

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU!  
**MINISTERS' SCHEDULE**

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

<b>CANTORS:</b> Allan Harrigan	Dr. Gloria Callwood Felicinne Marcillin	Melita Etienne
<b>LECTORS:</b> Helena Enrique Keith Steele	Alma Wells Jalila Thomas	Suzanne Adrien Ursula Prosper
<b>EUCH MIN:</b> Dolores Velazquez	Rose Labadie Bridget Toussaint	Franklin Howe Antoinette Howe

*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, 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 Kindness when you ...*

*\*Give tender attention tho those who need help.*

*\*Do thoughtful things to give others happiness.*

*\*Practice habits that help the environment.*

*\*Resist the temptation to be cruel.*

*\*Accept people who are different.*

**Affirmation:**

*I am kind. I show compassion to others. I have the courage to show I care.*

**WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS**

**OFFICE HOURS**

**Mondays - 10:00 AM  
to 4:00 PM**

**Tuesday - Friday  
7:30 AM - 4:00 PM**

**Save the Date...**

**Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference  
October 20th - 22nd, 2017**

**Theme: "Pray Unceasingly" 1Thess 5:17**

**COLUMBAN HALL**

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

**Le Bleu  
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**PARISH CELEBRATION  
Birthdays**

*Terrence George, Angelique Rangel, Mateo Felix, Gersha Eusebe, Caroline Phelan, Jeevan Winston, PJ Chemont, Vinneisha Clement, Michael Jackson, Kim Smith, Kenan Ottley, Eva St. Helen, Rodney Badeau, Khito Brown, Stephanie Hodge, Otto Etienne, Nell Attidore, Sabinia Francis, Chad Frederick, Ebonique Esprit, Elena Giberga, Lornis Paul, Samson Alcendor Atherley Bruno, Marie Bourdeau, Esther Henderson-Mello, Thomas Alexander, Victoria Ferguson, Noreen Joseph, Edmond Baptiste, Josefina Donastorg.*

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**  
*John & Norma Gimenez - Sept. 10*

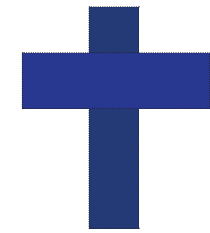


*Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!*

**Holy Family Catholic Church  
Welcomes You!**

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sept. 10, 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**  
Ms. 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 September 10, 2017**

Mon.: Colossians 1:24 - 2:3; Luke 6:6 - 11  
Tue.: Colossians 2:6 - 15; Luke 6:12 - 19  
Wed.: Colossians 3:1 - 11; Luke 6:20 - 26  
Thur.: Numbers 21:4b - 9; Phil. 2:6 - 11  
John 3:13 - 17  
Fri.: Hebrews 5:7 - 9; John 19:25 - 27  
Sat.: 1Timothy 1:15 - 17; Luke 6:43 - 49

**NEXT SUNDAY:  
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sirach 27:30 - 28:7  
Romans 14:7 - 9  
Matthew 18:21 - 35



## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

#### FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7 - 9

God called the prophet as a watchman for the house of Israel. Unless those called by God try to turn the wicked away from evil, they will not be saved. When holy people speak up in God's behalf, they are saved.

#### SECOND READING: Romans 13:8 - 10

All commandments are summed up in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law."

#### GOSPEL READING: Matthew 18:15 - 20

Jesus said, "If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Our first reading and Gospel today give us a model to follow when difference arise among us. The way to follow this model is to love one another, as Paul exhorts us to do in the second reading. Yet listen for Jesus' advice for how to deal with someone who is intransigent: "treat him as you would a Gentle or a tax collector." How did Jesus treat them? What does that mean for you?

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

6:00 PM: Birthday blessings and God's guidance and protection for Oner Renal rb His mother.

#### Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings for Brianna Brown rb The Brown, Doute, Ferrell and Smith families.

Birthday blessings for Noreen Joseph rb Noreen Joseph.

10:00 AM: Rev. Mr. Roy Bruney (deceased).

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

#### Daily Masses:

Mon. Sept. 11, 6:00 PM: *St. Lawrence Justinian*  
Birthday bessings for Esther Henderson-Mellow rb Her children.

Tues. Sept. 12, 7:00 AM: *Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
Alvera Roberts (deceased) rb Ther Rouse family.

Wed. Sept. 13, 7:00 AM: *St. John Chrysostom*  
God's protection and guidance John Antoine rb His mother.

Thurs. Sept. 14, 7:00 AM: *Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Feast*  
Birthday blessings for Gersha Eusebe rb Her family,

Fri. Sept. 15, 7:00 PM: *Our Lady of Sorrows*  
Birthday blessings for Leroy E. Hodge, rb Cleopha Rawlings.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SECOND COLLECTION:** This week's second collection goes towards the *Bishop's Appeal*. Next week's second collection will go towards *Youth Ministry*. As always we thank you for your generosity.

