

My Father's Business by Harold Copping

SOLEMNITY- THE HOLY FAMILY

Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14
Psalm 128;
Colossians 3:12-21
Luke 2:41-52

KEY VERSE: "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" (v 49).

READING: As a faithful Jew, Jesus went with his parents to the Temple to celebrate the feast of Passover, which commemorated Israel's deliverance from slavery in Egypt. At the end of the feast, the family assumed that their son was in the caravan returning to Nazareth. When the anxious parents did not find him after the first day of travel, they returned to the Holy City to look for him. After three days, the astonished parents found Jesus in the Temple with a group of teachers who were amazed at his wisdom. When Mary reproached her son for causing them grief, Jesus replied that he "had" to be about the work of his Father. Then Jesus obediently returned to Nazareth where he grew in stature, wisdom and grace.

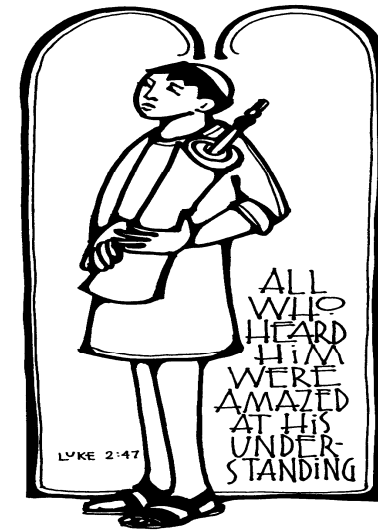
REFLECTING: In what ways is the Holy Family an example for my family?

PRAYING: Jesus, Mary and Joseph, teach me how to live in holiness and faithfulness.

When did the title "Mother of God" originate?

The precise title "Mother of God" goes back at least to the third or fourth century. Her title "God-bearer" (Greek, Theotokos), became the touchstone of the Church's teaching about the Incarnation. The Council of Ephesus in 431 insisted that the Church Fathers were right in calling the Holy Virgin Theotokos. It remains today.

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OPENING HYMN "Tidings of Great Joy" Hymn 21
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 INTROIT Luke 2:15-16

P: The shepherds said to one another, "Let us go then to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place.
R: So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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 OPENING PRAYER
 LITURGY OF THE WORD
 First Reading Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
 Responsorial Psalm Psalm 128

L: Happy are those who fear the Lord, and walk in His ways.
R: Happy are those who fear the Lord, and walk in His ways.
 Second Reading Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel Acclamations.
 C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
 C: May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of His message Live within you.

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
 Gospel Luke 2:41-52
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GENERAL INTERCESSION
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 PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS
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 CLOSING HYMN "Lo, the Monarchs" Hymn 37

"Truly with you God is hidden, the God of Israel, the Savior."
 Isaiah 45:15



SOLEMNITY- THE EPIPHANY

Isaiah 60:1-6
 Psalm 72
 Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6
 Matthew 2:1-12

KEY VERSE: "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage" (v 2).

READING: Matthew wrote his gospel to a Jewish audience to show that Jesus was the fulfillment of their longings for a Messiah (see genealogy, Mt 1:1-17). He also wanted to show the realization of the promise that God's salvation would reach "to the end of the earth" (Is 49:6). Matthew communicated this intention by having gentiles (Greek, ethnos) coming to visit the Holy Family in Bethlehem. These "wise men from the East" (Mt 2:1) were astrologers ("magi") that followed a star to Jerusalem. There they asked King Herod the Great where they could find the newborn "king of the Jews" because they "observed his star at its rising" (Mt 2:2, see Nm 24:17). Herod's advisors told him that the prophet Micah foretold the birth of a Messiah in Bethlehem, the birthplace of David where he was also anointed king (Mi 5:2). Fearing that this child would be a threat to his throne, Herod sent the magi to search for him on the pretence of offering him homage. The star illuminated the way to the Christ child and Mary his mother. The magi offered Jesus gifts that signified his kingship (gold), priesthood (frankincense, used for making incense) and his saving death (myrrh, used in anointing a body). Warned in a dream not to return to Herod, the magi returned to their country "by another way" (v 12). We are all invited to discover the Lord through the different journeys in faith we undertake. But after encountering Christ we cannot return to our old ways. We must travel in a different direction in the way we live our lives.

REFLECTING: What are the gifts that I can offer the Lord?

PRAYING: Lord Jesus, help me to have the wisdom to seek you in all I do.

Night at the Races

Saturday, February 13, 2010
Holy Family Parish Auditorium
1921 Eden Park Boulevard McKeesport, Pa.



Doors open at 6 P.M.
Post Time at 7:00 P.M.
Tickets \$10.00



Soda and Beer Included - BYOB and/or snacks
Food will be available at reasonable prices

Chinese Auction

Reservations call Ted Gibala @ 412.678.7347

Makes reservations early, limited tickets will be sold.

This is a Church Event and Chinese Auction Baskets or other gifts will be appreciated, please contact Janis Gibala.

Christmas Thought

Something you can do. During Christmas we receive wonderful gifts and cards from family and friends. Here is a wonderful idea that can be done as a family. Before sitting down for your evening meal, when you say grace; take a card from the gifts received or Christmas Card greetings and say a prayer for the people who thought of you during the holiday and remember them at mealtime by praying God to shower His blessings upon them. This is a wonderful home devotion your family would enjoy and unite those you love during your mealtime.

Stewardship

Next Sunday will be the last Sunday that you can complete your 2009 parish envelopes, so we can close the 2009 stewardship year. Please begin using the 2010 stewardship envelopes. If you can help distribute remaining envelopes to family and friends, please do so. Stewardship is important to the parish activities and maintenance.

