

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU!
MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

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

CANTORS: Allan Harrigan Adult Choir Melita Etienne

LECTORS: Keith Steele Agnes Nicholas Julia Johnson
Olga McBean Rita Brady-Bermudez Ursula Prosper

EUCH MIN: Dolores Velazquez Catherina Alexander Yvonne Freeman
Felicienne Marcillin

Thank you for sewing !!!

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

HOSPITAL: Berecia Reid, John Joseph.

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, 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 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

CONGRATULATIONS



Evelina M. Rene

Daughter of Mr. Eubald and Mrs. Marguerite Rene, and former student of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic school, was admitted to practice as an Attorney and Counselor-at-law in all the courts of the state of New York on **Wednesday, February 1, 2017**, by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York Second Judicial Department. Once again, congratulations and all God's continued blessings.

HOLY FAMILY FINANCE COUNCIL

Alicia Douté Yasmine Haynes
Jean Dragin Annetta 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

Mali Moore, Kevin Hughes, Britney Johnson, Bonnie President, Richie Placid, Tara George, Jasmine Budley, Dipsy Graneau, Charlene Vanterpool, Vonetta Winston, Kenrick Fagan, Yolanda Pierre, Anthony Randolph, Buney Registe, Jeanette Magras, Esther Henderson, Anthony McBean, Anthony Estime, Ruthine Johnson, St. Hilaire Antoine, Marie Joseph.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Harold & Roma Attidore - Feb. 12
George & Ruth Smith - Feb. 14

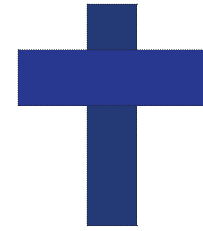


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

Holy Family Catholic Church
Welcomes You!

6th, Sunday in Ordinary Time - Feb. 12, 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

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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 12, 2017

Mon.: Genesis 4:1 - 15, 25; Mark 8:11 - 13
Tue.: Genesis 6: 5 - 8; 7:1 - 5, 10; Mark 8:14 - 21
Wed.: Genesis 8:6 - 13, 20 - 22; Mark 8:22 - 26

Thur.: Genesis 9:1 -13; Mark 8:27 - 33

Fri.: Genesis 11:1 - 9; Mark 8:34 - 9:1

Sat.: Hebrews 11:1 - 7; Mark 9:2 - 13

NEXT SUNDAY:
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Leviticus 19:1 - 2, 17 - 18
1 Corinthians 3:16 - 23
Matthew 5:38 - 48

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Sirach 15:15 - 20

Immense is the Lord's wisdom. The Lord God sees every created thing and understands every human deed. Human beings have life and death before them, and they receive whichever they choose.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:6 - 10

Paul wrote that real wisdom is God's: hidden, mysterious, planned and prepared from the very beginning for the glory of those who love the Lord.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:17 - 37

Jesus said he came not to abolish the law but to fulfill it. He described such fulfillment as a matter not of legal argumentation but of holiness, reconciliation and the obedience of faith. Jesus encouraged the disciples to let their "Yes" mean "Yes" and their "No" mean "No." Our readings today address the laws that God has given us to live by. The first reading and the psalm present them as fulfilling and life-giving. Then along comes Jesus in the Gospel, and while He upholds the law, He calls us to a higher standard. No longer is it enough to observe the letter of the law. As we hear these words proclaimed today, it might be good to reflect on one area in our life where we can do more, and to pray for the grace to do so.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

6:00 PM: Birthday blessings for Armeicia Martin rb Her mother and daughter.

Birthday blessings for Cleopha Rawlings rb Cleopha Rawlings.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: God's guidance and protection for Sherna Matthew rb Her mother.

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

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. Feb. 13, 6:00 PM: **St. Catherine of Ricci**
God's blessings, guidance and protection for Pamela Charles and family.

Tues. Feb. 14, 7:00 AM: **Sts. Cyril, Methodius & Valentine**
God's blessings and guidance for Juilette Commodore and family.

Wed. Feb. 15, 7:00 AM: **Sts. Faustinus & Jovita**
God's blessings and guidance for the bishop and all priests of the diocese.

Thurs. Feb. 16, 7:00 AM: **St. Onesimus**
God's guidance and protection for Allison Charles.

Fri. Feb. 17, 7:00 PM: **Seven Founders of the Order of Servites**
Gerson Eusebe (d) rb His family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning for *birthday blessings for Armeicia Martin*. 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 St. Joseph Workers. We thank you for beautifying the church and we pray God's continued blessings on you. Once again, thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François and Rev. Neil Scantlebury extend congratulations to *Mrs. Jane Gonzales who has been teaching at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic School for 46 years. We pray God's continued blessings upon you as you continue to teach.*

LOST AND FOUND: A watch was found last **Sunday, February 5, 2017**, after mass. If you lost a watch, please contact the church office at 340-775-1650, as soon as possible.

