

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: Margaret Smith Bridget Toussaint Young Vincentian
Chris Doute Agnes Nicholas Young Vincentian

EUCH MIN: Olga McBean Felicinne Marcellin Michelle Stout
Lauren Thomas



Thank you for sewing !!!



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 Gentleness when you ...

****Make it safe for animals and people to be around you.***

****Touch carefully.***

****Speak with a soft voice.***

****Take time out when you don't feel gentle.***

****Think gentle thoughts that make you smile inside.***

Affirmation:

I am gentle. I think, speak and act with gentleness. I show care for people and for everything that I touch.

WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS

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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.**

CHEZ JEAN
OPENING FOOD SALE
Sept 28, 2018

BBQ CHICKEN	\$10.00	Sides
BBQ Ribs	\$14.00	Vegetables
Stew Mutton	\$14.00	Rice & Peas
Dove Pork	\$12.00	Mac & Cheese
Curry Chicken	\$10.00	Provisions
Oxtail	\$17.00	Fried Plantain
Fish Steam or Fry	\$15.00 and up	
Chicken Soup	\$6 & \$10	From: 11:00am until
Red Peas Soup	\$7 & \$10	340-775-3239
Each meal comes with three sides		0052

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PARISH CELEBRATION
Birthdays
Quanesha Charles, Neviah Victorine, Makayla Rene, Emmanuel Sprauve, Michelle Laudat, Elron Etienne, Shantelle Hodge, Mellissa Rangel, Kevin Quetel, Gladys Muscadin, Delitta George, Miguel Rivera, Kathleen John, Karyn John, Marisol Pell, Roger Blackburn, Jr., Jose Encarnacion, Jr., Ramona Auguiste, Dawn Callwood, William Williams, Thomas Windel, Bominique Estime, Dianne DeWindt, Lucie Lewis.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Victor & Josette Baly - Sept. 26

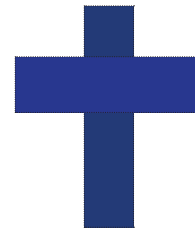


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

Holy Family Catholic Church
Welcomes You!

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sept. 23, 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. Peter Laurencin

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

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

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

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 23, 2018

Mon.: Proverbs 3:27 - 34; Luke 8:16 - 18
Tue.: Proverbs 21:1 - 6, 10 - 13;
Luke 8:19 - 21
Wed.: Proverbs 30:5 - 9; Luke 9:1 - 6
Thur.: Ecclesiastes 1:2 - 11; Luke 9:7 - 9
Fri.: Ecclesiastes 3:1 - 11; Luke 9:18 - 22
Sat.: Daniel 7:9 - 10, 13 - 14; John 1:47 - 51

NEXT SUNDAY:
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Numbers 11:25 - 29
James 5:1 - 6
Mark 9:38 - 43, 45, 47 - 48

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Wisdom 2:12, 17 - 20

The wicked plotted to condemn the just one to death saying, "Let us condemn him to a shameful death."

SECOND READING: James 3:16 - 4:3

Wars and conflicts arise because of envy; "The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace."

GOSPEL READING: Mark 9:30 - 37

Jesus said, "The Son of Man is to be handed over ... If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the ... servant of all."

St. James warns us of the dangers of jealousy and selfish ambition. We see the destructive effects of these desires in the first reading, when the wicked ones plot against the just one. Even the disciples fall to this temptation, arguing about who was the greatest among them. Jesus ends the argument by telling them that whoever wishes to be first must make themselves the servant of all. Let us reflect on how we can resist jealousy and serve others as Jesus asks.

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

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

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings for Oliver Williams rb The John family.

10:00 AM: Rita Willams (deceased) rb Her family.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. Sept. 24, 7:00 AM: St. Thecla
Dick Cook (d) rb Estelle Farro.

Tues. Sept. 25, 7:00 AM: St. Sergius
Anna Stridiron (d) rb The Stridiron and Johnson families.

Wed. Sept. 26, 7:00 AM: Sts. Cosmas and Damian
Benny Hobson (d) rb Children of Mary.

Thurs. Sept. 27, 7:00 AM: St. Vincent de Paul
God's deliverance and blessings for Russell Tonge rb Russell Tonge.

