

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	Melita Etienne
	Felicinne Marcellin	
LECTORS: Ruth Smith	Noreen Joseph	Mona Bedminster
Keith Steele	Alma Wells	Carmen White
EUCH MIN: Olga McBean	Catherina Alexander	Franklin Howe
	Allison Callwood	Antoinette Howe

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, 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 Consideration when you ...

- *Respect other people's needs and feelings.*
- *Consider others' needs as important as your own.*
- *Stop and think how your actions will affect people.*
- *Put yourself in other people's shoes.*
- *Give tender attention.*
- *Think of little things to bring others happiness.*

Affirmation:

I am considerate of others. I stop and think about how my actions may affect them. I do thoughtful things for people.

WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS

**COLUMBAN HALL
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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**

Timaeya Benjamin, Ke'Sai Tyrell, Myrtine Pochette, Anaj Martin, Semar Joseph, Britany Byer, Britan Dyer, Benjamin Dudley, Kishma Casimir, JnRene Vante, Anita Williams, Vernell Gumbs, Cheryl Dorsett, Brandt Bruney, Alain Wescott, Glenn Philbert, Anne Daudier, Clifton Johnson, Iler Philemond, Lizette Velazquez, Georgette Jules, Kathleen Thompson, Claudy Brutus, Tomas Serrano.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Francis & Heneritta John Baptiste - Mar. 17
Jean & Anne Mimose Pierre - Mar. 17



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

**Holy Family Catholic Church
Welcomes You!**

4th Sunday of Lent - March 11, 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

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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 March 11, 2018**

Mon.: Isaiah 65:17 - 21; John 4:43 - 54
Tue.: Ezekiel 47:1 - 9, 12; John 5:1 - 16
Wed.: Isaiah 49:8 - 15; John 5:17 - 30
Thur.: Exodus 32:7 - 14; John 5:31 - 47
Fri.: Wisdom 2:1a, 12 - 22;
John 7:1-2, 10, 25 - 30
Sat.: Jeremiah 11:18 - 20; John 7:40 - 53

**NEXT SUNDAY:
5th Sunday of Lent**

Jeremiah 31:31 - 34
Hebrews 5:7 - 9
John 12:20 - 33

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

4TH OF SUNDAY LENT

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: 2 Chronicles 36:14 - 16, 19 - 23

God's people lived in sin, mocking God's messengers and ignoring the Lord's warnings. Finally their enemies destroyed Jerusalem. They were taken captive, but God showed mercy.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:4 - 10

God is rich in mercy, and out of love the Lord brought us to life in Christ when we were in sin. God saved us by grace, not by anything we have done.

GOSPEL READING: John 3:14 - 21

God's Son came into the world not to condemn it, but to save it. As Moses lifted up the serpent, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that all who believe may have eternal life. The boundless love of God is on full display in the readings today. The Chosen People had "added infidelity to infidelity," repeatedly turning away from God (2 Chronicles 36:14). But God still loved them, an through Cyrus, the king of Persia, the Exile was ended and Jerusalem restored. Paul testifies that our salvation comes because of God's great love for us. In the Gospel, we hear John attest that Jesus was sent to save the world because God "so loved the world" (John 3:16).

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: Robert Ledee (deceased) rb His family.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings for Clifton Johnson rb His family.

Birthday blessings for Tevin Antoine rb The family.

10:00 AM: Frank Daly (deceased).

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. Mar. 12, 7:00 AM: **Blessed Aniela Salawa**
God's blessings and guidance for the Bishop and priests of the diocese.

Tues. Mar. 13, 7:00 AM: **St. Seraphina (Fina)**
Kathleen Farro (deceased) rb Estelle Farro.

Wed. Mar. 14, 7:00 AM: **St. Matilda**
Birthday blessings for Anaj Martin rb The family.

Thurs. Mar. 15, 7:00 AM: **St. Zachary**
God's blessings, guidance and protection for Holy Family staff and volunteers.

Fri. Mar. 16, 7:00 AM: **Blessed Torello**
Birthday blessings for Claudy Brutus, Sr. 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 *the purchase of Easter flowers*. As always we thank you for your generosity.

