

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

**6:00PM                      7:30AM                      10:00AM**

<b>CANTORS:</b> Allan Harrigan	Dr. Gloria Callwood	Marguerite Rene
	Felicinne Marcillin	
<b>LECTORS:</b> Candace Bryan	Alma Wells	Felicita Richards
Ruth Smith	Jalila Thomas	Carmen White
<b>EUCH MIN:</b> Dolores Velazquez	Lauren Thomas	Lola Warrington
	Rose Labadie	

*Thank you for sewing !!!*

*Please pray for the members of our body who are sick or suffering. . .*

**HOSPITAL:** Berecia Reid.

**OFF ISLAND:** Defy Francoise, Bertina Lestrade, Altagracia Padilla, Emile Joseph, Joseph Archer, Clementina Abraham, Maggie Dolphin, Bishop Thomas.

**AT HOME:** Rita Ledee, Rose Celestine, Margarita Feliciano, Martina Lewis, Olivia Gumbs, Ann Bedminster, John Joseph, Medina Scatliffe, Lilian Francis, Bernice Knight, Philomen Baron, Joyce McPherson, Claudy Brutus, McLean Fontain (Sparrow), Vernelle Gumbs, Evelyn Simon, Mary Lewis, Veronica Sealey, Isabel Dublin, Gerard Henry, Theresa Felix, Ruthine Johnson, Leal Stridiron, Grace Thompson.

**SEAVIEW:**  
**MASSAC:** Margarita Knight.  
**LUCINDA MILLIN:** Rita Thompson.  
**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 Purposefulness when you ...*

- \*Have a clear vision of what you want to accomplish.*
- \*Know why you are doing it.*
- \*Focus on the goal.*
- \*Get back on purpose if you get scattered or distracted.*
- \*Do things one at a time and finish what you start.*
- \*Persevere until you get the right results.*

**Affirmation:**

*I am purposeful. I am clear about what I am doing and why. I stay focused on my goals. I know I can accomplish great things.*

**WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS**

**OFFICE HOURS**

**Mondays - 10:00 AM  
to 4:00 PM**

**Tuesday - Friday**

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

**HOLY FAMILY FINANCE COUNCIL**

Alicia Douté	Yasmine Haynes
Jean Dragin	Anneta Heyliger
Claudia Winston	Dan Hurley
John T. Williams	
Rev. Neil Scantlebury (Pastor)	

**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)

**NEXT MEETING**

**Wednesday, March 15, 2017  
at 6:30 pm in Lower Columban Hall.**

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**PARISH CELEBRATION**

**Birthdays**

*Francois Baron, Agnes Nicholas, Martha Hunt, Jennifer Quetel, Cheryl Rivere, Stephanie Joseph, Tamika Williams, Darryl Potter, Vernon Ferris, Candice Ennis, Samyra Wilton, Michael Caracciolo, June Elvire, Jacqueline Baptiste, Patty Love, Gerry Francis, Lauren Thomas, Andrew Noel, Bridget Toussaint, John James.*

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

*William & Maggie Dolphin - Feb. 01*

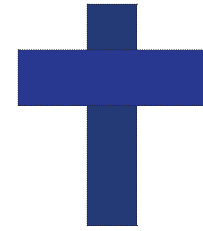


*Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!*

**Holy Family Catholic Church  
Welcomes You!**

**4th, Sunday in Ordinary Time - Jan. 29, 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

**Administrative Assistant**  
Ms. Allison Charles

**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

**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)**

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

**WEEKEND MASSES**

**Saturday: 6:00 PM  
Sunday: 7:30 AM, 10:00 AM &  
6:00 PM Creole Mass**

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Monday: 6:00 PM  
Tuesday - Thursday: 7:00 AM  
Wednesday: OLPH Novena before the  
7:00 AM Mass followed by  
Adoration after the mass to 5:30 PM  
Friday: Holy Hour - 6:00 PM  
Mass at 7:00 PM  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Saturday: 5:15 PM - 5:45 PM  
or by appointment.

