

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU!
MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

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

CANTORS: Allan Harrigan Dr. Gloria B. Callwood Marguerite René

LECTORS: Ruth Smith Jalila Thomas YOUNG
Margarita Smith Agnes Nicholas VINCENTIANS

EUCH MIN: Dolores Velazquez Felicinne Marcellin Michelle Stout
Rose Labadie

Thank you for sewing !!!

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

HOSPITAL: Rita Thompson.

OFF ISLAND: Defy Francoise, Bertina Lestrade, Altagracia Padilla, Emile Joseph, Joseph Archer, Clementina Abraham, Maggie Dolphin, Bishop Thomas, John Gimenez, Jean Dragin.

AT HOME: Rita Ledee, Rose Celestine, Margarita Feliciano, Martina Lewis, Olivia Gumbs, Ann Bedminster, Medina Scatliffe, 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, Grace Thompson, Baby Elizabeth Dolphin, Andrea Victorine, Josephine James.

SEAVIEW:

MASSAC: Margarita Knight.

LUCINDA MILLIN:

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 Creativity when you ...

**Discover your gifts.*

**Use knowledge and training to develop them.*

**Think of new ways to make things work better.*

**Use your imagination.*

**Take time for dreaming.*

**Do things in your own creative way.*

Affirmation:

I am creative. I have special gifts and use discipline to develop them. I am open to inspiration. I am happy to be myself.

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)

HURRICANE PRAYER

God our Father, all the elements of nature obey Your commands. Keep us safe from the danger of hurricanes and all other natural disasters. Let us always feel the presence of Your love. May we be secure in Your protection and turn our fears into praise of Your goodness. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen!

HURRICANE SEASON: JUNE 1 TO NOVEMBER 30:

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, August 17, 2017
at 6:30 pm in Lower Columban Hall.**

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**PARISH CELEBRATION
Birthdays**

Matthew Laville, Gregory Auguiste, Jr., Kyle Hodge, Celina Rodney, Dawens Dorcely, Deshawn Liverpool, Ajayi Pickering-Haynes, Gilbert Isidore, Brandt Smith, Adonté Donastorg, Esau Brooks, Renesha Henderson, Narsha Alcendor, Adeline Delphin, Arlene Lawrence, Patrick Henry, Solomon Robinson, Marilyn Beausoliel, Glenroy Warrington, Jacques Rogers.

Anniversaries

Alvin & Christine Alexander - June 25
Akeem & Danna Knight - June 26
Kent & Donnia Attidore-Meyer - June 27
Joseph & Beverly St. Thomas - June 30

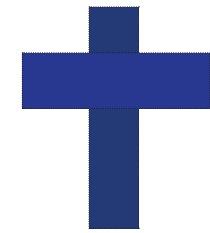


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

**Holy Family Catholic Church
Welcomes You!**

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 25, 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

Interim Deacon
Rev. Mr. Evans Doway

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 June 25, 2017**

Mon.: Genesis 12:1 - 9; Matthew 7:1 - 5

Tue.: Genesis 13:2, 5 - 18; Matt. 7:6, 12 - 14

Wed.: Gen. 15:1-12, 17 - 18; Matt. 7:15 - 20

Thur.: Acts 12:1 - 11; 2 Tim. 4:6 - 8, 17 - 18;
Matthew 16:13 - 19

Fri.: Gen. 17:1, 9 - 10, 15 - 22; Matt. 8:1 - 4

Sat.: Genesis 18:1 - 15; Matthew 8:5 - 17

**NEXT SUNDAY:
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

2 Kings 4:8 - 11, 14 - 16a
Romans 6:3 - 4, 8 - 11
Matthew 10:37 - 42

12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:10 - 13

Through these verses Jeremiah gives vent to the bitter feelings of rejection that he experiences. The final verse of this passage expresses Jeremiah's confidence that God can change the course of events and punish his enemies.

