

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

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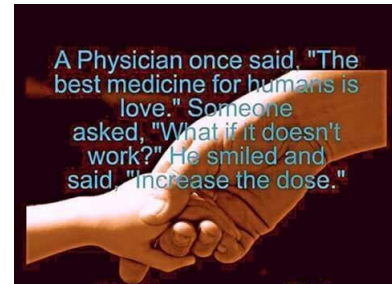
10:00AM

PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO SERVE WHENEVER POSSIBLE

CANTORS:

LECTORS:

EUCH MIN:



*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, Bishop Thomas, 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 Responsibility when you ...*

*\*Take your agreements seriously.*

*\*Respond ably by doing things to the best of your ability.*

*\*Are willing to do your best.*

*\*Admit mistakes without making excuses.*

*\*Are ready and willing to clear up misunderstandings.*

*\*Give your best to whatever you do.*

**Affirmation:**

*I am responsible. I give my best to all that I do and keep my agreements. I learn from my mistakes. I am willing to make amends.*

**WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS**

**WARNING**

Bible usage can be habit forming. Regular reading of the Bible can cause loss of anxiety and fear and a decreased appetite for impatience and anger.

Symptoms include increased love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

If symptoms persist, just PRAISE the LORD!

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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.**

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**PARISH CELEBRATION  
Birthdays**

*Chaz Eugene, Mekhi Clement, Roodarline Dieu, Jaleel Rivera, Kaleel Rivera, Jovanni Bellevue, Stacy Matthey, Nerkys Fedee, Chinelo Pickering, Tadisha Cuffy, Dievla Charles, Stacey Clarke, Vernice James, June Pierre, Twanna Lloyd, Leslie Mann, Eustace Rene, Ives Jean-Louis, Carla Batis, Jennifer Jarvis, Jane Ann Casey, Catherina Alexander, Mercedes Hodge, Isabel Dublin.*

**RELIGIOUS BIRTHDAY  
Rev. Neil Scantlebury - Oct. 1**

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY  
Juan & Jo Anne Cruz - Oct. 3**

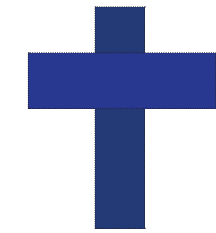


*Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!*

**Holy Family Catholic Church  
Welcomes You!**

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Oct. 1, 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 Callwood

**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**

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**Venerable Pierre Toussaint  
Catholic Chapel**

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St. Thomas VI 00802

**We are here to serve you.**

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

**WEEKEND MASSES**

**Saturday: 4:00 PM  
Sunday: 8:30 AM; 10:30 AM &  
4:00 PM Creole Mass**

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

**Monday: 8:30 AM  
Tuesday - Thursday: 8:30 AM  
Wednesday: OLPH Novena before the  
8:30 AM Mass followed by  
Friday: Mass at 8:30 AM**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
by appointment.

**Readings for the Week  
of October 1, 2017**

Mon.: Exodus 23:20 - 23; Matt. 18:1 - 5, 10

Tue.: Zechariah 8:20 - 23; Luke 9:51 - 56

Wed.: Nehemiah 2:1 - 8; Luke 9:57 - 62

Thur.: Neh. 8:1-4a,5-6, 7b-12; Lk.10:1 - 12

Fri.: Baruch 1:15 - 22; Luke 10:13 - 16

Sat.:Baruch 4:5-12,27-29; Luke 10:17 - 24

**NEXT SUNDAY:  
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 5:1 - 7  
Philippians 4:6 - 9  
Matthew 21:33 - 43



## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

#### FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:25 - 28

The Lord spoke through Ezekiel: "Hear now, house of Israel: ... If he turns from the wickedness he has committed, and does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life."

#### SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1 - 11

Paul quoted an ancient hymn: "Though Christ was in the form of God, He did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. He emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave and obediently accepted death on a cross. So God exalted Him and gave Him a name above every other name."

#### GOSPEL READING: Matthew 21:28 - 32

Jesus said that outcasts enter God's reign because of faith but not the righteous who lack repentance: "Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you."

Our Gospel and first reading today pick up on last week's readings: God's ways are not fair! True, perhaps, only if we apply our limited human values to God. Instead, Let us listen with fresh ears, and try to hear God's challenge to each of us to change our lives and take on the work that God asks us to do in this world.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

4:00 PM: Birthday blessings for Msgr. Jerome Feudjio.

#### Sunday Masses:

10:00 AM: Birthday blessings for Fr. Neil Scantlebury rb Maureen Petersen.

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

#### Daily Masses:

Mon. Oct. 2, 8:30 AM: *The Guardian Angels*  
Curtis Abraham, deceased rb His mother.

Tues. Oct. 3, 8:30 AM: *Blessed Bartolo Longo*  
Anniversary blessings for Victor and Josette Baly.

Wed. Oct. 4, 8:30 AM: *St. Francis of Assisi*  
Morris Liverpool, deceased rb Mona Bedminster.

