# WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU! MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

5:00PM

7:30 AM

10:00AM

## <u>PLEASE BE FLEXIBLE AND VOLUNTEER TO SERVE WHENEVER POSSIBLE</u>

Dr. Gloria Callwood Adult Choir CANTORS: Allan Harrigan

Felicinne Marcillin

LECTORS: Candace Bryan Lafwa Rolle Young Vincentian

Ruth Smith Young Vincentian Pierre Joseph

EUCH MIN: Olga McBean Lauren Thomas Mona Bedminster

**Bridget Toussaint** 



Thank you for serving!!!



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, McLear 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, Stani slaus 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!



**Affirmation:** 

I act with justice.

I stand up for the

myself. I have no

need to pretend or

make amends.

defend. I choose to

rights of others and

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 Justice when you ...

\*Treat everyone fairly.

\*Think for yourself and refuse to prejudge.

\*Avoid gossip and backbiting.

\*Own your mistakes and fix them.

\*Protect people's rights, including your own.

\*Solve problems so everyone wins.

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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 vou, 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 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

**WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS** 



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# **PARISH CELEBRATION**

# **Birthdays**

Agnes Nicholas, Margarita Smith, Woodmalie Dieu, Ryanna Newton, Candice Ennis, Vernon Ferris, Shanna Attidore, Darryl Potter, Tamika Williams, Stephanie Joseph, Cheryl Rivere, Foirdaliza Rosario, Jennifer Quetel, Paul Gimenez, Francois Baron, Martha Hunt, Mary Lewis, Jeune Elvire, Gerry Francis, Lauren Thomas, Bridget Toussaint.

# **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** Errol & Patricia Grell - Jan. 28

William & Magdalene Dolphin - Feb.



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

# Holy Family Catholic Church Welcomes You!

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 27, 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.

# Reverend Pastor Neil Scantlebury

# Associate Pastor Reverend Kerly François

<u>Deacon</u> Rev. Mr. Evans Doway Rev. Mr. Frank Kearney

# Administrative Assistant Mrs. Allison Callwood

<u>Sacristan</u> Mr. Ryan John

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

<u>Volunteers</u> Ms. Jennifer Johnson Mr. Richard Callwood, III

# CHANCERY: BISHOP'S OFFICE Mon.: Hebrews 9:15, 24 - 28; Mark 3:22 - 30

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# **Venerable Pierre Toussaint Catholic Chapel**

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Saturday 5:00 p.m.(Creole) **Every LAST Thursday** 

at 5:00 p.m.

Online giving or donation can be made through our website at: www.holyfamilystt.com

# **WEEKEND MASSES**

Saturday: 5:00 PM Sunday: 7:30 AM; 10:00 AM & 5:00 PM Creole Mass

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday: 7:00 AM Wednesday: OLPH Novena before the 7:00 AM Mass followed by Adoration after the mass to 5:00 p.m. Friday: Holy Hour: 6PM - 7PM

# **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday: 4:15 PM to 4:45 PM

# Readings for the Week of January 27, 2019

Tue.: Hebrews 10:1 - 10; Mark 3:31 - 35

Wed.: Hebrews 10:11 - 18; Mark 4:1 - 20

Thur.: Hebrews 10:19 - 25; Mark 4:21 - 25

Fri.: Hebrews 10:32 - 39; Mark 4:26 - 34

Sat.: Malachi 3:1 - 4; Hebrews 2:14 - 18; Luke 2:22 - 40

# **NEXT SUNDAY:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 1:4 - 5, 17 - 19

1 Corinthians 12:31 - 13:13

Luke 4:21 - 30

# **3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

# INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY! FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:2 - 4a, 5 - 6, 8 - 10

Ezra the priest stood before the people and proclaimed the book of the law. Then he "interpreted it so that all could understand." He declared the day holy and urged the people to rejoice.

### SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12 - 30

The body is one and has many members, but all members, though many, are one body. Further, each part is indispensable. So it is with Christ's body: we, though many, are one.

# **GOSPEL READING: Luke 1:1 - 4; 4:14 - 21**

Returning to Nazareth, Jesus entered the synagogue and read from the prophet Isaiah. After reading, Jesus proclaimed "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

Last week Jesus began His ministry in John's Gospel by changing water into wine at a wedding in Cana. Today He begins His ministry in Luke's Gospel by preaching at His synagogue in Nazareth. Ironically, the passage He was to read summed up His mission. "Today," Jesus said, "this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." Today, as members of the Body of Christ, we are called to continue to fulfill Christ's mission. Let us discover what we are called to do.

# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

## **Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):**

**5:00 PM**: God's deliverance, guidance and protection for Godfrey Renal rb His mother.

### **Sunday Masses:**

7:30 AM: Dr. Lino La Penna (deceased) rb His wife, Tina La Penna.

10:00 AM: God's guidance and protection for Felix Renal rb His mother.

Birthday blessings for Henry Jean Baptiste rb The Baptiste family

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

#### **Daily Masses:**

Mon. Jan. 28, 7:00 AM: *St. Thomas Aquinas*God's deliverance for Trevor James rb His mother.

Tues. Jan. 29, 7:00 AM: *St. Genevieve*God's guidance for Michael Charles rb His family.

Wed. Jan. 30, 7:00 AM: *St. Maria Soledad Torres-Acosta*Spiritual and physical healing for Greg (Mikey) Adrien rb His mother.