SECOND READING: Romans 5:12 - 15

In these verses Paul speaks about the genesis of sin. In fact, the idea of the "Original Sin" builds on what Paul teaches in this paragrah.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 10:26 - 33

Jesus tells his disciples that they are to fear God alone and not human beings. Further, they need to trust in God's care for them.

If Christ says to "speak in the light" that which he has said in darkness, is that speaking meant to dispel the darkness? What statements in this reading show that Jesus wants to establish a dynamic reality? Can you "proclaim" the Good News today "from the housetops"? What does that mean?

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

6:00 PM: Thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit for guidance and protection for Glenroy Warrington rb His mother, Lola Warrington.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: God's grace, guidance and protection for Keith Augustine rb His mother Ann Luke.

10:00 AM: God's deliverance and conversion for Cedric Cills rb Alma Wells.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. June 26, 6:00 PM: *St. Anthelm*
For the sick and shut-ins of Holy Family Parish.

Tues. June 27, 7:00 AM: *St. Cyril of Alexandria*
God's healing and deliverance for Holy Family parishioners.

Wed. June 28, 7:00 AM: *St. Irenaeus*
Birthday blessings for Michele Richards rb the Douté, Brown, Ferrell & Smith families.

Thurs. June 29, 7:00 AM: *Sts. Peter & Paul*
For the deceased parishioners of Holy Family.

Fri. June 30, 7:00 PM: *First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church*
Rose & Richard Cook (d) rb Estelle Farro.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION: This week's second collection goes towards *Peter's Pence Collection*. Next week's second collection will go towards the *Renovation Fund*. As always we thank you for your generosity.

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning for *birthday blessings for Veda Henry requested by Veda Henry*. You can request Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

CERTIFICATES: Certificates for children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on *April 9, 2017* and First Holy Communion on *May 7, 2017*, and for those baptized on *May 7, 2017*, can be picked up by the parents from the church office.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François, Rev. Neil Scantlebury and Deacon Evans Doway extend sincere sympathy to the family of Courtney Alvaro Callwood, who died on *Wednesday, June 7, 2017*. The funeral Mass for the late Courtney Alvaro Callwood was held on *Friday, June 23, 2017* at Holy Family Church. May his 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. Once again, thank you.

STS. PETER AND PAUL FEAST DAY: Please join us for a Sts. Peter and Paul patronal feast day celebration at the cathedral this *Sunday, June 25, 2017*. Masses will be at 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. A reception will follow the 9:00 a.m. mass in the school courtyard.

MISSIONARIES: A missionary group from the mainland will be doing a Vacation Bible School for youth, ages 5 through 10, on *Monday, June 26 to Thursday, June 29*, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Sts Peter & Paul Catholic School. The cost is free. The children will be doing skits, singing songs, playing games, and doing art projects, based on a Christ-centered theme. Please pick up a registration form in the back of the church and send it with your child on Monday, June 26, 2017.

Also, if you or a friend has a special need, such as needing some work done on your home, and you cannot afford it, they may be able to help. If so, please take one of the registration forms for the VBS and call the number on the form. Thank you.

PRAYER GROUP 40TH ANNIVERSARY: The Holy Family Catholic Charismatic Prayer group is celebrating its 40th anniversary on July 4th. The celebrations will begin with a Thanksgiving Mass on *Monday July 3, 2017*, at 6:30 p.m. There will be a half hour of Praise and Worship beginning at 6:00 p.m.

An invitation is extended to everyone to join them on *Wednesday July 5, 2017*, during the All Day Adoration to spend some time in adoration and worship to the Almighty God. At 3:00 p.m the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be sung. This will be followed by an interlude of Praise and Worship, the Holy Rosary and a period of intercessory prayer. All members, past members and the entire Holy Family parish are invited. Come and present your prayers and petitions to the Lord. The anniversary celebrations will end with a healing service on *Monday July 10, 2017*, at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

LITURGY AND WORD

The words of Jeremiah about the frightening situation that he faces from his adversaries set the tone for the theme of today's liturgy – the persecution of the pious by the wicked. The First Reading of today is a bitter cry from Jeremiah against all the atrocities that he faces. His enemies are really desperate to trap him. But Jeremiah puts his trust in God who will deliver him from his enemies.

