellows." The four finally got to the top about 4 p.m. They had to be running on empty. Peter and his friends had one thought and that was sleep, but Jesus chose to pray. As the apostles climbed into their sleeping bags, they probably agreed that each person has his own idea of a good time. Then, in the early morning hours the mountaintop exploded as though it had taken a hit from an atomic weapon. The apostles were basket cases. Their Employer "was transfigured before their eyes...His clothes as radiant as light." The next day Peter, James, and John came down that mountain jumping from rock to rock with the agility of boys. They were on a high. Their Jesus was a big winner. Their trip had been eminently worthwhile. "Lord, how good it is for us to be here!"



We remind you that during this holy season of Lent we will pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7 p.m. in English and every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in Croatian.



OUR SICK PARISHIONERS Please let us know of any parishioners who are ill. We will be happy to visit them and pray for them. As a community of faith we are responsible for one another. Praying for each other, especially the ill, is a work of mercy.



**DIOCESAN
SERVICES
APPEAL**

SECOND COLLECTION for the Annual Catholic Appeal will be taken today. Cardinal George stresses the importance of your donations, which fund our vital archdiocesan programs. Thank you for your generosity.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT takes place every Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. in our church. We invite all to come to this evening of prayer and visitation with Our Lord.

ST. PATRICK TV SPECIAL will be shown on Sunday, March 14 at 9 p.m. on the Hallmark Channel. This presentation takes a dramatic new look at one of the best-loved and least understood saints of world religion. It is part adventure tale and part spiritual awakening. Be sure to watch it.



THANKS TO OUR PARISHIONERS who attended our parish's group viewing of the film "The Passion of the Christ". We believe that the film inspired deeper contemplation of your Christian life and your relationships with others. Meditating upon Christ's suffering and Way of the Cross will make it easier to find answers to all of the sufferings and problems that we encounter in our daily lives. The true source of all inspiration, however, comes from the Gospels. Please set aside some time to read the Gospel accounts of Christ's passion.

\$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.

CONGRATULATIONS to St. Ignatius H.S. Honor Roll students, graduates of our school: First Honors, Karen Fratto; Second Honors, Stephanie Bertucci.

WE REMIND YOU...

Annual "Croatian Woman" Society meeting:
Tuesday, March 9—small hall

St. Joseph's Table: Saturday, March 13 - school hall

CAA Annual Banquet: Saturday, March 13, Croatian Center

Reconciliation for school children: Tuesday, March 16

Parish Council: Retreat, Wednesday, March 24, Mundelein Seminary

"The St. Matthew Passion" by Heinrich Schutz, Bridgeport Choral Society : Monday, March 22, 7:30 p.m., St. Jerome Church

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny: Sunday, April 4, school hall

Humanitarian Luncheon: Croatian Woman Society, Sunday, April 4, Croatian Center

Holy Week: Monday, April 5-9

Easter Sunday, April 11

LENTEN REGULATIONS:

ABSTINENCE from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Good Friday and on all of the Friday of Lent.

FASTING is to be observed on Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

On the weekdays of Lent, we strongly recommend participation in daily Mass.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Whosoever loves, believes the impossible."

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.

Schütz, a 17th century German composer, is one of the most influential yet little known composers of early church music. He was one of the first composers to utilize solo voices combined with choral polyphony in the dramatic telling of a story, but because his works were originally written in German, his choral masterpieces are not well known today. To remedy that, The Bridgeport Choral Society will perform The Passion in English. All are invited to take part in this moving Lenten experience.

WISDOM'S CORNER THE CARPENTER

An elderly carpenter was ready to retire. He told his employer-contractor of his plans to leave the house-building business and live a more leisurely life with his wife enjoying his extended family. He would miss the paycheck, but he needed to retire. They could get by. The contractor was sorry to see his good worker go and asked if he could build just one more house as a personal favor. The carpenter said yes, but in time it was easy to see that his heart was not in his work. He resorted to shoddy workmanship and used inferior materials. It was an unfortunate way to end a dedicated career. When the carpenter finished his work the employer came to inspect the house. He handed the front-door key to the carpenter. "This is your house," he said, "my gift to you." The carpenter was shocked! What a shame! If he had only known he was building his own house, he would have done it all so differently. So it is with us. We build our lives, a day at a time, often putting less than our best into the building. Then with a shock we realize we have to live in the house we have built. If we could do it over, we'd do it much differently. But we cannot go back. You are the carpenter.