

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 Melita Etienne

LECTORS: Valerie Doute Rita Brady-Bermudez Dr. A. Thomas

EUCH MIN: Olga McBean Felicinne Marcellin 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.

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!

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 Kindness when you ...

**Give tender attention to those who need help.*

**Do thoughtful things to give other happiness.*

**Practice habits that help the environment.*

**Resist the temptation to be cruel.*

**Accept people who are different.*

Affirmation:

I am kind. I show compassion to others. I have the courage to show 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

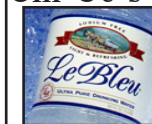


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PARISH CELEBRATION
Birthdays

Noreen Joseph, Terrence George, Angeli-que Rangel, Mateo Felix, Gersha Eusebe Jeevan Winston, PJ Chemont, Vinneisha Clement, Michael Jackson, Kim Smith, Mahalia Abraham, Kenan Ottley, Rodney Badeau, Cliven Edwards, Khito Brown, Stephanie Hodge, Nell Attidore, Sabinia Francis, Chad Frederick, Ebonique Esprit, Elena Giberger, Lomis Paul, John Cole, Atherley Bruno, Marie Bourdeau, Esther Henderson, Victoria Fergusson, Edmond Baptiste, Josefina Donastorg.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

John & Norma Gimenez - Sept. 10

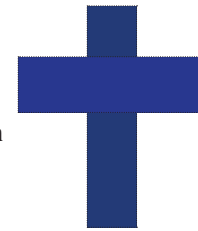


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

Holy Family Catholic Church
Welcomes You!

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sept. 9, 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

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Deacon

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**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 9, 2018**

Mon.: 1 Corinthians 5:1 - 8; Luke 6:6 - 11

Tue.: 1 Corinthians 6:1:1 - 11; Luke 6:12 - 19

Wed.: 1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Luke 6:20 - 26

Thur.: 1 Cor. 8:1b - 7, 11-13; Luke 6:27 - 38

**Fri.: Numbers 21: 4b - 9; Phil. 2:6 - 11;
John 3:13 - 17**

Sat.: Hebrews 5:7 - 9; John 19:25 - 27

NEXT SUNDAY:
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 50:4c - 9a

James 2:14 - 18

Mark 8:27 - 35

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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!**

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4 - 7a

God comes to save us. The ears of those who are deaf will be opened, and the tongues of those who are mute will sing.

SECOND READING: James 2:1 - 5

Treat everyone as equal before the Lord, rich and poor alike. Did not God choose the poor to inherit the kingdom?

GOSPEL READING: Mark 7:31 - 37

A deaf man with a speech impediment was brought to Jesus who healed him. Jesus ordered the crowds to tell no one, but they went about proclaiming the Lord's wonders. Isaiah wrote of the transformative power of God. God will open the eyes of the blind and the ears of the deaf. God will allow the lame to dance and the mute to sing. God will remake the world as well, bring life-giving water to the barren desert. In the Gospel, Jesus displays this transformative power and tender mercy in his healing of a deaf man. The witnesses to this act cannot help but proclaim Christ's power and compassion.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

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

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings and thanksgiving to God for Noreen Joseph.

God's guidance and protection for Oner Renal rb His mother.

10:00 AM: Birthday blessings for Marguerite Rene rb Her family.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. Sept. 10, 7:00 AM: St. Nicholas of Tolentino
Birthday blessings for Kishon Smith rb His friend.

Tues. Sept. 11, 7:00 AM: St. Lawrence Justinian
Dale Regina Richardson (d); Bingley Richardson, Sr. (d);
Shaniqua Teresa Stout (d); James Stout (d) rb Ronald & Michelle Stout.

Wed. Sept. 12, 7:00 AM: Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Idelta Abraham (d) rb The Children of Mary.

Thurs. Sept. 13, 7:00 AM: St. John Chrysostom
Eugene Farro (d) rb Estelle Farro.

Fri. Sept. 14, 7:00 AM: Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Feast
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 Bishop's Appeal. Next week's second collection will go towards Youth Ministry. 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 Oner 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.

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

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 Saturday, September 15, 2018, 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.

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.

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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: Catholic Charities has the following vacancy: FULL-TIME FINANCIAL OFFICER - General accounting duties to include preparation of monthly and quarterly federal and local grant reports and budgets, yearly agency budgets and financial statements.

Interested persons may submit their application to ccusvi@outlook.com or Call 340-777-8518 for further information. Applications may also be dropped off at the office on #42 Kronprindsens Gade, St.Thomas.

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.

LITURGY AND WORD

The Book of Isaiah comprises the works of three authors. The first thirty-nine chapters originate from the prophet Isaiah or more accurately, the First Isaiah, whose ministry was centred in Jerusalem during 742-700 B.C. His ministry lasted for forty years, just like Jeremiah who also was a prophet for forty years (627-587 B.C.). The prophet himself was an educated, aristocratic advisor to four kings of Judah, namely, Uzziah (783-742), Jotham (742-735), Ahaz (735-715), Hezekiah (715-687). Isaiah was married, probably to a woman prophet and the names of his children were symbolic of his prophetic message (Isa 7:3; 8:3). Although Isaiah warns that destruction will come to Judah because of the people's inability to trust wholly in God, his prophecies include magnificent visions of hope. In every situation, Isaiah believed that we must be obedient to the all-holy God. Israel will one day live in light, justice will be established, and Israel will become a means for leading other nations to God (Isa 9:1-17). The words of Isaiah in the first reading, "The eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing for joy" are all fulfilled in the life of Jesus. The Gospels use quotations from Isaiah to enhance their point on various occasions. The Gospel of Mark begins with a quotation from the Book of Second Isaiah, "Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare the way, the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." (Mark 1:2-3) Jesus restores hearing and speech to a suffering man. The story is a prime example of the vivid quality of Mark's narrative style. The ailment of the man is described in detail, as are Jesus' initial contacts with him: He takes him aside, puts his fingers in his ears, spits, and touches his tongue. Prior to the healing Jesus "sighs." Then he speaks a word in a foreign language

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: 423
Last Weekend's collections
FIRST COLLECTION: \$5,343.00
Renovation Fund: \$1,445.88

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

(ephphatha), and the healing occurs. The reaction to the miracle is strongly dramatized. Such details make this narrative similar to magical cures in the Hellenistic world. There is no need to put emphasis on the magical elements because Jesus' cures are not magical. Jesus uses the divine power within him in effecting the cures. Gestures like putting fingers in the sick man's ears, spitting and touching the man's tongue which may look like magical actions are nevertheless appropriate in a Gentile setting in which Jesus appears as both similar to pagan healers and superior to them (since ultimately the healing is due to the divine power in him). The effect of the cure is that the people are astounded beyond measure. Jesus' actions are well rooted in the Scriptures and they give credence to the prophecies of the prophets. Thus the prophecy of Isaiah in the first reading found fulfillment when Jesus cured the deaf and mute man. What message do we take from today's celebration? There are over 30 million physically challenged persons in India. As human beings they have equal rights as normal people. But very often these people do not get equal opportunities in any field and are discriminated against. If we could go out of this chapel with a mindset that we will look at our less privileged brothers and sisters with compassion then we are responding positively to the Word of God that we have heard.