

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
 Felicinne Marcillin

LECTORS: Keith Steele Nooreen Joseph Julia Johnson
 Ruth Smith Rita Brady Bermudez Suzanne Adrien

EUCH MIN: Dolores Velazquez Danna Knight Marguerite Rene
 Catherina Alexander Marilyn Louis

Thank you for sewing !!!

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

HOSPITAL: Josephine Philbert.

OFF ISLAND: Defy Francoise, Bertina Lestrade, Altagracia Padilla, Emile Joseph, 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, Roserita Laparol, Cynthia Johnrose.

SEAVIEW:
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 Perseverance when you ...

**Choose your commitments wisely.*

**Set goals and stick with them until completed.*

**Pace yourself, and take one step at a time.*

**Don't let doubts or tests blow you off course.*

Affirmation:

I have perseverance. I finish what I start. I keep steady in what I choose to do. I am loyal and committed.

WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God our Father, all the elements of nature obey Your commands. We praise and thank You for Your protection during the hurricane season. We ask You again to guide us through a new year free of earthquakes, floods and other natural disasters. Bless our families and bring peace to all nations. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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



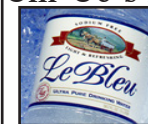
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PARISH CELEBRATION
Birthdays

Darryl Hendrickson, Dylan Hendrickson, Dale Hendrickson, Jr., Aaron Clarke, Misterlyne Satine, Jai Jones, Jayden Francis, Jaleen Bedminster, Kindarly Mahauatiere, Dwayne Rene, Leander Poleon, Edwin Dorval, Elroy Pickerling, Jr., Catherine Birmingham, Adius Dieu, Vincia St. Jean, Julian Gumbs, Kent Meyers, Horace Wallace, Velma Abramsen, Patricia Grell, Simone James, Edmond Benjamin.

RELIGIOUS ANNIVERSARY

*Rev. Kerly Francois - Jan. 4
Rev. Boniface Twiabui - Jan. 4*

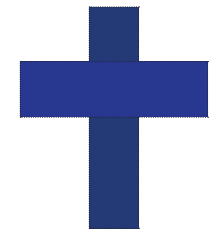


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

Holy Family Catholic Church
Welcomes You!

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph - Dec. 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. Evans Doway
Rev. Mr. Frank Kearny

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

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: 4:15 PM to 4:45 PM

**Readings for the Week
of December 30, 2018**

CHANCERY: BISHOP'S OFFICE

(340) 774-3166

**Venerable Pierre Toussaint
Catholic Chapel**

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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**

Mon.: 1 John 2:18 - 21; John 1:1 - 18

Tue.: Numbers 6:22 - 27; Galatians 4:4 - 7;
Luke 2:16 - 21

Wed.: 1 John 2:22 - 28; John 1:19 - 28

Thur.: 1 John 2:29 - 3:6; John 1:29 - 34

Fri.: 1 John 3:7 - 10; John 1:35 - 42

Sat.: 1 John 3:11 - 21; John 1:43 - 51

NEXT SUNDAY:
Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60: 1 - 6
Ephesians 3:2 - 3a, 5 - 6
Matthew 2:1 - 12

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 1:20 - 22, 24 - 28

Hannah conceived and bore a son, Samuel, whom she presented to the Lord in the temple at Shiloh saying, “As long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the Lord.”

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1 - 2, 21 - 24

God’s love has been given to us so we may be called His children. And so we are. We should believe in Jesus Christ and love one another as He commanded.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:41 - 52

At age twelve, Jesus sat in the temple at Jerusalem listening to the teachers and asking them questions. He astounded everyone by His understanding and answers.

Luke narrates the episode of the adolescent Jesus staying behind in the temple, causing His parents terrible anxiety when they realize He’s missing. Parents can certainly appreciate their distress, and then their relief. One of the possible first readings features another incident in the temple. Hannah, thankful to the Lord for the birth of her son, Samuel, after years of childlessness, dedicated him to the Lord’s service. Samuel and Jesus both feel at home in the Lord’s house. May we as well.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: God’s protection for Anthony Renal rb His mother.

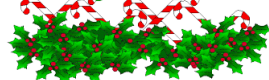
Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Thanksgiving for God’s blessings received rb Russelle Henry.

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

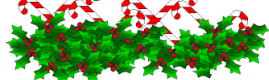
5:00 PM: Anniversary blessings for Fr. Kerly Francois & Fr. Boniface Twaibu.

Merry Christmas



Daily Masses:

Merry Christmas



Mon. Dec. 31, 8:00 PM: St. Sylvester I

Birthday blessings for Vincent Rawlings and Jahmal Matthew
rb Cleopha Rawlings.

11:00 PM: God’s blessings for the Director and volunteers of Holy
Family Church CCD program.

Tues. Jan. 1, 9:00 AM: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Byron Thomas (d) rb Eve Ogiste.

Wed. Jan. 2, 7:00 AM: **Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen**

Ermin Abraham (d) rb Eve Ogiste.

Thurs. Jan. 3, 7:00 AM: **The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

Hermacin John (d) rb Eve Ogiste.

