

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:** Olga McBean                      Bridget Toussaint                      Hilda Celestine  
Margarita Smith                      Agnes Nicholas                      Ursula Prosper

**EUCH MIN:** Candace Bryan                      Lauren Thomas                      Annette Brandt  
Felicinne Marcellin



*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 Diligence when you ...*

*\*Pay careful attention to what you are doing.*

*\*Do things step by step.*

*\*Practice to the point of excellence.*

*\*Give your absolute best to whatever you do.*

*\*Work hard.*

*\*Don't give up.*

**Affirmation:**

*I am diligent. I work hard. I work carefully. I can be trusted to do a good job.*

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**PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL**

Holy Michael the archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do you, O prince of the heavenly host, by the divine power thrust into hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls.

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.**

**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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**Birthdays**

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**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

*Eubald & Marguerite Rene - Jan. 15*

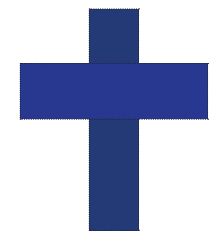


*Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!*

***Holy Family Catholic Church***  
***Welcomes You!***

**Baptism of the Lord - January 13, 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.**

**Pastor**  
**Reverend Neil Scantlebury**

**Associate Pastor**  
**Reverend Kerly François**

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Rev. Mr. Frank Kearny

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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 January 13, 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.: Hebrews 1:1 - 6; Mark 1:14 - 20

Tue.: Hebrews 2:5 - 12; Mark 1:21 - 28

Wed.: Hebrews 2:14 - 18; Mark 1:29 - 39

Thur.: Hebrews 3:7 - 14; Mark 1:40 - 45

Fri.: Hebrews 4:1 - 5, 11; Mark 2:1 - 12

Sat.: Hebrews 4:12 - 16; Mark 2:13 - 17

**NEXT SUNDAY:**  
**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 62: 1 - 5  
1 Corinthians 12:4 - 11  
John 2:1 - 11



BAPTISM OF THE LORD

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:1 - 5, 9 - 11

“Comfort, give comfort to my people.” Isaiah prophesies that “the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it.”

SECOND READING: Titus 2:11 - 14; 3:4 - 7

Through the grace of God’s appearance, we have been saved “through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit ... through Jesus Christ our savior.”

GOSPEL READING: Luke 3:15 - 16, 21 - 22

When Jesus was baptized, the heavens opened and a voice said, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” Today’s first and second readings, no matter which ones are chosen, prepare us for Jesus’ baptism. Isaiah prophesied the Messiah, one who would bring peace and justice to the world. The early Christian community recognized the salvation they had received through baptism, salvation available to all. Then St. Luke describes the Holy Spirit descending like a dove upon Jesus as He was praying after His baptism. As we listen, let us realize that the Holy Spirit descended upon us as well when we were baptized.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: Birthday blessings and God’s deliverance for Roger Charles, rb His family.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings and God’s deliverance for Denese Charles, rb Her family.

10:00 AM: Birthday blessings for Megan Rene rb The Rene family.

5:00 PM: God’s continued blessings and protection for the Maynard and Louis families.

Daily Masses:

Mon. Jan. 14, 7:00 AM: St. Macrina the Elder God’s blessings and deliverance for Le’Quan Registe rb His family.

Tues. Jan. 15, 7:00 AM: St. Paul the Hermit Giving thanks to St. Jude for his guidance rb James Smith.

Wed. Jan. 16, 7:00 AM: St. Berard and Companions Tom Dowling (d) rb Mary Dowling.

Thurs. Jan. 17, 7:00 AM: St. Anthony of Egypt Birthday blessing for Jennifer I. Johnson rb Her family.

Fri. Jan. 18, 7:00 AM: Blessed Christina Cicarelli God’s blessings and deliverance for Le’Quan Registe rb His family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION: This week’s second collection goes towards the Permanent Diaconate. 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 birthday blessings for Jennifer Johnson, requested by Jennifer Johnson. 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.

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. The signup sheet is at the entrance of the church.

