

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 Adult Choir

LECTORS: Margarita Smith Bridget Toussaint Young Vincentian  
Ruth Smith Agnes Nicholas Young Vincentian

EUCH MIN: Olga McBean Felicinne Marcellin Michelle Stout  
Lauren Thomas



***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, Enid Blyden, Isabel Dublin, Mary Lewis, Philomen Baron, McLean Fontain (Sparrow).

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, Ruthine & Thomas Johnson, Richard Callwood, Jr.

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 Honesty when you ...***

***\*Say what you mean and mean what you say.***

***\*Make promised you can keep.***

***\*Tell the truth tactfully.***

***\*Admit your mistakes.***

***\*Refuse to lie, cheat or steal.***

***\*Are true to yourself and do what you know is right.***

**Affirmation:**

***I am honest. I can be trusted to keep my word. I have no need to impress others. I accept myself. I tell the truth, kindly and tactfully.***

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**Lenten Prayer for Sundays During Lent**

Heavenly Father,

As I enter another week of my Lenten journey, guide me to the path that leads to you. Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength and peace as I strive to become the best version of myself, honestly admitting my shortcomings and sins.

As I renew my resolve each day to become a better person, let me hear your voice in the deepest reaches of my heart. Give me rest in you.

Help me to accept others, showing them your great love instead of casting judgment. Stay with me through the busy days this week and remind me that when I need comfort, solitude, wisdom or guidance, I can always turn to you.

Help me develop discipline and generosity through fasting and almsgiving, and come closed to you through prayer this Lent.

In your name I pray,

Amen.

**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**

***Evan Fahie, Lisa Roberts, Bryon Biscoe, III, Sheldon Benjamin, Kristel Cabo, Earlyn Casimir, Wayne Casimir, Jessica Grell, Kettura Mitchel, Anthony Legrand, David Beausoleil, Caroline Pickering, Anselma Maynard, Gail Steele, Ray Chestfield, Gabrielle George.***



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

***Holy Family Catholic Church***

**Welcomes You!**

**3rd Sunday of Lent - March 24, 2019**

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**Wishing everyone a blessed  
Lenten Season ahead!**

*'Tis the season to be praying,  
fasting, almsgiving...*

**... and remember  
to spend  
more time**

**with  
JESUS!**



**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 Kearney

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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 - 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**

**Fourth Wednesdays - 4:00PM to 6:30PM**

**Readings for the Week  
of March 24, 2019**

**CHANCERY: BISHOP'S OFFICE**

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Catholic Chapel**

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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](http://www.holyfamilystt.com)**

Mon.: Isaiah 7:10 - 14; 8:10; Heb. 10:4 - 10;  
Luke 1:26 - 38

Tue.: Dan. 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21 - 35

Wed.: Deut. 4:1, 5 - 9; Matthew 5:17 - 19

Thur.: Jeremiah 7:23 - 28; Luke 11:14 - 23

Fri.: Hosea 14:2 - 10; Mark 12:28 - 34

Sat.: Hosea 6:1 - 6; Luke 18:9 - 14

**NEXT SUNDAY:  
4th Sunday of Lent**

**Joshua 5:9a, 10 - 12**

**2 Corinthians 5:17 - 21**

**Luke 15:1 - 3, 11 - 32**



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Exodus 3:1 - 8a, 13 - 15

The Lord appeared to Moses in a flaming bush telling him he would lead Israel out of bondage in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land. The Lord God would accomplish this.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1 - 6, 10 - 12

Just as Israel sinned during its desert sojourn, so too have the Corinthian Christians sinned on their way to the Promised Land. They might let the fate of those who were “struck down in the desert” be an example to be on guard, lest they fall.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 13:1 - 9

Jesus told His followers they need to reform their lives. A tree that bears no fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. The followers of Jesus have been given time to repent and bear fruit. We know not what tomorrow may bring. Moses did not expect to encounter God in the burning bush. Nor did the eighteen people at Siloam expect to be killed in a terrible accident. For that matter, neither did the barren fig tree realize its days were numbered. Lent gives us an opportunity to repent of our sinful actions and renew our commitment to follow the Lord, to ready ourselves for whatever the future holds.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: For the repose of the soul of Bishop Elliott Thomas.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Christia Smith (d); Lesfort Smith (d); Herbert Smith (d)  
rb Alrive Smith Jno-Baptiste.

10:00 AM: God’s blessings and protection for the Maynard and Louis families.  
  
Birthday blessings for Thomas, Kishma, Nubi, Jeremiah and Michael  
rb Casimir.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. Mar. 25, 7:00 AM: The Annunciation of the Lord  
God’s blessings for the staff and volunteers of Holy Family Church.

Tues. Mar. 26, 7:00 AM: St. Margaret Clitherow  
Continued repentance and conversion of Holy Family parishioners.

