

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

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

**PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO SERVE WHENEVER POSSIBLE**

<b>CANTORS:</b> Allan Harrigan	Dr. Gloria Callwood	Marguerite Rene
	Felicinne Marcellin	
<b>LECTORS:</b> Margarita Smith	Bridget Toussaint	Young Vincentian
Antoinette Floyd	Allison Callwood	Young Vincentian
<b>EUCH MIN:</b> Dolores Velazquez	Rose Labadie	Michelle Stout
	Lauren Thomas	

*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 Perseverance when you ...*

*\*Choose your commitments wisely.*

*\*Set goals and stick with them until completed.*

*\*Pace yourself, and take one step at a time.*

*\*Respect the rules you want to live by.*

*\*Don't let doubts or tests blow you off course.*

**Affirmation:**

*I have perseverance. I finish what I start. I keep steady in what I choose to do. I am loyal and committed.*

**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**

Woodmalie Dieu, Ryanna Newton, Candice Ennis, Vernon Ferris, Greselda Jules-Anderson, Tamika Thomas-Williams, Stephanie Joseph, Cheryl Rivere, Foidaliza Rosario, Jennifer Quetel, Paul Eimenez, Francois Baron, Agnes, Nicholas, Magarita Smith, Martha Hunt, Mary Lewis, Emelia Brooks, Samyra Wilton, Michael Caracciolo, Jeune Elvire, Jacqueline Baptiste, Patty Love, Gerry Francis, Lauren Thomas, Bridget Toussaint, John James.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

William & Magdalene Dolphin - Feb. 1

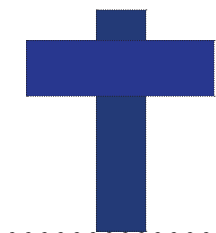


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

**Holy Family Catholic Church  
Welcomes You!**

**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Jan. 28 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**  
Ms. Jennifer Johnson  
Mr. Richard Callwood, III

**CHANCERY: BISHOP'S OFFICE**

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**Venerable Pierre Toussaint**

**Catholic Chapel**

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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 28, 2018**

Mon.: 2 Samuel 15:13 - 14, 30; 16:5 - 13  
Mark 5:1 - 20  
Tue.: 2 Samuel 18:9 - 10, 14b, 24 - 25a,  
30-19:3; Mark 5:21 - 43  
Wed.: 2 Samuel 24:2, 9 - 17; Mark 6:1 - 6  
Thur.: 1 Kings 2:1 - 4, 10 - 12; Mark 6:7 - 13  
Fri.: Malachi 3:1 - 4; Hebrews 2:14- 18;  
Luke 2:22 - 40  
Sat.: 1 Kings 3:4 - 13; Mark 6:30 - 34

**NEXT SUNDAY:  
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Job 7:1 - 4, 6 - 7**  
**1 Corinthians 9: 16 - 19, 22 - 23**  
**Mark 1:29 - 39**

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



## 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

#### FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 18:15 - 20

Moses told all the people that the Lord would raise up a prophet among them and put words into his mouth. Whoever does not listen must answer to the Lord.

#### SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:32 - 35

Paul encouraged the Corinthians, in view of the times, to remain free of worry and devoted to God. A virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy.

#### GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:21 - 28

Jesus entered the synagogue to teach. All were amazed because He spoke with such great authority. When unclean spirits obeyed Jesus, the crowd stood in awe.

In the first reading we hear God promise Moses that God will raise up a prophet like him "and will put my words into his mouth." Mark then presents Jesus as being that prophet. He astonishes the people of Capernaum by teaching at the synagogue with authority, then encountering a man with an unclean spirit and immediately driving the unclean spirit out by his command.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: God's protection and long life for Godfrey Renal rb His mother.

#### Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: God's continued protection and guidance for Jean Baptiste Galeth.

10:00 AM: God's protection and long life for Oner Renal rb His mother.

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

#### Daily Masses:

Mon. Jan. 29, 7:00 AM: *St. Genevieve*  
Birthday blessings for Agnes Nicholas.

Tues. Jan. 30, 7:00 AM: *St. Maria Soledad Torres-Acosta*  
God's healing for Josette Baly rb Holy Family Adult choir.

Wed. Jan. 31, 7:00 AM: *St. John Bosco*  
Thanksgiving to God for blessings received rb Clifton Johnson.

Thurs. Feb. 1, 7:00 AM: *St. Brigid of Ireland*  
Birthday blessings for Bridget Toussaint.

