

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU!
MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

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

CANTORS: Allan Harrigan Felicinne Marcellin Marguerite Rene

LECTORS: Antoinette Floyd Allison Charles Carmen White
Helena Enrique Alma Wells Ursula Prosper

EUCH MIN: Dolores Velazquez Lauren Thomas Michelle Stout
Bridget Toussaint

Thank you for sewing !!!

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

HOSPITAL: 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, Claudy Brutus, 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 Assertiveness when you ...

**Share your own ideas and feelings.*

**Tactfully tell others what you really think.*

**Don't allow others to lead you into trouble.*

**Avoid being aggressive or passive.*

**Ask for what you want and need.*

**Expect respect at all times.*

Affirmation:

I am assertive. I freely express my own ideas. I think for myself and do what I feel is right. I am my own leader.

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 16, 2017
at 6:30 pm in Lower Columban Hall.**

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PARISH CELEBRATION

Birthdays

K'antae Correa, Mickelle Matthew, Loudencia Legrand, Delvin Hodge, Denise Thomas, Elric Wanterpool, Sherica Alfred, Joseph Commodore, Dave Anderson, Jr., Esenja Joseph, Ramirez Henry, Malik St. Rose, Deland Isidore, Danna Knight, Marahgaye Eugene, Herve Joseph, Kerna Cordener, James Bressendorff, Maslin James, Gregory Scarbriel, Ethelworld Ross, Audrey Callwood.

Anniversaries

*Connal & Sonia Alfred - July 30
St. Hilaire & Mary Antoine - July 31
Arden & Andrea Shillingford - Aug 5*

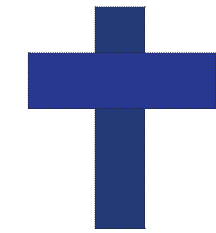


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

**Holy Family Catholic Church
Welcomes You!**

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 30, 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 30, 2017**

Mon.: Exodus 32:15 - 24, 30 - 34;
Matthew 13:31 - 35
Tue.: Exod. 33:7 - 11; 34:5b - 9, 28
Matthew 13:36 - 43
Wed.: Exodus 34:29 - 35; Matt. 13:44 - 46
Thur.: Exodus 40:16 - 21, 34 - 38;
Matthew 13:47 - 53
Fri.: Lev. 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-47;
Matthew 13:54 - 58
Sat.: Lev. 25:1, 8 - 17; Matthew 14:1 - 12

**NEXT SUNDAY:
Transfiguration of the Lord**

Daniel 7:9 - 10, 13 - 14
2 Peter 1:16 - 19
Matthew 17:1 - 9

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5, 7 - 12

God appeared to Solomon in a dream and offered him whatever he desired. The king requested wisdom to govern Israel well. The Lord granted the request.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:28 - 30

All things work for good for people who love God. The Lord God knows, predestines, justifies and glorifies people and calls them to share Christ's love.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13:44 - 52

Jesus said that the reign of heaven is like a buried treasure and a fine pearl. Those who find it sell all they have to attain it. God is like a householder who brings forth good things, new and old.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells more parables about the Kingdom of God, particularly about seeking and finding treasures. In the first reading, God offers Solomon anything he wants, and Solomon chooses the treasure of a wise, discerning heart. As we hear these sacred scriptures today, let us listen for the gifts that God is offering us and pray for the grace to choose wisely.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

6:00 PM: Kathy Farro (deceased) rb Estelle Farro.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Dr. Lino LaPenna (deceased) rb His wife, Tina La Penna.

10:00 AM: Birthday blessings for K'Antae Correa rb Alma Wells.

6:00 PM: God's continued healing and deliverance for the Haitian community.

Daily Masses:

Mon. July 31, 6:00 PM: *St. Ignatius of Loyola*
Rose and Richard Cook (deceased) rb Estelle Farro.

Tues. Aug. 1, 7:00 AM: *St. Alphonsus Liguori*
Curtis Abraham (deceased) rb His mother, Eve Ogiste.

Wed. Aug. 2, 7:00 AM: *Sts. Eusebius of Vercelli & Peter Julian Eymard*
Iris Doute (deceased) rb The Doute family.

Thurs. Aug. 3, 7:00 AM: *St. Philip Benizi*
Ermine Abraham (deceased) rb Her mother, Eve Ogiste.

