

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                      Mona Bedminster  
**LECTORS:** Antoinette Floyd                      Rita Brady Bermudez                      Families for Christ  
                    Yasmine Haynes                      Agenes Nicholas                      Families for Christ  
**EUCH MIN:** Dolores Velazquez                      Rose, Felicinne,                      Eubald Rene  
                    Olga McBean                      Lauren & Bridget                      Marguerite Rene

*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, 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, Stanislaus Livepool.

**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 Friendliness when you ...*

*\*Like yourself and know you have a lot to offer.*

*\*Smile and greet people courteously.*

*\*Get to know people and let them get to know you.*

*\*Show caring when a friend needs you.*

*\*Are friendly to people who look and act differently.*

*\*Make someone new feel welcome.*

**Affirmation:**

*I am friendly. I show an interest in others by being warm and courteous. I am a loyal friend. My friendship is a worthy gift.*

**WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS**

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**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**

*Caristina Pickering-Gerald, Malon Angol, Melita Etienne, Melinda Victorine, Giftus Johnson, Adeline Dorval, Monique Dorecly, Alison Johnson, Tara DeLugo, Elison Etienne, Clement Hindericks, Ziska Joseoh, Apollon Vanel, Jacinta Sablon, Merlina Wallace, Keith Steele, Victor Baly, Zephaniah Jean Jacques, Evelyn Simon, Clementina Abraham.*

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Lucius & Monique Dorcely - Mar. 7  
Lucius & Antoinette Cherrie - Mar. 8  
Manual & Carmen Saldinas - Mar. 9  
Balvin & Shirlin Browne - Mar. 10



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

**Holy Family Catholic Church  
Welcomes You!**

**3rd Sunday of Lent - March 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

**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

**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 &  
5:00 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 March 4, 2018**

Mon.: 2 Kings 5:1 - 15ab; Luke 4:24 - 30  
Tue.: Dan. 3:25, 34 -43; Matthew 18:21 - 35  
Wed.: Deut. 4:1, 5 - 9; Matthew 5:17 - 19  
Thur.: Jeremiah 7:23 - 28; Luke 11:14 - 23  
Fri.: Hosea 14:2 - 10; Mark 12:28 - 34  
Sat.: Hosea 6:1 - 6; Luke 18:9 - 14

**NEXT SUNDAY:  
4th Sunday of Lent**

2 Chronicles 36:14 - 16, 19 - 23  
Ephesians 2:4 - 10  
John 3:14 - 21

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

## 3RD OF SUNDAY LENT

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

**FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1 - 17**

God delivered the commandments to Moses and the Hebrews, who had been freed from slavery in Egypt. "You shall not have other gods besides me," said the Lord God.

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:22 - 25**

Paul preached Christ crucified "a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles." God's folly is wiser and His weakness stronger than human wisdom.

**GOSPEL READING: John 2:13 - 25**

Jesus found people buying and selling in the temple. With a whip he drove out the moneychangers. He said, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."

Last week we heard God speak to Peter, James and John from the mountain where Jesus was transfigured. Today God speaks to Moses from another holy mountain. But we are challenged not to misunderstand. Jesus was misunderstood when He assured the temple authorities that He could raise it up in three days. This promise will be used against Him when He is on trial. But as Christians, we know, as did Paul, that the wisdom of God is beyond all human wisdom.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: God's protection and guidance for Felix Renal rb Marie Renal.

#### Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: God's guidance and protection for Phil Mellow rb His mother.

10:00 AM: God's guidance and protection for Gersha Eusebe rb Her family.

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

#### Daily Masses:

Mon. Mar. 05, 7:00 AM: **St. John Joseph of the Cross**  
Eugene Farro (deceased) rb Estelle Farro.

Tues. Mar. 06, 7:00 AM: **St. Colette**  
God's blessings and healing for Lanell Herbert.

Wed. Mar. 07, 7:00 AM: **Sts. Perpetua & Felicity**  
God's blessings, guidance and protection for Kelvin & Leron Xavier.

Thurs. Mar. 08, 7:00 AM: **St. John of God**  
Holy Spirit's guidance and deliverance for Jerry T. Jones  
rb His mother, Judith Jones.

