

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU!
MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

4:00PM 7:30 AM 10:00AM

PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO SERVE WHENEVER POSSIBLE

CANTORS:	Allan Harrigan	Dr. Gloria Callwood	Melita Etienne
LECTORS:	Olga McBean Helena Enrique	Rita Brady-Bermudez Agnes Nicholas	Suzanne Adrien Mona Bedminster
EUCH MIN:	Dolores Velazquez	Lauren Thomas Felicinne Marcillin	Lola Warrington

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 Self-discipline when you ...

- *Use detachment so your emotions wouldn't control you.*
- *Speak and act calmly when you are hurt or angry.*
- *Create routines that bring peace and order to your day.*
- *Practice moderation.*
- *Do what is expected without anyone watching over you.*
- *Do things on time.*

Affirmation:

I have self-discipline. I use my time well and get things done. I choose my actions with detachment.

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!

A Physician once said, "The best medicine for humans is love." Someone asked, "What if it doesn't work?" He smiled and said, "Increase the dose."

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

John Williams, Rita Brady-Bermudez, Sparrow Adrien, Merle Vanterpool, Evaline Jno-Lewis, Mary Antoine, Ruselle Henry, Alicia George, Egbert Dagou, Allison Callwood, Michelle Stout, Laquerre Jean Canel, Patrick Maynes, Jacqueline Alexander, Sylvia St. Paul, Kelvin Smith, Lee McLyod Walcott, Jr., Aalee Hodge, Donnia Meyers, Monique Harry, Jessica Dazel, Leon Casey, Jr., Tamra Thomas, Dieulita Homere, Malik Feracho, Kyle Thomas.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

*Joseph & Bridget Toussaint - Oct. 9
Peter & Julie Najawicz - Oct. 9*

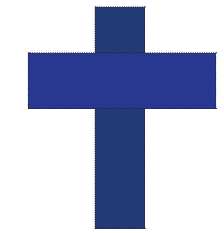


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

Holy Family Catholic Church Welcomes You!

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Oct. 8, 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

(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)

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30 AM; 10:00 AM & 4:00 PM Creole Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday: 7:00 AM
Tuesday - Thursday: 7:00 AM
Wednesday: OLPH Novena before the 7:00 AM Mass
Friday: Mass at 7:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation
by appointment.

Readings for the Week of October 8, 2017

Mon.: Jonah 1:1-2:2, 11; Luke 10:25 - 37
Tue.: Jonah 3:1 - 10; Luke 10:38 - 42
Wed.: Jonah 4:1 - 11; Luke 11:1 - 4
Thur.: Malachi 3:13 - 20b; Luke 11:5 - 13
Fri.: Joel 1:13 - 15; 2:1-2; Luke 11:15 - 26
Sat.: Joel 4:12 - 21; Luke 11:27 - 28

NEXT SUNDAY: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 25:6 - 10a
Philippians 4:12 - 14, 19 - 20
Matthew 22:1 - 14

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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1 - 7

Isaiah sang of his friend, "My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside." The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are God's cherished plant.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:6 - 9

Paul wrote, "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition ... the God of peace will be with you." With thanksgiving, make your request know to God.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 21:33 - 43

Jesus told the parable of the vineyard owner who sent out slaves and finally his son to the rebellious tenants who killed them. "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes. Today we hear another parable, this time about the landowner who plants a vineyard. Note the last verse, in which Jesus declares that the kingdom of God "will be given to a people that will produce its fruit." The task of building up the kingdom was given to us at our baptism. Let us resolve to produce its fruit in lives that bring about peace, harmony, and justice, even in everyday situations. If not, the kingdom will be given to others who will.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

4:00 PM: Birthday blessings and thanksgiving for favors received for Jaleel and Kaleel Rivera rb Their family.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: God's guidance and protection for Rushelle Henry rb Her parents.

10:00 AM: God's healing for Holy Family parishioners.

4:00 PM: God's continued blessings for the Haitian community.

Daily Masses:

Mon. Oct. 9, 7:00 AM: **St. John Leonardi**
Eugene Farro, **deceased** rb Estelle Farro.

Tues. Oct. 10, 7:00 AM: **St. Francis Borgia**
Birthday blessings for Mary Antoine rb Mary Antoine.

Wed. Oct. 11, 7:00 AM: **St. Kenneth**
Birthday blessings and God's continued guidance and protection for Allison Callwood.

Birthday blessings for Evaline Jno Lewis rb Mona Bedminster.

Thurs. Oct. 12, 7:00 AM: **St. Seraphin of Montegrano**
Birthday blessings for Rita Brady-Bermudez.

