WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU! MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

4:00PM

Ruth Smith

7:30 AM

10:00AM

Young Vincentian

PLEASE VOLUMTEER TO SERVE WHENEVER POSSIBLE

CANTORS: Allan Harrigan Dr. Gloria Callwood Marguerite Rene

LECTORS: Candace Bryan **Bridget Toussaint** Young Vincentian Allison Callwood

EUCH MIN: Dolores Velazquez Rose Labadie Franklin Howe Felicinne Marcillin Antoinette Howe



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, 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 Understanding when you ...

*Concentrate and pay close attention.

*Reflect on the meaning of things.

*See the whole picture.

*Resist distractions.

*Put yourself in other people's shoes.

Affirmation:

I have an understanding mind. I see truth about things. I have an understaning heart. I have empathy for other people's feelings.

*Forgive others and yourself when you make mistakes.

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 lové 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 vour 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)

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PARISH CELEBRATION Birthdays

Corrah Edwards, Showana Bellevue, Kenda Marcelin, Nadisha John Lewis, Jose Santiago, Elaine Jean Baptiste, Albert Richards, II, Carol Casimir, Darwin Porter, Lisa Plaskett, Jn Friznel Bellevue, Rae Rouse, Angela Poyotte, Frances Frederick, Julia Dubois, Antoinette Floyd, Nirisi Griffith, Dominick Hodge, Christopher Scott, Tiffanie Quetel, Sharon Davis, Stacy Steele, Marilene Lionel, Joseph St. Thomas, Norma Gimenez.

> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY Keith & Paquita Steele - Nov. 26 Joe & Susie Franz - Nov. 26 Cornel & Lena Williams - Nov. 28



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

Holy Family Catholic Church Welcomes You!

JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - Nov. 26, 2017

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 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

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.

Reverend Neil Scantlebury

Associate Pastor Reverend Kerly François

Administrative Assistant Mrs. Allison Callwood

<u>Sacristan</u> Mr. Ryan John

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

<u>Volunteers</u> Ms. Jennifer Johnson Mr. Richard Callwood, III

CHANCERY: BISHOP'S OFFICE

(340) 774-3166

Venerable Pierre Toussaint

Catholic Chapel

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St. Thomas VI 00802

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

Readings for the Week of November 26, 2017

Mon.: Daniel 1:1 - 6, 8 - 20; Luke 21:1 - 4

Tue.: Daniel 2: 31 - 45; Luke 21:5 - 11

Wed.: Daniel 5:1 - 6, 13 - 14, 16-17, 23 - 28; Luke 21:12 - 19

Thur.: Romans 10:9 - 18: Matt. 4:18 - 22

Fri.: Daniel 7:2 - 14; Luke 21:29 - 33

Sat.: Daniel 7:15 - 27; Luke 21:34 - 36

NEXT SUNDAY: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 63:16b - 17, 19b; 64:2 - 7 1 Corinthians 1:3 - 9

Mark 13:33 - 37

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

JESUS CHRIST, THE KING

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11 - 12, 15 - 17

•The Lord said, "I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd etends his flocks ... I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy or dark." I will pasture them, give them rest, bring back the strays, and heal the sick.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:20 - 26, 28

Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "Just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life." Christ must reign until the last enemy, death, is destroyed, "so that God may be all in all."

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25:31 - 46

•As a shepherd separates sheep from goats, so will the Son of Man come in glory to separate those who fed the hungry from those who did not: "Whatever you did for one of the least ... you did for me."

Today's reading from Ezekiel is the perfect setup for the Gospel. In conclusion, the Lord God promises to judge between the sheep and the goats. That is where the Gospel story picks up. By what standard does the Son of Man judge? By whether we engaged in the corporal works of mercy! The Year of Mercy ended three hundred sixty-five days ago, but we must always remember to be merciful to our sisters and brothers.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

4:00 PM: Birthday blessings for Alicia Doute rb Viola John and family.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Hermacin John (deceased) rb Her daughter, Eve Ogiste.

