

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU!
MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

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

CANTORS: Allan Harrigan	Dr. Gloria B. Callwood Felicinne Marcellin	Marguerite Rene
LECTORS: Keith Steele Ruth Smith	Bridget Toussaint Noreen Joseph	Yvonne Freeman Dr. A. Thomas
EUCH MIN: Dolores Velazquez	Danna Knight Catherina Alexander	Franklin Howe Antoinette Howe

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:
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 Flexibility when you ...

- *Learn from your mistakes.*
- *Are willing to change bad habits.*
- *Try imaginative new ways to do things.*
- *Are open to the ideas and feelings of others.*
- *Can adjust when something unexpected happens.*
- *Go with the flow. Trust the unexpected.*

Affirmation:

I am flexible. I keep changing for the better. I use my creativity. I welcome surprises.

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

David Gue, Maya St. Luce, Emka Fontaine, Melanie Santiago, Roy Petersen, Jr., Jazmine Grell, Makida Merchant, Rhita Antoine, Sara Gennusa, Yvonne Andre, Keiya George, Paul Hendrickson, Gemma Felix, Joanne Grell, Yolanda Rivere, Vicame Sanon, Cyril Abraham, Andrea Victorine, Veronique Blaize, Dr. Gloria Callwood

RELIGIOUS BIRTHDAY
Bishop Elliott Thomas - July 15

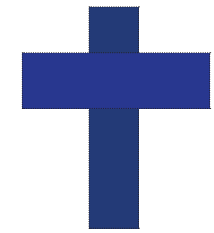


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

**Holy Family Catholic Church
Welcomes You!**

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 16, 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. Peter Laurencin

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 July 16, 2017**

Mon.: Exodus 1:8 - 14, 22; Matt. 10:34-11:1
Tue.: Exodus 2:1 - 15a; Matthew 11:20 - 24
Wed.: Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12; Matt. 11:25 - 27
Thur.: Exodus 3:13-20; Matthew 11:28 - 30
Fri.: Exodus 11:10 - 12:14;
Matthew 12:1 - 8
Sat.: Songs of Song 3:1 - 4b;
John 20:1 - 2, 11 - 18

NEXT SUNDAY:
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 12:13, 16 - 19
Romans 8:26 - 27
Matthew 13:24 - 43

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10 - 11

Just as rain and snow come down from heaven and do not return until the whole earth is watered and fruitful, so shall the word of the Lord go out to do God's will and accomplish God's purpose.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:18 - 23

Paul told the Romans that the whole created world eagerly awaits the revelation of God's children. The world will be set free and take part in the wondrous freedom of God's children.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13:1 - 23

Jesus told the parable of the sower. When disciples questioned him about it, he explained how those who hear the word and understand it will bear fruit and yield a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Today we are all farmers. The first reading, psalm, and Gospel all offer us farming metaphors. As the first reading speaks of God's word going forth, the Gospel speaks of how God's word is received. As Jesus says, "Whoever has ears ought to hear." So let us reflect on the lavishness of God's love, tossing seeds everywhere, greatly increasing the chance that some will take root and transform the world. Let us be receptive soil today!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

6:00 PM: Birthday blessings for Georgia and Jahaira rb Their mother, Jane Ann Casey.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings for Bishop Thomas rb Maureen Petersen.

10:00 AM: Birthday blessings and God's continued protection and guidance for Dr. Gloria Callwood.

Birthday blessings for Claudia Charles rb The Charles family.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. July 17, 6:00 PM: **St. Leo IV**
Birthday blessings for Gemma Felix rb Gemma Felix.

Tues. July 18, 7:00 AM: **St. Camillus de Lellis**
God's guidance and deliverance for Joey Joseph rb His mother.

Wed. July 19, 7:00 AM: **Blessed Peter ToRot**
God's continued blessings for Francis and Allison rb Maureen Petersen.

Thurs. July 20, 7:00 AM: **St. Apollinaris**
Nydia Barbosa Hess (d) rb Maureen Petersen.

