

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
	Felicinne Marcillin	
LECTORS: Valerie Doute	Allison Callwood	Young Vincentian
Margarita Smith	Bridget Toussaint	Young Vincentian
EUCH MIN: Dolores Velazquez	Rose Labadie	Michelle Stout
	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.
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 Courtesy when you ...

- *Remember your manners.
- *Treat elders, parents, teachers, and children politely.
- *Think about how your actions affect others.
- *Eat, speak and move graciously.
- *Make requests instead of demands.
- *Greet people with a smile.

Affirmation:

I am courteous. I speak and act in a mannerly way. I show others that I value and respect them.

WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS

**COLUMBAN HALL
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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 DURING LENT

Lord Jesus, by the suffering and death You endured on the cross, You brought peace to a sinful world and gave humankind the gift of reconciliation. Teach me self-denial that I might follow Your example and trust in Your wisdom. Increase my faith, hope and charity so that I may turn hatred to love and conflict to peace. Strengthen me against evil, console me through adversity, and forgive my sins against the unity of Your family. Make me love others just as You love me. Give me a perfect heart to receive Your blessings, that I may bring forth fruit in patience and live my life as a true reflection of Your gospel message of salvation. I submit myself to Your holy will and follow You on the path of repentance so that I may rise to new life with You. 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**

Donavan Isaac, Claudelle Mathurin, Weldo Auguatine, Leroy Eugene, Roy Stout, James Hunt, J'yanna Moore, Kathy Sanon, Jaynelle Burton, Christina St. Luce, Veronica Sealey, Dario Tity, Thomas Casimir.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

*Thomason & Olive Johnson - Feb. 27
Scott & Patty Love - Mar. 1*



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

**Holy Family Catholic Church
Welcomes You!**

2nd Sunday of Lent - Feb. 25, 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

Deacon
Rev. Mr. Evans Doway

Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Allison Callwood

Sacristan
Mr. Ryan John

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

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Ms. Jennifer Johnson
Mr. Richard Callwood, III

CHANCERY: BISHOP'S OFFICE

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Venerable Pierre Toussaint

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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 25, 2018

Mon.: Dan. 9:4b - 10; Luke 6:36 - 38
Tue.: Isaiah 1:10, 16 - 20; Matthew 23:1 - 12
Wed.: Jere. 18:18 - 20; Matthew 20:17 - 28
Thur.: Jeremiah 17:5 - 10; Luke 16:19 - 31
Fri.: Genesis 37:3 - 4, 12 - 13a, 17b - 28a; Matthew 21:33 - 43, 45 - 46
Sat.: Micah 7:14 - 15, 18 - 20; Luke 15:1 - 3, 11 - 32

**NEXT SUNDAY:
3rd Sunday of Lent**

Exodus 20:1 - 17
1 Corinthians 1:22 - 25
John 2:13 - 25

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

2ND OF SUNDAY LENT

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Genesis 22:1 - 2, 9a, 10 - 13, 15 - 18

God tested Abraham, asking him to sacrifice his only son Isaac. Seeing Abraham's obedience, God relented. Because of Abraham's faith, God blessed him greatly.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:31b - 34

We have received the ultimate proof of God's love: Christ Jesus, given up to death for the sake of us all. "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

GOSPEL READING: Mark 9:2 - 10

Jesus went up a mountain with His disciples and was transfigured before their eyes. A voice from a cloud proclaimed, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

The faith of Abraham is tested in a most extreme way in the first reading today. So too will the faith of the disciples be tested during the time leading up to Jesus' death and resurrection. We know what awaits us at the end of Lent, but the disciples did not and their faith wavered. But Paul tells us that because of Christ's death and resurrection, we can easily have faith in our salvation. After all if God was willing to allow Jesus to die for us, "how will he not also give us everything else along with him?"

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: God's protection for Anthony Renal rb Marie Renal.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings for Flur Richards rb Her family.

10:00 AM: God's protection and long life for Anthony Renal rb His mother.

Blessings for Elvina Rene, Caitlin Roberts, Henville Alexander, Raenay Grant rb The Rene family.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. Feb. 26, 7:00 AM: **St. Porphyry**
Blessings for the Cook family rb Estelle Farro.

Tues. Feb. 27, 7:00 AM: **St. Gabriel Possenti**
Rose & Richard Cook (deceased) rb Estelle Farro.

Wed. Feb. 28, 7:00 AM: **Sts. Romanus & Lupicinus**
James Luke (deceased) rb Glenda Lafond.

