

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: Margarita Smith Noreen Joseph Mona Bedminster
Candace Bryan Agnes Nicholas Suzanne Ardien

EUCH MIN: Olga McBean Danna, Felicinne Marguerite Rene
Lauren, Bridget Eubald 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), Thomas & Ruthine Johnson.

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, Grace Thompson, Andrea Victorine, Josephine James, Stanislaus Livepool, 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 Self Discipline when you ...

**Use detachment so your emotions won't control you.*

**Speak and act calmly when you are hurt or angry.*

**Create routines that bring peace and order to your day.*

**Practice moderation.*

**Do what is expected without anyone watching over you.*

**Do things on time.*

Affirmation:

I have self-discipline. I use my time well and get things done. I choose my actions with detachment.

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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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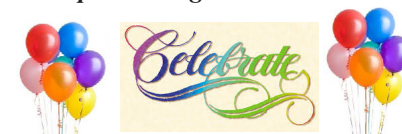
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PARISH CELEBRATION
Birthdays

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

*Peter & Julie Najawicz - Oct. 9
Joseph & Bridget Toussaint - Oct. 9*

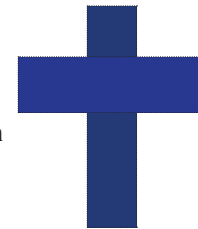


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

Holy Family Catholic Church
Welcomes You!

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Oct. 7, 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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Reverend Kerly François

Deacon
Rev. Mr. Peter Laurencin

Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Allison Callwood

Sacristan
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

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Venerable Pierre Toussaint
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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

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 October 7, 2018

Mon.: Galatians 1:6 - 12; Luke 10:25 - 37

Tue.: Galatians 1:13-24; Luke 10:38 - 42

Wed.: Galatians 2:1 - 2, 7-14; Luke 11:1 - 4

Thur.: Galatians 3:1 - 5; Luke 11:5 - 13

Fri.: Galatians 3:7 - 14; Luke 11:15 - 26

Sat.: Galatians 3:22 - 29; Luke 11:27 - 28

NEXT SUNDAY:
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 7:7 - 11
Hebrews 4:12 - 13
Mark 10:17 - 30

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:18 - 24

“A man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh.”

SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:9 - 11

“He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin.”

GOSPEL READING: Mark 10:2 - 16

“So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate.”

Twice in today’s readings we hear, in reference to those who are married, “the two become one flesh.” Significantly, we hear these words first in Genesis, where the first person becomes a co-creator, naming all the animals and even providing a rib so that God could create a partner. In becoming one flesh, two people create a new and unique entity. Let us reflect on how we have or can become co-creator, creating bonds and creating life from the impulse of love.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: In Thanksgiving to God for favors received for Godfrey Renal
rb Marie Renal.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings for Catherina Alexander rb Catherina Alexander.
Anniversary blessings for James & Ruth Hunt rb Their family.

10:00 AM: God’s continued healing and blessings for Magdalene Maxim.
God’s blessings and guidance for Marie Rose, Karen, Satish Louis
and Vernique rb The Louis and Maynard families.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. Oct. 8, 7:00 AM: **St. Simeon**
Birthday blessings for Jaleel & Kaleel Riveria rb Their family.

Tues. Oct. 9, 7:00 AM: **St. John Leonardi**
Violet Holder (d) rb The Children of Mary.

Wed. Oct. 10, 7:00 AM: **St. Francis Borgia**
Maria & Blaize Alcendor (d) rb Francesca Alcendor.
Eugene Faro (d) rb Estelle Farro.

Thurs. Oct. 11, 7:00 AM: **St. Kenneth**
Birthday blessings & God’s continued protection for Allison Callwood.
Birthday blessings for Evaline Jno-Lewis rb Mona Bedminster.

Fri. Oct. 12, 7:00 AM: **St. Seraphim of Montegranaro**
Iver Vessup (d) rb The Children of Mary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION: This week’s second collection goes towards the *Renovation Fund*. Next week’s second collection will go towards the *Music Ministry*. As always we thank you for your generosity.

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning for **God’s continued blessings, guidance and protection for Allison Callwood**. 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 **online giving**. 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 by Danna Knight, in thanksgiving to God and in celebration of her mother **Catherina Alexander’s** birthday. Thank you for beautifying our church and may God continue to bless Catherina as she celebrates her birthday.

OFFICE CLOSED: Please note that the church office will be closed on **Monday, October 8, 2018**, in observation of Columbus Day. Please be guided accordingly.