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 this weekend, **February 11 - 12, 2017**. **Anyone married 50+ years (1967 or earlier)** are also eligible regardless of the year they were married.

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.

FOOD SALE: St. Joseph Workers of Holy Family Church will host a food sale on **Saturday, March 4, 2017**, at Holy Family parking lot from **11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** **MEATS: Roast Pork, Baked Chicken, Barbecued Chicken, Pigtail Soupe and Fish.** **STARCHES: Peas & Rice, Macaroni & Cheese, Potato Stuffing and Potato Salad.** **VEGGIES: Tossed Salad and Hot Vegetables.** Drinks will be on sale. **Price \$12.00 and Fish Plate - \$15.00.**

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.

JESUS EXPLOSION NUMBER 1: The Diocese of St. Thomas of the Virgin Islands presents, Jesus Explosion Number One will take place at Columban Hall at Holy Family Church, from **Friday, March 31 to Sunday, April 2, 2017**. The main speaker will be **Fr. Ian Taylor of Trinidad & Tobago**. The theme for the weekend is, "God's Love" - John 3:16. **The fee is \$20.00 for ages 10 to 21 which includes registration, material, weekend meals and a polo shirt. Adults: 22 and older, registration is \$35.00. Meals and polo shirts are sold separately.** Registration forms are available at all Catholic churches. Accommodations are needed for visitors from Trinidad, Virgin Gorda, Tortola and St. Croix. Volunteers please contact Yvonne Freeman at 340-642-6377.

LITURGY AND WORD

There are 613 laws said to be given by Moses in the Old Testament. The Majority of these laws are prohibitions, with don't, rather than positive commands with dos. Since not all the Israelite population was able to abide by all of these, a group within the community opted to do that; later the members of this group came to be known as the Pharisees, a name familiar to us. These were the 'separated ones' who prided themselves to be the keepers of the Laws of Moses to the utmost details. In fact Jesus did not disapprove of their resolve to observe the Mosaic Laws. What he wanted is that one must not define one's virtue, or dharma, to use Indian terminology, with mere observance of the Laws. This is clear from today's Gospel passage which forms part of the great 'Sermon on the Mount'. The sermon was addressed to the crowd that surrounded Jesus and not just to the twelve or a select few. Jesus admitted that the laws are meant to be observed by all and that these would remain unchanged. However, going beyond the letter of the law, one must be able to get to the spirit behind these laws. What Jesus explains is how to possess a virtue that goes beyond and deeper than that of the Pharisees. For a better understanding, we need to make a distinction between legitimacy and credibility. One might have the right pedigree, and be spotless and even scrupulous in the observance of rules and regulations. The person might even hold offices of high esteem and authority. However, credibility goes beyond all these. The authority that Jesus had did not come from a pedigree he could boast of. He came from an ordinary family in Nazareth, from a carpenter's family. He was not a Pharisee, a scribe or a lawyer. In fact he did not have a position in the Jewish society of his time. Yet at the end of the Sermon on the Mount, people acclaimed that he 'taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes' (Mt 7:28-29). The reason for this is his credibility. His virtue went far beyond that of the leaders in the society who possessed authority of juridical nature. Coming to our own country we might recall that the Father of our Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, did not hold any offices of high profile as he fought for independence, and he did not want one after he gained it. Yet when he fasted, people from all corners of the country, regardless of caste, class and religion, joined him and prayed for him. The reason: the manner of his life gave him credibility and moral authority with others.

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: **542**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$7,526.75

SECOND COLLECTION:

Renovation Fund: \$1,864.20

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS.

LITURGY AND WORD CONT'D

Thus ultimately our virtue or righteousness should go beyond mere keeping of the rules and regulations. We might claim to have kept all the ten commandments of God and the five commandments of the Church; we might not have missed Sunday Masses or the annual confession. But if our life in our families and in our workplace does not reflect our spirituality or is not in conformity with our 'law-abiding' nature, we run the risk of losing our credibility. Today St Paul tells us of a wisdom which we should possess, given to us only by the Spirit of God. Only that wisdom can teach us the 'depths of everything', even the spirit behind the given laws. The leaders of Jesus' time did not possess it and they judged him by human standards, as one who did not keep the law. Ben Sirach, the great Jewish teacher towards the end of the Old Testament times, tells us in the reading taken from his writings, that God's eyes are on those who fear him. It is the 'fear of God' which is real righteousness. God not only takes account of our law-abiding nature but also our words and deeds, and indeed, our whole life. After having listened to the readings of today, especially the Gospel passage, let us examine ourselves and see if our virtue, righteousness or dharma goes beyond mere observance of rules. Let us ensure that our life becomes more credible before God and others.