

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: Ruth Smith Noreen Joseph Mona Bedminster
Helena Enrique Bridget Toussaint Suzanne Adrien

EUCH MIN: Dolores Velazquez Danna, Rose, Annette Daly
Olga McBean Catherina & Felicinne Michelle Stout



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 Detemination when you ...

****Believe that what you are doing is important.***

****Set goals for yourself.***

****Stay focused without being distracted.***

****Keep going even if it gets difficult.***

****Ask for help when you need it***

****Finish what you started.***

Affirmation:

I am determined. I set goals and keep going until I achieve them. I get things done. I stay focused on my purpose.

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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

Jcaklyn LeBlanc, Carolin Love, Clayton McCleary, Chayne Caracciolo, Jena Dieu, J'Lane Rhymer, Davita Foster, Emalie Abraham, Richard Badeau, Neil Jno Baptiste, Jernel Paul, Christlene Vanel, Micarla Matthew, Jonthew Harrigan, Marilyn Henderson, Suzanne Pariall, Henrique Foy, Josian Dyer, vernelda Jolly, Riviere Casimir, Kevin Babis, Trevore Monsanto, Hilaire Alfred, Julian Labadie, Lydia Rivere.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Dave & Gerselda Anderson - Jan. 11

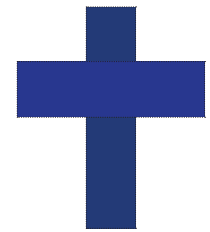


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

Holy Family Catholic Church
Welcomes You!

The Epiphany of the Lord - January 6, 2019

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

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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 January 6, 2019**

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**

Mon.: 1 John 3:22 - 4:6;
Matthew 4:12 - 17, 23 - 25

Tue.: 1 John 4:7 -10; Mark 6:34 - 44

Wed.:1 John 4:11 - 18; Mark 6:45 - 52

Thur.: 1 John 4:19 - 5:4; Luke 4:14 - 22

Fri.: 1 John 5:5 - 13; Luke 5:12 - 16

Sat.: 1 John 5:14 - 21; John 3:22 - 30

NEXT SUNDAY:
Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 40: 1 - 5, 9 - 11
Titus 2:11 - 14; 3:4 - 7
Luke 3:15 - 16, 21 - 22

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1 - 6

Darkness covers the earth, and heavy clouds hang over the people. But the light has come, and the glory of the Lord shines bright.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:2 - 3a, 5 - 6

In Christ Jesus, Gentiles and Jews are co-heirs of the family fortune and co-sharers in the saving promise.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 2:1 - 12

The magi from the east followed the star until it stopped still over the house. They entered, found the child with Mary, prostrated themselves, and did him homage. Listen today for just how widely God's grace has traveled. Isaiah prophesies that the light from Jerusalem will attract caravans from across land and sea. St. Palu calls the foreign Gentiles "Coheirs" and "copartners" in the body of Christ. Matthew tells of the magi journeying from a foreign country in the East. As we sing in the psalm, the glory of the Lord has spread to every nation on earth.

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

5:00 PM: Birthday blessing and God's deliverance for Candace Charles.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Thanksgiving to God speared life rb Rita Ledee.

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

10:00 AM: Birthday blessings for Briana Grant and Dwayne Rene rb The Rene family.

5:00 PM: God's continued blessing for the Haitian community.

Daily Masses:

Mon. Jan. 7, 7:00 AM: St. Raymond of Penafort
God's blessings and protection for Emalie Abraham rb Eve Ogiste.

Tues. Jan. 8, 7:00 AM: St. Andrew Corsini
God's blessings and guidance for Clyde de Jean Charles rb His mother,
Mona Bedminster.

Wed. Jan. 9, 7:00 AM: St. Adrian of Canterbury
Thanksgiving to God for speared life rb Rita Ledee.

Birthday blessings for Serge Rodney rb His mother.

Thurs. Jan. 10, 7:00 AM: St. John the Almsgiver
God's guidance and protection for Eve Ogiste, her children and grand children
rb Eve Ogiste.

Fri. Jan. 11, 7:00 AM: Blessed Bernard of Corleone
Agatha Gabriel (d) Chrystabel Lloyd (d) Auntie Amouth (d)
rb James Smith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION: This week's second collection goes towards *Renovation Fund*. Next week's second collection will go towards *Permanent Diaconate*. As always we thank you for your generosity.