Wed. Mar. 27, 7:00 AM: St. John of Egypt  
For the repose of the soul of Curtis Abraham rb Eve Ogiste.

Thurs. Mar. 28, 7:00 AM: St. Tutilo  
For peace in the world.

Fri. Mar. 29, 7:00 AM: St. Jonas & St. Barachisius  
For souls in purgatory.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION: This week’s second collection goes towards the Bishop’s Appeal. Next week’s second collection will go towards the Bishop’s Appeal. As always we thank you for your generosity.

BISHOP’S APPEAL: “Where there is a need, there is the Bishop’s Appeal.” In an age when it is more and more difficult to find funding for non-public schools, your gift to the Bishop’s Appeal helps to provide scholarships to our four Catholic schools. Please give generously so that our children can receive a Catholic Education.

For your convenience, you may choose to make a pledge now and spread your payments over several months. Donations may be made in the form of cash, check or credit card. Please fill out the form in the brochure and make your checks payable to “Diocese of St. Thomas.” Please see the brochure for further information. Thank You!

“Whatsoever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, that you do unto Me.”

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning for God’s guidance and protection for Marie Renal, requested by Marie Renal. 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.

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, and may God continue to bless you and your family abundantly.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François,Deacon Frank Kearney, Deacon Cassius Mathurin and Rev. Neil Scantlebury extend sincere sympathy to Lois Rivera and family on the passing of her husband, Marvin Rivera, Sr., who died on Tuesday, March 5, 2019. The funeral service for the late Marvin Rivera, Sr., will take place on Monday, March 25, 2019, at Holy Family Church at 10:00 a.m. Viewing will precede the service from 9:00 a.m. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

CONFESSIONS: Confession will be available this Wednesday, March 27, 2019, at Holy Family from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Please be guided accordingly.

DOMINICA INFIRMARY: The Dominica infirmary is seeking our help for toiletries, adult pampers and cleaning materials. The Dominica Association of St. Thomas, Inc, will be collecting your donation on Sunday, April 14, 2019, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Holy Family parking lot. We take this opportunity to thank you on behalf of the Infirmary for your favorable response. Once again thank you and God bless.

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.

LITURGY AND WORD

1ST READING: THE CALL OF MOSES

Moses is the national hero who has delivered the Israelites from Egyptian slavery, established them as an independent nation, and prepared them for entrance into Canaan. Moses does not become a leader of such magnitude by his own power. Moses is destined to die as an infant because the royal edict has demanded the execution of all male children born to Hebrew women. But hidden among the reeds near the river’s bank, Moses is discovered by Pharaoh’s daughter. So favorably is she disposed towards this Hebrew babe that she requests Moses’ mother to nurse him until he is old enough to be taken to the royal court. After it has been discovered that Moses has killed the Egyptian worker his life is again in peril if he does not flee to the land of Midian. In Midian Moses receives protection, is able to marry and carry on with his life. But Moses’ mission is not to be a simple shepherd. God has his own plans for Moses and that is the reason why God appears to him in the burning bush and commissions him to deliver his people from the Egyptian bondage.

2ND READING: PAUL WARNS THE CORINTHIANS

Using OT examples, Paul warns the Corinthians that even those called by God can be condemned for infidelity. Paul establishes a parallel between the situation of the Israelites in the desert and the Corinthians. The people of Israel have experienced the clear guiding hand of God and witnessed their miraculous deliverance through the sea. As the people of Israel have experienced the great deliverance, the Christians enter into the experience of Christ as the deliverer. As the people have been nourished in the wilderness with supernatural food, the Corinthians are nourished through the Eucharist. The Corinthians should not show overconfidence because most of the Israelites would die in the desert on account of their rebellion against God. Corinthians should

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: N/A  
Last Weekend’s collections  
FIRST COLLECTION: \$6,885.50  
Bishop’s Appeal: \$1,094.00

LITURGY AND WORD Cont’d

learn the lesson and do not face the fate of the Israelites in the desert.

GOSPEL: BE PREPARED!

The news about the Galileans murdered by Pilate prompts Jesus to spell out the fact that death by murder or by accident is not willed by God. God does not pick and choose offenders and eliminates them. People, who commit heinous crimes such as deliberate murder, fraud, calumny, etc., have the chance at reformation. Many countries of the world, mostly Christian, have abolished the practice of awarding capital punishment. If God does not wish the death of the sinner then human beings should show the same attitude. In this context the parable of the fig tree comes to focus. The dialogue between the owner and the gardener allows expression of the owner’s indignation, leading him to call for the tree’s removal, but it also allows for a temporary check of this plan at the gardener’s plea. There is still a chance for the people to repent and produce fruit. The gardener has not given up the hope and is willing to work hard to help the tree produce. There is still a chance to avoid catastrophe. We must take it.

MAKE THESE 40 DAYS HOLY