Needed

Jesus said that it is important that we take care of the needs of our community by feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, etc. A Parish Food Bank is in the works. Needed is a coordinator. Please contact your pastor if interested. Thank You.

THEME-Is My family like the Holy Family?

Our parish chose to be called the Holy Family Parish. In essence, what it says about us as a congregation is that we desire to emulate the lives of the Holy Family for guidance as we are called to worship. As the Holy Family demonstrated, we also must put God's words into action in our families by showing mercy, forgiveness, and patience. Our words of instruction to our children must be tempered by humility and kindness. When we do this, we are beloved sons and daughters of God. Mary, Joseph and Jesus showed us what it means to be a holy family. In His mother and father's house, Jesus had learned the Law of Moses. Now he had to be in His Father's house. When the distraught parents spent three frantic days searching for Him, they found Him sitting at the feet of teachers who were amazed at the young man's intelligence.

Mary and Joseph did not fully understand Jesus' words, "did you not know I had to be about my Father's business," but they were open to God's plan for their lives. In turn, Jesus was obedient to them. He returned home to grow in God's wisdom and grace.

We too must be submissive to God's words, especially in confusing and painful circumstances. If we are faithful, when we return to our eternal home, which may be soon, we will gather with all God's holy family and joyfully sing, "Happy are those who walk in the ways of the Lord." There is so much we can learn from the Holy Family. May we apply these lessons to our families at home. Most important, may our parish which chose the namesake Holy Family, truly become holy and family.

Sunday Ministry Schedules

<u>This Week</u>	<u>9:00 A.M.</u>	<u>11:00 A.M.</u>
Lectors	Blue Team	B. Zaucha
Greeters	H. Albeck	A. Fioravanti
Ushers	S. Tadjajski & T. Gibala	F. Szatkowski
Acolytes	All Servers	All Servers
<u>Next Week</u>	<u>9:00 A.M.</u>	<u>11:00 A.M.</u>
Lectors	Youth Team	B. Zaucha
Greeter	W. Albeck	S. Kish
Ushers	Youth	F. Szatkowski
Acolytes	All Servers	All Server

This Week

Sunday, January 3, 2010

Solemnity-Holy Family

Samb's Monthly Mission Collection

Holy Mass	9:00 A.M.
<i>Installation of the 2010 Parish Council during Mass</i>	
Nursery School	9:00 A.M.
School of Christian Living	10:15 A.M.
Holy Mass	11:00 A.M.

Monday, January 4, 2010

Annunciation Bell Choir	7:00 P.M.
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Wednesday, January 6, 2010

Epiphany of the Lord

Holy Mass and Blessing of incense/chalk	10:00 A.M.
Chopin Choir Rehearsal	7:30 P.M.

Sunday, January 10, 2010

Solemnity-Baptism of the Lord

Holy Mass	9:00 A.M.
<i>+Angelo Tarli Int Guy Borrelli; +Stella Solvay Int Mr. & Mrs. G.</i>	
<i>Jugan</i>	
Nursery School	9:00 A.M.
School of Christian Living	10:15 A.M.
Fellowship Hour	10:15 A.M.
SAMBS Monthly Meeting	10:15 A.M.
Holy Mass	11:00 A.M.
Youth Association Meeting	11:00 A.M.

The 2010 Parish Council will be installed during the 9 A.M. Holy Mass this morning; The 2010 Council Members are as follows:

Chairman of the Parish Council-Ted Gibala

Vice Chairman-George Jugan; Financial Secretary-Terry Kleckner

Recording Secretary-Karen Bongiorno; Treasurer-Sharon Kish

Directors: Frank Pociask, Gary Coddington, Denise Tomco, Kathy Carozza, Marcia Angel, Dolores Szatkowski, Robert Tomco, Helen Mulac; Alternate Directors: Don Newcamp and Jean Crouch.

Auditors: David Kost, Janis Gibala, and Janet Korch

Parish Tribunal: Dennis Burlikowski, Marian Sleczkowski and Rosalie Clark. We thank Neil Rushnock and Alexa Foster of the 2009 Council and retired from the Board.

2010 Special Mass and Anniversary Requests

If you have special dates for the 2010 year, please contact Fr. Bruce to enter them into the Church Ordo and Calendar. This also includes Hall Rentals. Thank You.

Feast of the Epiphany

We will celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany with the traditional blessing of incense, charcoal, and chalk during Holy Mass on January 6th at 10:00 A.M. The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates the visitation of the Christ Child by the Magi.



If you would like your home blessed during the Epiphany Season, please call Fr. Bruce at 412.276.5562 to make arrangements for your blessing.

Looking Ahead



February 2 nd	Presentation of the Lord
February 13 th	Night at the Races
February 17 th	Ash Wednesday
March 14 th	Institution of PNCC
July 4 th -8 th	Diocesan Youth Retreat
July 26 th -20 th	2010 National Youth Convocation
October 4 th -8 th	General Synod

Please Note: Winter is a beautiful time of the year and also can be hazardous driving like last Sunday. Safety is a main concern and if such conditions arise again, plan to attend the later Mass at 11:00 A.M. when the road crews have completed their work. Usually, the roads are cleared by that time. Please call Fr. Bruce @ 412.276.5562 (before 7:30 A.M. when Father normally leaves to drive to McKeesport) or Ted Gibala @ 412.678.7347 if in doubt.

New Year Prayer

"God, I want to change. I need to change and become a better servant. You made me for more than I am. But the truth is, I need more than my own resolve. I need you. I can't make the changes I must. Please work in me to lead me toward my destiny. Give me strength and determination and focus and the humility to ask you to work when and where I cannot. Thank you ahead of time for your strength to accomplish your purposes in me. In Jesus Christ I pray."