Fri. Jan. 4, 7:00 AM: **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

Theresa Henry (d) rb The Rene family.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



SECOND COLLECTION: This week’s second collection goes towards **Catholic Education**. 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 **birthday blessings for Elaine Rene requested by the Rene family**. 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, using “**GIVE PLUS**” mobile App. Thanks to all those who are using online giving; may God continue to bless you richly.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Thank you for your generous contribution for the 2018 calendar year. Please pick up your Offertory envelopes for 2019 at the entrance of the church. **If you do not have an envelope, PLEASE register at the church office in order to obtain your box. PLEASE DO NOT TAKE UP ENVELOPES THAT ARE ALREADY ASSIGNED TO SOMEONE.** **THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING. GOD BLESS.**

NEW YEAR’S GREETINGS: Fr. Neil Scantlebury and Fr. Kerly Francois wish to extend New Year’s wishes to all. May God continue to bless you and your family and may the Christ child bring you into a deeper relationship with Him. Once again, a blessed New Year to you and your family.

NEW YEAR’S EVE MASS SCHEDULE:

NEW YEAR’S EVE NIGHT 8:00 P.M. and 11:00 P.M. HOLY HOUR WILL BE AT 7:00 P.M. On **NEW YEAR’S DAY** mass will be celebrated at **9:00 A.M.**

OFFICE CLOSED: Please note that the church office will be closed on **Tuesday, January 1, 2019, ALL DAY**. The church office will reopen on **Wednesday, January 2, 2019**. Please be guided accordingly.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: CCD Classes will resume on **Saturday, January 12, 2019**. Thank you to all who attended the concert to support our youth.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François, Deacon Frank Kerney and Rev. Neil Scantlebury extend sincere sympathy to **Margarita Smith** and family on the passing of her son-in-law, **Joseph Archer**, who died on **Saturday, December 15, 2018, in Atlanta**. The funeral service for the late **Joseph Archer** took place on **Saturday, December 22, 2018**, in Atlanta. May his 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.

MARCH FOR LIFE 2019: Bound 4 Life USVI will be traveling to Washington D.C. from **January 14, 2019 through January 21, 2019**. Most of our members range from the age of 12-23 years old. The cost for each person traveling will be approximately \$1,200.00. For more information please contact Timothy Olive at 340-998-9376 or Fr. Eduardo Ortiz-Santiago at 340-774-0885 Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church.

LITURGY AND WORD

1ST READING:

SHOW RESPECT TO PARENTS

The command to honour parents is already enshrined in the Ten Commandments. The Fourth Commandment says, “Honour your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gave you” (Exod 20:12). Sirach adds further directives to this commandment when he says that whoever honours his father atones for sins, and whoever glorifies his mother is like one who lays up treasure. Helping parents in their old age is another piece of golden advice that comes from the pen of Sirach. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says that family values and principles constitute the foundation of social life. Family life is an initiation into the life of society. Regarding the duties of parents towards their children, the Catechism says that parents, in virtue of their participation in the fatherhood of God, have the responsibility for the education of their children and they are the first heralds of the faith of the children. They have the duty to love and respect their children and to provide, as far as possible, for their physical and spiritual needs. Children, on the other hand, owe respect, gratitude, docility and obedience to their parents. Adult children should give their parents material and moral support whenever they find themselves in situations of distress, sickness, loneliness, or old age.

2ND READING:
IDEAL HOUSEHOLD
This paragraph deals with relationships within the Christian household. These verses regulate behaviour patterns within the Christian household. The many references to the Lord in this passage indicate that the whole of life including thought and conduct are to be submitted to the Lord Jesus such as marriage, parenthood, family and everyday work. No area of life stands outside of his control. Wives, as free and responsible agents, are asked voluntarily to submit themselves to their husbands since this is entirely proper. Submission points to the wife’s calling to honour and affirm her husband’s leadership and to help him exercise his role within the family. It is not an absolute surrender of her will, for Christ is her absolute authority, not her husband. Nor is there any suggestion that the wife is naturally or spiritually inferior to her husband. Instead, the husband’s duty is to love his wife. He is commanded to love her and this is not simply a matter of his having

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: **389**

Last Weekend’s collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$5,552.60

Christmas Flowers: \$1,061.00

Our Bishop’s Appeal contribution for 2018 amounted to \$38,675.00, 97% 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

affectionate feeling for her. Rather it involves his unceasing care and love for her entire well-being. Children are addressed as responsible members within the congregation and urged to obey their parents in everything. At the same time, parents, especially fathers, are not to irritate or provoke their children lest they become discouraged or think that it is useless trying to please their parents in the home. Children should obey their parents in everything and parents on their part should not embitter their children.

GOSPEL:

JESUS LOST AND FOUND

The gospel presents the losing and the finding of Jesus in the Temple. Jewish men were required by the law to keep the three annual festivals in Jerusalem, but only the Passover was strictly followed. Whole families would go to Jerusalem for the feast. People would travel in large groups for companionship and security on the way, and it is not surprising that Mary and Joseph do not worry unduly about Jesus on the first day’s journey back home because it is well for them to think that the boy may be in the company of the other boys of his age. From a very young age Jesus is aware of an intimate relationship to God his Father in a way which goes beyond the normal religious consciousness of a devout Jew, although he is careful to continue to obey his parents. But the incident shows them that their son has a character and role that goes beyond their understanding. His perfect growth as a boy continues right through his adolescence and young manhood.