

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU!
MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

4:00PM 7:30 AM 10:00AM

PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO SERVE WHENEVER POSSIBLE

CANTORS: Allan Harrigan Dr. Gloria Callwood Marguerite Rene
LECTORS: Keith Steele Bridget Toussaint Felicita Richards
 Olga McBean Rita Brady-Bermudez Mona Bedminster
EUCH MIN: Dolores Velazquez Alma Wells Yvonne Freeman
 Allison Callwood

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, Bishop Thomas, Theresa Felix, Isabel Dublin.

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, Gerard Henry, 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 Thankfulness when you ...

- *Are thankful for the gifts of life.*
- *Appreciate your own abilities instead of envying others.*
- *See the difficulties of life as learning opportunities.*
- *Enjoy your sense of wonder about the beauty in the world.*
- *Are willing to receive what others want to give.*
- *Count your blessings every day.*

Affirmation:

I am thankful for the many gifts within me and around me today. I appreciate my life. I look for the lessons. I expect the best.

WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS



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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, November 15, 2017
at 6:30 pm in the church.

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PARISH CELEBRATION Birthdays

Damian Anthon Carty, Demari Allen Industrious, Tyreek Mikel A. Stuart, T'Nya Cornelius, Izaiah Gimenez, Cily Najawicz, Sy Sebastien, Shakeem Frederick, Ja'den George, Keenarah George, Alanna Crooms, Alancia Estime, Murielle St. Luce, Latasha Martin, Millisha Bedminster, Akeem Knight, Miguel John, Maria Fontaine, Dave Aderson, Marie Demas, Janice Carbon, Julie Alicia Charles, Lina Vincia Edwards, Vanessa Freitas, Lester Gaston, Iolo Leatham, Moleto Smith, Teresa Fontaine, Lois M. Walters, Edward Oliver, Viola M. John, Christian Doute, Viola E. Smith

Religious Birthday
Rev. Kerly Francois - Nov. 12

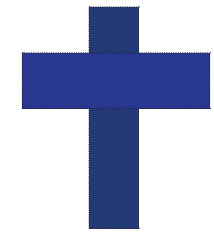


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

Holy Family Catholic Church Welcomes You!

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Nov. 12, 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

Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Allison Callwood

Sacristan
Mr. Ryan John

Musicians
Mr. Francis Callwood
Mr. Verne Callwood
Mr. Desmond Simmonds
Mr. Ade Warrington

Volunteers
Ms. Jennifer Johnson
Mr. Richard Callwood, III

CHANCERY: BISHOP'S OFFICE

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Venerable Pierre Toussaint

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30 AM; 10:00 AM & 4:00 PM Creole Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday: 7:00 AM
Tuesday - Thursday: 7:00 AM
Wednesday: OLPH Novena before the 7:00 AM Mass
Friday: Mass at 7:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday: 3:15 PM to 3:45 PM

Readings for the Week of November 12, 2017

Mon.: Wisdom 1:1 - 7; Luke 17:1 - 6
Tue.: Wisdom 2:23 - 3:9; Luke 17:7 - 10
Wed.: Wisdom 6:1 - 11; Luke 17:11 - 19
Thur.: Wisdom 7:22b - 8:1; Luke 17:20 - 25
Fri.: Wisdom 13:1 - 9; Luke 17:26 - 37
Sat.: Wisdom 18:14 - 16; 19:6 - 9; Luke 18:1 - 8

NEXT SUNDAY: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proverbs 31:10 - 13, 19 - 20, 30 - 31
1 Thessalonians 5:1 - 6
Matthew 25:14 - 30

When you enter THE CHURCH talk to GOD; when you leave - talk to each other!

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Wisdom 6:12 - 16

Wisdom is there for those who love and seek her: resplendent, unfading, responsive, eager, patient, perfect, gracious and caring.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13 - 18

Those who have died in Christ will rise first. Believers will be with Christ forever. Christians can comfort one another with this knowledge.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25:1 - 13

Jesus told the disciples the parable of the bridesmaid, emphasizing the urgency of keeping alert to the coming of God's reign: "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

In the holy scriptures that we hear proclaimed today, wisdom is presented as a central value. We hear an ode to wisdom in the first reading, and the parable of the wise and foolish virgins in the Gospel. This wisdom that we need will enable us to be ready for the coming of the Lord. Listening to these readings, what do you think you need to do to prepare for the Lord's coming today?

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

4:00 PM: Deacon Roy Brunery (deceased) rb The Children of Mary.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings, guidance and protection for Viola John
rb Her family.

10:00 AM: Birthday blessings for Fr. Kerly Francois rb Maureen Petersen.

4:00 PM: God's continued blessings for the Haitian community.

Daily Masses:

Mon. Nov. 13, 7:00 AM: **St. Frances Xavier Cabrini**
God's continued blessings and guidance for Tim Loos.

Tues. Nov. 14, 7:00 AM: **St. Lawrence O'Toole**
Ludence Turnbull, Sr. (deceased) rb The Rouse family.

