

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

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

<b>CANTORS:</b> Allan Harrigan	Dr. Gloria Callwood	Marguerite Rene
<b>LECTORS:</b> Valerie Doute Margarita Smith	Noreen Joseph Alma Wells	Families for Christ Families for Christ
<b>EUCH MIN:</b> Dolores Velazquez Olga McBean	Danna, Bridget, Rose & Felicinne	Eubald Rene Marguerite Rene

*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 Idealism when you ...*

- \*Really care about what you value in life.*
- \*Dare to have big dreams.*
- \*Have a vision of what is possible.*
- \*Have a plan to make your ideals real.*
- \*Take action to make your dreams come true.*
- \*Do something to make a difference in the world.*

**Affirmation:**

*I live by my ideals. I believe in my dreams. I have faith that anything is possible.*

**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**

*Valerie Doute, Aiden Penny, Marvens Tity, Gemmicia Felix, Marley Aubain, Shane Jules, Shanika Stout, Denzel Browne, David Blondell, Cletus Lionel, ETTY Cazaubon, Edison Etienne, Camille Santiago, Casey Smith, Winston Hamilton, Rosemond Leatham, Lorine Bruno, Mona Bedminster, Uselda Jn Baptise, JoAnne Cruz, Isylma Matthew, Douglas Dick, Heidrun Williams, Winifred Hood, Lola Warrington.*

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

*Thomason & Olive Johnson - Feb. 27*

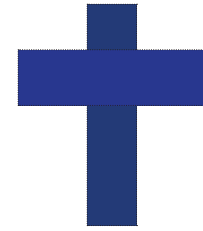


*Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!*

**Holy Family Catholic Church  
Welcomes You!**

**5th, Sunday in Ordinary Time - Feb. 05, 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 February 05, 2017**

Mon.: Genesis 1:1 - 19; Mark 6:53 - 56  
Tue.: Genesis 1: 20- 2:4a; Mark 7:1 - 13  
Wed.: Genesis 2:4b - 9, 15 - 17;  
Mark 7:14 - 23  
Thur.: Genesis 2:18 -25; Mark 7:24 - 30  
Fri.: Genesis 3:1 - 8; Mark 7:31 - 37  
Sat.: Genesis 3:9 - 24; Mark 8:1 - 10

**NEXT SUNDAY:  
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sirach 15:15 - 20  
1 Corinthians 2:6 - 10  
Matthew 5:17 - 37

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:7 - 10**

Isaiah prophesied: Share bread with the hungry. Shelter the homeless. Clothe the naked. Do not turn away from your own. "Then your light shall break forth like the dawn."

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1 - 5**

Paul's teaching did not come from himself but from the convincing power of the Spirit. So the faith he passed on rests "not on human wisdom but on the power of God."

**GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:13 - 16**

Jesus called his disciples the "salt of the earth" and "the light of the world." He cautioned them not to let the salt lose its flavor and not to put a cover on the light but to let it shine. "Your light must shine before others ... and glorify your heavenly Father."

Today Jesus proclaims us the salt of the earth and the light of the world. How can we be all that? Our first reading points the way: feed the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless, clothe the naked. There is no mention of whether they are "deserving." When we do these things, then our light will "break forth like the dawn." Our readings today call on us to do no less than light up the whole world!

### MASS INTENTIONS

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

6:00 PM: Special intentions of Valerie Doute rb Valerie Doute.

#### **Sunday Masses:**

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings for Tia and Tai Hodge rb Cleopha Rawlings.

10:00 AM: Helena Chandler (d) rb Her son, Cuthbert Bellot.

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

#### **Daily Masses:**

Mon. Feb. 06, 6:00 PM: **St. Paul Miki & Companions**  
Lela Lewis (d) rb Lola Warrington.

Tues. Feb. 07, 7:00 AM: **Blessed Giles Mary**  
Luis Eduardo Munoz, Sr. rb Silvia Munoz.

Wed. Feb. 08, 7:00 AM: **Sts. Jerome Emiliani & Josephine Bakhita**  
Rose & Richard Cook (d) rb Estelle Farro.

Thurs. Feb. 09, 7:00 AM: **St. Apollonia & the Martyrs of Alexandria**  
Birthday blessings for Aria Rawlings rb Cleopha Rawlings.

Fri. Feb. 10, 7:00 PM: **St. Scholastica**  
Thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit rb Lola Warrington.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SECOND COLLECTION:** This week's second collection goes towards **Renovation Fund**. Next week's second collection will go towards **Black and Indian Mission**. As always we thank you for your generosity.

