

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU!
MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

6:00PM 7:30AM 10:00AM

CANTORS: Allan Harrigan Dr. Gloria Callwood ADULT CHOIR
LECTORS: Valerie Doute Rita Brady-Bermudez YOUNG VINCENTIANS
 Christian Doute Agnes Nicholas YOUNG VINCENTIANS
EUCH MIN: Olga McBean Felicinne Marcillin Michelle Stout
 Allison Charles



Thank you for sewing !!!

Please pray for the members of our body who are sick or suffering. . .

HOSPITAL: Berecia Reid.

OFF ISLAND: Defy Francoise, Bertina Lestrade, Altagracia Padilla, Emile Joseph, Joseph Archer, Clementina Abraham, Lorna Greig, Maggie Dolphin, Bishop Thomas.

AT HOME: Rita Ledee, Rose Celestine, Margarita Feliciano, Martina Lewis, Olivia Gumbs, Ann Bedminster, John Joseph, Medina Scatliffe, Lilian Francis, Bernice Knight, Philomen Baron, Joyce McPherson, Claudy Brutus, McLean Fontain (Sparrow), Vernelle Gumbs, Evelyn Simon, Mary Lewis, Veronica Sealey, Isabel Dublin, Gerard Henry, Theresa Felix, Ruthine Johnson, Leal Stridiron, Grace Thompson.

SEAVIEW:
MASSAC: Margarita Knight.
LUCINDA MILLIN: Rita Thompson.
EBENEZER HOME: Cleota Hill.



And all the sick and suffering in our community!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY for the repose of the souls of loved ones who have been called home by our Savior. *If you or your loved one is going into the hospital, please contact the office so that you/they may receive the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.*

You are practicing Purposefulness when you ...

- *Have a clear vision of what you want to accomplish.*
- *Know why you are doing it.*
- *Focus on the goal.*
- *Get back on purpose if you get scattered on distracted.*
- *Do things one at a time and finish what you start.*
- *Persevere until you get the right results.*

Affirmation:

I am purposeful. I am clear about what I am doing and why. I stay focused on my goals. I know I can accomplish great things.

WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS

OFFICE HOURS

**Mondays - 10:00 AM
to 4:00 PM**
**Tuesday - Friday
7:30 AM - 4:00 PM**

HOLY FAMILY FINANCE COUNCIL

Alicia Douté Yasmine Haynes
 Jean Dragin Anneta Heyliger
 Claudia Winston Dan Hurley
 John T. Williams
 Rev. Neil Scantlebury (Pastor)

PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, bless us and grant us the grace to live in love and unity like you lived in the home of Nazareth. Answer the prayers we present to you this day (**for the renewal of our parish**). Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, assist us in all our needs, surround us with the protection of your love, and bring us to the joy of our eternal home in heaven. Amen.

O God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love you, and I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love you. Amen.

FUNERAL MASSES

Funeral Masses at Holy Family Church are held on the designated day at 9:00 a.m. If you would like a different time please contact the pastor. Tributes and solos are done before the Mass. Please keep your prelude activities to the minimum. **Funerals are NOT held on Wednesdays and on weekends (Saturdays and Sundays).** **Lectors of Holy Family Church will do the readings. Thank you for your cooperation.**

HOLY FAMILY PARISH COUNCIL

Monthly meeting is normally held on the third Wednesday of the month.

Eubald René (Chairman)
 Yasmine Haynes (Secretary)
 Bridget Toussaint
 Jennifer Johnson
 Christian Douté
 Mona Bedminster
 Felicia Felix
 Fr. Neil Scantlebury (Pastor)
 Fr. Kerly François (Assoc. Pastor)

NEXT MEETING

**Wednesday, March 15, 2017
at 6:30 pm in Lower Columban Hall.**

**Le Bleu
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PARISH CELEBRATION

Birthdays

Kayden Merchant, Bailey Love, Clayton McCleary, Nathan Bedminster, Woodmalie Dieu, Candace Bryan, Rodrick George, Shanna Attidore, Carrianna Thomas, Greselda Jule-Anderson, Glencworth Francis, Foirdaliza Rosario, Jean Pierre, Paul Gimenez, Dannel Fahie, Yvrose Mizard, Claudia Winston, Mary Lewis.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

*Jose & Dolores Velazquez - Jan. 26
 Errol & Patricia Grell - Jan. 28*

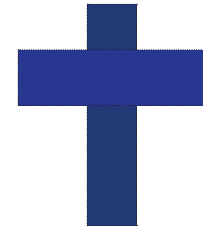


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

**Holy Family Catholic Church
Welcomes You!**

3rd, Sunday in Ordinary Time - Jan. 22, 2017

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Church of the Holy Family exists to Nurture and advance Christ's Eucharistic Unconditional Love to all, through Love of God and neighbor.