**Readings for the Week  
of January 29, 2017**

Mon.: Hebrews 11:32 - 40; Mark 5:1 - 20  
Tue.: Hebrews 12:1- 4; Mark 5:21 - 43  
Wed.: Hebrews 12:4 - 7, 11 - 15;  
Mark 6:1 - 6  
Thur.: Malachi 3:1 - 4; Hebrews 2:14 - 18  
Luke 2:22 - 40  
Fri.: Hebrews 13:1 - 8; Mark 6:14 - 29  
Sat.: Hebrews 13:15 - 17, 20 - 21;  
Mark 6:30 - 34

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

Isaiah 58: 7 - 10  
1 Corinthians 2:1 - 5  
Matthew 5:13 - 16

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

#### FIRST READING: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12 - 13

“Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth,” said Zephaniah the prophet. Do what is right. “Seek justice.” Those who take refuge in the Lord shall pasture their flocks.

#### SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:26 - 31

The weak of the world are chosen by God. “Whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord.”

#### GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:1 - 12a

Jesus upset the standards of worldly justice in this charter of the heavenly reign: It belongs not to the rich but to the poor in spirit, not to the powerful but to the lowly, not to warmongers but to peacemakers. As the sacred scriptures are proclaimed today, let us pay particular attention to St. Paul in the second reading, who describes those who are called to follow the Lord Jesus. How do these words describe you? St. Paul reminds us that we disciples are summoned to live the Beatitudes that Jesus proclaims in today's Gospel. Then, as we hear the Beatitudes, let us reflect on what it might mean for us to “boast in the Lord” in our lives.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

6:00 PM: God's blessings and guidance for Holy Family Adult choir.

#### Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Deceased priests of the Mountaineers Priests' Association.

10:00 AM: The Holy Spirit's guidance for Eve Ogiste.

6:00 PM: God's continued blessings for the Haitian Community.

#### Daily Masses:

Mon. Jan. 30, 6:00 PM: **St. Maria Soledad Torres-Acosta**  
Birthday blessings for Darryl Potter rb His mother, Carmen White.

Tues. Jan. 31, 7:00 AM: **St. John Bosco**  
Eugene & Kathy Farro (d) rb Estelle Farro.

Wed. Feb. 01, 7:00 AM: **St. Brigid of Ireland**  
Birthday blessings for Bridget Toussaint.

Thurs. Feb. 02, 7:00 AM: **The Presentation of the Lord - Feast**  
Birthday blessings for Lauren Thomas.

Fri. Feb. 03, 7:00 PM: **St. Blaise**  
Birthday blessings for Kemoe Kevin Bellot rb Francesica Henry.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SECOND COLLECTION:** This week's second collection goes towards **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 **God's guidance and birthday blessings for Mona Bedminster**. You can request Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** This weekend the altar flowers were paid for by **Bridget Toussaint and Lauren Thomas** in thanksgiving to God and celebration of their birthdays. We thank you for beautifying the church and we pray God's continued blessings on your special day. Once again, thank you.

**SYMPATHY:** On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François and Rev. Neil Scantlebury extend sincere sympathy to Dianne DeWindt and family on the passing of her sister, **Eleanor Jackson-Thomas** who died on **Saturday, January 14, 2017**, in New York. The funeral Mass for the late **Eleanor Jackson-Thomas** will take place at Holy Family church on **Thursday, February 17, 2017** at 10:00a.m. Tributes 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.

**THANK YOU:** Rev. Neil Scantlebury and Rev. Kerly François extend sincere thanks to Ms. Alicia Doute and the committee who planned, prepared and cooked for our just concluded fun day, last **Sunday, January 17, 2017**. Thanks to all who participated in the various races and competitions. We trust that everyone had an enjoyable time in fun and fellowship. We pray God's continued blessings on all who contributed in one way or another. Once again, thank you.

**INTERNATIONAL NIGHT:** Saints Peter and Paul Catholic School invites you to their International Night on Saturday, February 4, 2017, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., in the Saints Peter and Paul School courtyard. Foods from the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Spain, Venezuela, Mexico, Colombia, and Brazil will be featured. The cost is \$15 for 7 taste plates and a drink. Tickets are available through parents or by contacting us at 774-2199.