Fri. Mar. 09, 7:00 AM: **St. Frances of Rome**  
Birthday blessings and God's continued guidance and protection  
Javel Charles rb His family.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SECOND COLLECTION:** This week's second collection goes towards the **Bishop's Appeal**. 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 **God's deliverance and guidance for Marie Renal, requested by Marie Renal**. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

**BISHOP'S APPEAL:** On February 14th, the Church throughout the world, celebrated the beginning of the holy season of Lent with the Masses on Ash Wednesday. Lent is a special time when we repent of our sins by our contrition. It is a special time when we show our love for God by giving alms. Share your blessings this Lent with those who need your help by supporting the work of Catholic Charities through the annual Bishop's Appeal.

**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.

**ST. JOSEPH WORKERS:** Members of St. Joseph Workers are kindly asked to note that there will be a meeting on next **Sunday, March 11, 2018**, after the 7:30 a.m. mass. Please be guided accordingly and make every effort to attend. Thank you.

**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 petition 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](http://www.dynamiccatholic.com)

**REFURBISHING OF PEWS:** Please be aware that the refurbishing our pews have started. Please bear with us as some of the pews are corded off. Thank you for your understanding. God bless. Donations are appreciated.

**PRIESTS' RETREAT:** The priests of this diocese will be having their annual priests' retreat at Holy Family church from **Tuesday, March 13 to Thursday, March 15, 2017**. Please keep our priests in your prayers as they prepare for their retreat. Please note that there will not be any Adoration on **Wednesday, March 14**, because the church will be in use for the retreat. Please be guided accordingly.

## LITURGY AND WORD

The Ten Commandments are a collection of biblical laws contained in Exodus 20:1-17 which literally means "Ten Words." The Bible places the origin of the Ten Commandments within the time of Moses. According to Exodus, God gave the commandments to the Israelites when they were encamped near Mount Sinai after the exodus from Egypt. Brief explanation for each of the commandments is presented below.

**The First Commandment.** The First Commandment defines the relationship between God and Israel by categorically eliminating all other deities from Israel's allegiance. It bans the worship of foreign gods. The Commandment requires faith in him as the one and only God.

**The Second Commandment.** This commandment bans any image of the deity carved from wood, stone or metal. Whereas virtually all other contemporary cultures used cultic representations as a means of entering into contact with the deity, Israelites were not to do so. At issue was the fact that God cannot be controlled by humans. This commandment seems to have been primarily cited as a prohibition of false oaths. Israelites ought not to try to manipulate God by an abusive use of his name.

**The Third Commandment.** This commandment enjoins the observance of the Lord's Day. For both physical and religious reasons, one day of rest in every seven days is a necessity. A weekly day of rest serves man's physical and spiritual welfare simultaneously. Christians observe Sunday as the day of rest because the Lord rose on Easter Sunday.

**The Fourth Commandment.** Here we have a prescription requiring grown-up adults to provide care and support for the elderly. If any nation abandons respect for the mystery, dignity and authority of parenthood, before long the moral fibre and social fabric of that nation are bound to disintegrate.

**The Fifth Commandment.** The commandment is a prohibition of murder. It forbids the illegal or wilful killing of the innocents. A man's life is his utterly indispensable and precious possession; but, more than that, man is God's image-bearer, and murder wantonly destroys God's image. Hence capital punishment is the penalty affixed to the breaking of this law (Gen 9:5-6).

## 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: **445**

**Last Weekend's collections**

**FIRST COLLECTION: \$6,701.70**

**Operation Rice Bowl: \$1,649.70**

**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

**The Sixth Commandment.** This commandment forbade male Israelites to have sexual intercourse with the wife of another Israelite. Sexual intercourse between an Israelite man, albeit married, and an unmarried and unbetrothed woman was not considered to be the crime of adultery. Adultery is a serious matter and in our day we are beginning to see what happens when the home is undermined by marital infidelity.

**The Seventh Commandment.** Here is a prohibition of theft in any and all forms. Property is essentially an extension of a man's personality, and thus this law indicates that the rights and the achievements of one's neighbour must be respected.

**The Eighth Commandment.** The commandment forbids false witness in a legal proceeding. Protection is extended not only to the Israelite but to the "neighbour," that is, the co-inhabitants of the same land. Truth is the quality that the community should possess without which no interpersonal relationship can be built.

**The Ninth Commandment.** This commandment forbids the protracted appropriation of another's wife rather than individual acts of adultery.

**The Tenth Commandment.** With regard to goods, the commandment forbids not only robbery but all illegal acquisition of another's property. The tenth commandment highlights hidden motives that people keep nurturing and from which emerge wrong appetites and intentions. It agrees with Paul that covetousness is idolatry (Col 3:5), since inordinate craving means that man's ego has become man's god.