

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU!  
**MINISTERS' SCHEDULE**

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

<b>CANTORS:</b> Allan Harrigan	Dr. Gloria Callwood Felicinne Marcillin	Melita Etienne
<b>LECTORS:</b> Keith Steele Olga McBean	Bridget Toussaint Rita Brady-Bermudez	Felicita Richards Mona Bedminster
<b>EUCH MIN:</b> Dolores Velazquez	Alma Wells Allison Charles	Yvonne Freeman

*Thank you for serving !!!*

*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 Cleanliness when you ...*

*\*Keep your body fresh and clean.*

*\*Put things away after you use them.*

*\*Help keep your home neat and clean.*

*\*Put only healthful things into your body.*

*\*Use clean language.*

*\*Clean up your mistakes.*

**Affirmation:**

*I keep my mind and body healthy and clean. I put my things and life in order. I am willing to clean up my mistakes.*

**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.**

**Le Bleu  
ULTRA PURE BOTTLED WATER**

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**PARISH CELEBRATION**

**Birthdays**

Glendia Caines, Gabrielle Baa, Jayde Roumou, Dyllani Newton, Claudeja Brutus, Jaden Plummer, Jada Plummer, Reachel JnoBaptiste, Zene Abraham, Sencelia Reynolds, Alex Bruney, Chandra Williams, Dothlyn Davis, Tesha Tyson, Daphne Mayers, Myrleine Thomas, Synthie Telemaque, Shirley Pacquette, Renee Harris, Beverly St. Thomas, Errol Grell.

**Anniversaries**

Julian & Ilma Gumbs - Aug. 14  
Kevin & Tiffanie Quetel - Aug. 15  
Ronald & Michelle Stout - Aug. 19

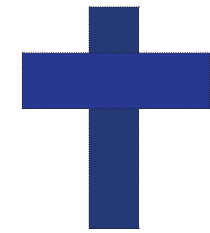


*Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!*

**Holy Family Catholic Church  
Welcomes You!**

**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Aug. 13, 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**

(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 August 13, 2017**

Mon.: Deut.10:12 - 22; Matthew 17:22 - 27  
Tue.: Rev. 11:19a, 12:1 - 6; 1 Cor. 15:20 - 27  
Luke 1:39 - 56  
Wed.: Deut. 34:1 - 12; Matthew 18:15 - 20  
Thur.: Josh. 3:7-11, 13-17; Mat. 18:21-19:1  
Fri.: Joshua 24:1 - 13; Matthew 19:3 - 12  
Sat.: Joshua 24:14 - 29; Matthew 19:13 - 15

**NEXT SUNDAY:  
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 56:1, 6 - 7  
Romans 11:13 - 15, 29 - 32  
Matthew 15:21 - 28



## 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

#### FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11 - 13a

Elijah the prophet heard the Lord's voice not in wind, not in an earthquake nor in fire, but in a tiny whisper. When he heard the Lord, Elijah hid his face in his cloak, overcome with awe.

#### SECOND READING: Romans 9:1 - 5

Paul wrote that he would willingly accept being separated from the Christ for the sake of his fellow Israelites, from whom came the Messiah.

#### GOSPEL READING: Matthew 14:22 - 23

Jesus walked on the water, He called to Peter in the boat with the other disciples. Peter stepped out on the water until his faith faltered and he began to sink. Then Jesus stretched out His hand to save Peter. "Lord, if it is you," cries Peter when he sees Jesus walking on the water. No wonder he sank! No wonder Jesus scolds him, "O you of little faith!" Our readings today challenge us to have enough faith to find God in the most unexpected places: in a tiny whispering sound, or in the middle of the sea in a ranging storm. As we listen to God's holy word today, let us recall the unlikely places where we have found God and give thanks.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

6:00 PM: God's blessings for Holy Family church cleaning crew rb Tina La Penna.

#### Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: In thanksgiving to God for Julian & Ilma Gumbs rb Their family.

10:00 AM: Birthday blessings for Chris Romis, Sr. rb His mother and family.  
Birthday blessings for Heather Daniel rb Heather Daniel.

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

#### Daily Masses:

Mon. Aug. 14, 6:00 PM: *St. Maximilian Kolbe*  
Betty Wagner (deceased).

Tues. Aug. 15, 7:00 AM: *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
Deceased members of The Children of Mary.

7:00 PM: Birthday blessings for Duane & Devin Motta & Claudeja Brutus  
rb The Brutus family.

Wed. Aug. 16, 7:00 AM: *St. Stephen of Hungary*  
God's protection and deliverance for John Durand rb His mother.

Thurs. Aug. 17, 7:00 AM: *Blessed Joan Delanoue*  
God's healing and deliverance for Andrea Victorine.

Fri. Aug. 18, 7:00 PM: *St. Jane Frances de Chantal*  
Inez Doute (deceased) rb The Brown, Doute, Ferrell & Smith families.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SECOND COLLECTION:** This week's second collection goes towards the *Church in Africa*. Next week's second collection will go towards the *Youth Ministry*. As always we thank you for your generosity.

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** This week the Eternal Candle is burning *in thanksgiving to God for Julian and Ilma Gumbs*. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:** Please note that on **Tuesday, August 15, 2017**, is the *Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*. Therefore, there will be two masses on that day, **7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.** Please make every effort to fulfill your obligation.