Pastor
 Reverend Neil Scantlebury

Associate Pastor
 Reverend Kerly François

Administrative Assistant
 Ms. Allison Charles

Sacristan
 Mr. Ryan John

Musicians
 Mr. Francis Callwood
 Mr. Verne Callwood
 Mr. Desmond Simmonds
 Mr. Ade Warrington

Volunteers
 Mrs. Jennifer Johnson
 Mr. Richard Callwood, III

CHANCERY: BISHOP'S OFFICE

(340) 774-3166

**Venerable Pierre Toussaint
Catholic Chapel**

4B-B Estate Bovoni
 St. Thomas VI 00802

**Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
- (Spanish)
6:00 p.m. - (Creole)
Thursday: 6:00 p.m.
(Creole)**

**When you enter THE CHURCH talk to GOD;
when you leave - talk to each other!**

WEEKEND MASSES

**Saturday: 6:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30 AM, 10:00 AM &
6:00 PM Creole Mass**

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday: 6:00 PM
 Tuesday - Thursday: 7:00 AM
 Wednesday: OLPH Novena before the
 7:00 AM Mass followed by
 Adoration after the mass to 5:30 PM
 Friday: Holy Hour - 6:00 PM
 Mass at 7:00 PM
Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Saturday: 5:15 PM - 5:45 PM
 or by appointment.

**Readings for the Week
of January 22, 2017**

Mon.: Hebrews 9:15, 24 - 28; Mark 3:22 - 30
 Tue.: Hebrews 10:1- 10; Mark 3:31 - 35
 Wed.: Acts 22:3 - 16; Mark 16:15 - 18
 Thur.: 2 Timothy 1: 1 - 8; Mark 4:21 - 25
 Fri.: Hebrews 10:32 - 39; Mark 4:26 - 34
 Sat.: Hebrews 11:1 - 2, 8 - 19;
 Mark 4:35 - 41

**NEXT SUNDAY:
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12 - 13
 1 Corinthians 1:26 - 31
 Matthew 5:1 - 12a

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Those who lived in the land of gloom now have joy, for the yoke that burdened them God has smashed.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10 - 13, 17

Paul wrote to the people of Corinth: let "there be no divisions among you ... be united in mind and in the same purpose." I have heard "that there are rivalries among you ... Is Christ divided?"

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 4:12 - 23

Jesus said to Simon Peter and Andrew, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they followed him. Jesus began to proclaim this: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." He cured many people. Our first reading from Isaiah sounds as if we were still in the Christmas season: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." But paired with today's Gospel, which repeats that phrase, it makes a powerful prelude to the beginning of Jesus' public ministry and the calling of the first apostles. Jesus' response to John the Baptist's arrest is to begin his announcement of the kingdom of heaven. How can today's word of God help us to respond to adversity?

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

6:00 PM: Deceased deacons of the diocese.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: God's healing and protection for Shanell Mondesire rb Her mother.

10:00 AM: Carmen Hernandez rb Silvia Munoz.

6:00 PM: God's continued blessings for the Haitian Community.

Daily Masses:

Mon. Jan. 23, 6:00 PM: **St. William of Bourges**
Ricky Maxwell (d) rb His family.

Tues. Jan. 24, 7:00 AM: **St. Francis de Sales**
God's continued blessings and guidance for Francis Callwood.

Wed. Jan. 25, 7:00 AM: **The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle - Feast**
Mary Boyce (d) and David Boyce, Jr. (d) rb Irene Morris.

Thurs. Jan. 26, 7:00 AM: **Memorial of St. Timothy and St. Titus**
Birthday blessings for Anna May Comment rb Maureen Petersen.

Fri. Jan. 27, 7:00 PM: **St. Angella Merici**
Kate McGennity rb Estelle Farro.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION: This week's second collection goes towards the **Priests' Pension Fund.** Next week's second collection will go towards **Catholic Education.** As always we thank you for your generosity.

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning for **God's guidance, blessings and protection for the children and grandchildren of Mona Bedminster.** You can request Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

THANK YOU: Rev. Neil Scantlebury and Rev. Kerly Francois extend sincere thanks to Ms. Alicia Doute and the committee who planned, prepared and cooked for our just concluded fun day, last **Sunday, January 17, 2017.** Thanks to all who participated in the various races and competitions. We trust that everyone had an enjoyable time in fun and fellowship. We pray God's continued blessings on all who contributed in one way or another. Once again, thank you.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly Francois and Rev. Neil Scantlebury extend sincere sympathy to Dianne DeWindt and family on the passing of her sister, **Eleanor Jackson-Thomas** who died on **Saturday, January 14, 2017,** in New York. The funeral Mass for the late **Eleanor Jackson-Thomas** will take place at Holy Family church on **Thursday, February 9, 2017** at 10:00a.m. Tributes will precede the Mass at 9:00 a.m. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

FOOD FOR THE POOR: This weekend we will collect non-perishable items for our less fortunate brothers and sisters within our community. As always, we thank you for your generosity, and may God continue to bless you and your family abundantly.

