Monday – Ponedjeljak, January 31, 2011
7:30 a.m. Mara Sušnjara Dujo Sušnjara i ob.
Marge & John Sobochan Chris & Matt Pesce
Mary & Angelo Pesce Chris & Matt Pesce
Jim Cordovano family
Bariša Šipi Ante Sipich

Tuesday – Utorak, February 1, 2011
7:30 a.m. Mary Schreiver Matt & Chris Pesce
Fr. Jerome Kucan Catherine & Nick Perisin
Na nakanu John Milković

Wednesday – Srijeda, February 2, 2011
7:30 a.m. Millie Balich Marija Hostička & children
John Rak Joe & El Grzetich
Mary Corso Catherine & Nick Perisin

Thursday – Četvrtak, February 3, 2011
St. Blaise (blessing of throats) – Sveti Blaž (blag. grla)
7:30 a.m. Millie Balich Marija Hostička & children
Joe Scumaci Perisin grandchildren
Duše u čistilištu Ivan Karačić

Friday – Petak, February 4, 2011
7:30 a.m. Helen Rak John Kraslen
Eleanor Madia Dan & Theresa Bujas
Mary Corso Bonnie Di Caro

Saturday – Subota, February 5, 2011
7:30 a.m. Helen Rak ob. Jozo i M. Badrov
Joe Scumaci Catherine & Nick Perisin
Na odluku Vesna Krišto

5:30 p.m. Luca Galić ob. Galić & Bešlić
Michael Zeledon Beverlee & Russell Pullano
“Jerry” Bertucci Anthony & Matthew Scalise
Tomislav Hostička Marija Hostička & fam.
Josie Odo family
Joey Levato Cathi & Pete Wilkie

Sunday – Nedjelja, February 6, 2011
7:30 a.m. John “Ish” Botica Gen & family
Evelyn, Sr. Bernardine & Jozo Čončić Duško
Joe Cubelic Catherine
Eugene Consentino Catherine & Nick Perisin
Jessie & Eugene Consentino Catherine & Nick Perisin
Helen Stillo Chris & Matt Pesce
Salvatore Nisivaco Peter & JoAnn Peso
Gene Dengler Meo family
Dec. of Balestri family
The Last Permissible Prejudice?

Dear Friends,

Has American society always been prejudiced against the Catholics? Was it more prejudiced before than now? Why is it prejudiced? We are obviously hated and abused by many still today. Here is one new thing that happened recently:

Pepsi held a contest for privately-made Pepsi commercials and the best ones would be put on TV during the Super Bowl, this upcoming Sunday. One entry was a very blasphemous Super Bowl Commercial called “Feed the Flock.” The tone of this commercial is grossly irreverent and mocks the holiest truths of your Catholic Faith: the Holy Eucharist.

You can see it at: http://bcove.me/85n564kc

If you would like to sign a petition, please go to this site: http://campaigns.AmericaNeedsFatima.org/e0233/e0233protest.html

“Feed the Flock” did not make it to Pepsi’s Top Ten Finalists and as a result of that, it will not be on the Super Bowl. Nevertheless, Pepsi should have seen right away its ugly prejudice.

Do we ourselves see it? Do Catholics in general see this prejudice? It is more than obvious that we are the last group of people in American society today against whom you can be prejudiced without any consequences. It is we who have to stand uprightly for our values, our principles and our faith.

Your Fr. Joe  jgrbes@gmail.com

The Beatitudes of the Sermon on the Mount

The blessed in Jesus’ list are poor in spirit, compassionate, meek, merciful, clean of heart, peacemakers and those who are willing even to be insulted and persecuted for their ideals and values.

Each of the inspired authors of today’s readings — Zephaniah, Paul and Matthew — can inspire each of us to consider making a Declaration of Dependence on God, thus beginning to lead holier and happier lives.

The Beatitudes propose to us a way of life, inviting us to identify with the poor, those who mourn, the meek, and those who hunger and thirst after justice. They challenge us to be compassionate people, to be men and women who are pure in heart, and to become peacemakers in our dealings with one another, in our families, and in the society at large, even when this approach to things exposes us to ridicule and persecution.

Wisdom’s Corner

“If only I had that, I’d be happy.”

Fr. Louis Everly, a noted Belgian theologian, priest and writer, says that so many people never find happiness because they do not know where to look for it.

Too many people make the mistake of seeking one more material thing, one more pay raise, one more promotion, one more problem solved, one more handicap overcome. “If only I had that,” they often say, “I would be happy.” Too late, they learn that happiness does not come from the outside but from within.

Howard Hughes was one of the wealthiest men who ever lived, but he could not buy contentment or peace of mind.

That is the first thing that is evident as we view the Beatitudes. Happiness is not synonymous with the pursuit of pleasure.

Thought of the Week

“True blessedness consists in a good life and a happy death.”

Pastor’s Desk
Thank you

Those of you who gave blood last Sunday for St. Jerome blood Drive!

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR OLD WARM COATS AND BLANKETS FOR POOR FOR THESE DESPERATELY COLD DAYS — MANY PEOPLE THANK GOD FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Next Weekend:
Cardinal Stepinac Days:
This year Cardinal Stepinac Days will be Saturday, Feb. 5 to Sunday, Feb. 6
♦ The main performance of our group will be at King College Prep (4445 S. Drexel) on Saturday, Feb. 5 at 5 p.m. Tickets are $20. Plenty of parking.
♦ Sunday Feb. 6 there will be a Mass in honor of Blessed Stepinac at 11 a.m., followed by a dinner and performance in our parish hall.
♦ Tickets are available from the Board members of Croatian School.

Are you registered parishioner at St. Jerome?
New Year! New beginning. If you are not registered with our parish, this is the time! Just drop us a note through email or stop by. It is a gift to belong to such a wonderful faith community of St. Jerome.

Old & Beautiful
As we approach our celebration of 100 years of St. Jerome, we are working on our parish archives. Our goal is to sort all the documents and to make the whole project digitalized. We have some professionals to help us out. I think this will be a uniquely amazing project. We would like to ask you to share with us any old photos, books, films, documents, community events, your personal family photos or documents that are connected to St. Jerome. Thank you very much for your help.

Congratulations
To our dear parishioner Robert Cannatello on his retiring from the City of Chicago (Water District) after 32 years of service! But still he can offer you the best haircut in the neighborhood! Congratulations. God bless.

Congratulations to our student parishioners!
A heartfelt “well done” to our former St. Jerome School graduates and other student parishioners who achieved “Honor Roll” status! We are so proud of you and wish you continued success!

De LaSalle Institute
Jonathan Amdt, Jessica Carrasco, Matthew Castillo, Sara Garcia, Nolan Judycki, Shirley Khong, Alicia Marinopoulos, Thomas Platt, Lauren Rubio, Dan Sabbia, Juan Sanchez, Rebecca Sarkauskas, Joshua Lisenby, William Luce, Mark Munizzi. CONGRATULATIONS!

At Queen of Peace High School
Ozana Paraga achieved A honor roll status, and Marguerite Nowacki achieved B honor roll status. Congratulations.

At Mother McCauley High School
Jessie Racinowski achieved A Honor Roll status. Congratulations.

St. Laurence High School - “A” Honor Roll
Marco Rodriguez. The best student in school. Best average point. Perfect!