#### WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU! MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

5:00PM

7:30 AM

10:00AM

#### PLEASE BE FLEXIBLE AND VOLUNTEER TO SERVE WHENEVER POSSIBLE

CANTORS: Allan Harrigan Dr. Gloria Callwood Marguerite Rene

LECTORS: Candace Bryan Noreen Joseph Suzanne Adrien

EUCH MIN: Dolores Velazquez Marguerite Rene Felicinne, Bridget, Olga McBean Lauren & Catherina Eubald Rene



Thank you for serving!!!



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, Enid Blyden, Isabel Dublin, 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, Baby Elizabeth Dolphin, Meraldo C. Gonzales.

**SEAVIEW:** MASSAC:

LUCINDA MILLIN:

EBENEZER HOME: Cleota Hill.

And all the sick and suffering in our community!



**Affirmation:** 

I am a loving per-

son. I show my love

with thoughtful acts,

kind words and af-

fection. I treat oth-

be treated.

ers the way I want to

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 Love when you ...

\*Treat others as you want them to treat you.

\*Say kind words and loving things.

\*Share your things and yourself.

\*Love people just as they are.

\*Take good care of the things you love.

\*Do what you love and love what you do.

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# **HURRICANE PRAYER**

God our Father, all the elements of nature obey Your commands. Keep us safe from the danger of hurricanes and all other natural disasters. Let us always feel the presence of Your love. May wel be secure in Your protection and turn our fears into praise of Your goodness. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen!

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**HURRICANE SEASON: JUNE 1 TO NOVEMBER 30:** 

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. Trib utes 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** 

## **OFFICE HOURS**

**WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS** 

**Mondays - 10:00 AM** to 4:00 PM

**Tuesday - Friday** 

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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Adriana Casimir, Abigail Tity, Keeto Joseph, Jn Kervin Bellevue, Wendell Benjamin, Rick Romero-Seas, Richy Bellevue, Shanice Bellot, Xavier Fabian, Amber Richards, Nahomie Bor, Kevin George, Deborah Bruney, Tausha Thomas-David, Ian Forde, Stephan Seraphin, Dolitha Theophin, Nathaly Alcendor, William Esprit, Suzette Smith, Shelton Pacquette, Andy Phillip, Adrian Francis, Naomi Francis, Doreen Fedee, Gloria Rhuland.



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

## Holy Family Catholic Church Welcomes You!

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sept. 2, 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.

## Reverend Pastor Neil Scantlebury

Associate Pastor Reverend Kerly François

Rev. Mr. Peter Laurencin

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

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Masses: Saturday 5:00 p.m.(Creole) and **Every LAST Thursday** at 5:00 p.m.

Online giving or donation can be made through our website at: www.holyfamilystt.com

#### **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 followed by Adoration after the mass to 5:00 p.m. 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 September 2, 2018

Mon.: 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5; Luke 4:16 - 30

Tue.: 1 Corinthians 2:10b - 16:Luke 4:31-37

Wed.: 1 Cortrinthians 3:1 - 9; Luke 4:38 - 44

Thur.: 1 Corinthians 3:18 - 23; Luke 5:1 - 11

Fri.: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Luke 5:33 - 39

Sat.: Micah 5:1-4a; Matt. 1:1 - 16, 18 - 23

#### **NEXT SUNDAY:** 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 35:4 - 7a

James 2:1 - 5 Mark 7:31 - 37

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

#### **22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

#### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

#### FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:1 - 2, 6 - 8

Moses urged the Israelites to be faithful to the commands of the Lord. They were not to change them in any way but to follow them wisely.

#### SECOND READING: James 1:17 - 18, 21b - 22, 27

In order for God's word to take root, believers must do more than merely listen to it. They must act upon it.

#### GOSPEL READING: Mark 7:1 - 8, 14 - 15, 21 - 23

Jesus said that nothing coming from outside can make a person impure. Rather, it is the evil coming from within that constitutes impurity.

Jesus has some harsh words today for those who show themselves to be hypocrites. The first two readings prepare us for this lesson by explaining how our behavior shows others what kind of people we are. Observing the commandments, Moses points out, shows other nations your wisdom. James exhorts his readers to put their beliefs into action. As we listen to the readings today, let us reflect on how we reveal ourselves in what we do.

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### **Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):**

5:00 PM: God's guidance and protection for Anthony Renal.

#### **Sunday Masses:**

7:30 AM: Rita Williams (deceased) rb Her family.

10:00 AM: Rose and Richard Cook (deceased) rb Estelle Farro.

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

#### **Daily Masses:**

Mon. Sept. 3, 7:00 AM: St. Gregory the Great

God's continued healing and protection for Glenn Louiser

rb His mother, Juliana Boland.

Tues. Sept. 4, 7:00 AM: St. Rose of Viterbo

Mr. & Mrs. Jumito Walters (d); Jumito Walters, Jr. (d); Helen Walters (d); Cecilia Walters Smith (d); Celestine Belzjet (d); rb Austin Walters.

Wed. Sept. 5, 7:00 AM: *St. Teresa of Calcutta*Birthday blessings for Patricia Francois rb Her family.

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Thurs. Sept. 6, 7:00 AM: *Blessed Bertrand of Garrigues*Birthday blessings for Josiah Rene rb His mother.

