

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU!
MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

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

CANTORS: Allan Harrigan	Dr. Gloria Callwood	Mona Bedminster
LECTORS: Keith Steele Margarita Smith	Alma Wells Noreen Joseph	Families for Christ Families for Christ
EUCH MIN: Dolores Velazquez Olga McBean	Rose, Catherina, Bridget & Felicinne	Eublad Rene Marguerite Rene

Thank you for serving !!!

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, 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:
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 Modesty when you ...

**Are comfortable being who you are.*

**Respect yourself.*

**Do not permit anyone to abuse your body.*

**Set boundaries about your right to privacy.*

**Accept praise with humility and gratitude.*

**Share your victories without boasting.*

Affirmation:

I am modest. I have no need to brag. I dress in a way that shows respect for myself and others. I protect myself from disrespectful attention.

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 16, 2017
at 6:30 pm in Lower Columban Hall.**

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**PARISH CELEBRATION
Birthdays**

Yveline Antoine, Geraldo Laurent, Jevon Vanterpool, Yolande Joseph, Mellissa Christmas, Nahomie Dor, Kelly Webbe, Denise Duvers, Dwight Bruney, Sheryl Griffith, Nicholas Penny, Fitzroy Esprit, Johnny Cornelius, Malcom Martin, Esparanza Cole, Ursula Prosper, Derrick Hodge, Harrison Isidore, Emilio Pouchette.

Anniversaries

*Harry & Yvonne Freeman - Aug. 7
Delvin & Stephanie Hodge - Aug. 7
Joseph & Claudia Samuel - Aug. 9
Jimille & Sencelia Reynolds - Aug. 11
Elric & Merle Vanterpool - Aug. 12*

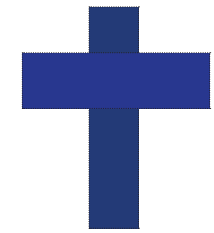


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

**Holy Family Catholic Church
Welcomes You!**

Transfiguration of the Lord - Aug. 6, 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. Peter Laurencin

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

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**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 August 6, 2017**

Mon.: Num. 11:4b - 15; Matthew 14:13 - 21

Tue.: Num. 12:1 - 13; Matthew 14:22 - 36

Wed.: Num. 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26a-29a,34-35;
Matthew 15:21 - 28

Thur.: 2 Cor. 9:6 - 10; John 12:24 - 26

Fri.: Deut.4:32 - 40; Matthew 16:24 - 28

Sat.: Deut. 6:4 - 13; Matthew 17:14 - 20

**NEXT SUNDAY:
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1 Kings 19: 9a, 11 - 13a
Romans 9:1 - 5
Matthew 14:22 - 23

The Transfiguration of the Lord

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:9 - 10, 13 - 14

Daniel had a vision of the Ancient One seated on a throne of fire and wearing snow-bright clothing. One like a Son of man came on clouds to receive glory.

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16 - 19

Peter wrote that he witnessed the majesty of the Lord Jesus Christ: "We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain."

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 17:1 - 9

On the high mountain Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James and John, and with him appeared Moses and Elijah. A voice from the cloud said "This is my beloved Son ... listen to him."

Today we hear an eyewitness account of the transfiguration from Peter himself in our second reading. As we hear his words together with those of the prophet Daniel and the Gospel proclamation, we should pay attention to Peter's admonition that we would do well to be attentive to this message. So let us attend to these words, and reflect on how Jesus has shown what awaits each of us who follow him with sincere hearts.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

6:00 PM: Diana Hermon (deceased) rb The Children of Mary.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Angelina Iwundi (deceased) rb Her daughter, Tina La Penna.

10:00 AM: God's protection, deliverance for John Durand rb His mother.

6:00 PM: God's continued healing and deliverance for the Haitian community.

Daily Masses:

Mon. Aug. 7, 6:00 PM: **St. Cajetan**

In thanksgiving to God for Mellissa Christmas rb Her mother,
Esther Henderson-Mellow.

Tues. Aug. 8, 7:00 AM: **St. Dominic**

Patricia Jno-Lewis (deceased) rb Her daughter, Mona Bedminster.

Wed. Aug. 9, 7:00 AM: **St. Edith Stein**

Bryon Thomas (deceased) rb His mother, Eve Ogiste.

Thurs. Aug. 10, 7:00 AM: **St. Lawrence - Feast**

Susann Speights (deceased) rb The Rouse family.

Fri. Aug. 11, 7:00 PM: **St. Clare**

Eugene Farro (deceased) rb Estelle Farro.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning for *birthday blessings for Mellissa Christmas, requested by her mother, Esther Henderson-Mellow*. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES: All 2017 high school graduates who are active in the church are asked to sign your name for the 2017 St. Joseph Workers' Scholarship. The signup sheet is located on the table at the entrance of the church. Congratulations.