**WORLD MARRIAGE DAY 2017:** All couples who were married in the Catholic Church for 20 years or more, in a year ending in a “2” or a “7”; (**for example 1987 = 30, 1992 = 25 years**), will be presented with a certificate signed by the bishop on the weekend of **February 11 - 12, 2017**. **Anyone married 50+ years (1967 or earlier)** are also eligible regardless of the year they were married. Please fill out the form at the entrance of the church or call the church office at 340-775-1650 **no later than Monday, January 30, 2017**. No names will be accepted after that date.

**2017 KEYS AND SWORD AWARD BENEFIT!!!!** Join us for the 8th Annual Keys and Sword Award Benefit on **Saturday, February 11, 2017** at the Marriott Frenchman's Reef Grand Ballroom. We look forward to welcoming you. The honorees are **The Knights and Dames of Malta**. **SAVE THE DATE. Tickets can be bought from Jennifer Johnson, Vincia St. Jean, Jean Dragin and the church office.**

**PRIESTS' RETREAT:** The Priests of this diocese will be having their annual priests' retreat at Upper Columban Hall from **Monday, February 13 to Thursday, February 16, 2017**. Please keep our priests in your prayers as they prepare for their retreat.

### LITURGY AND WORD

Each “Beatitude” states that the possessor of this characteristic will be “blessed” by God. A formal blessing is a divine action, sometimes brought about through an intermediary (priest, king, or parents). The New Testament Beatitudes refer to a future reward, whereas the Old Testament Beatitudes assume that the reward is already present. Short explanations for each of the Beatitudes are as follows:

1. The poor in Spirit. The word used in Greek for poor is ptōchos which denotes a “beggar”, not just a poor person with few possessions. This Beatitude should be read against the OT tradition of God's special care for the poor such as Exod. 22:25-27; Lev. 19:9-10; Deut. 15:7-11; Isa 61:1.

2. The mourners. This beatitude should be read against the background of Isa. 61:2-3 where the prophet's mission involves comforting all those who mourn in Zion. The occasion for their mourning is the devastation of the First Temple of Jerusalem in 587 B.C. It was prophet Isaiah who consoled the mourners in Zion.

3. The meek. Psalm 37:11 says, “The meek shall possess the land, and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.” The “land” is not necessarily limited to the land of Israel. In apocalyptic literature (see 1 Enoch 5:7) the promise is widened to include the gift of the whole world to the just. To the elect there shall be light, joy and peace, and “they shall inherit the earth.”

4. Hunger and thirst for righteousness. The background is Psalm 107:5, 8-9, which describes God as satisfying the hungry and the thirsty. Righteousness refers first to God's justice and then to human relationships and behavior. The satisfaction promised in the Beatitude is first and foremost futuristic.

5. The merciful. The background for this is Proverbs 14:21 where “blessing” is the reward for kindness shown to the poor. Mercy is first of all an attribute of God, who in turn desires mercy from human beings.

6. The pure in heart. The background is Psalm 24:3-4 which speaks about those who have “clean hands and a pure heart”. It characterizes people of integrity whose moral up righteousness extends to their inmost being and whose actions and intentions correspond. 7. The peacemakers. The background is the Old Testament idea of Shalom as the fullness of God's gifts. Although all peace comes from God and perfect peace will be realized only in God's kingdom, following Jesus in the

### 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: **526**

#### Last Weekend's collections

**FIRST COLLECTION: \$7,430.00**

**SECOND COLLECTION:**

**Priest Pension Fund: \$1,214.10**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS FOR 2016**

### LITURGY AND WORD CONT'D

present demands the active pursuit of peace. The peacemakers will be invited to join the angels (“sons of God,” see Gen 6:1-4) at the last judgment.

8. Persecuted for righteousness' sake. Matthean community members might take this beatitude as a description of the social ostracism that they endured for their unusual way of living their faith. Early Christians endured lot of suffering and persecution for their faith. The persecution continued till the early fourth century when Emperor Constantine made Christianity the state religion.

The Beatitudes are a program for life. They summarize what Christian life is. It takes effort and discipline of life to live by them. God looks at the sincerity of our effort and not how much we achieve for he understands our limitations. Let us therefore make an effort to live the Beatitudes.

