

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU!
MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

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

CANTORS: Allan Harrigan Dr. Gloria B. Callwood Melita Etienne

LECTORS: Olga McBean Rita Brady Mona Bedminster
Candace Bryan Allison Charles Julia Johnson

EUCH MIN: Dolores Velazquez Lauren Thomas Lola Warrington
Felicinne Marcellin

Thank you for sewing !!!

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

HOSPITAL: Claudy Brutus, Rita Thompson.

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

AT HOME: Rita Ledee, Rose Celestine, Margarita Feliciano, Martina Lewis, Olivia Gumbs, Ann Bedminster, Medina Scatliffe, Bernice Knight, Philomen Baron, McLean Fontain (Sparrow), Vernelle Gumbs, Evelyn Simon, Mary Lewis, Veronica Sealey, Isabel Dublin, Gerard Henry, Theresa Felix, Ruthine Johnson, Grace Thompson, Baby Elizabeth Dolphin, Andrea Victorine, Josephine James.

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 Modesty when you ...

**Are comfortable being who you are.*

**Respect yourself.*

**Do not permit anyone to abuse your body.*

**Set boundaries about your right to privacy.*

**Accept praise with humility and gratitude.*

**Share your victories without boasting.*

Affirmation:

I am modest. I have no need to brag. I dress in a way that shows respect for myself and others. I protect myself from disrespectful attention.

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)

HURRICANE PRAYER

God our Father, all the elements of nature obey Your commands. Keep us safe from the danger of hurricanes and all other natural disasters. Let us always feel the presence of Your love. May we be secure in Your protection and turn our fears into praise of Your goodness. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen!

HURRICANE SEASON: JUNE 1 TO NOVEMBER 30:

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, August 17, 2017
at 6:30 pm in Lower Columban Hall.**

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PARISH CELEBRATION

Birthdays

Zane Denis, Skender Estime, Shauna Bellevue, Michaela Phelan, Carim Burton, Jahmar Quandt, Felicia Felix, Tamra George, Velma Henry, Jeanese Gourdet, Jessica Jones, Julio Rhymer, Angelique Abbott, Jean Tity, Andrea Shillinford, Lydia Martin, Urelca JnBaptiste, Lucia Thomas, Magdalene Dolphin, Helen Bruney, Richard Callwood, Jr.

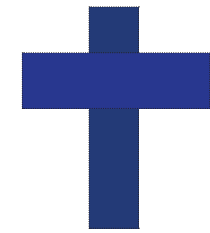


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

**Holy Family Catholic Church
Welcomes You!**

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 9, 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

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 July 9, 2017**

Mon.: Gen. 28:10 - 22a; Matt 9:18 - 26

Tue.: Genesis 32:23 - 33; Matt. 9:32 - 38

Wed.: Gen. 41:55 - 57; 42:5 - 7a, 17 - 24a;
Matthew 10:1 - 7

Thur.: Gen. 44:18 - 21, 23b-29; 45:1 - 5;
Matthew 10:7 - 15

Fri.: Genesis 46:1 - 7, 28 - 30;
Matthew 10:16 - 23

Sat.: Genesis 49:29 - 32; 50:15 - 26a;
Matthew 10:24 - 33

**NEXT SUNDAY:
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 55:10 - 11
Romans 8:18 - 23
Matthew 13:1 - 23

14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9 - 10

The prophet foretold the coming of the savior and king who would proclaim peace to all the nations of the earth.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:9, 11 - 13

Paul wrote that the Spirit of God lives in all who are Christ's. They should live not according to the flesh but in God's Spirit.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 11:25 - 30

Jesus invited the people, saying "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

In Jesus' time, plow animals always worked in pairs. The yokes they used were specially fitted to each animal to ease their burden so that they could work together more easily and share the load. So when Jesus says to take up his yoke, he is offering to share our burdens, to help carry our load as a partner on the journey. Let us take heart from this good news as we listen to these sacred scriptures today.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

6:00 PM: God's protection and blessings for Anthony Renal rb His mother.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Clifford John (d) rb His family and friends.

Eugene Farro (d) rb Estelle Farro.

10:00 AM: Deceased priests of the Mountaineers Priests Association.

6:00 PM: God's continued guidance and blessings for Rev. Kerly Francois.

Daily Masses:

Mon. July 10, 6:30 PM: **St. Veronica Giuliani**
God's continued blessings and thanksgiving for favor received for Jennifer Johnson.

Tues. July 11, 7:00 AM: **St. Benedict**
God's healing for Holy Family parishioners.

Wed. July 12, 7:00 AM: **St. John Gaulbert**
God's healing and deliverance for Jean Dragin.

Thurs. July 13, 7:00 AM: **St. Henry II**
Birthday blessings for Philip Wells rb The Wells family.

Fri. July 14, 7:00 PM: **Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha**
Birthday blessings for Chris, Jr. and Chrisnae Romis rb Auntie Paula.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning for *birthday blessings for Georgia and Jaharra, requested by their mother, Jane Ann Casey*. You can request Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

CONGRATULATIONS: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly Francois, Rev. Neil Scantlebury and Deacon Evans Doway extend congratulations to all 2017 graduates. We pray God's continued blessings and guidance in all your future endeavors. Once again, congratulations.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES: All 2017 high school graduates who are active in the church are asked to sign your name for the 2017 St. Joseph Workers' Scholarship. The signup sheet is located on the table at the entrance of the church. Congratulations.

