

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU!
MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

5:00PM 7:30 AM 10:00AM

PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO SERVE WHENEVER POSSIBLE

CANTORS: Allan Harrigan	Dr. Gloria Callwood	CCD Choir
	Felicinne Marcellin	
LECTORS: Chris Doute	Jalila Thomas	CCD Student
Valerie Doute	Lafwa Rolle	CCD Student
EUCH MIN: Olga McBean	Danna Knight	Yvonne Freeman
	Catherina Alexander	

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, Isabel Dublin, Francis John.
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 Determination when you ...

- *Believe that what you are doing is important.*
- *Set goals for yourself.*
- *Stay focused without being distracted.*
- *Keep going even if it gets difficult.*
- *Ask for help when you need it.*
- *Finish what you started.*

Affirmation:

I am determined. I set goals and keep going until I achieve them. I get things done. I stay focused on my purpose.

WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS

OFFICE HOURS

**Mondays - 10:00 AM
to 4:00 PM**

Tuesday - Friday

7:30 AM - 4:00 PM

**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)

Thank you for sewing !!!



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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God our Father, all the elements of nature obey Your commands. We praise and thank You for Your protection during the hurricane season. We ask You again to guide us through a new year free of earthquakes, floods and other natural disasters. Bless our families and bring peace to all nations. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen. **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.**

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PARISH CELEBRATION

Birthdays

Kaydeen Merchant, Bailey Love, Clayton McCleary, Nathan Bedminster, Candace Bryan, Seon Francis, Rodrick George, Shanna Attidore, Wordsworth Auguste, Glenceworth Francis, Jean Pierre, Dannel Fahie, Yvrose Mozard, Claudia Winston.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

*Jose & Dolores Velazquez - Jan. 26
Errol & Patricia Grell - Jan. 28*

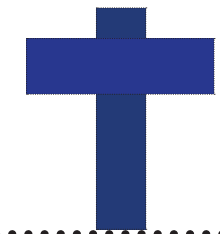


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

**Holy Family Catholic Church
Welcomes You!**

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Jan. 21 2018

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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: 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

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

**Readings for the Week
of January 21, 2018**

Mon.: 2 Samuel 5:1 - 7, 10; Mark 3:22 - 30
Tue.: 2 Samuel 6:12b - 15, 17 - 19;
Mark 3:31 - 35
Wed.: 2 Samuel 7:4 - 17; Mark 4:1 - 20
Thur.: Acts 22:3 - 16; Mark 16:15 - 18
Fri.: 2 Timothy 1:1 - 8; Mark 4:26 - 34
Sat.: 2 Samuel 12:1 - 7a, 10 - 17;
Mark 4:35 - 41

**NEXT SUNDAY:
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Deuteronomy 18:15 - 20
1 Corinthians 7: 32 - 35
Mark 1:21 - 28

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

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1 - 5, 10

Jonah told the Ninevites that God would destroy Nineveh because of their wickedness. They repented. God relented and did not destroy their city.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29 - 31

Paul warned the Corinthians of the shortness of time because the world is passing away. They should, therefore, conduct themselves accordingly.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:14 - 20

Jesus appeared in Galilee preaching the good news and instructing the people: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

There is an urgency in today's readings. Nineveh will be destroyed if the people do not repent within forty days. St. Paul tells the Christian community in Corinth that "time is running out." Jesus proclaims, "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand." Deadlines can inspire us to action. As we listen to the readings today, imagine how the folks addressed by Jonah, Paul, and Jesus responded to this urgency.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: God's healing for Spencer Alexander rb Marie Joseph.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: God's continued healing and guidance for Paula Andrew
rb Agnes Chitolie and Simone James.

10:00 AM: Birthday blessings for Amiel Javois rb His mom, GBC.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. Jan. 22, 7:00 AM: *St. Vincent of Saragossa*
Frank Daly (Deceased).

Tues. Jan. 23, 7:00 AM: *St. William of Bourges*
God's healing, blessing and protection for Lanell Herbert.

Wed. Jan. 24, 7:00 AM: *St. Francis de Sales*
God's continued protection and guidance for Sonia Alfred and family.

Thurs. Jan. 25, 7:00 AM: *The conversion of St. Paul*
Birthday blessings for Ethan Roberts rb His family.

Fri. Jan. 26, 7:00 AM: *Sts. Timothy & Titus*
God's deliverance and healing for Candace Charles rb Her family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning *for God's continued guidance and blessings for Lucina Ferdinand*. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

ALTAR FLOWERS: This weekend the altar flowers were paid for in part by *Jennifer Johnson* in thanksgiving to God and celebration of her birthday. We thank you for beautifying the church and we pray God's continued blessings on your special day. Once again, thank you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: There will be a meeting for all parents of CCD students this Sunday, January 21, 2018, after the 10:00 a.m. mass. Please make every effort to attend. Thank you.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Thank you for your generous contribution for the 2017 calendar year. Please pick up your Offertory envelopes for 2018 at the entrance of the church. **If you do not have an envelope, please register at the church office in order to obtain your box. PLEASE DO NOT TAKE UP ENVELOPES THAT ARE ALREADY ASSIGNED TO SOMEONE.** THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING. GOD BLESS.