Fri. Sept. 28, 7:00 AM: St. Wenceslaus
Katheleen Farro (d) rb Estelle Farro.
Ruby Marie Joseph (d) Children of Mary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION: This week's second collection goes towards Catholic Education Next week's second collection will go towards St. Vincent de Paul Society. As always we thank you for your generosity.

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning for God's deliverance, protection, blessings and guidance for Marie Renal. 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.

THANK YOU: Bishop Thomas sends his heartfelt thanks to everyone who sent him cards or called him on the occasion of his 92nd birthday. He thanks you for lifting him up in prayer, interceding on his behalf and letting him know you care. God bless you all.

ALTAR FLOWERS: This weekend the Altar flowers were paid for by Jean Dragin, in thanksgiving to God and in celebration of his birthday. Thank you for beautifying our church and may God continue to bless you as you celebrate a new year.

FOOD FOR THE POOR: This 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.

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.

MISSION: Rev. Fr. Stash will continue his mission on 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 François, Deacon Laurencin and Rev. Neil Scantlebury extend sincere sympathy to Cheryl Potter and family on the passing of her mother, Luna James-Potter, who died on Saturday, September 1, 2018. The funeral service for the late Luna James-Potter will place on Friday, September 28, 2018, at Holy Family Church. May her 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 François, Deacon Laurencin and Rev. Neil Scantlebury extend sincere sympathy to Stacy Abraham-Llyod and Valda Abraham and family on the passing of their mother, Crescentia "Bezo" Abraham, who died on Monday, September 17, 2018. The funeral mass for the late Crescentia "Bezo" Abraham will take place on Friday, October 5, 2018, at Holy Family Church at 10:00 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 Book of Wisdom was written by a Jew living in Alexandria, around 50 B.C. The book deals with wisdom and its working in sacred history. The last century before Christ was a time of turmoil for Jews who lived in Palestine. Early in that century a bitter civil war pitted Pharisees in Judea against the Hellenizing high priest, Alexander Janneus, and his Sadducee allies. Alexander won the war; subsequently, he and his successors attempted to mingle Hebrew traditions with Greek philosophies and ideals. At this time the Jews in Egypt probably outnumbered those in Palestine. In a cosmopolitan city like Alexandria, they were confronted with all kinds of pagan religions. They were tempted to abandon old ways for modern ideas flowing from the Greek culture that seemed to be taking over the world, even their beloved Jerusalem. In this situation, an unknown Jew acquainted with Greek culture and fluent in the Greek language was inspired by God to write the Book of Wisdom. He wanted to show the Jewish people that true wisdom is found in God's revelation, not in pagan religions or pagan philosophies. The Book of Wisdom is not directly quoted by New Testament authors, but it clearly influenced their thinking. The book of Wisdom is meant to bring about the conversion of these impious men. The godless say that the just are reproaching them for sins against the law. From this we can deduce that the just consider the godless to be those who transgress the Torah. The godless are thus Jews who do not remain faithful to the Torah. These godless are the Jews who have exchanged the Torah for the new gentile concepts that were so popular in Hellenistic Alexandria. In the gospel of today, Jesus turns his attention to the circle of his disciples, and he presents to them the terrible sufferings that await him in Jerusalem (Mk 9:31). The disciples not only fail to understand the Passion prediction but even fear to pursue the topic. Then they show

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: 411
Last Weekend's collections
FIRST COLLECTION: \$4,841.70
Youth Ministry: \$973.42

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

the depth of their misunderstanding by arguing about who is the greatest among them. The disciples' misunderstanding provides the occasion for Jesus to define true greatness as the humble service of others. But why should Jesus take a child as an example? It is certainly true that Jesus had a remarkable, indeed almost unprecedented, regard for children. His words could thus be a warning for his disciples that they too must do the same. In the first-century Palestinian society a child would symbolize not so much innocence or simplicity as lack of social status and legal rights. A child was a "non-person" totally dependent on others for nurture and protection, and of course one could not expect to gain anything either socially or materially from kindness to a child. By placing the child in the midst of his circle of disciples Jesus is clearly using this symbolic action as a way of instructing his disciples. By embracing the child Jesus displays his acceptance of the child (who is a social non-entity) as worthy of respect and care.

A Physician once said, "The best medicine for humans is love." Someone asked, "What if it doesn't work?" He smiled and said, "Increase the dose."