In spite of God's assurances of protection, Jeremiah still feels that he has been unfairly exposed to danger, perhaps even that he has been misled, and that his great sacrifices for the cause of his prophetic ministry has been in vain. He also feels that he is powerless to do anything other than proclaim doom and face isolation from others. Verse 10 gives a pathetic picture of his rejection by others. Such a sense of isolation can be a common experience for a Christian. It is, however, in its own way a deception, because the more fundamental truth is that God intends good for his faithful servants (Rom 8:28-30). Jeremiah comes to know about this (vv 11-12), seeing again the truth that God will be just and therefore will act with integrity towards him, but he has no hesitation in sharing his feelings with God.

The second reading deals with the ever present question of sin. Paul explains how sin came into the world and how it causes death and how it spreads to the whole human race. Sin characterizes the intentional transgression against God's will. For sin is that condition and activity of human beings that is offensive to God, their Creator. However, it is only when they are conscious of his holiness that they become truly aware of their sin. The book of Genesis reveals how human beings were created by God without sin but how they chose to act contrary to his revealed will and thereby sin became endemic feature of human existence. Sin is the revolt against the holiness and the sovereign will of God. There is no person in Israel or the whole world who is not a sinner. However, those who have a right relationship with God receive his forgiveness, and walk in his ways are sometimes described as righteous and blameless. This is not because they are free from sin, but because the true direction of their lives is to serve and please God in the way he requires.

Paul has much to say about sin. He believed that sin is revealed by the law of God, but it is only as the Holy Spirit enlightens the mind that a person truly sees what righteousness the law demands from us. The origin of sin can be traced back to the first human beings, Adam and Eve, and to their revolt against the Lord. Paul declared that God sent his only Son to be a sin offering. Jesus made himself to be the friends of sinners, and he understood that his ministry leading to death was the fulfillment of the ministry of the Suffering Servant who gives his life as a ransom for many (Mk 10:45).

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: **455**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: **\$5,640.10**

SECOND COLLECTION:

Youth Ministry: **\$1,275.98**

Our Bishop's Appeal contribution now amounts to \$28,693.00, 72% of our goal of \$40,000.00. As always we thank you for your continuous contribution towards our Bishop's Appeal. Once again, thank you.

LITURGY AND WORD CONT'D

The Gospel also presupposes persecution and difficulties for the Christian community of Matthew but presents the message that there is no need to be afraid. God cares for all, even for the sparrows. The sparrow, a small bird eaten by the poor, was the cheapest meat that one could buy in the market. The sparrow's "fall to the ground" describes his death—which does not occur without God's knowledge and care. If God cares for the sparrows, how much more does he care for humans?

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One day an eagle swooped down from the sky and carried away a tiny baby who was sleeping on the front porch of his mother's cottage. Nearly everyone in the village ran after it, but the eagle soon placed the baby high up on a cliff, near its nest. It quickly became evident that the baby might never be recovered. A sailor tried to climb the cliff, but his limbs began to tremble and he had to give up the attempt. Then a shepherd, accustomed to climbing, tried. But after a short distance he lost his footing and fell to the bottom of the cliff. At last a peasant woman tried. She put her feet on one shelf of the rock, and then on another, then on a third.

Slowly she climbed higher and higher until she reached the eagle's nest at the top of the cliff. She took the baby in her arms, and then step by step, she began the dangerous descent. She moved slowly and carefully. Finally, she stood at the bottom of the cliff with the baby safe in her arms. She was the baby's mother.

Keep Calm
my Friends
and Have
a Blessed
SUNDAY