

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday - Ponedjeljak, May 9, 2005**

7:30 A.M. Chester Brodlo Ann Brcich
 Za duše u čistilištu Anica Ostojić
 Grgo Nikolić obitelj Penavić
 Marie Diamond Josephine Hanson
 Kata Botica daughter Josephine

Tuesday - Utorak, May 10, 2005

7:30 A.M. Mile Rukavina obitelj
 Peter Perisin family
 Mato Zeba Zorka Zeba
 Kaja Mrdanović Nevenka Hodžić
 Evelyn Miloslavich Kimberly & Tom Conditto

Wednesday - Srijeda, May 11, 2005

7:30 A.M. Rafael Rogić Stipe Markotić
 Evelyn Miloslavich Sam & Eva Madia
 Phillip Rizza Catherine & Nick Perisin
8:05 A.M. Na nakanu Ivanka Šušnjara
 Augustine & Agnes Salamone daughter Fran
 Eliseo Pena Catherine & Nick Perisin

Thursday - Četvrtak, May 12, 2005

7:30 A.M. Luka Botica Steve Bilandic
 Za sve poginule Anica Ostojić
 Adeline Ratković M/M John Harzich
 Evelyn Miloslavich Patricia & Charles Marino

Friday – Petak, May 13, 2005**Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima**

7:30 A.M. Tony & Frances Fratto children
 James Sutera Sutera family
 Ivan Babić Mirjana Šušnjara
 Rose Polacek M/M John Botica
 Lorenza Dalio husband, children, gr. children

Saturday- Subota, May 14, 2005**Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle**

7:30 A.M. Jozo Maslač Stojan Maslač
 Augustine Mišetić obitelj Rodić
 Ivan Bon Mirjana Šušnjara
 Lady of Međugorje M/M John Botica
5:30 P.M. Pete Plepel Dorothy Plepel
 John Mladenov family family
 Charlie Biočić Wagner family
 Sr. Loretta Bozich Robin family
 Angela Bittner-Phillips aunt Jeanne
 Helen Ursetta Frano & Carol Marasovich

Sunday – Nedjelja, May 15, 2005

7:30 A.M. Ana Peso Millie Balich
 Visko & Clara Cecich family

Linda Humbert
 Joseph Consola

husband Robert
 Debbie & Mary

9:30 A.M. Peter Perisin wife & family
 Evelyn Miloslavich Perisin grandchildren
 John Townsend M/M Joe Serio
 Sr. Loretta Bozich Jean & John Kirincic
 Stipe Munitić Danica Igić i obitelj
 Na nakanu Danica Igić i obitelj

11:00 A.M. u spomen

Za pok. iz ob. Novak Jurica i Davorka
 Biserka Marušić obitelj Marušić
 Filip i Anđa Vrančić kći Neda
 Frano Penavić obitelj Penavić
 Vice Mišura Ilenka Bilonić
 Stipan Bajić Neda Dragušica i obitelj
 Ivo Subašić obitelj Jakelja
 Ivan Bon Maria Diacci
 Obitelj Bralo Mijo i Zdenka Barun
 Roko i Matija Gović Nediljka Gović
 Marija i Tomo Valentić obitelj Žignić
 Za žrtve Bleiburga i križnog puta Hrv.
 Domobran

Lectors

Saturday, May 14, 5:30 P.M. Robert Bazan
Sunday, May 15, 7:30 A.M. Matt Pesce
Sunday, May 15, 9:30 A.M. Family Mass
Sunday, May 15, 11:00 A.M. Mate Žaper i
 Katarina Morandi

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Saturday, May 14, 5:30 P.M. Gonzalez,
 LoCoco, Zekich
Sunday, May 15, 7:30 A.M. Perseghin, Segvich
Sunday, May 15, 9:30 A.M. Mitchell, A.
 Sarkauskas, R. Sarkauskas
Sunday, May 15, 11:00 A.M. N. Babić, J. Kosir,
 A. Mlinarić, S. Šušnjara, O. Paraga

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► 2701 Princeton, 3rd floor. \$450

► 1st flr. 29th&Shields, 5 rms, recently remodeled, hardwood floors, carpeting, cable 312 593 2864.

WEEKLY MEDITATION — Ascension

The Ascension of Jesus is His liberation from all restrictions of time and space. It does not represent His removal from the earth, but His constant presence everywhere on earth. During His earthly ministry He could only be in one place at a time, but now that He is united with God, He is present everywhere. A sense of the presence of Christ with us doesn't change the world for us, but it can give us the courage to face it. God's closeness shields us against a sense of abandonment and despair. In spite of the grave failings of His followers and many persecutions, the Gospel has come down to us across two thousand years. The explanation for this surely lies in the promise of Jesus: "I will be with you always, to the very end of time." Jesus now depends on us. We are His witnesses before the world. It's a daunting task, but a great privilege too. When we witness to truth, justice, love, and peace we are witnessing to Jesus. The way to witness to truth is to live truthfully. The way to witness to justice is to act justly in all one's dealings with others. The way to witness to love is to act lovingly towards others. And the way to witness to peace is to live in peace with others. We can draw encouragement from what Mother Teresa said: "I don't pray for success; I pray that I may be a faithful witness."

MAY — The Month of Our Lady

**"HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL OF THE WONDERFUL
MOTHERS OF OUR PARISH!"**

St. Jerome Property Fund

Mortgage Debt:	\$400,000
Donated to Date:	\$122,225
April donations:	\$ <u>1,225</u>
Monthly Mortgage Payment:	\$ 11,900

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

SPECIAL COLLECTION for Catholic Charities will be taken today. We are grateful for your generosity!