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

BISHOP'S APPEAL: The Annual Bishop's Appeal supports four soup kitchens within our diocese. Every day hungry men and women are fed by your charity. By your generous contributions to the Bishop's Appeal, the work continues the ministry of Jesus. We ask you to please take home the brochure and pray about what sacrificial gift you can give to this worthwhile cause. Due to the terrible hurricanes, we had in the Fall, the need is greater than ever. For your convenience, you may choose to make a pledge now and spread your donation over several months. Donations may be made in the form of cash, check or credit card. Checks should be made payable to "Diocese of St. Thomas". Please see the brochure for further information. Thank You!

"Failure Always Looks for an Excuse, Success Always Looks for a Way, You Are Our Way to Success!"

BAPTISM CLASS: Baptism class commenced 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.

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.

LAUNDRY: Please note that there will be **NO LAUNDRY** Monday to Thursday this week because of the priests' retreat. The classroom will be occupied. Please be guided accordingly.

CONFESSIONS: In preparation for the Triduum, Holy Family church will have its penance service on **Wednesday, March 21, 2018**, available from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on **Thursday, March 22, 2018** at Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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

1-2 Chronicles, along with Ezra and Nehemiah, form a literary unit, recounting sacred history from the days of Adam to those of Ezra and Nehemiah. The Chronicler is convinced of the fact that it is God who directs the course of history wherein fidelity is rewarded while infidelity is severely punished. In all probability, the Books of Chronicles along with Ezra and Nehemiah must have been written some time before 300 B.C. The author of the Chronicles is believed to have lived in the fourth century B.C., and to have intended his writings for the Jewish community of the restoration. Today's first reading is taken from the very last chapter of Second Chronicles. The passage deals with the exile. The author does not hide the fact that Judah was itself guilty of sin, and regards the calamities that befell the Southern Kingdom as punishment for the sin of apostasy. The author upholds this view with the intention of conscientizing his contemporaries of the tragic consequence of apostasy. The author's purpose is to strengthen the Jews of the fourth-century Judah in their love for God's law and to teach them that obedience to God was their only hope for survival. The Chronicler emphasizes God's greatness and underscores God's intervention in history. He places the heroic deeds of past Israelite leaders in the spotlight, ignoring their weaknesses. In even stronger terms than the writers of historical books, like books of 1-2 Samuel and 1-2 Kings, he teaches that virtue is rewarded and sin punished. The Chronicler says to the Jewish people: "Remember what God has done for you. Look at the great heroes of our past. See how evil has always been punished and good rewarded. Realize that the Temple must be the focal point of your lives." He paints an idealized picture of the past in order to give the Jews an ideal for the future. That is why his works are called idealized salvation history. As Jesus speaks to Nicodemus, he draws a parallel between Moses in the desert and himself. There is a close connection between what Moses did in the desert and what will happen to the Son of Man. Moses made a bronze serpent and raised it on a pole for all people who were bitten by snakes to be healed. Jesus raised and hanging on the cross is the most endearing symbol of Christianity. As the Israelites gazed upon the elevated serpent and returned to health, so will everyone who be-

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: **449**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$5,687.57

Bishop's Appeal: \$1,289.79

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

believes in the crucified Christ has eternal life. The depth of God's love is measured by God's gift of his beloved Son. God could not have given us anything more precious to prove how much he loves us. Jesus has come to give life in its fullness to those who are willing to accept it. By loving unto death on the cross he has concretized God's love for humanity in his own person. God's love is the sole explanation for Jesus' mission of salvation. John says that the Son has been sent so that the world may be saved, not judged. God so loves the world that he sends his Son into the world. But humans have loved darkness and refuse to come to the light because their deeds are evil. By refusing to believe in God's Son who reveals God's infinite love for sinful humans, they condemn themselves to darkness and death. Paul writes to the Ephesians that God is rich in mercy and that salvation is God's free gift. And salvation is attained through faith in Christ. Let us place ourselves under the rich mercy of God with which he has loved us.

