

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 Bedminister
	Felicinne Marcillin	
LECTORS: Ruth Smith	Rita Brady Bermudez	Ursula Prosper
Margarita Smith	Noreen Joseph	Julia Johnson
EUCH MIN: Olga McBean	Lauren Thomas	Franklin Howe
	Allison Callwood	Antoinette Howe



Please pray for the members of our body who are sick or suffering. . .

HOSPITAL:
OFF ISLAND: Defy Francoise, Bertina Lestrade, Altagracia Padilla, Emile Joseph, Joseph Archer, Clementina Abraham, Bishop Thomas, Isabel Dublin, Baby Elizabeth Dolphin, Mary Lewis.

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, Veronica Sealey, Gerard Henry, Ruthine Johnson, Grace Thompson, Andrea Victorine, Josephine James, Stanislaus Livepool, Rosette Harley.

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 Confidence when you ...

**Know you are worthwhile and feel sure of yourself.*

**Don't let fear, doubt or worry stop you.*

**Discover your talents and try new things.*

**Learn from your mistakes.*

**Think positively.*

**Trust that all things work together for good.*

Affirmation:

I am confident. I appreciate my gifts and give my best. I enjoy trying new things. I welcome new possibilities.

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HAPPY EASTER!

PRAYER FOR EASTER

Lord Jesus, you have risen to new life! Give me new eyes with which to recognize Your presence in the world around me. Sharpen my vision so that I can see beyond the ordinary events of each day and into the extraordinary reality of Your grace. Brighten my view of the world with renewed hope in the coming of Your Kingdom. Soften my gaze so that I can view others with the kind of tenderness and compassion You showed to so many. May each day of this Easter season provide glimpses of Your glory. In Your name I pray. 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 Bedminister
Felicia Felix
Fr. Neil Scantlebury (Pastor)
Fr. Kerly François (Assoc. Pastor)

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PARISH CELEBRATION

Birthdays

Abigail Bruney, Anna Pierre, Eve Francois, Abedale Samuel, Rene Henderson, Jr., Damian Norris, Kemon Henry, Wellington Eusebe, Derrick Fontaine, Cornel Williams, Mary Francis, Eubald Rene, Kenneth Thomas, Newman Francis, Olga McBean, Alvin McBean.

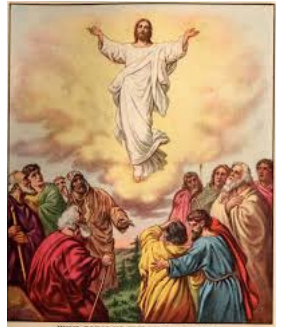


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

Holy Family Catholic Church Welcomes You!

The Ascension of the Lord- May 13, 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

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Deacon
Rev. Mr. Cassius Mathurin

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

Venerable Pierre Toussaint

Catholic Chapel

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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
Holy Hour: 6PM - 7PM

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

Readings for the Week of May 13, 2018

Mon.: Acts 1:15 - 17, 20-26; John 15:9 - 17

Tue.: Acts 20:17 - 27; John 17:1 - 11a

Wed.: Acts 20:28 - 38; John 17:11b - 19

Thur.: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20 - 26

Fri.: Acts 25:13b - 21; John 21:15 - 19

Sat.: Acts 28:16 - 20, 30-31; John 21:20 - 25

NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST SUNDAY

Acts 2:1 - 11

1 Corinthians 12:3b - 7, 12 - 13

John 20:19 - 23

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



ASCENSION OF THE LORD



INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1 - 11

The apostles witness Jesus' ascension into heaven.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:17 - 23

God has put all things under the feet of Christ, exalted as head of the church.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 16:15 - 20

"Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel."

Today we celebrate the day when Christ was raised in glory, returning to His Father in heaven. But in the readings the emphasis is on what His disciples are asked to do. In the first reading, Jesus tells them to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth. Paul talks about building up the body of Christ. Mark writes that they are to proclaim the gospel to the whole world. As we hear the Word of God today, let us listen for the things that we can do to continue the mission of Jesus.



MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: Eugene Farro (deceased) rb Estelle Farro.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings for Agnes Canning rb Her family.

God's guidance and protection for Marie Renal.

10:00 AM: God's guidance & protection for the Louis and Maynard family.

Birthday blessings for Eubald Rene rb The Rene family.

5:00 PM: God's healing, deliverance and blessings for the Haitian community.

Daily Masses:

Mon. May 14, 7:00 AM: **St. Matthias - Feast**
Gilbert Bertram (d) & Christian Doute, Sr., (d) rb Chris & Valerie Doute.