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF BLEIBURG

The Croatian organizations of Chicago, together with the Croatian General Consul, are preparing to observe this special anniversary of the tragic events that took place in Bleiburg.

Croatian-American Day will be held this year at **Daley Plaza on Friday, May 13**, at 11:30 a.m. We ask all those who are able to attend, to please join us for this first annual event. There will be a cultural program and other interesting ethnic Croatian attractions.

Commemorative masses will be held at all Croatian parishes on Sunday, May 15. A memorial luncheon will be held at the Croatian Cultural Center at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 15. Tickets are \$30 and can be obtained at the rectory.

WISDOM'S CORNER

"The mother is appointed guardian of life...it is here that the history of every life begins." Pope John Paul II

MOTHER

She's sweeter than the fragrances that fill the dell in spring.
A joy she is above the joys that all the years can bring.
She's dearer than the dearest friend that I will ever know.
Her prayers ever guide me on no matter where I go.
Her face is furrowed deep with cares. Her hair is streaked with gray, and rosary beads slip through the hands that first joined mine to pray. And though the years have dimmed those eyes that were so lustrous fair, 'tis death alone can take away the love-light shining there.
At night when kneeling down to pray, I thank Our Lord above who was so good to give me my mother's deathless love!

UPCOMING ORDINATION Brother Ivan Strmecki, of our Croatian Franciscan Custody, who is presently serving at Sacred Heart Parish, will be ordained a priest by Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Perry on Tuesday, May 31, at 7 p.m. in Sacred Heart Croatian Church (2901 E. 96th St., Chicago). Everyone is welcome to attend this special and sacred occasion.

CROATIAN ALMANAC 2005, published by our Croatian Franciscan Fathers, is now available for purchase at the rectory (\$15). This year's theme, "Coming Home", features the call, the challenge, and the experience of going back to the Croatian homeland. These are the everyday and touching stories, the ordinary and the extraordinary stories. Thousands of Croatians, American-born and native-born, have their own fantastic stories of ties to "stari kraj", the "old country". Most of them are still unknown and untold, but some of them you will find in the newly published *Croatian Almanac, 2005*.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world."

THE PASSING OF POPE JOHN PAUL II — A PERSONAL REMEMBRANCE

On Friday April 1, Catholics throughout the United States awoke to the sad reality that the health of His Holiness Pope John Paul II had suddenly taken a grave turn. The Pope, reports indicated, was near death and a recovery was all but impossible. As Catholics, many of us became resigned to the fact that our longtime spiritual leader would soon be leaving this world. Grateful thoughts and prayers followed his image across our television sets. Three of us, however, decided that in the spirit of John Paul II we would travel to Rome to be with the only Pope we've ever known in his twilight hours. My friend John Daley, my brother Matthew, and I decided to leave for Rome immediately. We secured tickets for a Saturday flight and swiftly began packing, but before we could leave word about our pilgrimage had spread, and the phone began ringing. Everyone, it seemed, wanted to be a part of what was beginning at the Vatican. Aunts and uncles, cousins and friends all called to wish us well and to share their personal stories about Pope John Paul II. The Pope's influence was greater than we had ever perceived and these happenings would foreshadow the events about to overtake Rome. We arrived in Rome to the sad news that the Pope had passed away. A feeling of loss and emptiness came over us and we set out to find comfort with fellow mourners at the Vatican. Nearing midnight, we arrived at St. Peter's where a gigantic vigil had been set up by thousands of young men and women. Under the light of the nearby media cameras, young people from all over sang, danced, and prayed in a way that celebrated the life and the work of John Paul II. Giant signs thanking the Pope in different languages began appearing on the Vatican's towering cement columns and candlelit photographs of the Pope dominated the remaining space. As dawn approached the crowds began to grow. Flag waving Poles joined Hispanic nuns. Italians and Croatians sang in unison. German and Spanish flags welcomed the sunrise. A growing sense of pride in our faith and joy for our Pope dominated our spirits as we rode a bus back to our hotel with the youthful chants of "Giovanni Paolo" emanating from the Vatican. **(Anthony Scalise)** To be continued.....

EVANGELIZATION/ASCENSION SUNDAY—May 8

Today we pray that the fire of the Holy Spirit ignite our imaginations, our zeal, and our love so that we can indeed carry out Jesus' command: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations..." The following suggestions are ordinary ways to share your faith with others:

- # When you see God working in your life, point it out to others. We are all enriched by the personal witness of others.
- # Talk to friends about the good experiences you have had with the Church.
- # Invite friends to social functions of your parish.
- # At mass, warmly greet others whom you don't know. Sometimes members of our faith community fall away from the Church because they feel alienated from others.
- # Tactfully change the direction of a conversation at home or school or work when things take an uncharitable or gossipy turn.
- # Continue to comfort a grieving friend or neighbor well after the funeral. Offer to accompany the person who is grieving to social activities or make yourself available just to talk.
- # Forgive someone who has wronged you. Ask forgiveness from someone you have wronged.
- # Always give thanks for all that you have received.
- # Reflect on your mission to grow deeper in your relationship with God. Be welcoming, offer hospitality, and work for transformation in your daily life.

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE Show how much you appreciate your Mom by giving her a beautiful bouquet of roses, carnations, or mixed flowers. Mother's Day flowers will be sold after all masses this weekend. Proceeds from the sale will help support the life-saving work of The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. The money raised by this sale will be used to help women facing crisis pregnancies. Centers have helped save more than 28,000 babies from the threat of abortion. Please support this life-saving cause!