

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 Felicinne Marcillin	Melita Etienne
LECTORS: Yasmine Haynes Candace Bryan	Noreen Joseph Allison Callwood	Ursula Prosper Mona Bedminster
EUCH MIN: Anne Brandt	Danna Knight Catherina Alexander	Franklin Howe Antoinette Howe

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, 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, 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 Patience when you ...

- *Calmly tolerate a delay or confusion.*
- *Are willing to wait for things you want.*
- *Set goals and persevere until they are met.*
- *Do something now that will help you in the future.*
- *Accept things you cannot change with humor and grace.*
- *Are tolerant when mistakes are made.*

Affirmation:

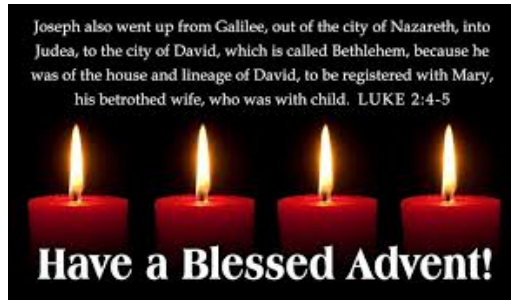
I am patient. I am gentle with others and myself when we make mistakes. I wait calmly. I trust that things will turn out right.

WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS

OFFICE HOURS

**Mondays - 10:00 AM
to 4:00 PM**

**Tuesday - Friday
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM**



Have a Blessed Advent!

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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.**

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PARISH CELEBRATION Birthdays
Immanuel Christian, D'Moi Industrious, Chris Matthew, Nicholas Stevenson, Jah'Hil Victorine, Breanna Antoine, Brent Biscoe, Jordan Archer, Christopher Scott, Robert Smith, Tony Romero-Seas, Kernizean Casey, Tevin Peters, Kenlon Angol, Dieudonne Sanon, Sherian Francis, Morris Lionel, Leanna Francois, Wayne Serieux, Barbara Sonny, Julia Frederick, Ilma Gumbs, Beverly Blyden, Lena Williams, Shirlin Browne, Veronica Casimir, Carol Victorine, Leon Casey, June Giff, Allan Harrigan, Enid Blyden.

Wedding Anniversary
Sean & Tamika Willams - Dec. 11



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

Holy Family Catholic Church Welcomes You!

2nd Sunday of Advent - Dec. 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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Reverend Kerly François

Deacon
Rev. Mr. Evans Doway

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: 3:15 PM to 3:45 PM

Readings for the Week of December 9, 2018

Mon.: Isaiah 35:1 - 10; Luke 5:17 - 26
Tue.: Isaiah 40:1 - 11; Matthew 18:12 - 14
Wed.: Zech. 2:14 - 17; Luke 1:26 - 38
Thur.: Isaiah 41:13 - 20; Matthew 11:11 - 15
Fri.: Isaiah 48:17 - 19; Matthew 11:16 - 19
Sat.: Sirach 48:1 - 4, 9-11; Matt. 17:9a, 10-13

CHANCERY: BISHOP'S OFFICE

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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

NEXT SUNDAY: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14 - 18a
Philippians 4:4 - 7
Luke 3:10 - 18

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Baruch 5:1 - 9

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and be glad! The glory of God will shine upon you. The mountains and valleys will become a level plain. "God is leading Israel in joy."

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:4 - 6, 8 - 11

Paul prayed for the Philippians that the good work begun in them may be "filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ."

GOSPEL READING: Luke 3:1 - 6

The word of God was spoken to John the Baptizer. From that time on he went about proclaiming a baptism of repentance, saying, "Prepare the way of the Lord."

Today's readings are unfailingly positive, hopeful for the future. Baruch assures Jerusalem that God is leading its exiled people back home. St. Paul is smitten with the Philippians, confident that they will be found worthy by God. St. Luke introduces St. John the Baptist, and forgiveness. A new day is dawning. Truly, as the psalmist sings we are filled with joy.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: Frances Cills (deceased) rb Alma Wells.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Phillip Marcillin (deceased) rb His wife.

10:00 AM: Birthday blessings for Evelina and Chris Rene rb The Rene family.

God's guidance and protection for John Verneuil.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. Dec. 10, 7:00 AM: *St. John Roberts*
Bob and Myra Fught (d); Jack and Helen Belfi (d) rb Mary Antoine.

Tues. Dec. 11, 7:00 AM: *St. Damascus I*
Eugene Farro (d) rb Estelle Farro.

Lister Warrington (d) rb His family.

Wed. Dec. 12, 7:00 AM: *Our Lady of Guadalupe*
God's blessings, guidance and protection for Marian and John and Grandsons rb Mary and Ashley.

Thurs. Dec. 13, 7:00 AM: *St. Lucy*
Deceased Titre and Toussaint families rb Mary Antoine.