Fri. Sept. 7, 7:00 AM: *Blessed John Duckett & Blessed Ralph Corby* God's continued healing and protection for Glenn Louiser

rb His mother, Juliana Boland.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SECOND COLLECTION**: This week's second collection goes towards the **Renovation Fund**. 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 protection, blessings and guidance for Anthony Renal, requested by his mother. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

**ELECTRONIC GIVING:** Visit our website: www.holyfamilystt.com and select **support our parish**. Holy Family offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give anytime from your smart phone. Thanks to all those who have already started to use the online giving; may God richly bless you.

**OFFICE CLOSED:** Please note that the church office will be closed ALL DAY on <u>Monday, September 3, 2018</u>, in observance of Labor Day. Please be guided accordingly.

STS. PETER & PAUL SCHOOL: Sts. Peter & Paul School wishes to announce a change of opening date for the 2018-2019 Academic Year. School will now resume at 7:45 a.m. on <u>September 4th</u>, 2018. The decision was made for the safety of our students as hurricane repairs by FEMA are ongoing on the school campus. We regret any inconvenience to parents this may cause. Book sales have also been rescheduled. Elementary school book sales will take place on <u>August 30th</u> from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Middle and High School book sales will occur on <u>August 31st</u> from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Once again, Sts. Peter & Paul school announces a change of opening date for the 2018-2019 Academic Year to September 4th. Thank you.

*BACK TO SCHOOL:* On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François, Rev. Neil Scantlebury and Deacon Peter Laurencin extend sincere best wishes to *all returning students and teachers* a blessed and productive school year 2018/2019. Students, we encourage you to focus on your goals ahead no matter the challenge. May our Lady of Cassi Hill wrap all our teachers and students in her mantle and keep them from all harm. Amen. Once again, have a blessed, happy, productive and safe school year.

HURRICANE THANKSGIVING: In place of Prayer Meeting on <u>Thursday</u>, <u>September 6, 2018</u>, Our Lady of Mount Carmel will hold a hurricane thanksgiving service at 7:00 p.m. September 6 is the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Irma's destruction on St. John and St. Thomas. Let us get together and thank God for sparing our lives and for his many blessings.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Thank you for your ministry during the last school year and we look forward to your continued cooperation in the new school year. Once again thank you. Religious education classes will begin on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>September 15, 2018</u>, at 9:00 a.m. in the church. All parents and guardians are encouraged to attend the opening mass. Please register your child or children early for CCD class. Children who are entering 7th Grade should sign up now for pre-confirmation class. Forms can be picked up from the church office or at the entrance of the church. Additional information will be provided later. Teachers and volunteers will meet on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>September 8, 2018</u>, at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed to help in the program. Thank you.

**BREAKFAST SALE**: The Dominica Association of St. Thomas will host a breakfast sale on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>September 29</u>, <u>2018</u>, in Holy Family parking lot, from 7:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Thank you for your support.

#### LITURGY AND WORD

Deuteronomy means a "second law," or a "copy of the law." The name is appropriate in as much as the book embodies the record of a second legislation, and includes many of the laws found in the book of Exodus. In other words, the Book of Deuteronomy is a restating of much that is found elsewhere in the Pentateuch. It is presented in the form of sermons delivered by Moses to the Israelites shortly before they enter the Promised Land. Moses lists blessings that will come upon the Israelites if they obey God and warns them of curses that will afflict them if they disobey. After Joshua is commissioned by God as Moses' successor, Moses blesses the tribes, climbs Mount Nebo to view the Promised Land and dies there. Deuteronomy has a clear message: there is only one true God who is faithful. God alone is to be worshipped and adored. Obey God and you will thrive. Disobey God and vou will be destroyed. This message is the foundation of what has been called the Deuteronomist theology. The authors of Deuteronomy looked back at Jewish history and saw a pattern. God is always faithful. When Israel obeyed God, things went well: When Israel disobeyed, things went badly. As for the future, kings and armies could not save Israel. Only God could. And obedience to God would be the only way to receive salvation from God. The style of Deuteronomy is highly original, possessing a distinctive quality of touching and moving the heart. A sense of humaneness permeates the entire legislation of the book of Deuteronomy. 25:4 enjoins consideration for animals: it says, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain." The author intends that the ox should be allowed to eat part of the grain it is treading out. 22:6-7 is unique in every respect: If an Israelite happens to come upon a bird's nest, with the mother sitting upon the young ones or upon eggs, they must not take the mother with the young but must let the mother go free, but the young he may take for himself. Deuteronomy nas been a very influential book.

#### 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: 394

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$5,250.00

Catholic Education: \$1,214.59

Our Bishop's Appeal contribution for 2018 amounted to \$29,320.00, 73% 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 book is a heartfelt plea for right living in the eyes of God. From beginning to end, Deuteronomy is filled with strong and vivid exhortation. Israel's periodic weaknesses and failures are recounted, but God's fidelity is what shines through the darkness. Deuteronomy 7:7-8 beautifully portrays why God has chosen the Jews as the chosen people. It has nothing to do with size or availability or strength. The only reason is love. God simply "set his heart on you and chose you" (7:7). The mystery of divine election is that simple and yet that profound, and Deuteronomy explains it in the most eloquent terms available.

The gospel of today depicts how the purposes of Deuteronomy is defeated and how the laws are misinterpreted. Jesus accuses the Pharisees of teaching their own interpretations of the law as doctrine of God. He accuses them of leaving the commandment of God and holding fast to the traditions of men. The ritual washing of cups and plates and ritual washing of hands before eating a meal, etc., were not part of the Mosaic law. Gradually the traditions created by the religious authorities started taking precedence over the fine nuances of the law. Jesus tries to correct them and makes his teaching within the reach of people to follow. The law given by him consists of just two precepts: first, love God and second love one another.