Fri. Oct. 13, 7:00 AM: **St. Edward**
God's healing for Andrea Victorine.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be NO 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 and God's continued guidance and protection for Allison Callwood.* You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

OFFICE CLOSED: Please note that the church office will be closed on **Monday, October 9, 2017**, in observation of Columbus Day. Please be guided accordingly.

BIRTHDAY THANK YOU: Fr. Neil would like to thank all those who called, prayed, texted, gave gifts or wished him happy birthday. May God reward you abundantly. Once again thank you.

THANK YOU: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Neil Scantlebury and Rev. Kerly Francois extend 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 give you the grace that is needed during this time of recovery. Once again, thank you and may God richly bless you abundantly.

THANK YOU: Thank you to all who have made their washers and dryers available for parishioners to do their laundry during this time of recovery in Holy Family classroom. Donations will be accepted for the purchase of diesel. A signup sheet will be available at the entrance of the church for the use of the machines.

ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON: Please note that the anniversary luncheon which was scheduled for **Sunday, October 8, 2017**, is postponed until further notice. Please be guided accordingly.

CULTURAL DANCERS EXTRAVAGANZA: Please note that the cultural dancers extravaganza which was scheduled for **Saturday, October 14, 2017**, is postponed until further notice. Please be guided accordingly.

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.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE 2017: The Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service Team annual conference which was scheduled from **Friday, October 20th, through Sunday, October 22nd, 2017**, is postponed until further notice. Please be guided accordingly.

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: 7:30 AM; 10:00 AM and Haitian Creole - 4:00 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES
Monday to Friday - 7:00AM

LITURGY AND WORD

There is a little story which goes like this. After his ascension, Jesus was found sitting in a quiet corner of heaven looking down to earth from which he had come. Everything was dark down there on the earth except for a bright spot at which he was looking intently. Angel Gabriel came to Jesus' side and inquired about what was going on in his mind. Jesus pointed at the bright spot and said it was Jerusalem where he had sowed the seed of love by his life, suffering and death. His plan is that gradually the light would spread to the rest of the earth and the entire earth would resemble a globe of fire. "And if this plan of yours doesn't work?" Gabriel asked. "Well, I have no other plan", said Jesus.

God has given us life, placed us within His beautiful creation and provided for our needs. Before God entrusts a responsibility to us, He makes provision for all that we will need in carrying out the responsibility. He has planted us like trees by the running streams from which he expects fruits in due season. He has no other plan. The Old Testament reading and the Gospel passage for today are very well matched together, as both speak of a master who planted a vineyard. They talk about the care and attention the master gave in preparing and planting his vineyard expecting to attain good fruit from it. The owner's absence makes it clear that he really did entrust the vineyard to its tenants; hence their responsibility and the account he demands of them. At harvest time the owner sends his servants for the produce. To his surprise the tenants who are supposed to give him the produce, do not do so and respond to him with resistance and violence. He only asked for the produce; it should not be so difficult to give that up.

The imagery of the vine and vineyard is shown in many places in the Bible to refer to the people of Israel. While in the first reading the parable has been used to tell the Israelites that they did not yield the desired fruit by a life worthy of God's people, in the Gospel Jesus directed the parable to the leadership of his day. The tenants to whom God has given the care of His people are the priests, the scribes and the elders. The parable has a lot to teach us about stewardship. As such it has very important lessons not only for our Church leaders but also for all of us.

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: **277**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$3,364.69

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

We all have at least received life from God, given to us in trust. We are expected to cultivate and manage this life in such a way that it bears good fruit. Sometimes it costs us dearly to give up the more precious produce of our lives. It is no wonder that we resist so vehemently when we are asked to give up the produce. However, a remarkable thing is that people do give up what they treasure. Generous people give their time, energy and money in the service of their families and of others in their local communities and beyond. Parents let their children become priests, missionaries and religious, when many lucrative professions are available to them. People accept the loss of health and youthfulness and independence, and the loss of those they love.

God's plan in sending His Son to the vineyard seemed to make no sense, with a certain sentence of death awaiting any prophet who came to call Israel to repentance. But only after we have seen Jesus' suffering and dying for our sin can we begin to see God's unique plan in this. The parable teaches us a lot about God and how God relates to us. We are asked to see the parables of today exhorting us to live lives worthy of our call and make sure we do not fall into the sin of the opponents of Jesus. How nice our world would be if all saw themselves not as owners of what they have, but as tenants, and are we ready to share the produce when they are asked to do so.