

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

**5:00PM                      7:30 AM                      10:00AM**

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

<b>CANTORS:</b> Allan Harrigan	Dr. Gloria Callwood Felicinne Marcellin	Marguerite Rene
<b>LECTORS:</b> Keith Steele Ruth Smith	Noreen Joseph Rita Brady-Bermudez	Mona Bedminster Suzanne Adrien
<b>EUCH MIN:</b> Dolores Velazquez	Danna Knight Catherina Alexander	Marguerite Rene

*Thank you for serving !!!*

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

**HOSPITAL:** Cynthia Johnrose.

**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 Liverpool, Rosette Harley, Baby Elizabeth Dolphin, Meraldo C. Gonzales, Anthony Francis, Rosita Laparole.

**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 Responsibility when you ...***

*\*Take your agreements seriously.*

*\*Respond ably by doing things to the best of your ability.*

*\*Are willing to do your part.*

*\*Admit mistakes without making excuses.*

*\*Are ready and willing to clear up misunderstandings.*

*\*Give your best to whatever you do.*

**Affirmation:**

***I am responsible. I give my best to all that I do and keep my agreements. I learn from my mistakes. I am willing to make amends.***

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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**

*Javauni David, Mekhi Clement, Rood-Carlina Dieu, Jovanni Bellevue, Gregory James, Marie-Rose Verneuil, Chelsea Baron, Nerkysie Fedee, Chinelo Pickering, Roy Newton, Jr., Yvose Mauvais, Ardene Henley, James Vanterpool, Stacey Clarke, Vernice James, Twamma Lloyd, Leslie Mann, Eustace Rene, Ives Jean-Louis, Thomason Johnson, Carla Batist, Cheryl Andres, Jane Ann Casey, Devon Wellington, Mercedes Hodge.*

**PRIEST BIRTHDAY**

*Rev. Neil Scantlebury - Oct. 1*

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

*Juan & Jo Anne Cruz - Oct. 3*

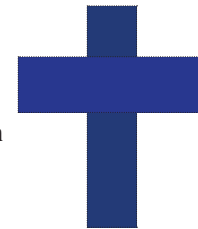


*Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!*

***Holy Family Catholic Church***  
***Welcomes You!***

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sept. 30, 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**  
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**Mr. Ryan John**

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

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

**CHANCERY: BISHOP'S OFFICE**

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Catholic Chapel**

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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](http://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 30, 2018**

Mon.: Job 1:6 - 22; Luke 9:46 - 50

Tue.: Exodus 23:20 - 23; Matt. 18:1-5, 10

Wed.: Job 9:1 - 12, 14- 16; Luke 9:57 - 62

Thur.: Job 19:21 - 27; Luke 10:1 - 12

Fri.: Job 38:1, 12 - 21; 40:3 - 5;  
Luke 10:13 - 16

Sat.: Job 42:1-3,5-6, 12-17;  
Luke 10:17 - 24

**NEXT SUNDAY:**  
**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Genesis 2:18 - 24**  
**Hebrews 2:9 - 11**  
**Mark 10:2 - 16**



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Numbers 11:25 - 29

Moses said to Joshua, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets!”

SECOND READING: James 5:1 - 6

“Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries. Your wealth has rotted away.”

GOSPEL READING: Mark 9:38 - 43, 45, 47 - 48

Jesus reassured the disciples, “Whoever is not against us is for us ... If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off.” For years the Israelites looked to Moses to speak on the Lord’s behalf. Similarly, the disciples looked to Jesus to drive out demons. But today we hear first of God bestowing the gift of prophecy on seventy elders and then of a stranger driving out demons in Jesus’ name. Moses and Jesus respond the same way to the objections of others: the spirit of the Lord is upon these people. They are on our side.

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

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

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings for Fr. Neil Scantlebury rb Maureen Petersen.

10:00 AM: God’s continued healing and blessings for Magdalene Maxim.

Birthday blessings for Eustace E. Rene rb The Rene family.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. Oct. 1, 7:00 AM: St. Therese of the Child Jesus
Birthday blessings for Dante Hodge rb Clepha Rawling.

Tues. Oct. 2, 7:00 AM: The Holy Guardian Angels
Anniversary blessings for Victor and Josette Baly rb Alma Wells.