Thurs. Oct. 5, 8:30 AM: *St. Maria Faustina Kowalska*  
Eugene Farro, deceased rb Estelle Farro.

Fri. Oct. 6, 8:30 AM: *Blessed Marie Rose Durocher*  
Birthday blessings for Mercedes Hodge, rb Gloria Giff and  
Vivian Ovesen.

Sacrament of Marriage - Call six (6) months in advance  
Sacrament of Baptism - Call for arrangement  
Anointing of the sick - Call for an appointment  
Funeral Service - Call prior to arrangements

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SECOND COLLECTION:** There will not be any second collection taken up. If you have two envelopes please put them in at the time the first collection is being taken up. As always we thank you for your generosity during this time.

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** This week the Eternal Candle is burning *for birthday blessings for Rev. Neil Scantlebury*. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

**THANK YOU:** On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Neil Scantlebury and Rev. Kerly Francois extends sincere thanks to all our parishioners who came out to clear and clean up the church, the rectory and lower and upper columban hall. We pray that God in his kindness restore your strength and gives you the grace that is needed during this time of recovery. Once again, thank you and may God richly bless you abundantly.

**STS. PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL:** Please note that Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic School will resume classes on **Monday, October 2, 2017**, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please be guided accordingly.

**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION:** Please note that first Saturday devotion will be at 3:00p.m. on **Saturday, October 7, 2017**. All are invited.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES:** Catholic Charities are looking for volunteers to cook and to serve the food at the soup kitchen. Interested persons please contact Ms. Andrea Shillingford at 340-642-4787.

**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 **Friday, October 13, 2017** at Emancipation Gardens at 11:00 a.m. Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

**MASS SCHEDULE:** As our Islands are being governed by a curfew, please note that the times for masses are as follows:

**WEEKEND MASSES:** Saturday: 4:00 PM (Sunday Observance)  
Sundays: 8:30 AM; 10:30 AM and Haitian Creole - 4:00 PM

**WEEKDAY MASSES**  
Monday to Friday - 8:30AM

#### A Prayer For The Coming Week



Dear Lord,

Prepare me for the coming week.  
Take away my worries and my regrets  
Recharge my soul and renew my hope.  
Please go before me, clear the way and  
protect me. Bring the right people into  
my life and move the wrong people out  
the way. Guide me with your love  
and give me your joy.

In Jesus' Mighty Name, I Pray.

"Amen"

### LITURGY AND WORD

A manager of a well-known firm was reported by his officials that one of his workers was swindling money. The culprit was called by the manager and was given promotion to be a supervisor. He was surprised but continued with his old habit of swindling money. The manager promoted him to yet a higher level and appointed him as one of the officers. But the man did not change. Finally, he was appointed as the personal secretary of the manager. In his dealings with the manager he discovered that the manager was aware of this man's greed and yet he had not punished him but had given him more and more opportunities to improve. He was embarrassed and changed his ways. Within a year he became popular among his co-workers for his sincerity and transparency. It was a little wonder that after the retirement of the manager he was chosen to replace the manager. God gives us ample of opportunities to turn from disobedience to obedience, from stubbornness to humility and from indifference to love. In this regard the readings of today's liturgy provide us with four insights:

a) God's righteousness is eternal: God is righteousness personified. This righteousness is not conditional. God does not change his ways on account man's infidelity. It is man who rejects God's goodness and chooses to be under the influence of the evil power. Ezekiel tells his audience that if a wicked person dies (a spiritual death) it is not because of God's justice but because of his own wickedness. If he turns from his evil ways God is ready to save him from death.

b) Man's righteousness is vulnerable: A man may live righteous life for a long time. But if he turns from his righteous ways and begins to be wicked in his ways he rejects God's goodness and as a result he experiences spiritual death. His earlier works do not come to his aid. Man should not be too sure of his own righteousness. He needs to be aware of its vulnerability and beware of the pitfalls.

### 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:  
**Last Weekend's collections**  
FIRST COLLECTION:

**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

c) Obedience brings honor: The Second Reading presents a poem on the self-emptying act of Jesus. Jesus became obedient to God. His obedience reflected in his life in the family of Nazareth and in the garden of Gethsemane reaches its zenith on the cross. Here genuine obedience means complete self-emptying. Jesus does it despite his divine nature. It is not out of duty, fear, force or social pressure but out of love for humanity and for God that he becomes obedient to God. Such kind of pure obedience brings incomparable honors. Jesus is exalted and revered by the entire human race.

d) Repentance paves way for obedience: The parable of the two sons has three points to make. First, there are those who promise God many things but do not keep them. They are disobedient sons and daughters of God. Second, there are those who initially reject God's commandments but finally obey him. They are repentant children of God. But there are very few like Jesus who do accept God's plan and obey him. They are the heirs of eternal life.

Reflection: Am I genuinely obedient to God? What motivates me to be obedient to him? What blocks me from being obedient to him?

Keep Calm  
my Friends  
and Have  
a Blessed  
SUNDAY