

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:** Ruth Smith                      Rita Brady Bermudez                      Ursula Prosper  
                    Olga McBean                      Noreen Joseph                      Julia Johnson  
**EUCH MIN:** Dolores Velazquez                      Catherina Alexander                      Franklin Howe  
                    Felicinne Marcillin                      Antoinette Howe

*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, Isabel Dublin.  
**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 Peacefulness when you ...*

- \*Create inner peace with daily reflection or prayer.*
- \*Use peaceful language even when you are angry.*
- \*Speak gently and respectfully.*
- \*Avoid harming anyone.*
- \*Appreciate differences.*
- \*Find peaceful solutions to every problem.*

**Affirmation:**

*I am peaceful. I use peaceful words and find fair solutions when differences arise. I find my inner peace and let it carry me gently through the day.*

**WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS**

**COLUMBAN HALL  
BUY A BRICK CAMPAIGN**

*Engrave your name in the history of Holy Family Parish:*  
By purchasing an engraved brick paver you may honor a loved one - by remembering an anniversary, birthday, graduation, new birth, in thanksgiving, or in memory of; also, to commemorate a special event, or the name of your business. You will provide a permanent display of your family history for generations to come.  
For your gift of \$75.00, you may include THREE (3) lines of up to TWENTY (20) mixed upper and lower case characters (including spaces and punctuations) on an engraved 4 inch x 8 inch PAVER around the floor of the Holy Family Statute. Place your order today. For additional information, please call 340-775-1650.

Engrave your name in the history of Holy Family Church. Place your order today. Proceeds from this activity benefit the Restoration Fund of Holy Family Church which will allow us to enhance, upgrade and air condition our church. For additional information, please call 340-775-1650.

**PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY**

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, bless us and grant us the grace to live in love and unity like you lived in the home of Nazareth. Answer the prayers we present to you this day (**for the renewal of our parish**). Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, assist us in all our needs, surround us with the protection of your love, and bring us to the joy of our eternal home in heaven. 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 serving !!!*

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**PARISH CELEBRATION  
Birthdays**

Ruthine Johnson, Mona Bedminster, Lola Warrinton, Bonnie President, Richie Placid, Shanika Stout, Tara George, Jasmine Dudley, Kevin Hughes, Britney Johnson, Dipsy Graneau, Charlene Vanterpool, Vonetta Winston, Yolanda Pierre, Anthony Randolph, Duney Registe, Jeanette Magras, Anthony McBean, Rosemond Leatham, Anthony Estime, Davina Abraham, JoAnne Cruz, Cyrilla Sullivan, St. Hilaire Antoine, Marie Joseph.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**  
Harold & Roma Attidore - Feb. 12  
George Jr. & Ruth Smith - Feb. 14

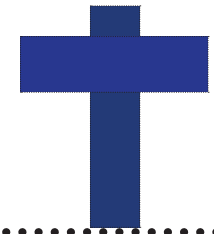


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

**Holy Family Catholic Church  
Welcomes You!**

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Feb. 11, 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**

(340) 774-3166

**Venerable Pierre Toussaint**

**Catholic Chapel**

4B-B Estate Bovoni  
St. Thomas VI 00802

**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 February 11, 2018**

Mon.: James 1:1 - 11; Mark 8:11 - 13  
Tue.: James 1:12 - 18; Mark 8:14 - 21  
Wed.: Joel 2:12 - 18; 2 Corint. 5:20 - 6:2  
Matthew 6:1 - 6, 16 - 18  
Thur.: Deuter. 30:15 - 20; Luke 9:22 - 25  
Fri.: Isaiah 58:1 - 9a; Matthew 9:14 - 15  
Sat.: Isaiah 58: 9b - 14; Luke 5:27 - 32

**NEXT SUNDAY:  
1st Sunday of Lent**

Genesis 9:8 - 15  
1 Peter 3:18 - 22  
Mark 1:12 - 15

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



## 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

**FIRST READING: *Leviticus 13:1 - 2, 44 - 46***

According to the law of Moses, people with leprosy had to live alone, outside the camp. Aaron or another priest declared them unclean as long as they had a disease.

**SECOND READING: *1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1***

Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "Do everything for the glory of God. Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks or the church of God ... Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ."

**GOSPEL READING: *Mark 1:40 - 45***

A leper said to Jesus, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, Jesus touched him: "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him, and he was healed.

Leprosy features prominently in the first reading and the Gospel today. In Leviticus, the leper is kept outside the community so as to protect everyone else from this communicable disease. But the leper in Mark challenges Jesus and Jesus breaks down the barrier between them, reaches out, touches him, and heals him. As we listen to today's readings, consider how we exclude others in our lives, perhaps because we feel they would make us "unclean," and how Jesus would respond.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### **Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):**

5:00 PM: Thanksgiving to God for favors received rb Marie Renal.

    Birthday blessings for Amecia Martin rb Her family.

#### **Sunday Masses:**

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings for Cleopha Rawlings rb Cleopha Rawlings.

    Birthday blessings for Henkell Alexander rb The Rene family.

10:00 AM: Birthday blessings for Mona Bedminster rb Her family.

    Thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit rb Lola Warrington.