Thurs. Jan. 31, 7:00 AM: *St. John Bosco, Priest* God's deliverance for Danny James rb His mother.

Fri. Feb. 1, 7:00 AM: *St. Brigid of Ireland*Repose of the souls of all deceased mountaineer priests.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SECOND COLLECTION**: This week's second collection goes towards *Catholic Education*. Next week's second collection will go towards the *Renovation fund*. As always we thank you for your generosity.

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** This week the Eternal Candle is burning for **deceased Rita Williams**, **requested by her 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.

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 <u>February 9 -10, 2019</u>. Anyone married 50+ years (1968 or earlier) are also eligible regardless of the year they were married. <u>No names will be accepted after Monday, January 28, 2019</u>. The signup sheet is at the entrance of the church.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François, Deacon Frank Kearny, Deacon Evans Doway and Rev. Neil Scantlebury extend sincere sympathy to Catherine Theodore and family on the passing of her stepfather, Simon aka Zackary Simon, who died on November 28, 2018. The funeral service for the late Simon aka Zackary Simon will take place on Tuesday, January 29, 2019. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François, Deacon Frank Kearny, Deacon Evans Doway and Rev. Neil Scantlebury extend sincere sympathy to Brenda Monsanto and family on the passing of her mother, Felicita Rivera Ortiz, who died on Monday, January 14, 2019. The funeral service for the late Felicita Rivera Ortiz will take place on Friday, February 1, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. Viewing will precede the service from 9:00 a.m. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

**FOOD FOR THE POOR:** This weekend we will collect non-perishable items for our less fortunate brothers and sisters within our community. As always we thank you for your generosity. Once again thank you.

*CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK:* Sts. Peter & Paul school will observe the week of *January 27 through February 2*. The theme is Catholic School: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed. The school will celebrate the week with a number of activities beginning with Holy Mass this Sunday, at 10:00 a.m. at Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral. All are invited.

**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.

*INTERNATIONAL NIGHT*: Sts. Peter & Paul School will host an international night on *Saturday*, *February 16*, *2019*, at Sts. Peter & Paul School courtyard, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. 7 plates and 1 drink for \$15.00. Tickets are available from students and staff.

## LITURGY AND WORD

#### IST READING: MISSION OF EZRA AND NEHEMIAH

The events described in the first reading take place five centuries before the coming of Christ. Book of Nehemiah forms part of he historical books of the Old Testament and today's reading gives a glimpse of the historical situation of the time. Ezra and Nehemiah are reformers of the Israelite society after the exile. Though they come to Jerusalem at different times and on different missions, for a time they are together when they carry out the reforms. Nehemiah was a man of ability, courage, and action. Arriving in Jerusalem, he first privately surveys the scene of destruction to the city and its surrounding walls. Then he organizes the community to carry out the effort of rebuilding the broken-down city wall. Courageously and squarely he meets the opposition from the leading men of Jerusalem who exercise control over the city. Nehemiah cooperates with Ezra in numerous reforms and especially in the public reading of the law (First Reading). However, he leaves for Persia, probably on official business, in 431 B.C. Later he returns to Jerusalem, but we do not know for how long.

In 458 B.C. Ezra receives permission from the king of Persia to return to Jerusalem to carry out a religious reform. The temple is rebuilt in 516, in spite of powerful opposition from the Samaritans; but after a brief period of religious zeal, the nation drifts into apostasy once more. Many of the Jews intermarry with their heathen neighbours; the temple services and sacrifices are neglected, and oppression and immorality are prevalent.

As for the public reading of the law, it is done in such a manner that everyone can hear and understand. On account of the reading of the law the people weep. But they are comforted by Ezra and Nehemiah who have said, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn and weep." Then they send the people to their homes.

#### 2ND READING: EVANGELIZATION IS COMMUNITAR-IAN

Now that the Christian community has come into existence, Paul says that building up of the community needs concerted effort from every member. He compares the community with the human body that has many parts which must work in unison Christ is the unifying factor and head of the body. Paul says, "You are the body of Christ and individually members of it." Obviously all members cannot be apostles, or prophets or teachers and healers. But each has received the gift which should be put into common use so that all members can live and flourish which is ultimately God's purpose.

### 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: 472

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$5,360.11

Music Minstry: \$1,230.00

Our Bishop's Appeal contribution for 2018 amounted to \$40,467.00, 101% 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: JESUS BEGINS HIS MISSION

The mission that Jesus is going to undertake is spelled out in the synagogue of Nazareth. In the synagogue Jesus reads a passage from the Book of Isaiah wherein the prophet speaks about the anointed of the Lord who will bring about the liberation of the oppressed class of people. By quoting Isaiah, Jesus makes it clear that what Isaiah announced to the people of his day is now being announced to the poor, the prisoners, the blind, and the downtrodden of Jesus' day. What was announced in a prophetic way to the exiles returning to Jerusalem by the prophet of old has now been turned by Jesus into a prediction, the fulfilment of which is found in his words and deeds. But his own people fail to realize it and reject him. That this Good News is especially for the poor is characteristically Lucan. In Luke the "poor" means first of all those at the bottom of the economic scale, who may lack even the basics for survival. The "captives" may be people with physical ailments that are regarded as the result of Satan's bondage or the devil's oppression. "Recovery of sight to the blind" can refer to Jesus' healing ministry. Jesus has been sent "to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God" (Acts 26:18; Luke 1:78-79).