LOURDES IN A DAY: The Order of Malta is sponsoring “Lourdes in a Day” on Monday, February 11, 2019, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, from 10:00 a.m. to conclude with the Exposition and Benediction at 1:00 p.m. If you are available on the day of the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Monday, February 11, 2019, please feel free to attend.

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. Please pray for their protection and blessings and a deep conversion.

Sacrament of Marriage - Call six (6) months in advance  
Sacrament of Baptism - Call for arrangement  
Anointing of the sick - Call for an appointment  
Funeral Service - Call prior to arrangements

LITURGY AND WORD

1ST READING:  
A MESSAGE OF HOPE

In order to understand the role of the “Servant” in this passage we need to probe a little into the historic circumstances in which Isaiah wrote. After a couple of generations of the Babylonian exile, the people are demoralized. People begin to think that the exile is a punishment for their disobedience. Is their destruction a sign that Babylonian gods were superior to Yahweh, who couldn’t provide help when needed? Second Isaiah appears to provide a word of hope. Isaiah tries to give positive meanings to the people’s suffering. If the people have the faith to see it, they may discover that their suffering is part of God’s work in the world. They are God’s witnesses called to be a light to the nations. Israel, the Servant of Yahweh, has a mission to reach out to all the world. Other nations will see what God is doing through his chosen people and they will be persuaded to join and worship the one true God, the God of Israel. Thus Second Isaiah turns away from defining suffering only as a punishment to a more hopeful, future-oriented understanding. God will work some greater good for others out of the suffering of the faithful.

2ND READING:  
OPENNESS TO GOD

This reading contains the first part of the missionary speech that Peter delivered in the house of Cornelius, a Roman centurion. In this speech Peter makes it clear that it is not membership in a particular nation or the observance of its specific customs that makes one acceptable to God, but rather the way of responding to God in faith. Peter mentions Jesus’ baptism which paves the way for his mission. Jesus accomplishes his mission because God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and accompanied him throughout. The last missionary speech of Peter in Acts is the classic proclamation of the gospel to Gentile sympathizers. God calls both Jews and Non-Jews to salvation through Jesus Christ, respecting all human beings, from any nation, who accept God and seek to conduct themselves with uprightness and righteousness. All can thus find acceptance in the sight of God. In God’s design Jesus has been sent to bring forgiveness of sins to all who are willing to accept him and put faith in him. Cornelius and his household become people who welcome this message; they are baptized and they receive the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL:  
JESUS RECEIVES BAPTISM

The gospel passage describes the baptism of Jesus. As a result of his baptism and the ensuing prayer the heaven opens and the Holy Spirit descends upon him. The voice of his Father is heard calling him his beloved Son. At his baptism Jesus is affirmed

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: 461  
Last Weekend’s collections  
FIRST COLLECTION: \$5,830.70  
Renovation Fund: \$1,487.08

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

as God’s Son. The descent of the Spirit upon him is a preparation for his ministry. The Spirit comes down upon Jesus as he is in prayer. In Luke Jesus’ ministry begins with prayer and ends with prayer (22:46). Jesus prays in connection with healings (5:16) and before selecting the twelve apostles (6:12), before his prediction of his passion (9:18), before his transfiguration (9:28-29), and before he teaches his disciples how to pray (11:1-2). He prays for Peter (22:32). He prays to his Father once on the Mt. of Olives (22:39-46), and twice from the Cross (23:34, 46). Jesus at prayer is a model for Christians. In Jewish religious tradition baptism was a ceremonial purification of a person, who had been defiled under Mosaic Law, effected by means of washing in water. In certain Jewish sects it was the rite of admission of a person into that particular community. The one who is baptized undergoes a personal conversion shown by means of the ritual cleansing and gets a new identity through a given name. For Jesus, however, the rite was a sign of initiation to the mission that he was going to undertake. There is a relation between the baptism of Jesus which took place two thousand years ago and ours. Baptism was the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry – and for the rest of us, baptism marks the beginning of our lives as Christians. This Sunday, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, is a good opportunity to reflect on what this sacrament means to us today.