Wed. Oct. 3, 7:00 AM: Blessed Bartolo Longo
Diana Herman (d) rb Children of Mary.

Thurs. Oct. 4, 7:00 AM: St. Francis of Assisi
Morris Liverpool (d) rb Mona Bedminster.

Fri. Oct. 5, 7:00 AM: Blessed Francis Xavier
Deacon Leonard Monsanto (d) rb Children of Mary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION: This week’s second collection goes towards the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Next week’s second collection will go towards Renovation Fund. 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.

ONLINE 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.

RCIA: Adults who wish to join the Catholic church or know their faith better are encouraged to attend classes on Wednesdays 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 Stacy Abraham-Lloyd 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.

NOTE: The reception of Holy Communion, in Catholic teaching, indicates an agreement of faith, on the recipient’s part, with the Catholic doctrine of Jesus’ real presence in this sacrament. Catholics observe a Eucharistic fast of one hour prior to receiving communion. Therefore, it is inappropriate to have any food, candy, gum, etc., in your mouth while in church. Having shared in the Eucharist, you are compelled to go and work for peace and justice, thereby building God’s Kingdom now.

It doesn’t matter how many Sundays you sit in church or if you think you are saved. God sees what you do and how you treat others. That is what really matters. Amen.



LITURGY AND WORD

The fourth book of the Pentateuch is called “Numbers” because it begins with a census of the Hebrew people. The book received its final form around 550 B.C., during the Babylonian exile.

The book of Numbers recounts the many incidents that occurred during the journey from Sinai to Moab (Num 10:11—21:35). The sacral community is on the move and the major stops on the way are Paran (12:16—19:22) and Kadesh (20:1—21:4). The journey is tough and the people rebel against Moses and Aaron. Today’s first reading provides God’s answer to Moses’ prayer in the wake of the murmuring of the people regarding lack of nourishing food in the wilderness (cf. Num 11:4-15).

On most occasions of crisis due to rebellion from the people, Moses intercedes with God for them. But here Moses behaved differently. He likened himself to a frustrated and totally tired woman carrying an unwanted child. He saw the people of Israel as a burdensome child for whose conception he was not responsible and unwilling to carry. Feeding the numerous Israelites was more than he could manage and the weight seemed too much for Moses to bear. Hence he prayed for his own immediate death.

God immediately responded to Moses’ prayer and provided quick solutions: Moses alone cannot lead the Israelites. God then asks Moses to gather seventy elders so that he would provide them with some of the spirit that he had given to Moses and they would bear the burden along with Moses. According to God’s command, Moses gathered the elders and God gave them his spirit. They received the spirit of prophecy from God to validate their appointment. Eldad and Medad received the same gift, although they were not with the elders in the tabernacle court, but in the camp. This creates the problem. Someone tells Moses that Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp and not along with the other elders in the tabernacle court and so to stop them. Moses does not heed to them but utters the famous words, “Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, that the Lord would put his spirit upon them!” (Num 11:29). The Gospel of today narrates a similar episode. John informs Jesus that they saw a man casting out demons in his name and they prevented him, because he did not belong to the group of dis-

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: 382
Last Weekend’s collections
FIRST COLLECTION: \$6,153.36
Catholic Education: \$830.00

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

cles. Jesus tells him not to prevent him. In the case of Eldad and Medad, Moses’ attitude towards them was tolerance. Jesus too took a similar stance, and Jesus’ tolerant attitude was grounded in the idea that anyone who exorcised in his name would be slow to speak ill of him. The example of tolerance may have been used to criticize tendencies towards exclusivism in the early Church. No one has monopoly of the work of the kingdom. We must accept the success of others humbly and rejoice in it, as Paul did (Phil 1:18). No work done for Christ will go unrewarded, whoever does it. The Gospel continues with a warning against scandal. The kingdom of God is a serious matter; that is why to put a spiritual stumbling block in someone’s way will be punished with severity. Indeed, the value of the kingdom of God is so great that no sacrifice is too great to be part for it. Hand, foot, and eye stand for the most precious human possessions, yet losing them is better than losing the kingdom of God. Of course, this is meant metaphorically and not literally, as some early fathers took it and as some fundamentalist groups still understand it.