PRAYER MEETING: Please note that Holy Family prayer meeting will resume on Monday, January 22, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. Please be guided accordingly.

BAPTISM CLASS: Baptism class commenced on Monday January 8, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in Lower Columban Hall, in Fr. Kerly's office, and will continue every Monday in January. Application forms for Baptism can be collected from the church office and should be completed before the start of the program. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

FOOD FOR THE POOR: Next 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, and may God continue to bless you and your family abundantly.

ADORATION: Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament will resume on Wednesday, January 31, 2018, after the 7:00 a.m. mass to conclude at 5:00 p.m. A signup sheet will be provided at the entrance of the church to indicate what time you will be available to spend time with Jesus.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY 2018: All couples who were married in the Catholic Church 20 years or more, in a year ending in a "3" or a "8" (for example - 1988 = 30 years; 1993 = 25 years), will be presented with a certificate signed by the Bishop on the weekend of February 10 - 11, 2018. **Anyone married 50+ years (1968 or earlier)** are also eligible regardless of the year they were married. **No names will be accepted after Monday, January 29, 2018.**

A BLACK HISTORY EVENT: Friends of Music ministry of Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral presents a tribute in concert recognizing *Mr. Athniel "Addie" Ottley*, on Sunday, February 11, 2018, at 4:30 p.m. at Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral. **Donation \$25.00. Admission by ticket ONLY.** Featured artists are: *Gylchris Sprauve, Howard Jones, Dion Parsons, Wendy Joseph, Melita Etienne, Malvern Gumbs, Lorna Freeman, Rising Stars, a mass choir and more.*

LITURGY AND WORD

The Liturgy of the Word puts emphasis on the theme of repentance. The first reading deals with the mission of Jonah to the Ninevites. Nineveh was one of the most ancient cities of the world, founded by Nimrod (Gen 10:11-12), but destroyed in 612 B.C. Nineveh lay on the banks of the Tigris and the destroyed cite of Nineveh lies in present-day Iraq and more precisely, adjacent to the modern city of Mosul. Mosul came into limelight some time ago for the fight that was going on there between Iraqi forces and IS fighters. It was for many years the capital of the great Assyrian Empire. Among the great rulers of Assyria may be mentioned Tiglath-Pileser I and Shalmaneser III. The latter inaugurated a system of ruthless conquest and deportation of whole populations, which greatly increased the power of Assyria and the influence of Nineveh. We must remember that Assyrians had destroyed the Northern Kingdom of Israel in 8th century B.C., to be more precise, in 722-721 B.C. Jonah does not want to go to Nineveh because he considers Nineveh as an enemy city and boards a ship headed in the opposite direction, but God sends a great storm that threatens destruction. The pagan sailors pray to their gods while Jonah sleeps. Finally, the sailors cast lots to find out who is responsible for the storm. Jonah is pointed out, and he pleads guilty of running away from the Lord. He asks the sailors to throw him overboard. Jonah is swallowed by a huge fish that carries him on a three-day journey to Assyria where it spits him upon the shore. This time Jonah decides to obey God and warns Nineveh of impending destruction. Contrary to Jonah's expectation the king and the entire city fast and do penance. Seeing this conversion, God repents of the intention to destroy Nineveh. Jonah is upset for he thought that God would never show mercy on an enemy nation. God then poses a question to Jonah: "Jonah, how can you not expect me to care about the people of Nineveh?" God sending his prophet to an enemy nation to preach repentance is really extraordinary. The book of Jonah is an example of the fact that God's mercy knows no bounds. Our desire to see punishment against the wicked simply does not conform to God's mercy. God's salvific love knows no bounds and limits, and wills that all peoples should come to the knowledge of the truth and thus attain salvation. In the Bible, Nineveh was regarded as the

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: **437**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$6,881.00
Renovation Fund: \$1,502.36

Our Bishop's Appeal contribution now amounts to \$34,357.00, 86% 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

seat of the greatest enemy of the kingdoms of Israel and Judah. Yet Jonah was commanded by the Lord to go to Nineveh and cry out against it because of its wickedness.

The Jews who returned from exile in Babylon were persecuted by the foreign nations around them. They, in turn, responded with hatred and isolationism. Marriages with foreigners were prohibited. Samaritans were shunned. Many Jews felt that they alone were the people of God. After all they had endured, such an attitude was understandable. But it did not go unchallenged. This is where the Book of Jonah fits in. It portrays Jonah as a stubborn child who wants everything his way. Note the following characteristics of Jonah. He sleeps in the boat while pagans sailors pray. He complains when sinners repent because he wants to see them punished. He wants God to pamper him with the shade of a tree where he took refuge from the scorching sun, but wants to pour down fire and brimstone on his enemies. When we come to the gospel of today, we see Jesus beginning his public ministry. Along with preaching repentance, he also chooses his disciples because Jesus is beginning a movement that will continue after him. The movement that Jesus begins will have universal appeal and it will be the disciples he chooses who will take the good news of salvation far and wide. God is the God of all, and all peoples who respond to his call receive his protection and love.

So the question we should ask is: Am I just like Jonah who wants his enemies to be punished or like Jesus who wants everyone to be loved, including enemies.