CAKE SALE: The Holy Family Lord's Anointed pantomime group will be having cake sale this weekend after each mass, **August 5, and 6, 2017**. This fundraiser is in aid of new liturgical clothing and accessories. Thank you in advance for support and may God richly bless you always.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François, Rev. Neil Scantlebury and Deacon Peter Laurencin extend sincere sympathy to **Elma Lewis** and family on the passing of her nephew, **Julius Matthew**, who died on **Friday, July 21, 2017**. The funeral Service for the late **Julius Matthew** took place on **Friday, August 4, 2017** at Holy Family Church. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François, Rev. Neil Scantlebury and Deacon Peter Laurencin extend sincere sympathy to **Joanne Eustache Benjamin** and family on the passing of her brother, **Jason Augustin Eustache, Sr.**, who died on **Wednesday, July 26, 2017**. The funeral Service for the late **Jason Augustin Eustache, Sr.**, will take place on **Tuesday, August 15, 2017** at Holy Family Church. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François, Rev. Neil Scantlebury and Deacon Peter Laurencin extend sincere sympathy to **Leon Richards** and family on the passing of his mother, **Surfrona Amelia Richards**, who died on **Wednesday, July 26, 2017**. The funeral Service for the late **Surfrona Amelia Richards** will take place on **Friday, August 18, 2017** at Holy Family Church. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

FATIMA CELEBRATIONS: The Children of Mary invites everyone to a series of celebrations celebrating the hundredth year of Our Lady's appearance to the children in Fatima. The next celebration is **Sunday, August 13, 2017** at Our Lady of Cassi Hill Shrine at 7:00 p.m. Fr. John Fewel will be preaching along with devotions to Our Lady. The celebrations will continue on the 13th of each month until **October 13, 2017**. Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Please note that on **Tuesday, August 15, 2017**, is the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. Therefore, there will be two masses on that day, **7:00a.m. and 7:00 p.m.** Please make every effort to fulfill your obligation.

CASSI HILL PILGRIMAGE: The 70th Annual Pilgrimage to Cassi Hill will be celebrated on **Sunday, August 20, 2017**. We will gather at Four Winds Plaza from 2:00 p.m. The procession begins at 2:30 p.m. to Our Lady of Cassi Hill Shrine. We will end with a closing mass at Holy Family Church at 3:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served after the mass in the classroom. All are invited.

LITURGY AND WORD

In the year 1464 a sculptor named Agostino di Duccio began working on a huge piece of flawed marble. Intending to produce a magnificent sculpture of an Old Testament prophet for a cathedral in Florence, Italy. He labored for two years and then stopped. In 1476 Antonio Rossellino started to work on the same piece of marble and in time he abandoned it also. In 1501 a 26-year-old sculptor named Michelangelo was offered a considerable sum of money to produce something worthwhile from that enormous block of marble called "the giant". As he began his work, he saw a major flaw near the bottom that had stymied other sculptors, including (it is said) Leonardo da Vinci. He decided to turn that part of the stone into a broken tree stump that would support the right leg. The rest he worked on for four years until he had produced the incomparable "David". Today the seventeen-foot-tall statue stands on display at the Accademia Gallery in Florence where people come from around the world to view it. More than a masterpiece, it is one of the greatest works of art ever produced. How did he do it? Here is the answer in his own words: "In every block of marble I see a statue as plain as though it stood before me, shaped and perfect in attitude and action. I have only to hew away the rough walls that imprison the lovely apparition to reveal it to the other eyes as mine see it." Said in more colloquial terms, "I cut away everything that didn't look like David." The transfiguration of Jesus opens us to ever newer and awe inspiring experiences of God. When Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say I am?", it was Peter who came with an inspired answer to Jesus telling, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Mt 16:15-16). Jesus immediately reminded Peter that this answer is a revealed one from the heavenly Father. Later when Jesus speaks to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the Jewish authorities, the chief priests and the teachers of the law and be killed, and be raised on the third day" (Mt 16:21), Peter can only rebuke Jesus and tell him, "Never, Lord! No, this must never happen to you" (Mt 16:22). Peter fails to look beyond the cross and he will never be able to look beyond the cross from where he is and so Jesus takes him to that place where Jesus is. For Peter the experience of the Transfiguration is highly relevant because that will help him later to become a committed and resolute follow-

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: **421**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$ 5,337.00

SECOND COLLECTION:

Catholic Education: \$1,159.85

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

er of Christ for whom he is ever ready and willing to sacrifice his life. Jesus was transfigured on the mount Tabor and Peter was transformed there for the unique privilege Jesus had offered him.

As Taya Smith, an Australian singer wrote, "Now I know I have seen Your glory that cannot be unseen. I am changed and changing still as I look upon You and believe." The disciples of Jesus are challenged to be transfigured from inside of them and that helps them to gaze at Jesus to behold his dazzling beauty beyond compare. We all know that caterpillars cannot fly, but they are born to fly. When the caterpillar has been changed into a butterfly, it becomes what God always intended it to be. In the same way, Jesus knows who and where we are and when he takes us to where he is we too shall be what God intends us to be. Let us pray with Taya Smith: "Jesus, reveal yourself more to us, we pray. As we step out in faith, we pray that you'd meet us, and show more of yourself to us. That's most wonderful, unusual miracle that we could hope for; to know you more..." Let us acknowledge the fact that no matter how long we have walked with the Lord, there is always more of Him for us to know and experience.