FREE CONCERT: The St. Thomas Reformed Church (STRC) will host a free concert this **Sunday, January 22, 2017,** at 4:00 p.m. for the dedication of their new Bravura L-342 by Allen Organ. All are invited to attend.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY 2017: All couples who were married in the Catholic Church for 20 years or more, in a year ending in a "2" or a "7"; (for example 1987 = 30, 1992 = 25 years), will be presented with a certificate signed by the bishop on the weekend of **February 11 - 12, 2017.** **Anyone married 50+ years (1967 or earlier)** are also eligible regardless of the year they were married. Please fill out the form at the entrance of the church or call the church office at 340-775-1650 **no later than Monday, January 30, 2017.** No names will be accepted after that date.

2017 KEYS AND SWORD AWARD BENEFIT!!!! Join us for the 8th Annual Keys and Sword Award Benefit on **Saturday, February 11, 2017** at the Marriott Frenchman's Reef Grand Ballroom. We look forward to welcoming you. The honorees are **The Knights and Dames of Malta.** **SAVE THE DATE. Tickets can be bought from Jennifer Johnson, Vincia St. Jean, Jean Dragin and the church office.**

PRIESTS' RETREAT: The Priests of this diocese will be having their annual priests' retreat at Upper Columban Hall from **Monday, February 12 to Thursday, February 16, 2017.** Please keep our priests in your prayers as they prepare for their retreat.

NEW AT HOLY FAMILY: Please check out our new website at **www.holyfamilystt.com** and our face book page at **Holy Familyvi.** Also, (1) Log on to **FORMED.ORG/REGISTRATION** then use the parish code **QMPGC4.** (2) **MYPARISHAPP:** Access the App Store, download the **MYPARISH APP,** put in the name of your parish (Holy Family).

LITURGY AND WORD

Capernaum in Galilee is the scene of the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Capernaum is situated on the North-west shore of the Sea of Galilee in the general area allotted to the tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali. It is a substantial distance (about 50 kms) from Nazareth, which is in the centre of Lower Galilee. If any city can be called the home-base of Jesus' ministry in Galilee, it was Capernaum.

Matthew has a penchant for fulfillment quotations. He quotes Isaiah about people who walked in darkness seeing a great light. Those who walk in darkness see nothing; they are anxious and afraid, and so according to the Old Testament they are already in the power and the realm of the underworld and of death. Their relationship with God is blotted out, so they are far from him. Conversely, those who are in the light can look around and make use of what they have been offered. Here men feel joy as beings who realize themselves through action. However, as the brightness of the world is threatened by the darkness of death, they need the presence and saving concern of God, so that they do not experience this world as a place of danger and this life as a burden, but rather see it as the place and possibility for free and happy action. Thus God's presence is the source of the light which shines on the life of the individual or on the whole people. The first step that Jesus takes in the realization of his mission is the choosing of disciples. Galilee is the place in which Jesus' public ministry began. Except for the final days in Jerusalem his ministry was confined to Galilee according to the Synoptic Gospels; John presents Jesus going back and forth between Galilee and Jerusalem. In Jesus' time Galilee was a small area bounded on the East by the Jordan River and the Sea of Galilee, on the South by Samaria, and on the North and west by Syro-Phoenicia.

In Jesus' time Galilee was under the political control of Herod Antipas, a son of Herod the great. After 6 A.D. when Archelaus, the brother of Herod Antipas, was relieved of his control over Judea, that district was administered by a series of Roman governors, the most famous of who was Pontius Pilate (AD 26-36).

Jesus calls his first disciples: Simon Peter and Andrew, James and John. The lack of preparation, the simple commands given by Jesus, and the immediate responses all underline the attractiveness and personality of Jesus.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Every week the report on stewardship will include our gifts of time, talent, and treasure. In gratitude to God, we give of our first fruits to help fulfill God's mission of love here on earth.

Attendance: Last Weekend: **427**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$6,991.90

SECOND COLLECTION:

Music Ministry: \$1,475.12

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS FOR 2016

LITURGY AND WORD CONT'D

The periscope also serves to introduce the members of Jesus' inner circle, who will accompany him to Jerusalem and become eye witnesses of the events that would take place there. To a Jewish audience the dynamics of the call of the first disciples would have seemed unusual. It was customary in Jewish circles that disciples should search out a teacher. Here, however, Jesus takes the initiative by choosing and summoning those whom he wanted to be his disciples. In order to belong to Jesus, we also must be chosen by him. The choice of fishermen did not go in vain. Peter became the unopposed leader of the group of apostles. His prominence and influence is huge even today. John, another disciple, gave us the most spiritual of the Gospels. By offering ourselves, we can also become part of the mission that Jesus accomplished and which should be continued.