Fri. July 21, 7:00 PM: **St. Lawrence of Brindisi**
Deacon Leonard Monsanto (d) rb Alma Wells.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION: This week's second collection goes towards the **Bishop's Appeal**. 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 **God's continued blessings and guidance for Dr. Gloria Callwood and family**. You can request Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

THANK YOU: The Holy Family Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group leaders and members would like to extend sincere thanks to all who came out and celebrated with them their 40th anniversary program. We pray God's continued blessing upon you and your family and look forward to welcoming you on Monday at our next prayer meeting. A warm welcome awaits you.

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.

CHAPEL SAINT ANNE IN FRENCHTOWN PATRONAL FEAST: The Saint Anne's Patronal Feast this year will be celebrated on July 22 and July 23. Our traditional procession will begin at 4:30pm on Saturday, July 22. The procession will move from the Chapel to the bayside, where the boats will be blessed, and we will process back to the Chapel. Holy Mass will begin at 5:00 pm. The celebration will continue on Sunday morning with Holy Mass at 8:00am, followed immediately by a time of fellowship in the hall. All are invited.

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 **Sunday, August 13, 2017** at Our Lady of Cassi Hill Shrine at 7:00 p.m. 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 in the classroom after the mass. 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)**.

Most Rev. Bishop Thomas: We continue to wish Bishop Elliott Thomas all the best at his new home. Telephone no. 340-344-8291.

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LITURGY AND WORD

The story we have heard in today's gospel passage is usually known as the Parable of the Sower. But the story doesn't seem to say very much about the sower, nor about the seed but about the soil. Jesus' own explanation dwells more on the types of soil than on the sower. Why then, this story is called the Parable of the Sower?

First of all, none of us is made up of just one type of soil. Each of us has four kinds of soil in our hearts. This story is mainly a description of our prodigal God. God knows it is foolish to spread seed on unworthy soil, but he does it anyway. God spreads his love with reckless abandon in hearts that are at once all four different types of soil. He throws seed at the disciples who over and over again prove that they have hard hearts, stiff necks, and dull minds. Jesus continues to throw seed at them, continues to work with them, and continues to help them see what God is up to in the world around them. He scatters the seed of the Gospel with wild prodigality, and even when it is clear that his disciples just don't get it, when they turn him over to the authorities, abandon him in his hour of need, and deny even knowing him; Jesus continues to pour out his love on them by inviting them back into the fold after the resurrection.

The first reading of today sheds even further light on the action of the divine Sower. What God tells us has a ring of stubborn determination. He is quite earnest in bringing to completion his plan for humans. His Word shall return to him only after serving its purpose, that is, only after the fulfillment of his design on the universe. In spite of apparent failures, mounting oppositions and obstacles, the Word of God will be effective and produce abundant fruits according to his divine design. The parable of the Sower is a story of contrasts.

On the one hand it tells us of the waste and failure of most of the farmer's hard work, and on the other, it speaks of the abundant harvest despite this waste. Almost till the end of the story all the toil and sweat of the farmer appear to be doomed to failure. Then the conclusion brings a sudden contrast. Some of the seed lands on good soil and yields an abundant harvest. All because, here is a prodigal Sower who will never give up. This, indeed, is the story of God's dealings with us humans. God's Word was at work in the act of creation. But man's sin attempted to wreck that work. God then responded with another act of love by promising a Savior who would put things right. Again, through his Word, God formed a people for himself. His Word spoken through the prophets sustained and guided them. And in the fullness of time, he gave his

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: **500**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$5,231.55

SECOND COLLECTION:

Diocesan Seminarians: \$1,348.86

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

Word-made-man, Jesus, to the world. He too was met with rejection and hostility. And nailed to a cross, the Word of God seemed to have been silenced forever! Apparently everything ended up in dismal failure. But only apparently! Defeating sin and defying death, Jesus rose from the grave. God will not relent until the abundant harvest is ensured. It is not to deny the power of evil or the reality of failure. Jesus experienced it. The Church experiences it. And we all experience it in our personal lives. In spite of failures, however, Jesus tells us to have confident hope. "Have patience and courage," he is telling us. "Do your work. Keep on sowing the seed and leave the rest to God. The harvest is certain. When it comes, it will be greater than you can possibly imagine."