**WELCOME:** This weekend we welcome to St. Thomas and to Holy Family Church members of St. Vincent de Paul Society from the South East Region, the region our group are under. Anyone who would like to know more about the Society or would like to join the Society can meet them after this Saturday evening mass, here at Holy family. Once again we say welcome.

**SYMPATHY:** On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François, Rev. Neil Scantlebury and Deacon Peter Laurencin extend sincere sympathy to *Joanne Eustache Benjamin* and family on the passing of her brother, *Jason Augustin Eustache, Sr.*, who died on **Wednesday, July 26, 2017**. The funeral Service for the late *Jason Augustin Eustache, Sr.*, will take place on **Tuesday, August 15, 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 *Leon Richards* and family on the passing of his mother, *Surfrona Amelia Richards*, who died on **Wednesday, July 26, 2017**. The funeral Service for the late *Surfrona Amelia Richards* will take place on **Friday, August 18, 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 *Mona Bedminster* and family on the passing of her grandfather, *Morris Liverpool*, who died on **Sunday August 6, 2017**, in Dominica. 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 this **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**. This meeting will be a time of reflection and will run from **10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** Please make every effort to attend. We would also like to have another planning meeting on the following **Saturday, September 2, 2017**, from **9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** 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

Storm and calm, confusion and silent serenity face each other in the Word of God that is offered to us today, especially in the first reading and the Gospel. Elijah wanted to meet God and he wanted God to intervene with power and destroy the pagans in Israel. He was heading for Mt Sinai, possibly in the hope of meeting God where Moses had seen him. He wanted God to be a God of fire and sword. He hoped to find him in the storm, in the earthquake, in the fire. But in all these physical proofs of God's might and power, which Elijah felt were needed in Israel, God was not present. God's presence was experienced in the soft sound of a gentle breeze. Thus the prophet learned an important lesson as he too needed to be educated in his faith. He learned that God is intimacy, is simplicity, is patient and sweet presence, is spirit and life. He doesn't share our impatience, our intolerance, or the spirit of crusade of the sons of Zebedee and of the fanatics of all times. The Gospel story too contrasts the storm, fear and terror with the calm and peace which is brought by the apparition of Christ. Why did the Master bid his disciples to row in a raging sea, to fight against the swelling waves in the storm? Why did he bid them risk their lives? Was it not perhaps a way of educating them in faith? They were shown that alone they were helpless to face the powers of nature, to meet the challenges of life. And in moments of difficulties and perils they were trained to turn to the Lord who would be close to them unexpectedly. In fact, the last thing the disciples could have expected in the midst of a storm was to find their Master walking over the waters and coming to them. When Jesus reassured the terrified disciples, "Take heart, it is I", Peter's reaction was impulsive: "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you across the water." He wanted Jesus to command him to do something impossible. And Jesus did bid him to do the impossible. And Peter did it. But when he saw the waves, in fright he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus saved him but also scolded him for his lack of faith. Did he not notice the mounting waves before he stepped into the water? It seems he did not. He only heard the word, "Come", and stepped into the water. The Lord is willing to support us in doing the impossible. What we need is enough faith to step out of the security of the boat. Like Peter, we too ask the Lord to make us do the impossible. Like, to establish peace and justice in our world, to forgive unconditionally, to witness to God's love in the world... But experience tells us that these are practically impossible things to do. By accepting to be disciples of Jesus we say we are willing and even anxious to do the impossible. Peter did not walk on water by his own power. So we too will succeed to do the impossible with the power of the Master. Peter's request was: "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." As the renowned preacher, Fr Bill Grimm, beautifully puts it, If Jesus is the Lord, the presence of God among us, then we, like

### 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: **407**

#### Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: **\$ 6,283.12**

SECOND COLLECTION:

Renovation Fund: **\$1,364.01**

*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

Peter, should clamour to do the impossible. Does the world seethe with resentment and bitterness? Command me to forgive. Does the world suffer injustice? Command me to be a peace-maker. Does the world stagger under the weight of hopelessness? Command me to preach the Gospel. All I need is confidence that Jesus is the Son of God. Matthew's narration of this miracle is suggestive of the Easter apparitions. "Take heart, it is I, Have no fear..." is a typical assurance of the risen Lord to dispel fear. Again, Peter addresses Jesus with the Paschal title "Lord". And the disciples in the boat "worship" him, repeating the words of the centurion at the foot of the cross, "Truly you are the Son of God". The passage, in effect, becomes an apparition of the Risen Lord to the apostles and to the early Church, beset with difficulties and equipped with little faith. But what is amazing is not so much that the Lord walked on water or he calmed the storm with a word. After all he had total control over the powers of nature. What should fill us with awe and delight is the fact that the Lord came to the aid of his disciples in their time of peril. He ever comes to us whenever we find ourselves in trouble. So the big miracle is not that he walked on water, but that he is already with us in our boat. For the disciples then, the physical presence of the Lord was necessary to calm the storm. They didn't have Christ with them yet, unless he was physically present with them. But for us today, the Spirit of the Lord is ever with us. He is in our boat traveling with us all through our journey. Do not be afraid! Have no fear of the storms of life. With this Gospel story Evangelist Matthew intended to encourage the Church to trust in the power of God. The merciful help and intervention of the Risen Christ are indispensable in order to save this community in crisis, represented also by its spokesman, Peter, who risks drowning when left to his own strength. When our faith in the Lord wavers we begin to sink in the sea of life. But as we cry out for help he is there to offer us his hand and keep us from drowning. That outstretched hand offered to Peter, will be salvation not only for him but also for us.