

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU!
MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

5:00PM 7:30 AM 10:00AM

PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO SERVE WHENEVER POSSIBLE

CANTORS: Allan Harrigan	Dr. Gloria Callwood	Melita Etienne
LECTORS: Olga McBean	Noreen Joseph	Suzanne Adrien
Helena Enriquet	Alma Wells	Yvonne Freeman
EUCH MIN: Dolores Velazquez	Lauren Thomas	Franklin Howe
	Felicinne Marcellin	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, Isabel Dublin, Francis John.

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, 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 Diligence when you ...

- *Pay careful attention to what you are doing.
- *Do things step by step.
- *Practice to the point of excellence.
- *Give your absolute best to whatever you do.
- *Work hard.
- *Don't give up.

Affirmation:

I am diligent. I work hard. I work carefully. I can be trusted to do a good job.

WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS

OFFICE HOURS

Mondays - 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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



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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God our Father, all the elements of nature obey Your commands. We praise and thank You for Your protection during the hurricane season. We ask You again to guide us through a new year free of earthquakes, floods and other natural disasters. Bless our families and bring peace to all nations. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen. **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)

Thank you for sewing !!!

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PARISH CELEBRATION

Birthdays

Jennifer I. Johnson, Aaliyah Esprit, Jiovann Hodge, Lenskerry Dorcelly, Nicholas Browne, Jacquoi Rhymer, Megan Rene, Vincente Donastorg, III, Crystal Winston, Chrismite Mombia, Rona Maynard, Nina Byran, Michael Casimir, Mark Ochs, Heneritta John Baptiste, Sheba Adrien.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Eubald & Marguerite Rene - Jan. 15

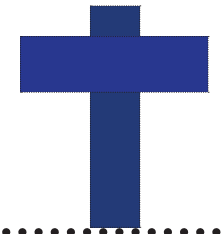


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

Holy Family Catholic Church Welcomes You!

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Jan. 14 2018

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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

Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Allison Callwood

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

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 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 January 14, 2018

Mon.: 1 Samuel 15:16 - 23; Mark 2:18 - 22
Tue.: 1 Samuel 16:1 - 13; Mark 2:23 - 28
Wed.: 1 Samuel 17:32 - 33, 37, 40 - 51; Mark 3:1 - 6
Thur.: 1 Sam. 18:6 - 9; 19:1-7; Mark 3:7 - 12
Fri.: 1 Samuel 24:3 - 21; Mark 3:13 - 19
Sat.: 2 Samuel 1:1 - 4, 11 - 12, 19, 23 -27; Mark 3:20 - 21

NEXT SUNDAY:
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jonah 3:1 - 5, 10
1 Corinthians 7:29 - 31
Mark 1:14 - 20

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

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:3b - 10, 19

Samuel thought Eli was calling him but then recognized the Lord. He said, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." He heard the Lord and followed.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 6:13c - 15a, 17 - 20

Paul told his friends that their bodies are "members of Christ ... a temple of the Holy Spirit within you." He said, "You are not your own ... Glorify God in your body."

GOSPEL READING: John 1:35 - 42

Andrew sought out his brother Simon to tell him, "We found the Messiah" (the Christ). Jesus met Simon and renamed him Cephas (Peter).

Two of the readings today involve a call from the Lord. Samuel awakens to a summons from God, through it takes a few attempts and some advice from Eli in order to respond appropriately. The first disciples follow Jesus after John the Baptist points him out, "Behold the Lamb of God." These are the same words we hear before Communion. The Lord continually calls to us. How do we respond?

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: Birthday blessings and God's continued guidance and protection for Denese Charles rb Her family.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: God's guidance and protection for Jean Baptiste Galeth, Diana Louis, Bonnie President, the Turners and Louis' family.

10:00 AM: God's continued blessings, guidance and protection for the children and grandchildren of Claudy & Yvonne Brutus rb Yvonne Brutus.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. Jan. 15, 7:00 AM: *St. Paul the Hermit*
Anniversary blessings for Eubald & Marguerite Rene rb Their family.

Tues. Jan. 16, 7:00 AM: *St. Berard & Companions*
God's continued blessings, guidance and protection for the children of Heather Daniel.

Wed. Jan. 17, 7:00 AM: *St. Anthony of Egypt*
Birthday blessings for Jennifer I. Johnson rb Her family.

Thurs. Jan. 18, 7:00 AM: *Blessed Charistina Ciccarelli*
God's continued blessings, guidance and protection for the children and grandchildren of Pamela Charles.

Fri. Jan. 19, 7:00 AM: *St. Paula*
God's continued blessings, guidance and protection for the children and grandchildren of Juilette Commodore.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning *for God's guidance and protection for Godfrey Renal requested by his mother*. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

ALTAR FLOWERS: This weekend the altar flowers were paid for in part by *Jennifer Johnson* in thanksgiving to God and celebration of her birthday. We thank you for beautifying the church and we pray God's continued blessings on your special day. Once again, thank you.

BAPTISM CLASS: Baptism class commenced on Monday January 8, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in Lower Columban Hall, in Fr. Kerly's office, and will continue every Monday in January. 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.

