

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> Margarita Smith	Noreen Joseph	Families for Christ
Yasmine Haynes	Alma Wells	Families for Christ
<b>EUCH MIN:</b> Dolores Velazquez	Felicinne, Bridget	Eubald Rene
Olga McBean	Rose & Allison	Annette Daly

*Thank you for sewing !!!*

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

**HOSPITAL:** John Joseph, Rita Thompson.

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

**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 Fountain (Sparrow), Vernelle Gumbs, Evelyn Simon, Mary Lewis, Veronica Sealey, Isabel Dublin, Gerard Henry, Theresa Felix, Ruthine Johnson, Grace Thompson.

**SEAVIEW:**  
**MASSAC:** Margarita Knight.

**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 Trust when you ...*

*\*Believe there is some good in everything that happens.*

*\*Look for the lessons in painful experiences.*

*\*Let trust take away your worries.*

*\*Know that your best is good enough.*

*\*Trust others unless you have good reasons not to.*

*\*Don't nag, worry or try to take control.*

**Affirmation:**

*I am trusting. I have no need to control others. I release fear and worry. I feel at peace and know I am not alone.*

**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 FOR LENT**

Lord Jesus, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. During this Lent, lead us by your Holy Spirit to live more faithfully in Christian freedom. Through prayer, increased charity and the disciplines of this sacred season, draw us closer to you. Purify the intentions of our hearts so all our Lenten observances give you praise and glory. Grant that through our words and actions, we may be faithful messengers of the Gospel message to a world in need of hope and your mercy. 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, April 19, 2017  
at 6:30 pm in Lower Columban Hall.**

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**PARISH CELEBRATION**

**Birthdays**

*Johnley Dieu, Zekai Burns-Bussue, Jacques David, Jalleigh David, Nikoya Browne, Napha Alexander, Chevell Simeon, Carolyn Vanterpool, Coreen Edwards, David Mitchel, Leonard Turnbull, Jr., Ferdinand Richard, Rene Henderson, Helena Enrique, Rose Benjamin, Mary Benjamin, Vivian Ovesen.*

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

*Giftus & Nadia Johnson - Apr. 6*



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

**Holy Family Catholic Church  
Welcomes You!**

**5th Sunday of Lent - April 02, 2017**

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**MAKE  
THESE  
40DAYS  
HOLY**

**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

**Interim Deacon**  
Rev. Mr. Evans Doway

**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 April 02, 2017**

Mon.: Daniel 13:1 - 9, 15-17, 19-30, 33 - 62  
John 8:1 - 11

Tue.: Numbers 21:4 - 9; John 8:21 - 30

Wed.: Dan. 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42

Thur.: Genesis 17:3 - 9; John 8:51 - 59

Fri.: Jeremiah 20:10 - 13; John 10:31 - 42

Sat.: Ezekiel 37:21 - 28; John 11:45 - 56

**NEXT SUNDAY:  
PALM SUNDAY**

Isaiah 50:4 - 7  
Philippians 2:6 - 11  
Matthew 26:14 - 27:66



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

#### FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:12 - 14

The Lord God told the people that soon the graves of the dead would open and they would rise. "I will put my Spirit in you that you may live ... says the Lord."

#### SECOND READING: Romans 8:8 - 11

"Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him." God, who raised Jesus from the dead, will raise also those in whom the Spirit dwells.

#### GOSPEL READING: John 11:1 - 45

Lazarus died, and Jesus raised him from death. Jesus said, I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." What Ezekiel speaks of figuratively, Jesus does in reality! Lazarus' grave is open and he rises from it, in the greatest miracle recorded in the Gospels. St. Paul assures us that "if the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in us," we too will have new life. As we hear these sacred words of scripture, let us reflect on the places of death in our own lives and how God can bring them to life again.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

6:00 PM: Ricky Maxwell (d) rb His family.

#### Sunday Masses:

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

10:00 AM: In Thanksgiving to God for blessings received rb Victoria Matthew.

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

#### Daily Masses:

Mon. Apr. 3, 6:00 PM: **St. Richard de Wyche**  
Eugene Farro (d) rb Estelle Farro.

Tues. Apr. 4, 7:00 AM: **St. Isidore of Seville**  
God's protection, deliverance and healing for Francesca Alcendor  
rb Francesca Alcendor.

Wed. Apr. 4, 7:00 AM: **St. Vincent Ferrer**  
God's protection and guidance for Anthony Renal rb His mother.

Thurs. Apr. 6, 7:00 AM: **Blessed Notker**  
Birthday blessings for Vivian Ovesen rb Gloria Giffit and Mercedes Hodge.

Fri. Apr. 7, 7:00 PM: **St. John Baptist de la Salle**  
God's guidance and protection for the children and grandchildren of  
the Brutus family.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SECOND COLLECTION:** This week's second collection goes towards **Bishop's Appeal**. Next week's second collection will go towards **Bishop's Appeal**. As always we thank you for your generosity.

**BISHOP'S APPEAL:** Your donation to the Bishop's Appeal 2017 supports the soup kitchens that are part of the Catholic Charities program. Last year 155,000 meals and hundreds of nights of shelter for the homeless were provided to the poor through your generosity. Please take a brochure today and prayerfully consider a generous gift. For your convenience, you may choose to make a pledge now and spread your donation over several months. "Love what Jesus loves. Jesus loves the poor."