Tues. May 15, 7:00 AM: **St. Isidore the Farmer**
William Francis (d) & Linda Francis (d) rb Adrian Francis.

Wed. May 16, 7:00 AM: **St. Felix of Cantalice**
In thanksgiving to God for His blessings rb Ferdinand Richard.

Thurs. May 17, 7:00 AM: **St. Paschal Baylon**
Ann Carty (d); Cecilia Carty (d); Benita Carty (d); & Simon Carty (d)
rb Gene A. Carty.

Fri. May 18, 7:00 AM: **St. John 1**
23rd Priesthood Anniversary blessings for Fr. Neil Scantlebury.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

BISHOP'S APPEAL: We are reminded of our call to be "good stewards" of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy and give an acceptable portion of our TIME, TALENT and TREASURE for the Kingdom of God. The Bishop's Appeal 2018 is a practical opportunity for you to practice your Catholic faith by serving Christ and His poor and needy brothers and sisters, Bethlehem Houses, soup kitchens and evangelization efforts. 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!"**

CATHOLIC HOME MISSION: Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Your contributions will help strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN: Next week, our second collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ, here and around the world in developing countries, through the Internet, television, radio, and print media. Fifty percent of funds collected remain in our diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

ALTAR FLOWERS: This weekend the Altar flowers were paid for by St. Joseph Workers. Thank you for beautifying the church and may God continue to bless you. Once again, thank you.

ADORATION: Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament continues on **Wednesdays**, after the 7:00 a.m. mass to conclude at 5:00 p.m., and on **Fridays** from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Jesus is available for you to spend time with Him.

BAPTISM CLASS: Baptism class continues every Monday in May at 7:00 p.m. in Lower Columban Hall, in Fr. Kerly's office. 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 cooperation in this matter.

PENTECOST RALLY: The Pentecost Rally will take place next **Sunday, May 20, 2018**, at Winston Wells Ball Park. It starts with a procession at 3:30 p.m. from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel to the Ball Park. The theme will be **"A New Pentecost - More Fire"** — Acts 2. Sponsored by Catholic Charismatic Renewal STT/STJ. Please save the date.



LITURGY AND WORD

In the creed we recite, "On the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead." This precise and concise creedal formula is the core of the feast of the ascension. From the moment of his death, Jesus is seated at the right hand of God. "When God raised him from the dead he made him sit at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and dominion" (Second Reading). From his seat at the right hand of God, Jesus made appearances to his disciples which according to Acts of the Apostles lasted for forty days. The disciples needed to be assured that Jesus indeed rose from the dead and Jesus generously responded to that need with his many appearances.

The world-wide mission that was entrusted to the disciples was carried out with the assistance of the Holy Spirit. The disciples could not have carried out the mission without power from above that is why Jesus told them to wait in Jerusalem until the outpouring of the Spirit which took place on the feast of Pentecost celebrated on the fiftieth day after the Passover feast. That mission was undertaken by the apostles and the disciples as the Acts of the Apostles amply bears witness. The work of evangelization has been going on for the last twenty centuries but the work is still not completed. It is an ongoing process for as long as humanity exists the gospel should be preached. That is the reason why the men in white robes mentioned about the second coming of Christ the date and time of which the disciples need not speculate for God the Father has fixed the time for it.

The fixing of the world communications day on the Ascension Sunday helps us to take the discussion on the mission forward. Communicating technique and the speed in its execution have picked up momentum very gradually. From oral preaching, to hand copying of manuscripts, to printed books, to radio broadcasting, to cinema, to television networks and the Internet it has been a gradual process. But in the present century the communication media has reached its zenith. Hopefully, as we move forward newer and faster means of communication will be invented. As of now with the means available the question is: What does the Church expect from the World Communications Day? The Gospel 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: **506**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$6,491.74

Catholic Home Mission: \$1,610.28

Our Bishop's Appeal contribution for 2018 amounted to \$22,259.00, 55.6% 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

today once again comes to our assistance. "The disciples went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that attended it." The primary duty of the Catholic communicator is to announce the message of Christ. When we say that the primary duty is to announce the gospel we may add a clarification to it. Christian way of living has its own characteristics. It includes an orderly way of life and qualities like charity, fraternity, no scandal mongering, no duplicity, no double standards. If we can bring these qualities to the way we communicate our faith, the double feast of the Ascension and World Communications Day would have met its purpose. May God assist us in our work.



happy mother's day