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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

(Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14; Psalm 128; Colossians 3:12-21); Luke 2:22-40

KEY VERSE: "They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord" (v.22).

READING: As faithful Jews, Mary and Joseph brought the infant Jesus to the Temple for the rite of purification (Lv

12:2-8). Though this poor family could not afford a lamb for the sacrifice, they held the "lamb of God" in their arms. In the Temple that day were two of God's faithful servants, Simeon and Anna, who awaited the deliverance of Israel. Simeon praised God for allowing him to see the one who would bring salvation to his people, and "light for revelation to the Gentiles" (Lk 2:32). Simeon's words to Mary pierced her heart; she would not be spared the suffering of her son. Luke paralleled the account of Simeon with that of Anna, a pious, elderly widow who spent her days in the Temple praying and fasting for the redemption of Israel. Anna is called a "prophetess," one who interpreted God's actions in the world. She gave thanks to God and told everyone that deliverance would come through this child. When they left the Temple, the holy family returned to Nazareth where their son Jesus grew in wisdom and grace.

REFLECTING: Do I tell others of salvation in Jesus?

PRAYING: Lord Jesus, help me to wait patiently for the fulfillment of your promises to me.

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Solemnity-Holy Family

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OPENING HYMN	“In a Manger Lies an Infant”	Hymnal Song 53
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INTROIT		Luke 2:15b-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.	
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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
Alleluia Verse		
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 2:22-40
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The New Year



Dear Lord, as this new year is born
I give it to Thy hand,
Content to walk by faith what paths
I cannot understand.



Whatever coming days may bring
Of bitter loss, or gain,
Or every crown of happiness;
Should sorrow come, or pain,

Or, Lord, if all unknown to me
Thine angel hovers near
To bear me to that farther shore
Before another year,

It matters not—my hand in Thine,
Thy light upon my face,
Thy boundless strength when I am weak,
Thy love and saving grace!

I only ask, loose not my hand,
Grip fast my soul, and be
My guiding light upon the path
Till, blind no more, I see!

--Martha Snell Nicholson



“They took Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord”
Luke 2:22b

Christmas Reflections

We began our Christmas Season at Holy Family with the 1st Sunday of Advent. It was joys having our youngest members light the Advent Candles each Sunday as we offered prayers of preparation for the coming of our Lord. We thank Kristen Korenoski for organizing the children each week. The Church building was decorated with elegance, bringing Christmas to life. It was wonderful that we had so many people participate. It took 2 full days to accomplish but it was well worth it from the approvals heard from all. The beautiful outdoor Nativity Scene greeted each and every one of us to worship as we drove into the drive way. There were two main events leading up to Christmas; the Village Singer's Advent Meditation Concert and the annual Parish Wigilia. If you didn't attend, you missed an inspirational concert that focused on the coming of the Lord in readings and songs as well as a fun evening with friends, a delicious meal, music by our choir, koledy, and of course Santa visit at our Wigilia. Christian unity was displayed with the presence of local neighbor pastors but for me, the highlight of the evening was when our parish friend, Clare Jeroski, age 103, danced her way to Santa, showing all of us how to be young in heart.

Christmas Eve began with the "Festival of Carols" presented by our Frederic Chopin Choir and Annunciation Bell Choir under the direction of Dr. Mushalko assisted by Mrs. Blotzer. The inspiring music set the scene for the Shepherd's Mass. Mass began with the lighting of the Christ Candle with the procession of the Nativity Figurines by our SOCL Youth. As the Christ Candle passed each pew, candles throughout the Church were lit; representing the Light of Christ has come into the world. Then the Christmas Trees were blessed and lit; followed by the traditional blessing of the Nativity Manger. I was pleased with the attendance at both Masses and you could feel Christ's presence among us. The joy of the season was evident with all the smiles and hugs between parishioners and friends. You could see the parish family united in love.

Now we can look forward to the new year. 2009 can be exciting for our parish if we keep the Spirit of Christmas alive in our hearts and minds. It will be sad putting away all the Christmas symbols but for me, the memory of Christmas 2008 will always be with me. Thank you all and again, Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

THEME: Is my family united in peace and love?

