

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                      Marguerite Rene

**LECTORS:** Yasmine Haynes                      Agnes Nicholas                      Families for Christ  
Keith Steele                      Alma Wells                      Families for Christ

**EUCH MIN:** Dolores Velazquez                      Rose, Bridget,                      Eubald Rene  
Olga McBean                      Felicinne & Allison                      Marguerite Rene

*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 Idealism when you ...*

- \*Really care about what you value in life.*
- \*Dare to have big dreams.*
- \*Have a vision of what is possible.*
- \*Have a plan to make your ideals real.*
- \*Take action to make your dreams come true.*
- \*Do something to make a difference in the world.*

**Affirmation:**

*I live by my ideals. I believe in my dreams. I have faith that anything is possible.*

**WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS**

**COLUMBAN HALL  
BUY A BRICK CAMPAIGN**

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By purchasing an engraved brick paver you may honor a loved one - by remembering an anniversary, birthday, graduation, new birth, in thanksgiving, or in memory of; also, to commemorate a special event, or the name of your business. You will provide a permanent display of your family history for generations to come.

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Engrave your name in the history of Holy Family Church. Place your order today. Proceeds from this activity benefit the Restoration Fund of Holy Family Church which will allow us to enhance, upgrade and air condition our church. For additional information, please call 340-775-1650.

**PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY**

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, bless us and grant us the grace to live in love and unity like you lived in the home of Nazareth. Answer the prayers we present to you this day (**for the renewal of our parish**). Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, assist us in all our needs, surround us with the protection of your love, and bring us to the joy of our eternal home in heaven. 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.**

**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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**PARISH CELEBRATION**

**Birthdays**

Valerie Doute, Aiden Penny, Marvens Tity, Gemmicia Felix, Marley Aubain, Shane Jules, Denzel Browne, David Blondell, Celtus Lionel, Ety Cazaubon, Camille Santiago, Casey Smith, Winston Hamilton, Lorine Bruno, Uselda JnBaptise, Douglas Dick, Andrew Noel, Heidrun Williams, Winifred Hood.

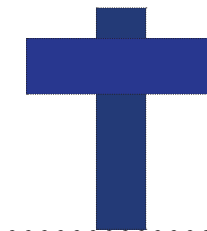


*Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!*

**Holy Family Catholic Church  
Welcomes You!**

**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Feb. 4, 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**

(340) 774-3166

**Venerable Pierre Toussaint**

**Catholic Chapel**

4B-B Estate Bovoni  
St. Thomas VI 00802

**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 February 4, 2018**

Mon.: 1 Kings 8:1 - 7, 9 - 13; Mark 6:53 - 56  
Tue.: 1 Kings 8:22 - 23, 27 - 30; Mark 7:1 - 13  
Wed.: 1 Kings 10:1 - 10; Mark 7:14 - 23  
Thur.: 1 Kings 11:4 - 13; Mark 7:24 - 30  
Fri.: 1 Kings 11: 29 - 32; 12:19; Mark 7:31 - 37  
Sat.: 1 Kings 12:26 - 32; 13:33 - 34; Mark 8:1 - 10

**NEXT SUNDAY:  
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Leviticus 13:1 - 2, 44 - 46  
1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1  
Mark 1:40 - 45

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

## 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

#### FIRST READING: Job 7:1 - 4, 6 - 7

Job lamented his “months of misery and troubled nights.” Could human life on earth be no more than drudgery? Shall he never see happiness again?

#### SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 9:16 - 19, 22 - 23

By preaching the good news, Paul said, he willingly made himself a slave to all in order to win them over. He did everything for the sake of the good news.

#### GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:29 - 39

Jesus healed ill people and exorcised possessed people. So many sought Him that He had to seek out deserted places for prayer and rest. Our readings today progress from despair to hope. Job has lost his children, his livelihood, and his health. “I shall not see happiness again,” he mourns in his lament to God. In the Gospel, “The whole town” came to Jesus, bringing those who were ill or possessed by demons. They wait patiently, filled with hope. Undoubtedly, we can picture ourselves in both situations. When we are in despair, let us remind ourselves of the healing grace of Jesus.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: Birthday blessings for Bernadette Gustave rb The John family.  
Birthday blessings for Tia and Tai Hodge rb Their grandma.

#### Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: John Joseph (deceased) rb His wife, Marie Joseph.  
10:00 AM: God’s protection and guidance for the Louis and Maynard families.  
Birthday blessings for Joshua Lubin rb The family.  
4:00 PM: God’s continued blessings and guidance for the Haitian community.