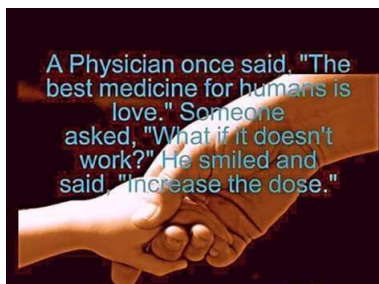
BAPTISM CLASS: Baptism class will commence on **Monday July 10, 2017**, at 7:00 p.m. in Lower Columban Hall, and will continue every Monday in July. Application forms for Baptism can be collected from the church office and should be completed before the start of the program. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

PRAYER GROUP 40TH ANNIVERSARY: The Holy Family Catholic Charismatic Prayer group has celebrated its 40th anniversary on July 4th. The anniversary celebrations will end with a healing service on **Monday July 10, 2017**, at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

FATIMA CELEBRATIONS: The Children of Mary invites everyone to a series of celebrations celebrating the hundredth year of Our Lady's appearance to the children in Fatima. The next celebration is **Thursday, July 13, 2017** at Our Lady of Cassi Hill Shrine at 7:00 p.m. Fr. Tucharad Gula will be preaching along with devotions to Our Lady. The celebrations will continue on the 13th of each month until **October 13, 2017**. Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

CASSI HILL PILGRIMAGE: The 70th Annual Pilgrimage to Cassi Hill will be celebrated on **Sunday, August 20, 2017**. We will gather at Four Winds Plaza from 2:00 p.m. The procession begins at 2:30 p.m. to Our Lady of Cassi Hill Shrine. We will end with a closing mass at Holy Family Church at 3:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served after the mass in the classroom. All are invited.

AT HOLY FAMILY: Please check out our website at www.holyfamilystt.com and our face book page at **Holy Familyvi**. Also, (1) Log on to FORMED.ORG/REGISTRATION then use the parish code QMPGC4. (2) **MYPARISHAPP:** Access the App Store, download the MYPARISH APP, put in the name of your parish (Holy Family).



LITURGY AND WORD

When people returned from the Babylonian exile the Davidic dynasty no longer ruled in Jerusalem, and so the expected anointed one could scarcely be the next king in the line. In a shift, it was thought that the ideal king would come in the indefinite future when the Davidic throne would be restored. This gave rise to the idea of the emergence of the Messiah king. Yet since there was no visible dynasty to produce this figure, other Jewish hopes and expectations appeared alongside the Davidic Messiah. Some Jews expected salvation through an ideal priest, or a prophet like Moses, or by God Himself without human assistance.

It was amidst these expectations that Jesus was born to poor parents in Bethlehem. The Gospel of Luke says, "For to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord (Lk 1:11). This child born in a remote village of Palestine is the Messiah the people of Israel have been looking for. When Jesus grew up and began his public ministry he did not openly claim to be the Messiah nor did he have the appearance or pretension of the Messianic king. He appeared to be the humble Messiah that Zechariah prophesied a few centuries before the birth of Jesus, "Your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on an ass, on a colt, the foal of an ass" (Zech 9:9). In fact this is what Jesus did when he made his triumphant entry into Jerusalem to face his trial and death.

Jesus chose the title "Son of Man" while speaking about his life and mission. The Messiah, as the Son of Man, will suffer, die and rise on the third day, according to the Scriptures. Jesus is the Messiah but he did not live in the palace but instead went into the midst of the suffering humanity. He made friendship with the outcasts of society and had table fellowship with sinners and tax collectors. Jesus was the Messiah but his option was for the poor. It is in this context that the prayer of Jesus becomes intelligible.

Renzo was an eight-year-old boy living in Italy. His parents were poor and they had six children to nurture. They lived in a tiny house and the children almost slept on top of one another. Then Renzo heard his mother remark that she was going to have another baby. That worried him – and his parents, too. Where would that baby sleep? There just wasn't a single corner left in the house.

One day shortly after that, Renzo was on his way to school when he saw a man selling big red balloons. He had an idea; he ran after the man and gave up his 20 lire school lunch money to buy a balloon.

Renzo skipped school that day. Instead, he went just outside of town to a little hill. He sat down on the grass, tied his flying balloon to his schoolbag, took out his biro and a piece of paper and began to write a letter to God. "Dear God, in a few weeks we're going to have another baby in the family. We already have six children and a very

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: **438**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: **\$4,836.60**

SECOND COLLECTION:

Renovation Fund: **\$1,436.27**

Our Bishop's Appeal contribution now amounts to \$28,693.00, 72% 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

small house. Lord, help us to find some blankets for the new baby and something to make a mattress out of. It's okay if these things are second-hand. I live in San Lorenzo." He signed it: "Gratefully yours, Renzo di San Lorenzo".

He then folded up his letter, tied it to the balloon string and let the balloon go. Renzo watched it ... Up and up it went until it was only a dot in the sky. Now Renzo was on edge, waiting for an answer to his letter. Nothing happened – until four days later. The postman came around with a big parcel addressed to Renzo. His father argued with the postman, "There must be some mistake. This parcel is marked coming from San Martino. We don't know anyone in San Martino. Send it back." The postman replied saying that it cannot be sent back for it has no return address on it. Then Renzo chimed in and said, "Well, let us at least open the parcel and see if it is for us or not." So they did And they found the parcel all full of baby's clothes – used ones – but nice and clean and washed. It was like some kind of a miracle.

Renzo then disappeared from the scene and walked back to the little hilltop. He lifted up his eyes to the blue heavens and thanked God. Here is what the Lord did. There was this elderly man in the town of San Martino taking a stroll. He noticed a deflated balloon lying by the side of the road. It had a small note attached to its string. He went over, picked up the note and read it. His first reaction was to throw it away. But then with a smile on his face, he said to himself, "I – and only I – have been chosen to play the role of God in Renzo's life." So he did what the letter suggested, and sent off the parcel without a return address.