OFFICE CLOSED: Please note that the church office will be closed **ALL** day on Monday, January 15, 2018, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Please be guided accordingly.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François and Rev. Neil Scantlebury extend sincere sympathy to *Ella Clarke* and family on the passing of her mother, *Theresa Felix*, who died on Friday, December 29, 2017, in Dallas. The funeral mass for the late *Theresa Felix* will take place on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, at Holy Family Church. Viewing will precede the mass at 9:00 a.m. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY 2018: All couples who were married in the Catholic Church 20 years or more, in a year ending in a "3" or a "8" (for example - 1988 = 30 years; 1993 = 25 years), will be presented with a certificate signed by the Bishop on the weekend of February 10 - 11, 2018. **Anyone married 50+ years (1968 or earlier)** are also eligible regardless of the year they were married. **No names will be accepted after Monday, January 29, 2018.**

A BLACK HISTORY EVENT: Friends of Music ministry of Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral presents a tribute in concert recognizing *Mr. Athniel "Addie" Ottley*, on Sunday, February 11, 2018, at 4:30 p.m. at Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral. **Donation \$25.00. Admission by ticket ONLY.** Featured artists are: *Gylchris Sprauve, Howard Jones, Dion Parsons, Wendy Joseph, Melita Etienne, Malvern Gumbs, Lorna Freeman, Rising Stars, a mass choir and more.*

NOTE: *The reception of Holy Communion, in Catholic teaching, indicates an agreement of faith, on the recipient's part, with the Catholic doctrine of Jesus' real presence in this sacrament. Catholics observe a Eucharistic fast of one hour prior to receiving communion. Therefore, it is inappropriate to have any food, candy, gum, etc., in your mouth while in church. Thank you for your cooperation!*

Having shared in the Eucharist, you are compelled to go and work for peace and justice, thereby building God's Kingdom now.

LITURGY AND WORD

The liturgy of the Word of today deals with the theme of discipleship. The first reading presents before us the call of Samuel and the Gospel presents the call of disciples Andrew and Peter who are brothers. By taking a closer look at the call of Samuel and the fishermen brothers, we can assess the quality of our own call.

Samuel was born into an Ephraimite family of Ramah. He was the son of Elkanah, a Zuphite, and Hannah, of Ramathiam in the hill country of Ephraim. The account of the events associated with the birth of Samuel indicates that his parents were very devout. Hannah's childlessness led her to pour out her complaint and supplication to God in the bitterness of her heart. She trusted God and promised to return to the Lord should she conceive and bear a son. When Samuel was born, she kept her promise; as soon as the child was weaned she took him to Shiloh and presented him to Eli.

While under the care of Eli, Samuel experienced a dramatic call. The account of his call begins with the words, "The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down within the temple of the Lord, where the Ark of God was" (1 Sam 3:3). These two features, namely, the lamp of God and the ark of the covenant are symbols of God's presence. Leviticus 24:1-4 gives careful instructions to the priests to keep a lamp burning in the sanctuary every night. When Samuel heard the voice of God, the lamp was still alight which meant it was just before dawn. If God did choose to speak, it would be here in the shrine that his voice was expected to be heard; that was why Samuel was lying down near the ark. The call came three times, confirming to both Samuel and Eli that it was truly a message from God.

The Gospel records the call of the first apostles. John the Baptist was standing with two disciples and saw Jesus who was walking. In his characteristic style, he addressed Jesus as the "Lamb of God". The initial response of the disciples was encouraging for they responded to the witness of John the Baptist by moving from their static position to become "followers" of Jesus. There was a movement away from John the Baptist towards Jesus. The motion continued as Jesus broke his movement to "turn" and "see" the followers. But when he asked the question, "what do you seek" their answer was disappointing as could be seen from their question, "Rabbi, where are you staying?" Their question pointed

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: **452**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$5,067.00

Renovation Fund: \$1,797.00

Our Bishop's Appeal contribution now amounts to \$34,357.00, 86% 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

to the fact that they had not understood John's revelation of Jesus as the Lamp of God for they knew Jesus only as a teacher. They thought Jesus too had a place where he gathered his disciples for instruction, like all Jewish Rabbis. It was this factor that motivated their question, "Where are you staying?"

The disciples further responded to Jesus' invitation to "come and see." They accompanied him, and stayed with him from about four o'clock in the afternoon till the end of the day. The process by which the disciples were called in John differed from that in the Synoptic Gospels, where Jesus personally called the first disciples. Here John the Baptist first introduced two of his own disciples to Jesus. These in turn, went in search of their friends and brought them to Jesus. John's account thus emphasizes the need for believers to lead others to Jesus.

A feature of this call narrative is worth noting. It is the predominance of the verb "seeing." Those who find Jesus in this life will see him in the next as well. How can we find Jesus in this life? We have to look for him in our neighbour, in our fellow Christians, in the vast humanity. Jesus depends on those who have seen him to proclaim him to others so that they too may "come and see" and remain with him for the rest of the day and for the rest of their lives.

Keep Calm
my Friends
and Have
a Blessed
SUNDAY