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** This week the Eternal Candle is burning *for God's continued guidance for the CCD Volunteers*. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

**BAPTISM CLASS:** Baptism class commenced on **Monday September 4, 2017**, at 7:00 p.m. in Lower Columban Hall, and will continue every Monday in September Application forms for Baptism can be collected from the church office and should be completed before the start of the program. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

**FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL DAY:** Families for Christ would like to extend sincere thanks to all who contributed, attended and participated in the just concluded family fun festival last Saturday. May God continue to bless you abundantly. Once again, thank you.

**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 **Wednesday, September 13, 2017** at Our Lady of Cassi Hill Shrine at 7:00 p.m. The final celebration will be on Friday, **October 13, 2017**. Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

**TOURIST FOR A DAY:** The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Court 2049 will be hosting "A Tourist for A Day" on **Saturday, September 23, 2017**. We begin the tour of the island from Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral at 8:30 a.m., followed by a delicious lunch at Magens Bay, Shed #1 with music and swimming. The day of fun ends at 3:00 p.m. **Donation \$40.00**. Tickets available from Catholic Daughters of the Americas members or **Alicia Douté at 340-626-8607**.

**LUNCHEON:** Holy Family church will be hosting a luncheon on **Sunday, October 8, 2017**, to honor the members of The Children of Mary. This celebration is in commemoration of the 70th anniversary of Cassi Hill and the 100th anniversary celebration of Our Lady of Fatima. This luncheon will start at 12:30 p.m. in Upper Columban Hall. Donations: Adults - \$50.00; Children \$30.00 at the door.

**CULTURAL DANCE EXTRAVAGANZA:** The Holy Family Youth Cultural Dancers will host a second Cultural Dance Extravaganza on **Saturday, October 14, 2017**, in Upper Columban Hall. Several cultural groups in our community will perform. Most of the proceeds will go towards the renovation of our parish. Tickets are \$25.00.

**REFURBISHING OF PEWS:** Please help us refurbish our pews. It will cost \$660.00 to refurbish one pew. There is a bottle near the entrance of the church for your donation. Thank you for your usual kindness and generosity. God bless.

**AT HOLY FAMILY:** Please check out our 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

A man approached St Francis of Assisi and asked him, "Brother Francis, I am in a quandary. In the Bible it says we should rebuke sinners, but I see people sinning all the time. I don't feel like I should go around rebuking everybody." St Francis thought and then said, "What you must do is to live in such a way that your life rebukes the sinner - how you act will call others to repentance." Today's people seem to be experts in finding out the faults and failures of others. People feel proud and satisfied to exaggerate the limitations, shortcomings and failures of others and rebuke and belittle them uncharitably. Jesus very clearly reprimanded us by telling, "Why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye and not see the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother: "Come, let me take the speck out from your eye", as long as that plank is in your own? Jesus expects each one of us his disciples to become aware of our faults and failures so that the fraternal corrections that we want to make will be more credible and effective. Today's first reading and the gospel challenge us. Prophet Ezekiel tells us, "If I say to the wicked, O wicked man, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked man shall surely die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand". Jesus tells us "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault." Both the Prophet and Jesus tell us that the other who does a wrong thing deserves help and timely corrections so that he or she may come away from his or her faults and lead a worthy life. According to Ezekiel we need to become "watchmen" for others and for Jesus we should consider the other who wrongs us as a brother or sister and should correct him or her in love and understanding. It's indeed a daunting task and yet we have no option other than to accomplish the commandment 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: **468**

#### Last Weekend's collections

**FIRST COLLECTION: \$ 5,120.20**

**SECOND COLLECTION:**

**Renovation Fund: \$1,473.62**

**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

In a poem entitled, "The Perfect Church" by an unknown author, we read: I think I shall never see a church that's all it ought to be; church whose members never stray beyond the straight and narrow way! But still we'll work and pray and plan to make our own the best we can." In spite of the fact that we are saved by the death and resurrection of Jesus, we still continue to be stubborn, selfish, sarcastic, sinister, scandalous and senseless. We pretend that we are living in a sinless world. Even if there are sins, they are committed by others. St Paul reminds us, "Because all have sinned and all have fallen short of the glory of God" (Rom 3:23). Jesus knows that we have gone away from the love of the Father and to bring us back he gave us his life. Jesus reminds, "For your heavenly Father does not want even one of these little ones to be lost" (Mt 18:14). God has but one will: to save people, including you and me! The Good Shepherd gave his life for us! God's singular will is to seek and save us which he did in baptism and his continued presence in our lives through his Word and Sacraments. God has but one will: to save people including those who once belonged to his fold but who wandered away from him. Just as the shepherd left the 99 to find the lost sheep so our Good Shepherd exhorts all of us to become "shepherds" - to leave the cozy confines of our comfortable living rooms to search and find the sheep that have wandered away from the fold. God's love compels us to seek and save the lost.