

First Sunday Of Lent

Jesus is truly human

It was just two months ago that we celebrated Christmas. Remember back to that holiday season? Festive lights, glorious decorations, glittering trees, colorful poinsettias, family meals, joyous celebrations, Christmas gifts. Somewhere in all of that mix, it was likely that there was also a Christmas Nativity scene. Maybe it was a family heirloom carefully set up in a corner so that it wouldn't be disturbed. Or possibly your family Nativity scene last Christmas was hand-drawn artwork by one of your school children that was proudly displayed on the refrigerator. (Maybe it's even still there!)

Wait a minute! Isn't this the First Sunday of Lent? Why all the talk about Christmas? Because like Christmas itself, the First Sunday of Lent always has a Gospel that reminds us that Jesus is truly human! With all the stories of the past few weeks (healings of Peter's mother-in-law, a leper, a paralytic, and the casting out of a demon) we could begin to think of Jesus only as some kind of miracle-worker. To do that would remove him from a clear and concrete association with us. For centuries, the church has clearly taught that Jesus is completely and thoroughly human just as he is completely and thoroughly divine.

Today's Gospel reminds us that Jesus was tempted, just like we are tempted. He had the opportunity to accede to the wiles of Satan. Instead, he emerged from the desert to proclaim a Gospel of repentance. We hear this story of Jesus' humanity as we begin Lent to give us encouragement for the next forty days. We often begin Lent with a lot of enthusiasm. We are ready to change our lives. But changing how we live is difficult, and temptations are rampant. The Gospel tells us that angels came and ministered to Jesus while he was being tempted. Start Lent by asking a friend or a family member to be an angel for you in the next forty days, to ask you occasionally how your Lent is going.

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IN OUR HOMILY TODAY - Baptism is a good focus for our Lenten reflections because on Easter Day we will be invited to renew our baptismal vows. Next week: Abraham's faith and Jesus' transfiguration are grounded in suffering. We are called to trust in God always, especially in times of trial.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Lynn Sellick

GENERATIONS
OF FAITH

Living as Catholics

"Our 2012 year: "Prayer"

March's theme:

'Catholic Prayers/Devotions; Feast of St. Joseph'

March's Sessions:

Saturday, March 17th ● 9:30am- 12:00pm

Sunday, March 18th ● 5:00-7:30pm

Monday, March 19th ● 6:00-8:30pm



11TH GRADE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

SESSIONS CONTINUE: Mondays March 5th, 12th, 26th, and April 2nd.

CONFIRMATION MASS: Will be celebrated on Sunday, May 20th at 1:00pm by Rev. Msgr. David Slubecky, Vicar General.

CONFIRMATION STUDENT SERVICE

OPPORTUNITIES: Bloodmobile Friday, March 2nd; Father/Son Breakfast Sunday, March 4th; Soup & Stations Fridays March 9th & 23rd; Good Friday Fish Fry on Friday, April 6th. Check our website for more information and other opportunities.

FIRST RECONCILIATION CLASSES BEGIN

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 4TH from 11:30-12:45pm. Classes will continue on March 11th, March 18th and March 25th from 9:00-10:15am.

FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING:

Sunday, March 11th at 9:00am.

NEW! SPIRITUAL RESOURCES FOR

ADULTS, FAMILIES AND CHILDREN: located in the rear of the Parish Hall (by the blue wall). Resources to support parents in teaching and reinforcing Catholic faith basics at home, activities for children and families, adult faith materials (including prayers, info. on bereavement/divorce, etc.), area events and workshops, and Lenten resources (even some fun recipes!).

Bringing Home the Word is a new subscription with Sunday & Weekday readings, reflections and a prayer for each week (this will also be posted on www.stjhollandfaith.org). All items from this area may be used and kept at home. Check back often for new and updated info. & materials. Your suggestions are welcome!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: The Annual Catholic Charities letters are in the process of being mailed out. We hope that you will be generous in your response.
NOTE: They no longer mail cards with the letters. You are asked to fill out the bottom section (which has your name & ID number) & return it in the response envelope or drop it off at church or in the collection).

RESPECT LIFE MEETING: Tuesday, February, 28th at 7:00pm in the Rectory.

ALTAR SERVER OF THE YEAR: On Sat. Feb 25th, Bishop Kmiec gave out the annual Altar Server Awards to an outstanding Altar Server in each parish. The Altar Server of the Year for St Joseph's Parish is **Diana Bateman**. Congratulations Diana!

Father/Son & Men of the Parish Breakfast: This is the last week to get your tickets to our Father & Son Breakfast; NEXT SUNDAY after the 8AM Mass. This event is always well attended, with a full breakfast, door prizes & guest speaker. The speaker this year will be Frank Clement. If you never attended why don't you give it a try? Tickets are \$4.00 (boys 4 and under are free) and are available in the vestibule of the church after all Masses. If you missed getting tickets this week contact Karen Kline (537- 9162) and let her know you want to attend.



BAPTIZED in the LORD:
Luca Michael Ruminski
 Son of
Michael & Mary (Dix)
Ruminski



Will be celebrated on Friday, March, 2nd at 7:00 PM



First Friday Mass

Catholic Biblical Studies Program: Discover the importance of digging deeper into the Bible. For over 20 years, the Catholic Biblical Studies Program has been helping adults discover the riches to be found in the Word of God. Come see for yourself! If you would like to attend a current class in the local area during March, please call 871-9180 or visit www.cbstudies.org.

FEBRUARY



IN LENT

Mass Schedule
 &
 Intentions
 for the Week

Monday, February 27th
 8:00am For All Parishioners
 Tuesday, February 28th
 8:00am All Souls
 Wednesday, February 29th
 8:00am Mother's Day Intentions
 Thursday, March 1st
 8:00am No Masses
 Friday, March 2nd
 8:00am Mother's Day Intentions
 7:00pm Stations
 Saturday, March 3rd
 5:00pm Father's Day Int for John Klapac
 Sunday, March 4th
 8:00am All Souls
 10:30am Estella Petrie (Uplinger Family)

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, March 3rd
 5:00pm Jakob Rickettson & Jacob LoVullo
 Sunday, March 4th
 8:00am Shea Moltrup & Abigail Jusiak
 10:30am Erin, Alexandra & Elizabeth Izydorczak

Eucharistic Minister Schedule

Saturday, March 3rd
 5:00pm D. Henry, C. Kramer & G. Spyché
 Sunday, March 4th
 8:00am A. & D. Folaron, M. Kasprzyk, A. McCann
 10:30am R. & T. Painter, B. Wagner

Lector Schedule

Saturday, March 3rd
 5:00pm Judy Henry
 Sunday, March 4th
 8:00am John Hilton
 10:30am Mary Ruminski

Sacristan Schedule

Sat/Sun March 3rd - 4th
 •5pm A. Howes •8am L. Ruminski •10:30am M. Poslusny



Gift to God: \$3236.00 Regular Collection, \$684.00 Education, \$52.00 Catholic Relief & \$12.00 Central & Eastern Europe

Counters for March 4th: Team H