10:00 AM: Anniversary blessings for Khalid and Makida Merchant rb Viola John and family.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. Nov. 27, 7:00 AM: *St. John Berchmans*Ermine Abraham (**deceased**) rb Eve Ogiste.

Tues. Nov. 28, 7:00 AM: *St. Catherine Laboure* Souls in purgatory rb Eve Ogiste.

Wed. Nov. 29, 7:00 AM: *Blessed Francis Anthony of Lucera*God's blessings and guidance for the children and grandchildren of
Mona Bedminster rb Mona Bedminster.

Thurs. Nov. 30, 7:00 AM: *St. Andrew*Rose and Richard Cook (**deceased**) rb Estelle Farro.

Fri. Dec. 01, 7:00 AM: *The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*In thanksgiving to God for favors and blessings received
rb Francis and Allison Callwood.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION: This week's second collection goes towards Catholic Education. Next week's second collection will go towards Renovation Fund. As always we thank you for your generosity.

Thank you for your generous support last week to the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/cchd/collection and click "How to Give" on the left.

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning for birthday blessings for Keith and Keithanne Maynard, requested by their family. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

FOOD FOR THE POOR: This weekend we will collect non-perishable items for our less fortunate brothers and sisters within our community. As always we thank you for your generosity. Once again thank you.

MASS TIME: Please note that commencing next <u>Saturday, December 2, 2017</u>, the Saturday evening masses will begin at <u>5:00 p.m</u>. and <u>NOT 4:00 p.m</u>. Please be guided accordingly.

ALL HANDS VOLUNTEERS: All Hands 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.

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.

With the holidays fast approaching, it would be nice if we can send Bishop Thomas a Christmas card. Thank you. His address is as follows:

Most Reverend Elliott G. Thomas c/o Jeanne Jugan Residence 186 Highland Avenue Somerville, MA 02143-1595

LITURGY AND WORD

John Paul II once said that Mother Teresa should be the face the Church should present to the world. She built her life around the Gospel, two passages in particular: (1) Jesus' words from the Cross, "I Thirst." She interpreted this as meaning not that Jesus thirsted for water but for us and our love, and she determined to live her life in such a way that Jesus' thirst would be quenched. (2) Today's gospel, Jesus' dramatic portrait of the Last Judgment, the sheep on one side, the goats on the other, the former destined for heaven, the latter for hell, all based on how they treated others, which, Jesus said, amounts to how they treated him. Mother Teresa liked to say that when we stand before the Just Judge, he will take us by the hand and count out on our five fingers, "You-Did-It-To-Me." Today's Gospel puts us on the right track to understand in clear terms what Jesus teaches us about his kingdom and kingship. His kingship and kingdom are not oriented to a title and authority but persons and service. We are told categorically that the one who fails to see the other in need and help him or her is going to end up on the left side of the king and that will be eternal death for him or her. Today the world is up in arms to protect and safeguard God and religion. However, we do not see a matching effort to go to the other who is in need, to bring consolation and comfort to the suffering, to share the love and care with those who have nobody to love them and care for. There is more selfishness, pride, destruction in the world than love, understanding and generosity. In the name of God and religion so many innocent persons are massacred and places of worship bombed. People engage in fierce battles to safeguard God! These people do not realize that working for the relief of the deprived, the oppressed and the outcast we are serving Christ in person, because he fully identi-fies himself with all those in need, right up to his final moment in this life. The disciple of Christ the King cannot afford the luxury of comfortably "keeping myself to myself" or "Well anyway, I do nobody any harm." To be deaf to the cries of our neighbors in need is to be deaf to

Christ. To be blind to the anguish

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: 297

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$4,972.30

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

of the dying is to be blind to Christ. To take Jesus Christ as our Shepherd-king involves that we should in turn become shepherds who are ready to leave our own comfort zones to rescue those who are in situations of alienation, to share our bread with those who are hungry, to help others to rest and bring healing and sense of purpose. The citizens of the kingdom of God are committed to establish the kingdom-values and justice. Jesus commissioned us to live a life according to his commandment of love. We are called to love God with all our heart, mind and strength and when we do that we enter into a personal and life-changing relationship with him and it helps us to understand his commandments.