Fri. Dec. 14, 7:00 AM: *St. John of the Cross*
God's protection & guidance for the children and grand children of Francesca Alcendor rb Francesca Alcendor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION: This week's second collection goes towards *Retirement Fund for Religious*. Next week's second collection will go towards *Christmas Flowers*. As always we thank you for your generosity.

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning for *birthday blessings for Immanuel Christian, requested by his mother, Tamra Thomas and 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. Thanks to all those who are using online giving; may God continue to bless you richly.

ADVENT SEASON: Please note that during the Advent Season there will be **NO FLOWERS** in the church and **NO GLORIA AND NO COMMUNION HYMN**. Please be guided accordingly. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: The church is once again kindly asking for donations for poinsettias for decoration during the Holiday Season. Thank you.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François, Deacon Doway and Rev. Neil Scantlebury extend sincere sympathy to *Luz Rivera-Swan* and family on the passing of her mother, *Gloria Virginia Fredrick*, who died on **Friday, November 23, 2018**. The funeral service for the late *Gloria Virginia Fredrick* will take place on **Monday, December 10, 2018**, at Holy Family Church at 10:00 a.m. Viewing will precede the service at 9:00 a.m. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

CHURCH DECORATION: We will be decorating the church for Christmas on **Friday, December 14**, for 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. All are welcome.

ADVENT MISSION: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel will host an Advent mission entitled "*The Four Last Things*", from **Tuesday, December 11, to Friday, December 14**, at 7:00 p.m. at Frank Powel Park. See the flyer on the doors of the church for more information.

PRIESTLY ORDINATION: Please be informed that **Deacon Jacob Fopa Lonfo** will be ordained to the priesthood on **Saturday, December 15, 2018** at 10:00 a.m. at Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral. All are invited. Please keep him in yours prayers.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: The Religious Education Program will be hosting a Christmas concert on **Sunday, December 16, 2018**, at **4:00 p.m.** in Upper Columban Hall. Please save this date and support our children.

CONFESSIONS: Holy Family church will have confessions on **Wednesday, December 19, 2018**, from **4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** Please be guided accordingly.

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:
THE SAFE RETURN OF THE EXILES

This passage is actually a poem that the author addresses to Jerusalem. The prophet addresses a message of consolation to Israel in exile. The prophet tells the people that the exile has happened with all its pain and suffering, but it is not the end of everything for there is hope for them to return to their homeland. The author urges Jerusalem to exchange her garments of mourning for the robes of glory and justice that will come from God. The garment is "the cloak of justice from God," the guarantee of the sum of harmony, security and prosperity that come from the divine presence. They are encouraged to look eastwards and see her children as they are gathered together and brought home by God. Note the contrast between their going out on foot, led by the enemy, and their glorious return, carried on thrones by God. The Lord orders that the rough ways be made smooth, and he bids the trees to provide shade and fragrance. The Lord himself will serve as their guide. The relevance of this reading for advent is that it proclaims the eschatological renewal of a suffering people. The book of Baruch points to the revelation of the new life that begins with the birth of Jesus Christ.

2nd READING:
JOY AND PARTNERSHIP IN THE GOSPEL

Paul's Letter to the Philippians is noted for the joy that Paul feels for the community. This is in contrast with the situation which Paul is in, i.e., Paul is undergoing imprisonment which normally speaking is a joyless period in one's life. The reason for his great joy is the partnership in the gospel from the time when it was first preached among the Philippians. Partnership is equal to fellowship, but fellowship is not just the comfortable experience of Christians enjoying one another's company. It is fellowship in the task of making the gospel known to others. We who have come to know the Good News of Christ should announce it to those who have not received it. Fellowship or Koinonia according to Paul is a designation for various community relationships that come into being through common participation; it can be seen as a reciprocal giving and taking of a portion. As he continues praying for the community, he tells them that whatever God begins, he brings it to fruitful completion.

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: **448**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$5,048.18

Catholic Education: \$1,428.8

Our Bishop's Appeal contribution for 2018 amounted to \$38,075.00, 95% 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

GOSPEL:
THE MINISTRY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

In the fifteenth year of the reign of the Roman Emperor Tiberius which corresponds to A.D. 28/29 John the Baptist begins his ministry. Tiberius, an adopted son and successor of Augustus Caesar, was emperor from A.D. 14 to 37. Tiberius is considered a just emperor who to a large extent brings peace to the provinces and above all is tolerant towards the Jews. Luke also mentions several other leaders who hold positions of authority concurrently, such as Pilate, Herod the tetrarch and Philip his brother, Annas and Caiaphas. John is designated as a prophet who speaks the Word of God, which is Good News for the people. By this description, Luke has placed him in league with the prominent figures, both political and religious. John understands his role and he reveals it in his exhortation. He calls the people to prepare themselves for the coming of the Savior. The prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled with the coming of Christ.

Submit yourselves
therefore to God.
Resist the devil,
and he will
flee from you.

James 4: 7 (KJV)