BIRTHDAY THANK YOU: Fr. Neil would like to thank all those who called, prayed, texted, gave gifts or wished him happy birthday. May God reward you abundantly. Once again thank you.

BAPTISM CLASS: Baptism class will commence on **Monday October 8, 2018**, at 7:00 p.m. in Lower Columban Hall, and will continue every Monday in October. Application forms for Baptism can be collected from the church office and should be completed before the start of the program. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

ANNUAL PUBLIC SQUARE RALLY: The 2018 annual public square rally is scheduled for **Saturday, October 13, 2018** at 12:00 noon at the Emancipation Gardens (Bungalow). All are encouraged to attend the Rosary Rally and pray for peace in the world. For more information please contact Mr. Eubald Rene at 340-643-2928 or 340-775-3503. Thanks for your usual support and cooperation.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Parish Council members are kindly asked to note that the next meeting is set for **Thursday October 25, 2018**, at 6:30 p.m. Please be guided accordingly.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François, Deacon Laurencin and Rev. Neil Scantlebury extend sincere sympathy to **Julius Felix and Suzanne Felix Adrien** and family on the passing of their sister, **Judith Felix** who died on **Wednesday, September 26, 2018** in Florida. The funeral service for the late **Judith Felix** will be held on **Saturday, October 20, 2018**, at Kingdom Life Church in Altona. 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.

REVIVAL SERVICES: The Methodist Church of the St. Thomas/St. John Circuit will be hosting its annual revival services from Monday, October 15, 2018 to Friday, October 19, 2018, at Christchurch Methodist Church - (Market Square) starting at 6:30 p.m. nightly. The theme is “Reclaim, Strengthen, Expand”. The guest speaker is Rev. Adolf Davis of St. Vincent.

LITURGY AND WORD

The Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation on family the “Amoris Laetitia” deals elaborately with marriage and family. Relevant passages from the exhortation that deals with the liturgical theme of today are presented here. The Pope writes, “It is important that marriage be seen as a matter of love, that only those who freely choose and love one another may marry. When love is merely physical attraction or a vague affection spouses become particularly vulnerable once this affection wanes or physical attraction diminishes. Given this frequency with which this happens, it is all the more essential that couples be helped during the first years of their married life to enrich and deepen their conscious and free decision to have, hold and love one another for life.”

“Another great challenge of marriage preparation is to help couples realize that marriage is not something that happens once for all. Their union is real and irrevocable, confirmed and consecrated by the sacrament of matrimony. Yet in joining their lives, the spouses assume an active and creative role in a lifelong project. Their gaze now has to be directed to the future that, with the help of God’s grace, they are daily called to build. For this very reason, neither spouse can expect the other be perfect. Each must set aside all illusions and accept the other as he or she actually is: an unfinished product, need to grow, a work in progress. A persistently critical attitude towards one’s partner is sign that marriage was not entered into as a project to be worked on together, with patience, understanding, tolerance and generosity. Slowly but surely, love will then give way to constant questioning and criticism, dwelling on each other’s good and bad points, issuing ultimatums and engaging in competition and self-justification. The couple then proves incapable of helping one another to build a mature union. This fact needs to be realistically presented to newly married couples from the outset, so that they can grasp that the wedding is just the beginning.”

“That still water becomes stagnant and good for nothing is an old saying. If, in the first years of marriage, a couple’s experience of love grows stagnant, it loses the very excitement that should be its propelling force. Young love needs to keep dancing towards the future with immense hope.”

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: **402**

Last Weekend’s collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$5,751.75

St. Vincent de Paul: \$1,317.30

Our Bishop’s Appeal contribution for 2018 amounted to \$36,260.00, 91% 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

“Among the causes of broken marriages are unduly high expectations about conjugal life. Once it becomes apparent that the reality is more limited and challenging than one imagined, the solution is not to think quickly and irresponsibly about separation, but to come to the sober realization that married life is a process of growth, in which each spouse is God’s means of helping the other to mature. Change, improvement, the flowering of the good qualities present in each person—all these are possible. Each marriage is a kind of “salvation history,” which from fragile beginnings grows over time into something precious and enduring. When we read in the Bible about the creation of man and woman, we see God first forming Adam; he realizes that something essential is lacking and so he forms Eve and then hears the man exclaim in amazement, “Yes, this one is just right for me!” We can almost hear the amazing dialogue that must have taken place when the man and the woman first encountered one another. In the life of married couples, even at difficult moments, one person can always surprise the other, and new doors can open for their relationship, as if they were meeting for the first time.”

GIVE THANKS
IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES
FOR THIS IS
THE WILL
OF GOD IN
CHRIST JESUS
FOR YOU.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:18