#### Daily Masses:

Mon. Feb. 5, 7:00 AM: **St. Agatha**  
Birthday blessings for Dechantie Hodge rb Grandma.  
Tues. Feb. 6, 7:00 AM: **St. Paul Miki & Companions**  
Happy birthday for Elijah Anthony rb His home circle, grandma and poppops Freeman.  
Wed. Feb. 7, 7:00 AM: **Blessed Giles Mary**  
God’s continued protection and guidance for Laurent Charles.  
Thurs. Feb. 8, 7:00 AM: **Sts. Jerome Emiliani & Josephine Bakhita**  
God’s healing for Linda Etienne rb The adult choir.  
Fri. Feb. 9, 7:00 AM: **St. Apollonia & the Martyrs of Alexandria**  
Birthday blessings for Aria Rawlings rb Her grandma.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SECOND COLLECTION:** This week’s second collection goes towards the **Renovation Fund**. Next week’s second collection will go towards **Black and Indian Mission**. As always we thank you for your generosity.

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** This week the Eternal Candle is burning for **God’s protection, deliverance and guidance for Marie Renal**. 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 Chris Doute in thanksgiving to God and celebration for **Valerie Doute’s** birthday. We thank you for beautifying the church and we pray God’s continued blessings on both of you. Once again, thank you.

**PRAYER MEETING:** Please note that Holy Family prayer meeting resumed on **Monday, January 22, 2018**, at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome. Please be guided accordingly.

**ADORATION:** Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament resumed last **Wednesday, January 31, 2018**, after the 7:00 a.m. mass to conclude at 5:00 p.m.

**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.

**A BLACK HISTORY EVENT:** Friends of Music ministry of Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral presents a tribute in concert recognizing **Mr. Athniel “Addie” Ottley**, next **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.**

**LENT:** Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018**. Now is the time to plan spiritual and corporal works of mercy for Lent. There will be two masses on **Ash Wednesday:** 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Please be guided accordingly.

**LENT: During Lent:**

1. Holy Hour and Stations of the Cross are on Fridays at 6:00 p.m.
2. Those 18 to 59 years of age are to **fast on Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**.
3. Those 14 years and older are to **abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays in Lent**
4. Pray for peace in the world and in our families.
5. Pray for God’s blessings and protection against the attacks of evil spirits for our parish and our diocese.
6. There will be **NO** altar flowers, **NO** Gloria and **NO** Alleluia, **NO** recessional hymn.
7. We are encouraged to make a good Confession.
8. Give generously to the Bishop’s Appeal.
9. Pray the novena of Our Lady the Undoer of Knots that Our Lady will undo the knots of Holy Family Parish, family and ourselves.

**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.**

## LITURGY AND WORD

The story of Job begins with a narrative about Job, a wealthy man who lives blamelessly before God. But one day Satan challenges God to test Job, saying that if God deprived him of his great wealth, he will certainly curse God. Job is subsequently stripped of his wealth, family and health, and yet bears them all patiently.

Then the scene changes, and the book relates how three of Job’s friends, Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar, come to console him. When they arrive, Job becomes very impatient and bewails his fate. These men accuse Job on the grounds that his sufferings prove him to be guilty of sin. Job, however, denies any guilt and demands that God explain why he must suffer. Finally, God himself speaks to Job. Speaking out of the whirlwind, God confronts Job: “Who are you to question me? Could you create the universe? Do you govern the stars? Are you master of life? Can you control the power of untamed animals?” Job obviously has no answer to these questions.

There are two important morals to the story. First, we ought not to attempt to bring God down to our level by offering simplistic answers to life’s greatest problems. To presume, on the one hand, as Job’s friends did, that suffering must be punishment from God is an insult to God. To presume, on the other hand, as Job did, that we can understand all the riddles of life is foolish. Second, when we suffer all the logic in the world will not help. Only an encounter with the Lord and the awareness that God is close to us in our pain can bring us peace. When we can say to God as Job did, “Now my eyes see you,” we may not understand all the reasons for our pain, but we can accept it. The book of Job encourages us to seek God in prayer. It helps to realize that while there are no easy answers to the problem of suffering, there is still an answer. It is the faith-realization that God is near and that we can entrust ourselves to God’s loving arms. This is the solution that the book of Job offers.

## 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: **401**  
Last Weekend’s collections  
**FIRST COLLECTION: \$7,919.06**  
**Music Ministry: \$1,310.06**

**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

This leads to the gospel of today. Jesus has just begun his ministry and he sees suffering right in front of him. But he does not give a discourse about why people suffer but he does simple actions to alleviate the suffering. He simply does his best to cure the people with diseases and suffering. When he hears Simon’s mother-in-law is sick he goes into the house of Simon and cures her. That evening he cures a multitude of people with illnesses. But early in the morning, before it is time for waking-up, he goes to pray. And in the solitude of the early morning he prays to his heavenly Father. If we can have these attitudes, we too may have the strength to accept our sufferings.