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** This week the Eternal Candle is burning for **Green Celestine deceased and Ivone Celestine deceased, requested by Hilda Celestine**. You can request Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

**SYMPATHY:** On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François and Rev. Neil Scantlebury extend sincere sympathy to Paula and Maxine Luke and family on the passing of their father, **Wixson Luke** who died on **Saturday, January 28, 2017**. The funeral service for the late **Wixson Luke** took place at Holy Family Church last **Friday, February 3, 2017** at 10:00 a.m. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

**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 this **Thursday, February 9, 2017** at 10:00 a.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.

**FAMILIES FOR CHRIST:** Families for Christ will meet this **Sunday, February 5, 2017**, after the 7:30 a.m. mass. Please be guided accordingly and all are invited to attend.

**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.

**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.

**BREAKFAST SALE:** The Dominica Association of St. Thomas will host a breakfast sale in Holy Family parking lot on **Saturday, February 25, 2017**. This event is scheduled to commence at 7:00 a.m. and end at noon. Thanks in anticipation of your kind support.

**ANNUAL YOUTH LENTEN RETREAT:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church is hosting a youth retreat to take place on **Saturday, March 11, 2017**, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church from 8:00 am to 3:00 p.m. The guest speaker is Fr. James Holland from Transfiguration Roman Catholic Church. This retreat is for students from 6th to 12th grade. Lunch will be provided. Parents are welcome to join.

### LITURGY AND WORD

The Bible uses many images for the mission on which God wills to send his chosen people. Today's readings use at least two such images: salt and light. The theme of light is predominant in the Bible right from the first book when God created light on the first day even when he had not yet created the sun and the moon. This means God is source of all light. In John's Gospel Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In Matthew as in today's Gospel passage, the disciples are called the light of the world. The symbolism of light gives us three insights into the mission of the disciple of Christ:

a) The light of the Lord shines in and through his missionaries: In today's First Reading (Isa 58:7-10) the Lord clarifies his concept of fasting. He does not desire a fasting that will bring a short lived self-satisfaction but the well-being of one's neighbour. When a person begins to live for others the light of the Lord shines in and through him/her to the whole world.

b) This light is not the fruit of any human effort: In today's Second Reading (1 Cor 2:1-5) St Paul confesses to the Corinthians that he did not come to them with human talents or qualities such as eloquence and intelligence that will impress human beings externally for a time being. He came to them as a weak human being that relied totally on the power of the Holy Spirit. Such a sense of kenosis (self-emptying) allows the Lord to work in and through a person whom he sends on a mission.

c) This light is meant to bring glory to God: In Today's Gospel (Mt 5:13-16) Jesus uses two images for his followers: salt of the earth and light of the world. Both these images have meaning when they are utilized for the well-being of human beings and for the glory of God. The salt is for the earth and light is for the world that produces good works which in turn inspire the people to give glory to God.

In what way does my mission bring light to the people and glory to God?

### 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: **563**

**Last Weekend's collections**

**FIRST COLLECTION: \$6,343.75**

**SECOND COLLECTION:**

**Catholic Education: \$1,634.51**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS.**

### LITURGY AND WORD CONT'D

Let us once more take up the song of the Psalmist. In the home where husband and wife are seated at table, children appear at their side "like olive shoots" (Ps 128:3), that is, full of energy and vitality. If the parents are in some sense the foundations of the home, the children are like the "living stones" of the family (cf. 1 Pet 2:5). Significantly, the word which appears most frequently in the Old Testament after the name of God (YHWH, "the Lord"), is "child" (ben, "Son"), which is itself related to the verb, "to build" (banah). Hence, Psalm 128, in speaking of the gift of children, uses imagery drawn from the building of a house and the social life of cities: "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain ... Lo, sons are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb, a reward. The arrows in the hand of a warrior are the sons of one's youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate" (Ps 127:1, 3-5). These images reflect the culture of an ancient society, yet the presence of children is a sign of the continuity of the family throughout salvation history, from generation to generation. The Bible also presents the family as the place where children are brought up in the faith. This is evident from the description of the Passover celebration (cf. Exod 12:26-27; Deut 6:20-25) and it later appears explicitly in the rite of the Passover meal. The family is thus the place where parents become their children's first teacher in the faith. They learn this "trade", passing it down from one person to another. Thus succeeding generations can raise their song to the Lord: "young men and maidens together, old and young together!" (Ps 148:12).

— Pope Francis, (*Amoris Laetitia*)