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning for *God's guidance and protection for Damon, Judith and Darren Jno- Baptiste, requested by Judith Jno Baptiste*. 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.

OFFICE CLOSED: Please note that the church office will be closed on **Monday, January 7, 2019**, in observance of Three Kings Day. 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 Francois, Deacon Frank Kearny and Rev. Neil Scantlebury extend sincere sympathy to *Sylvia Greaux-Bagley* and family on the passing of her father, *Ivan Greaux*, who died on **Wednesday, December 26, 2018**. The funeral mass for the late *Ivan Greaux* took place on **Friday, January 4, 2019**. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY 2019: All couples who were married in the Catholic Church 20 years or more, in a year ending in a "4" or a "9" (for example - 1989 = 30 years; 1994 = 25 years), will be presented with a certificate signed by the Bishop on the weekend of **February 9 -10, 2019**. **Anyone married 50+ years (1968 or earlier) are also eligible regardless of the year they were married. No names will be accepted after Monday, January 25, 2019.**

BAPTISM CLASS: Please note that there will be NO Baptism class in January. The next Baptism class will commence on **Monday February 4, 2019**, at 7:00 p.m. in Lower Columban Hall, in Fr. Kerly's office and will continue every Monday in February. 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.

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 GLORY OF JERUSALEM

In this passage Isaiah invites the people dwelling in Jerusalem to exult before the glory of God that is arising. The great gathering of people begins that will make the city "a light to the nations." They come with their children and they bring the wealth of the nations. Huge caravans come. They come from many distant lands, from Midian and Ephah, and from Sheba. The gifts they bring include gold and frankincense. What Isaiah visualized is actualized in the birth of Jesus for Wise Men came from faraway places bringing him gifts of gold, myrrh and frankincense.

2ND READING:

THE HIDDEN MYSTERIES ARE REVEALED

Paul presents himself as the apostle to the Gentiles and as the interpreter of mysteries. Paul's apostleship is rooted in his encounter with the risen Lord who has commissioned him and revealed divine mysteries to him. Although the mysteries were hidden from other generations before, they are revealed to apostles and prophets like himself. In this letter we see the gist of the Christian message described as a mystery as well as the content of the gospel: "This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus." (Eph 3:6)

GOSPEL:

MAGI Vs KING HEROD

The gospel of today presents the arrival of the Magi seeking the newborn Child. Their arrival in the palace of the king Herod and the drama that unfolds there are vividly described in the gospel passage. The Magi are sincere seekers of the truth but King Herod is full of lies and untruth. Herod's behaviour is understandable because he is an absolute tyrant who destroys ruthlessly any new claimant to the throne. Herod the Great was appointed King of the Jews by the Roman senate in 40 B.C. and gained control of Jerusalem in 37 B.C. He died in 4 B.C., and his kingdom was divided among his surviving sons. Herod the Great was a masterful politician who succeeded in playing off Roman and Jewish factions against each other. Why is King Herod troubled at the arrival of the Magi? Herod is a cruel implacable tyrant. His family and private life are soiled and embittered by feuds, intrigue, and murder.

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: **422**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$5,032.55

Catholic Education: \$694.74

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

He considers the "the King of the Jews" to be a claimant to the throne. That is why Herod is troubled. The chief priests and the scribes are aware that the Messiah is to be born in Bethlehem for that is what Scripture says. The Scribes have the expertise in the interpretation of the Scriptures and so can answer the question of the Magi regarding the birthplace of the King of the Jews. True to his nature the king wants to deceive the Magi by telling them to return to him after having found the Child. The intention of Herod is fraudulent but the intentions of the Magi are genuine. The Magi eventually find the child guided by the star but do not return to the king. Their journey ends in success as they offer the child the gifts they have brought: gold, frankincense and myrrh. Herod in his rage eventually executes all the male children below two years, but the Holy Family escape to Egypt. Epiphany is the feast of the manifestation of the child Jesus to the Gentile world. Gentiles would eventually join the community of believers along with the believing Jews. The Magi's role as prefiguring the acceptance of Gentiles into the Christian community points towards the universal character of the Gospel; it is meant to be shared with all peoples.

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

1 THESSALONIANS 5:18