Fri. Feb. 2, 7:00 AM: *The Presentation of the Lord*  
Birthday blessings for Tamzen Merchant rb The John family.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SECOND COLLECTION:** This week's second collection goes towards the *Catholic Education*. Next week's second collection will go towards *Renovation Fund*. As always we thank you for your generosity.

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** This week the Eternal Candle is burning for *Curtis Abraham, requested by his mother, Eve Ogiste*. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** Thank you for your generous contribution for the 2017 calendar year. Please pick up your Offertory envelopes for 2018 at the entrance of the church. **If you do not have an envelope, please register at the church office in order to obtain your box. PLEASE DO NOT TAKE UP ENVELOPES THAT ARE ALREADY ASSIGNED TO SOMEONE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING. GOD BLESS. This is the last week the boxes of envelopes will be available at the front of the church.**

**PRAYER MEETING:** Please note that Holy Family prayer meeting resumed last **Monday, January 22, 2018**, at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome. Please be guided accordingly.

**FOOD FOR THE POOR:** This 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.

**ADORATION:** Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament will resume this coming **Wednesday, January 31, 2018**, after the 7:00 a.m. mass to conclude at 5:00 p.m. A signup sheet will be provided at the entrance of the church to indicate what time you will be available to spend time with Jesus.

**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.**

**ANNUAL YOUTH LENTEN RETREAT:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church is hosting a youth retreat to take place on **Saturday, February 3, 2018**, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church from 9:00 am to 3:00 p.m. This retreat is for **ALL CCD** students. Lunch will be provided. Parents are welcome to join.

**A BLACK HISTORY EVENT:** Friends of Music ministry of Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral presents a tribute in concert recognizing **Mr. Athniel "Addie" Otley**, 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.**

**LENT:** Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018**. Now is the time to plan spiritual and corporal works of mercy for Lent. There will be two masses on **Ash Wednesday:** 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Please be guided accordingly.

**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.*

### LITURGY AND WORD

The need to know the will of God on specific occasions, such as in time of war, was keenly felt in ancient times, and the nations around Israel had devised various magical procedures for finding it out. According to them, magic could be used to discern future events. But the bible never permits giving heed to magicians and soothsayers. How would, then, Israel receive messages from God? The answer is that the Lord spoke his Word to Moses and commanded him to teach the people regarding the statutes and ordinances. But Moses cannot do it forever. Who then will continue the ministry of Moses? The simple answer is that Moses will have successors. The Lord promises to raise up for the people a prophet like Moses from among them.

But not all prophets are genuine and so how to distinguish between true and false prophets? To distinguish a false prophet one should observe whether the words spoken by him become a reality. The Word of God is not static; it is active and forward looking. These words from the book of Deuteronomy are fulfilled in Jesus. Jesus is the promised prophet, and he spoke God's Word in a wholly new and authoritative way (see Acts 3:22-23).

In the Second Reading, Paul highlights the advantage of the unmarried over the married with regard to their dedication to the Lord. His argument is that married people will have to concentrate on satisfying and pleasing their partners. On the other hand, those who remain unmarried are free from such concerns; they can devote all their attention to the affairs of the Lord. Paul's advice is motivated by his concern for their own welfare, not to restrict them, but in order for them to give undivided devotion to the Lord.

The gospel of today demonstrates that there is no magical element in the miracles of Jesus. Jesus cures the possessed man by his word alone without the use of magical practices. His teachings are authoritative and his actions are powerful. People perceive that God's power at work in 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: **473**

#### Last Weekend's collections

**FIRST COLLECTION: \$7,082.01**

**Music Ministry: \$1,392.22**

*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

Jesus' teaching and the divine power in healing and driving out demons are united in the proclamation of the kingdom. The presence of evil visible in human affliction and its effect in human suffering must be clearly perceived, and the devil must be defeated. Jesus can teach with authority and even the demons obey him because Jesus is the Son of God. Paradoxically the unclean spirit who opposes him recognizes that he is the Holy One of God, while the disciples who follow him do not understand him fully despite his teaching and powerful deeds. The exorcisms that Jesus worked point to a very real human experience of bondage to powers that prevent a human person from making free and responsible decisions about things that matter. The demons here demonstrate remarkable insight when they sense that Jesus has indeed come to destroy them. The reign of God is the ultimate threat to the reign of evil and this form of the "good news" has radical implications for every aspect of the Church's life.

Here at the beginning of Mark's gospel Jesus is shown to be engaged in a conflict with the enemy which will continue throughout his ministry. The New Testament makes it clear that until Christ sets us free we are all under the power of the enemy to a greater or lesser degree. But Jesus has won definitive victory over the devil. Hence, guided by the Holy Spirit we can live our lives without fear and anxieties.