

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
Felicine Marcellin

Marguerite Rene

LECTORS: Helena Enrique
Olga McBean

Jalila Thomas
Lafwa Rolle

CCD STUDENTS

EUCH MIN: Dolores Velazquez

Bridget Toussaint
Rose Labadie

Mona Bedminster

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, Philomen Baron, McLean Fontain (Sparrow).

AT HOME: Rita Ledee, Rose Celestine, Margarita Feliciano, Martina Lewis, Olivia Gumbs, Ann Bedminster, Medina Scatliffe, Bernice Knight, Claudy Brutus, 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, Anthony Francis.

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 Compassion when you ...

**Notice when someone is hurt or needs a friend.*

**Imagine how they must be feeling.*

**Take time to show that you care.*

**Ask how they are and listen patiently.*

**Forgive others when they make a mistake.*

**Are helpful to a person or animal in need.*

Affirmation:

*I have compassion.
I notice when someone is hurt or needs my help. I take the time to show that I care.*

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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 we be secure in Your protection and turn our fears into praise of Your goodness. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen!

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. 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.**

OFFICE HOURS

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

Tuesday - Friday

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM



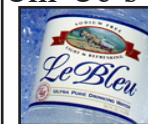
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PARISH CELEBRATION
Birthdays

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

*Thomas & Milue Casimir - Sept. 18
Jean & Anne Mimose Pierre - Sept. 19
Davion & Christine Smith - Sept. 22*

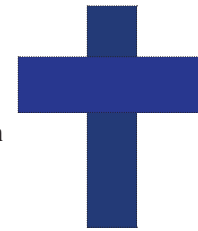


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

Holy Family Catholic Church
Welcomes You!

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sept. 16, 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.

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Reverend Neil Scantlebury

Associate Pastor

Reverend Kerly François

Deacon

Rev. Mr. Peter Laurencin

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Musicians

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

Volunteers

**Ms. Jennifer Johnson
Mr. Richard Callwood, III**

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 16, 2018**

Mon.: 1 Corinthians 11:17 - 26; Luke 7:1-10

**Tue.: 1 Corinthians 12:12 - 14, 27 - 31a;
Luke 7:11 - 17**

Wed.: 1 Cor. 12:31 - 13:13; Luke 7:31 - 35

Thur.: 1 Cor. 15:1 - 11; Luke 7:36 - 50

Fri.: Ephesians 4:1 - 7; Matthew 9:9 - 13

**Sat.: 1 Corinthians 15:35 - 37, 42 - 49;
Luke 8:4 - 15**

NEXT SUNDAY:
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 2:12, 17 - 20

James 3:16 - 4:3

Mark 9:30 - 37

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can be made through our
website at:
www.holyfamilystt.com**

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

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4c - 9a

Isaiah prophesied: I gave my back to those who beat me and my face to buffets and spitting. I was not disgraced, for when the Lord is with me, how can I be ashamed?

SECOND READING: James 2:14 - 18

Faith without good works is dead and worth nothing. A person should not claim to be Christian without living like one. In vain do we profess faith without practice.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 8:27 - 35

Jesus taught the disciples that the Son of Man must suffer and die. He went on to say that if they wish to follow him they, too, must deny themselves and take up the cross. Today's readings are challenging. Isaiah accepts God's call to prophecy, but he suffers terribly at the hands of his persecutors. St. James insists that Christians are obligated to put their faith into action, clothing and feeding the needy. In the Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." As we listen to the readings, let us reflect on how we take up our cross and put our faith into action.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

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

Birthday blessing for Gersha Eusebe rb Her family.

Sunday Masses:

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

Victor Douglas (deceased) rb Beloved sister Rose.

10:00 AM: God's continued guidance and protection for the Maynard and
Louis families.
Birthday blessings for Tyrique Stuart and Makayla Rene
rb The Rene family.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. Sept. 17, 7:00 AM: St. Robert Bellarmine
Eugene Farro (d) rb Estelle Farro.

Tues. Sept. 18, 7:00 AM: St. Joseph of Cupertino
God's blessings and guidance for Leroy Hodge rb Cleopha Rawlings.

Wed. Sept. 19, 7:00 AM: St. Januarius
God's deliverance and blessings for Russell Tonge rb Russell Tonge.

Thurs. Sept. 20, 7:00 AM: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang
Lanell Herbert (deceased).

Fri. Sept. 21, 7:00 AM: St. Matthew
Keith and Myrna Scantlebury (deceased).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION: This week's second collection goes towards the Youth Ministry. Next week's second collection will go towards Catholic Education. 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 Godfrey 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.

FOOD FOR THE POOR: Next 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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: St. Vincent de Paul members are kindly asked to be reminded of their regular monthly meeting for the month of September which is scheduled to be Saturday, September 22, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. in the classroom. Please be guided accordingly.