Fri. Aug. 4, 7:00 PM: *St. John Vianney*
Birthday blessings and God's continued healing for Doreen Charles.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION: This week's second collection goes towards *Catholic Education*. Next week's second collection will go towards the *Renovation Fund*. 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 Rev. Kerly Francois*. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

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 sign-up sheet is located on the table at the entrance of the church. Congratulations.

ALTAR FLOWERS: This weekend the altar flowers were paid for in part by *Lorna Grieg* in celebration of her birthday. We pray God's continued blessings upon your life. Thank you for beautifying our church.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François, Rev. Neil Scantlebury and Deacon Peter Laurencin extend sincere sympathy to Denise Grant and family on the passing of her mother, *Marguerita Knight*, who died on **Monday, July 10, 2017**. The funeral Mass for the late Marguerita Knight took place on **Monday, July 24, 2017** at Holy Family Church. May her 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, Rev. Neil Scantlebury and Deacon Peter Laurencin extend sincere sympathy to Ethelbert Bedminster and family on the passing of his brother, *Daniel Bedminster*, who died on **Monday, July 10, 2017**. The funeral Mass for the late Daniel Bedminster will take place on **Thursday, August 3, 2017** at Holy Family Church. 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, Rev. Neil Scantlebury and Deacon Peter Laurencin extend sincere sympathy to Linda Etienne and family on the passing of her son, *Troy Etienne*, who died on **Sunday, July 23, 2017**. The funeral Mass for the late T. Etienne will be forth coming. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

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. Fr. John Fewel 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: There will be a meeting for all CCD teachers and volunteers on **Saturday, August 26, 2017**, at 10:00 a.m. Please make every effort to attend. Thank you for your ministry during the last school year and we look forward to your continued cooperation in the new school year. Once again thank you.

LITURGY AND WORD

A Jewish Rabbi often dreamt of having found a great treasure in a civil officer's house. One day he dared to go and tell this to the concerned civil officer. But the civil officer refused to believe in the words of the Rabbi, saying, "I do not believe in dreams. One day I too dreamt of having a treasure in the house of a Jewish Rabbi." The Jewish Rabbi took his words seriously and dug into his own house and to his surprise he found a great treasure there. Human beings are always in search of some or the other treasures in their life. For some it is wealth, for others it is a good name, and still for some others it is a life-giving relationship. All this is done with the view of experiencing a deep sense of fulfilment and satisfaction. Today's readings propose three things which one should yearn and long for in life:

a) Love for wisdom: In the First Reading (1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12) King Solomon asks God for the gift of wisdom. The kings of ancient Israel asked God for three things: wealth, long life and victory over enemies. But Solomon asks God for wisdom so that he may handle the affairs of his people in an able manner. This shows his God-fearing nature, his concern for the people over his own concerns, and his love for wisdom. No wonder Solomon is called the patron of Jewish Wisdom Literature. The books of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Wisdom are attributed to him. Unfortunately this gift of wisdom could not save him from seeing the division of his own kingdom because he had lost the first love that he had for God. The small temples that he built for the gods of his foreign wives eventually caused the destruction of the magnificent Temple which he had built for Yahweh, the God of Israel.

b) Love for God: In the Second Reading (Rom 8:28-30) St Paul informs the Romans how all things work for good for those who love the Lord. Four things happen to the people who love God: they yearn to fulfil God's plan for the world, they respond to the call of God wholeheartedly, they live a righteous life, and finally they are glorified by God. Before searching for the treasure outside one has to search for the will of God oneself. This demands discernment. The journey is not over even after getting to know the will of God. One has to wholeheartedly respond to the inner call and live a righteous life. The glory that is reserved for such people is not the goal or destination of this

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: **344**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: **\$ 5,314.98**

SECOND COLLECTION:

Bishop's Appeal: \$981.00

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

journey but rather the joy of loving God and discovering God's love for oneself. c) Love for the Kingdom of Heaven: In the Gospel (Matthew 13:44-52) we come across four parables that teach us to train ourselves to search for the most valuable things in life and to be ready to give up everything for the sake of this precious treasure (parable of the hidden treasure and the precious pearl), to choose the good things in life, and to throw away the harmful things (the parable of the dragnet). Jesus' concluding remark on the parable discourse invites us to be like "a scribe who is trained for the kingdom of heaven who is like a householder who takes out of his treasure what is new and what is old." Have I found the treasure in my life? What price am I ready to pay in order to possess this treasure? Am I ready to separate the good from the bad in my life in order to enjoy the heavenly treasure of love, joy and peace?