Thurs. Mar. 01, 7:00 AM: **St. David of Wales**
Blessings for Kate McGennity rb Estelle Farro.

Fri. Mar. 02, 7:00 AM: **Blessed Agnes of Bohemia**
God's healing, blessing, guidance & protection for Laura James.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION: This week's second collection goes towards the **Operation Rice Bowl**. Next week's second collection will go towards **Bishop's Appeal**. As always we thank you for your generosity.

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning for **Birthday blessings for Jared Bellot requested by his father, Cuthbert Bellot**. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François, Rev. Neil Scantlebury and Rev. Mr. Evans Doway extend sincere sympathy to the **Battiste family** on the passing of their sister, **Dr. Doris Battiste**, who died on **Sunday, February 4, 2018**, in New York. The funeral service for the late **Dr. Doris Battiste** will take place on **Tuesday, February 27, 2018**, at Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral at 9:30 a.m. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Mr. Jean Dragin has generously offered to provide transportation for persons wishing to attend the funeral service at Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral. Transportation leaves Holy Family parking lot at 8:15 a.m. to return after the funeral service. Please be guided accordingly.

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, and may God continue to bless you and your family abundantly.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2018: The World Day of Prayer will take place on **Friday, March 2, 2018**, at Wesley Methodist church located at Anna's Retreat at 6:15 p.m. The theme for this year is "**All God's Creation is Very Good**". The country of recognition this year is Suriname. As many Catholics as possible are asked to attend to represent our Church. Ladies are asked to wear white with a yellow scarf, yellow stole or ribbon. Your presence will be greatly appreciated.

BAPTISM CLASS: Baptism class will commence on **Monday March 5, 2018**, at **6:00 p.m.** in Lower Columban Hall, in Fr. Kerly's office and will continue every Monday in March. 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.

ADORATION: Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament resumed on **Wednesday, January 31, 2018**, after the 7:00 a.m. mass to conclude at 5:00 p.m. Come and present your prayers and petitions to the Lord. Please remember it is quality time with you and God and respect the presence of others who are spending time with Jesus.

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.
10. View daily "**Best Lent ever**" on www.dynamiccatholic.com

LITURGY AND WORD

In the Bible the mountain is often the place of extraordinary events. It is also a place of special proximity to God; and in the Gospel of Mark the mountain is the place of revelatory events that are hidden from the people, such as the transfiguration. Mountains are places of communication with God. The liturgy of the Word presents two events that are extraordinary: the testing of Abraham and the transfiguration of Jesus. In the case of Abraham, he responds with faith and his obedience to God is rewarded, and in the case of Jesus, the reassuring words of the Father are heard as Jesus is about to set his journey towards his passion and death.

Isaac is the son of the promise and yet God commands Abraham to offer him as a sacrifice on a mountain in the land of Moriah. Isaac is described as a "lad," able to carry the wood for the burnt offering up the mountain side. In this whole experience his unquestioning submission and obedience to his father stand out almost as remarkably as his father's faith. Bound on the altar and about to die, his life is spared when the angel of the Lord interposes and substitutes him for a ram, which is offered up in his place.

At age seventy-five Abraham is commanded to leave all and go out into the unknown, sustained only by the promises of God, and Abraham obeys in faith. In the same way, when his only son Isaac is asked to be sacrificed, Abraham obeys in faith. That is why he is the father of faith. Abraham is richly blessed with descendants, and the descendants are promised protection from enemies. This is the reward of faith. The experience on the mountain gives encouragement to Jesus, who is setting his face towards the cross. To the shocked disciples it confirms the necessity of the cross revealed through the conversation of the heavenly visitors about Christ's "departure" as well as the divine endorsement of Christ's teaching. The transfiguration inseparably links the suffering with the glory. It is the crowning with glory of the perfect human life of Jesus, God's stamp of

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: **447**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$7,997.35

St. Vincent de Paul: \$1,276.00

Our Bishop's Appeal for 2017 amounted to \$34,357.00. As always we thank you for your continuous contribution towards our Bishop's Appeal. Once again, thank you.

LITURGY AND WORD CONT'D

approval on his sinless humanity. The divine approval establishes his fitness to be our sin-bearer on the cross. Moses and Elijah appear on the mountain. They represent the Law and the Prophets. They are both prophetic figures who have suffered because of their fidelity to God. Their presence at the transfiguration points to Jesus' role in fulfilling God's promises made in the Old Testament.