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

MEETING: There will be a meeting on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in Lower Columban Hall for all Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors and those who would like to join these ministries.

MISSION: Rev. Fr. Stash will conduct a mission on Friday, September 21, and Monday, September 24 and a healing service on Tuesday, September 25, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. each night in the church. All are invited to attend.

RCIA: Adults who wish to join the Catholic church or know their faith better are encouraged to attend classes on Wednesday, September 26, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in Lower Columban Hall, and every Wednesday thereafter.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly Francois, Deacon Laurencin and Rev. Neil Scantlebury extend sincere sympathy to Natalie Anthony and family on the passing of her father, Nedman Anthony, who died on Thursday, August 9, 2018. The funeral service for the late Nedman Anthony took place on Friday, September 14, 2018, at Holy Family Church. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly Francois, Deacon Laurencin and Rev. Neil Scantlebury extend sincere sympathy to Leslie Abraham and family on the passing of his sister, Editha Abraham, who died on Monday, September 10, 2018. The funeral mass for the late Editha Abraham will take place on Thursday, September 20, 2018, at Holy Family Church at 9:30 a.m. Viewing will precede the mass at 9:00 a.m. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

ADORATION: Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament continues every Wednesday, after the 7:00 a.m. mass to conclude at 5:00 p.m., and every Friday from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Whether you spend 15 minutes or the whole day, come and sit with Jesus.

LITURGY AND WORD

The events described in the gospel of today mark an important turning point in the life of Jesus and his disciples (Mk 8:27-35). Jesus accompanied by his disciples arrives at Caesarea Philippi from where Jesus intends to make his final journey to Jerusalem. So far in the gospel, Mark has emphasized Jesus' authority as a wonderworker and a teacher. At the same time Mark has highlighted a series of misunderstandings and rejections that Jesus faced. These include the rejection by the Pharisees and the Herodians (3:6), Jesus' own family (3:21) and neighbours in Nazareth (6:1-6), and his own disciples (8:14-21). The purpose of the Marcan journey narrative in 8:27-10:45 is to clarify who Jesus is and what it means to become his disciple. The key to understanding Jesus properly will turn out to be the mystery of the cross: Jesus the healer and teacher is the suffering Messiah/Son of Man. Caesarea Philippi is located on the southern slope of Mount Hermon and near one of the sources of the river Jordan. Caesarea Philippi represents the northern tip of the land of Israel. The emperor Augustus had given the city to Herod the great. Herod's son Philip rebuilt the city and named it after the emperor and himself, thus Caesarea Philippi. There is also another city called Caesarea Maritima which is on the Mediterranean coast and we should keep the two cities apart. Perhaps Jesus has led his disciples to the former because it is a quiet place. Since it is situated on the very edge of the Jewish territory, he can still preach in villages without being mobbed by folks seeking healing. This is an area which is green and cool and is certainly one of the most beautiful parts of Palestine. In Caesarea Philippi, Jesus wants to know from his disciples what opinions people hold about him. Jesus is not happy with the answers that he is John the Baptist, or Elijah or one of the prophets. When he repeats the question, Peter comes out with the right answer that he is the Messiah. But something very essential is missing from Peter's understanding of the Messiah. Following Peter's confession, Jesus does two things. First, he imposes silence on his disciples openly proclaiming that he is the Messiah.

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: 398
Last Weekend's collections
FIRST COLLECTION: \$4,424.10
Bishop's Appeal: \$915.00

Our Bishop's Appeal contribution for 2018 amounted to \$33,732.00, 84% 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

Second, Jesus makes the first passion prediction. When Peter hears Jesus' prediction about his impending suffering and death he wants to dissuade Jesus from going to Jerusalem. "Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again," he tells Peter. Peter's objection to Jesus' suffering and death comes from his Jewish upbringing. The Jewish people has no notion of a suffering Messiah. Their understanding of the Messiah is one of triumph, not of suffering. They hope for a future Davidic king who will restore justice and the good fortunes of God's people. But Jesus is the suffering Messiah. It is through his suffering and gruesome death on the cross that he will save his people. Jesus then teaches them a lesson on discipleship. Anyone who wishes to follow him should be ready to take up his own cross and follow him. Why does Jesus forbid his disciples from proclaiming that Jesus is the Messiah? For two reasons, first, because people must find this out for themselves with the help of God who reveals the truth about his Son. Second, because they must understand what sort of a Messiah Jesus is. He is not to be a spectacular and outwardly successful hero, driving out the hated Roman rulers and setting up a Jewish state, as many hoped. Instead, he is to be a humble, patient, loving, peaceful Messiah, God's suffering servant, as pictured in Isaiah 50:5-9 (First Reading).