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** This week the Eternal Candle is burning for **God's protection and guidance for Marie Renal requested by Marie Renal**. 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 Jennifer Johnson and family on the passing of her brother, **Leal Stridiron** who died on **Sunday, March 26, 2017**. The funeral service for the late **Leal Stridiron** will place at Holy Family Church on **Thursday, April 6, 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 Eve Ogiste and family on the passing of her son, **Curtis Abraham**. The funeral Mass for the late **Curtis Abraham** will take place on **Monday, April 10, 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.

**LENT:** Lent began with **Ash Wednesday, March 01, 2017**. Now is the time to plan spiritual and corporal works of mercy for Lent.

#### **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. We are encouraged to attend the Jesus Explosion with our entire family.
7. There will be **NO** altar flowers, **NO** Gloria and **NO** Alleluia, **NO** recessional hymn.
8. We are encouraged to make a good Confession.
9. Give generously to the Bishop's Appeal.
10. Pray the novena of Our Lady the Undoer of Knots that Our Lady will undo the knots of Holy Family Parish, family and ourselves.

**PALM SUNDAY CONCERT:** Holy Family Catholic Church will host a Palm Sunday Concert featuring Holy Family Adult and Youth Choirs, Haitian Adult and Youth Choirs, Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral and Spanish Choirs, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Choir and additional Guest Artists. The concert will take place on Palm **Sunday, April 9, 2017** at 4:00 p.m. in Upper Columban Hall. Donation – Adults \$15.00, Children 12 and under pay \$10:00 at the door. Thank you.

**EASTER EGG HUNT:** The St. Vincent de Paul is having their usual egg hunt on **Easter Sunday** after the 10:00 a.m. mass, however, they are asking for contributions for prizes and candies. Please contact **Ms. Alma Wells at 340-513-8911 or Andrea Victorine at 340-690-9539** for more information.

### LITURGY AND WORD

A businessman from England, named James Stevens, came to Kolkata in 1968 and decided to give up his comfortable existence back in home country, and dedicate his life for the rehabilitation of leprosy patients' children from the slums in and around the city. One day in 1970 he travelled into the slums of the city in a bus loaned from Mother Teresa. He got eleven children whose parents were leprosy patients, and with these he began a house named 'Udayan', meaning 'Rising'. Today it is home to hundreds of children who are provided with a better life. The children are given a new lease on life, free from the scourge of leprosy and its associated poverty. It is really a resurrection in their life. In fact James Stevens is not the only one who causes such 'risings' in the life of the poor. By now we are familiar with similar happenings as part of Church's mission among the poor.

In today's first reading the Prophet Ezekiel, who lived during the period of the exile of the Israelites in Babylon, consoles the people with the hope of a future, restoration of the lost land and temple and regaining of freedom by using the symbolism of 'resurrection'. He first describes a vision he had of a valley of 'dry bones'. These bones eventually put on flesh and skin and then get back the breath of life. In fact the people would go back to their homeland after a few years to resettle themselves and rebuild the temple. A long fifty years of life in captivity would finally give way to a 'resurrection' in their life.

The Gospel episode describing the resuscitation of Lazarus on this Sunday close to the celebration of Easter, tells us who the author of life is and how resurrection could be a reality. As a matter of fact Jesus had caused 'risings' in the lives of the people by healing them of their physical illnesses and disabilities and in many cases socially rehabilitating them. Zacchaeus and Matthew who were tax collectors and the woman caught in adultery definitely felt being accepted in the society as the result of intervention by Jesus. Bringing back to life the dead son of the widow at Nain (Lk 7:11-17) is not just a miraculous restoration of life to the young man but a gift of rising in the life of the poor widow. The case of resuscitation of Lazarus is similar. Lazarus, the only breadwinner of the family, goes back to his home and to his sisters to resume his life.

### 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: **427**

#### Last Weekend's collections

**FIRST COLLECTION: \$5,416.55**

**SECOND COLLECTION:**

**Bishop's Appeal: \$877.00**

**Our Bishop's Appeal contribution goal for 2017 is \$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

Let us get to another level of 'rising' in life which happens due to our faith. "Do you believe I can do this?", asks Jesus to the one who comes to ask for healing. How many people's lives have been changed for the better, from the time of Jesus to this day, because they believed! Martha expressed her conviction that had Jesus been there her brother would not have died! However Jesus still demanded that Martha should state her faith in Jesus as the one who raises and gives life. Faith in the author of life is a prerequisite for risings in our life and eventual resurrection after death. St. Paul is convinced that it is the Spirit of God dwelling in us who causes our resurrection.

Dear brothers and sisters, while we wait with faith and hope for our own resurrection to eternal life, let us also think of the 'risings' that we can bring about in our own life and in the life of others. Does our own spiritual life need a lease of new life? If so it can be done by means of nourishing it with the participation in the sacramental life of the Church. We could think of our family life and many other spheres of life which need change for the better. Let us not also forget that we could be agents of 'risings' in the life of the poor around us. Jesus was one such agent; many follow him today with dedication and commitment. Let us be proud of belonging to a religion which has caused resurrection of various kinds in the life of the people.