

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	Marguerite Rene
	Felicinne Marcillin	
LECTORS: Keith Steele	Jalila Thomas	Yvonne Freeman
Ruth Smith	Noreen Joseph	Dr. A. Thomas
EUCH MIN: Olga McBean	Danna Knight	Frankin Howe
	Catherina Alexander	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, Bishop Thomas, Theresa Felix, 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, 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 Reliability when you ...

- *Make promises you can keep.*
- *Really care about doing what you promise.*
- *Return things you borrow.*
- *Plan ahead.*
- *Do your best and finish on time.*
- *Find another way if obstacles occur.*

Affirmation:

I am reliable. I keep my promises. Others can depend on me. Nothing can stop me from giving my best.

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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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

Le'Troy Monsanto, Jarsie Jacquet, Shanna Martin, Kishon Casey, Khimean Casey, Phillipson Matthew, John Richards, Vishnu John, Nellie Pascal, Cheri Jackson, Sharon Alexander, Robert Etienne, Juilette Merrifield, Catherine Babis, Frank Feliciano, Gene Aubain, Rosette Harley, Josephine James, Lester Scott, Margarita Feliciano.

PRIEST BIRTHDAY

Rev. Eduardo Otiz-Santiago - Oct. 17

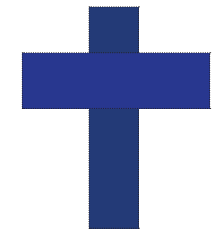


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

Holy Family Catholic Church Welcomes You!

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Oct. 15, 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

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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

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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

Saturday: 3:15 PM to 3:45 PM

Readings for the Week of October 15, 2017

Mon.: Romans 1:1 - 7; Luke 11:29 - 32
Tue.: Romans 1:16 - 25; Luke 11:37 - 41
Wed.: 2 Timothy 4:10 - 17b; Luke 10:1 - 9
Thur.: Romans 3:21 - 30; Luke 11:47 - 54
Fri.: Romans 4:1 - 8; Luke 12:1 - 7
Sat.: Romans 4:13, 16 - 18; Luke 12:8 - 12

NEXT SUNDAY: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 45:1, 4 - 6
1 Thessalonians 1:1 - 5b
Matthew 22:15 - 21

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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6 - 10a

Isaiah prophesied, "On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide ... a feast of rich food and choice wines... The Lord God will wipe away the tears from every face... The hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain."

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:12 - 14, 19 - 20

Paul wrote, "I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry." When people share each other's hardships, God supplies their needs fully in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:1 - 14

Jesus likened God's reign to a great wedding banquet that a king gave for his son. Many were invited; some ignored the invitation. One guest was thrown out for disrespectful dress. In God's reign, "many are invited, but few are chosen." The image of the banquet is an important one in the scriptures. Most of the time it refers to God's great generosity and lavish kindness. In the New Testament, Jesus uses the banquet as an image of the heavenly kingdom to come. As we listen to these readings today, what does the image of the banquet say to you?

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

4:00 PM: God's healing for Holy Family parishioners.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: God's blessings and guidance for all cantors and musicians.

10:00 AM: God's guidance for all CCD teachers and volunteers.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. Oct. 16, 7:00 AM: *St. Margaret Mary Alacoque*
Deceased members of Holy Family parishioners.

Tues. Oct. 17, 7:00 AM: *St. Ignatius of Antioch*
Didi Marshall deceased rb The Maxwell family.

Wed. Oct. 18, 7:00 AM: *St. Luke - Feast*
Karleen J. Brooks deceased rb Dr. Gloria Callwood.

Thurs. Oct. 19, 7:00 AM: *Sts. Isaac Jogues, John de Brebeuf & Companions*
Kathy Farro deceased rb Estelle Farro.

Fri. Oct. 20, 7:00 AM: *St. Paul of the Cross*
Lester Ashby deceased rb Viola E. Smith.

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 be NO second collection taken up. If you have two envelopes please put them in at the time the 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 God's continued guidance and protection for Rushelle Henry, requested by her parents.* You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

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, which will commence next **Monday October 16, 2017.** Please be guided accordingly. A donation of \$5.00 will be accepted towards the purchasing of diesel for the generator.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: There will be a meeting for all CCD teachers and volunteers next **Saturday, October 21, 2017, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.,** where we will plan for the upcoming school year, 2017/2018. Thank you for your ministry during the last school year and we look forward to your continued cooperation and support in the new school year. Once again thank you. Religious education classes will begin on **Saturday, October 28, 2017,** at 9:00 a.m. in the church. All parents and guardians are encouraged to attend the opening mass.

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.

FOOD FOR THE POOR: Next 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.

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

The Gospel of today presents us the scene of a wedding banquet. A banquet is a symbol of joy. Through this symbol of the banquet, the Word of God anticipates the joy of the heavenly banquet. The First Reading of today portrays the experience of joy in human expressions saying that it is a feast of rich food and old wines; there are no tears of sadness; and this joy will last forever.

After having offered a vision of the heavenly banquet, the Gospel alludes to the fact that it is a great privilege and it is of immense joy to be invited to this banquet. The invitation to this banquet is extended to all, and it comes to us in many ways and at different times. The judges, the prophets and the saints of God have invited us to return to God, the host of the heavenly banquet. Jesus, through his words and actions, invited us and continues to invite us to the banquet. Today, in a special way, we are invited to the wedding feast through the parable of the invitees to the banquet.

The focal point of this parable is that of our response. We are able to listen to God's invitation and respond to it. We are free to respond the way we wish. But when God calls, he expects a positive response. Hence, amidst difficulties and lack of clear comprehension of the purpose of God's call, let us respond to him in the affirmative. Our positive response will enable us to partake in the joy of the heavenly banquet.

The Gospel makes it clear why those invited did not come to the wedding. The first reason for their refusal is that they did not give sufficient importance to the invitation. They did not recognize the "pearl" or the "treasure" hidden in this invitation. Therefore, "they made light of it and went away", each to his business.

Another reason for their refusal to respond positively is their limited vision of life. One of the invitees went to the field, another to business. They considered only the present without a vision for the future. They considered life in terms of what they earned, and failed to understand that life is much more than just earning. They searched for what would offer them, perhaps, immediate satisfaction than what is good. They had their priorities wrong.

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: **331**
Last Weekend's collections
FIRST COLLECTION: \$3,811.57

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

A third reason for their refusal is their obstinacy. They were determined to go ahead with their programmes that there was no place for the "unexpected" interventions of God. The absence of the first invitees did not interrupt the wedding feast. There were other invitees who responded positively even though the invitation reached them very late. Jesus, therefore, said: "The tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you" (Mt 21:31). They will go ahead of the chosen invitees into the kingdom because they repented and obeyed the Word of God. Similarly, if you respond to God's call, "God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (Phil 4:20).