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

#### **Daily Masses:**

Mon. Feb. 12, 7:00 AM: **St. Meletius**

    Birthday blessings for Ruthine Johnson.

Tues. Feb. 13, 7:00 AM: **St. Catherine of Ricci**

    Akil K. Greig, Jr. (deceased) rb Karen Turbe.

**Wed. Feb. 14, 7:00 AM: ASH WEDNESDAY**

    God's protection and healing for Beigil Henry rb Gilda Douglas.

    6:00 PM: God's blessings and guidance for Fr. Neil and Fr. Kerly.

Thurs. Feb. 15, 7:00 AM: **Sts. Faustinus & Jovita**

    Frank Daly (deceased).

Fri. Feb. 16, 7:00 AM: **St. Onesimus**

    God's blessings and protection for Malik, Aiden, Hailey  
    and Caleb Ingram.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SECOND COLLECTION:** This week's second collection goes towards the *Black and Indian Mission*. Next week's second collection will go towards *St. Vincent de Paul Society*. As always we thank you for your generosity.

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** This week the Eternal Candle is burning for *God's protection, deliverance and guidance for Marie Renal*. 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 by *Yasmine Haynes* in thanksgiving to God for blessings received. We thank you for beautifying the church and we pray God's continued blessings on you. Once again, thank you.

**SYMPATHY:** On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François and Rev. Neil Scantlebury extend sincere sympathy to *Mercedes Hodge* and family on the passing of her daughter, *Ruth Iona Callwood*, who died on **Tuesday, January 23, 2018**, in New York. The funeral service for the late *Ruth Iona Callwood* took place on **Saturday, February 3, 2018**, in New York. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

**ADORATION:** Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament resumed on **Wednesday, January 31, 2018**, after the 7:00 a.m. mass to conclude at 5:00 p.m. Please remember it is quality time with you and God.

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

**LENT: During Lent:**

1. Holy Hour and Stations of the Cross are on Fridays at 6:00 p.m.
2. Those 18 to 59 years of age are to **fast on Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**.
3. Those 14 years and older are to **abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays in Lent**
4. Pray for peace in the world and in our families.
5. Pray for God's blessings and protection against the attacks of evil spirits for our parish and our diocese.
6. There will be **NO** altar flowers, **NO** Gloria and **NO** Alleluia, **NO** recessional hymn.
7. We are encouraged to make a good Confession.
8. Give generously to the Bishop's Appeal.
9. Pray the novena of Our Lady the Undoer of Knots that Our Lady will undo the knots of Holy Family Parish, family and ourselves.

**ALTAR SERVERS' MEETING:** Please note that there will be a meeting next **Saturday, February 17, 2018**, at 11:00 a.m., for all altar servers and those who are interested in becoming an altar server.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** There will be a meeting for all parents of CCD students next **Sunday, February 18, 2018**, after the 10:00 a.m. mass. Please make every effort to attend. Thank you.

## LITURGY AND WORD

According to Leviticus 13:45-46 the person with a leprosy disease should wear torn clothes and have dishevelled hair, and should live alone in a dwelling "outside the camp, and cry out 'unclean, unclean.'" Physical contact with such people rendered a healthy person "unclean" too. The law stipulates that the leprosy person should remain unclean as long as he has the disease and should dwell alone in a habitation outside the camp. Leprosy in the strict sense seems to have spread to the Near East from India ca. 300 B.C., and so it could have existed in Palestine at the time of Jesus. Leprosy was thought to be like death most likely because of the paleness of the person and the isolation from community, and a cure of leprosy was considered as stupendous as raising the dead (Num 12:10-12; 2 Kgs 5:7).

The gospel narrative depicts vividly the humanity of Jesus. When confronted with a leper Jesus acts with a deep feeling of compassion, and touches him, thereby affirming his shared humanity and incurring ritual defilement himself. Though Jesus violates the purity laws by touching the leper, he orders the leper to obey the legal prescriptions on verification and cleansing. The man who is cleansed in turn violates the command of Jesus to be silent. Commands and prescriptions seem to have little power in this narrative. Rather, the humanity and the compassion of Jesus and the experience of freedom that the healed man enjoys are the main focus of attention.

This leper recognizes Jesus as a person who can cure him, "If you will, you can make me clean." The man's request assumes that Jesus embodies the power and will of God. Jesus commands that the person be healed and instantly the healing takes place. Next, the man from such a miserable existence emerged as a missionary preacher. From a situation in which he was totally isolated on account of his illness, he became a messenger of the good news. He did this in spite of being told that he should present

## 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: **410**

**Last Weekend's collections**

**FIRST COLLECTION: \$6,167.30**

**Renovation Fund: \$1,720.11**

**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

himself before the priest and receive the certificate of his healing. There is no indication that the healed man obeyed Jesus' command to go to the priest. Rather, he began to proclaim energetically and to spread the word widely. Further, the healed man, like the four disciples, joined Jesus in his mission. While the four chosen disciples were still training to be fishers of men, the cleansed leper was already contributing to the missionary catch. This miracle placed at the beginning of the gospel, is an indication to the reader that being called to the service of the gospel every person can be a missionary.