Jesus dwells in each one gathered as one family around the table. Young and old, male and female, everyone has a right to be heard, whether in instruction, prayer, or song. We may be aged, like Simeon and Anna, and feel that we have nothing to say. Yet they are models for today. They recognized Jesus in their midst, and they fearlessly proclaim God's saving light to all peoples. Their message gives hope to those who look forward to God's deliverance. Like the prophets before them, their words are filled with blessing and gratitude, sorrow and pain. Not all will accept their words. The child of peace will be opposed by conflict and disunity.

Mary and Joseph show us how to walk in God's ways. Submissive to God's word, their child is filled with wisdom and the grace of God. Like them, we are called to be a "holy family." Our words of correction must be tempered with humility and love. Whether in speech or action, whatever we do must be done in the name of Jesus.

Through the Society of St. Andrew, our Mission and Evangelism program, we can in the year 2009 bring many unchurched people to our parish. This mean there is much work and needed money to bring the great commission that Jesus has given to us as a Church. The Angels, Shepherds, Magi, Simeon and Anna, the Apostles and Disciples did it and so must we continue presenting the redeeming and saving powers of God through Jesus Christ. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the words will come but we must sacrifice the time, talent and treasure necessary. Then we will truly have a Holy Family, united as one with God.

Sunday Ministry Schedules

<u>This Week</u>	9:00 A.M.	11:30 A.M.
Lectors	Blue Team	B. Zaucha
Greeter	C. Trumpe	A. Fioravanti
Ushers	G. Jugan & S. Tadajski	D. Piesik
Acolytes	All Servers	All Servers
<u>Next Week</u>	9:00 A.M.	11:30 A.M.
Lectors	Youth Team	B. Zaucha
Greeters	H. Albeck	B. Kijowski
Ushers	Youth	T. Zaucha
Acolytes	All Servers	All Servers

This Week

Sunday, January 4, 2009

Solemnity-Holy Family

Holy Mass 9:00 A.M.
Installation of the 2009 Parish Council
Nursery School 9:00 A.M.
Coffee Hour 10:15 A.M.
SOCL 10:15 A.M.
Holy Mass 11:30 A.M.
SAMBS Mission Collections after Each Mass

Tuesday, January 6, 2009

Epiphany of the Lord

Holy Mass 9:00 A.M.
Blessing of Chalk and Incense

Saturday, January 10, 2009

First Communion Class 10:00 A.M.

Sunday, January 11, 2009

Solemnity-Baptism of the Lord

Holy Mass 9:00 A.M.
+Stella Solvay Int M/M J. Tomedolsky & +Sophie Szalankiewicz
Int M/M E. Cerini
Nursery School 9:00 A.M.
Coffee Hour 10:15 A.M.
SOCL 10:15 A.M.
SAMB Meeting 10:30 A.M.
Holy Mass 11:30 A.M.

New Year Resolutions

Love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength
Keep holy the Sabbath Day
Love your neighbor as yourself
Share your faith with all your family, friends and neighbors
Support your parish spiritually and financially to do God's Work

2009 Special Intentions Reservations

If you would like to reserve special dates for Mass Intentions or special events during the 2009 year, please see Father Bruce and he will mark these dates in the parish Ordo.

Don't forget to pick up your 2009 Parish Envelopes are in the Church Narthex. Envelopes this year will include the mandatory obligations: General Church Fund, Diocesan Development, 6% Fund. Our parish Stewardship program includes only the funds that remain in our parish and not the special envelopes that go to special programs of the Church. Please take yours home. If there is no envelope with your name, contact the parish office. For any questions, speak with Father. 2 Corinthians 9:6-9 — "Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously."

2009 Parish Council

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Feast of the Epiphany



This solemnity of the visitation of the Magi will be celebrated on January 6th at 9:00 A.M. with the blessing of incense and chalk. If you would like Father to bless your home during the Epiphany Season, please call him @ 412.276.5562 to set arrangements.