Wed. Nov. 15, 7:00 AM: **St. Albert the Great**
Elroy & Violet Holder (deceased) rb Kathleen Thompson.

Thurs. Nov. 16, 7:00 AM: **St. Margaret of Scotland**
Birthday blessings for Viola John rb Paula and Bernadette.

Fri. Nov. 17, 7:00 AM: **St. Elizabeth of Hungary**
Birthday blessings for Mellisha Bedminster rb Mona Bedminster.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our Mass. Respecting the atmosphere of prayer, kindly turn off all cell phones, pagers, etc. while you are present in the church. Thank you.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be NO second collection taken up this weekend. If you have two envelopes please put them in at the time the collection is being taken up. As always we thank you for your generosity during this time.

Next week, our second collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Over 46 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. By supporting this collection you give people a hand up, not a handout. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning **for birthday blessings for Fr. Kerly Francois**. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: Please be reminded that the staff from Mental Health are available at Bethlehem House to administer medication and follow ups between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Anyone who needs assistance with purchasing school uniforms can come to Catholic Charities between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. They are also looking for volunteers to cook and to serve the food at the soup kitchen. Interested persons please contact Ms. Andrea Shillingford at 340-642-4787.

ALL HANDS VOLUNTEERS: All Hand Volunteers are here to help us rebuild our hope. They are offering free clean up assistance, debris removal and clean up, roof tarping and chainsaw work. Please call them at 340-643-1572.

CHURCH CLEANING: Volunteers are needed to help clean the church on Saturday mornings. **Thank you for your helping hands.**

LAUNDRY: Parishioners, please **DO NOT SIGN UP** for non-parishioners to come in to do laundry (WHICH HAS HAPPENED). The laundry was set up with you, the parishioners in mind. Thank you. Please also check all washers and dryers before leaving. We will not be responsible for any clothes left in the washing machines or dryers. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

KEYS AND SWORD: Bishop Bevard has announced that the Keys & Sword Award Benefit has been cancelled for 2018. Please let us keep each other in prayer and may God bless you, our parishioners, our communities and the U.S. Virgin Islands and all the islands in the Caribbean affected by the hurricanes.

DONATIONS: The La Resulta Assisted Living Facility is seeking donations of the following items: Clorox, Pine-Sol, Fabuloso, paper towels, toilet cleaners, dish liquid, mops, brooms dust pans, pull ups and diapers. Every little bit goes a long way. Please call 340-201-4172 for more information. Thank you.

NOTE: *The reception of Holy Communion, in Catholic teaching, indicates an agreement of faith, on the recipient's part, with the Catholic doctrine of Jesus' real presence in this sacrament. Catholics observe a Eucharistic fast of one hour prior to receiving communion. Therefore, it is inappropriate to have any food, candy, gum, etc., in your mouth while in church. Thank you for your cooperation!*

Having shared in the Eucharist, you are compelled to go and work for peace and justice, thereby building God's Kingdom now.

LITURGY AND WORD

According to an ancient legend a sparrow was taking a few drops of water in its beak and dropping them on the house which was on fire. A man was wondering as to what is the use of these few drops. They get consumed by the fire let alone putting the fire off. So he spoke to the sparrow whose reply was quite thought provoking. The sparrow said, "I am also aware of the fact that the few drops which I put on the fire will not put the fire off. But tonight when I will return to my nest I will have the satisfaction of knowing the fact in my heart that I was not on the side of those who set the fire but on the side of those put the fire off." The point is not what you do but with what purpose you do something.

As we come to the end of the liturgical year the Mother Church instructs us as to how one should be prepared to meet the Lord with the noble purpose. We can summarize all the readings of today (Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thess 4:13-16 or 4:13-14; Mt 25:1-13) in one word: Wisdom. Wisdom suggests a noble purpose essential for preparing oneself to meet the Lord. This wisdom way is based on practical knowledge based on experience and observation. Today's Gospel passage is taken from the last of the five Discourses of Jesus recorded by St Matthew, namely the Eschatological or End-time Discourse (chapters 24-25). We make three observations about the wise virgins in today's Gospel:

a) The wise virgins were very practical in taking extra oil with them when they went to meet the bridegroom whereas the foolish ones did not care to do so. When the purpose is noble you are well prepared to walk an extra mile. One has to keep some space between one's personal plans and the plan of God. Man plans according to chronos (time which is measurable) but God plans with kairos (opportune time). The return of the Lord will not take place in chronos but in kairos. Hence one has to be practical and carry some extra oil of wisdom in order to be ready to meet the Lord at any hour, even in the midnight.

b) They were foresighted and strove to be self-sufficient. A short-sighted and over-dependent person can land in trouble as the foolish virgins did.

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: **358**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$5,617.83

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

c) The wise virgins were prudent enough not to be affected by the mistake made by the foolishness of the other virgins. They were firm in going ahead with the noble task in mind and left the foolish virgins to handle their own problems. In what way can we use our wisdom to discern the noble task in store for us? How can we overcome the obstacle of our selfish ambitions in order to carry out this noble task with a noble purpose?

