

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU!  
**MINISTERS' SCHEDULE**

5:00PM

7:30 AM

10:00AM

***PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO SERVE WHENEVER POSSIBLE***

CANTORS: Allan Harrigan Dr. Gloria Callwood Marguerite Rene

LECTORS: Chris Doute Pierre Joseph Yvonne Freeman  
Olga McBean Jalila Thomas Suzanne Adrien

EUCH MIN: Dolores Velazquez Bridget Toussaint Mona Bedminster  
Rose Labadie

*Thank you for serving !!!*

*Please pray for the members of our body who are sick or suffering. . .*

**HOSPITAL:** Margarita Feliciano.

**OFF ISLAND:** Defy Francoise, Bertina Lestrade, Altagracia Padilla, Emile Joseph, Enid Blyden, Isabel Dublin, Mary Lewis, Philomen Baron, Ruthine & Thomas, Johnson, Maggie Dolphin, Cryil Eugene, Joe Toussaint, Roserita Laparol.

**AT HOME:** Rita Ledee, Rose Celestine, Martina Lewis, Olivia Gumbs, Ann Bedminster, Bernice Knight, Claudy Brutus, Vernelle Gumbs, Evelyn Simon, Veronica Sealey, Gerard Henry, Grace Thompson, Andrea Victorine, Josephine James, Stanislaus Livepool, Meraldo C. Gonzales, Baby Elizabeth Dolphin, Cynthia Johnrose, Richard Callwood, Jr., Josephine Philbert, Alicia George, Iona Vanterpool, Josefina Donastorg, Hiliare Alfred.

**SEAVIEW:**  
**MASSAC:**  
**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 Compassion when you ...*

*\*Notice when someone is hurt or needs a friend.*

*\*Imagine how they must be feeling.*

*\*Take time to show that you care.*

*\*Ask how they are and listen patiently.*

*\*Forgive others when they make a mistake.*

*\*Are helpful to a person or animal in need.*

**Affirmation:**

*I have commpas-  
sion. I notice  
when someone is  
hurt or needs my  
help. I take the  
time to show that I  
care.*

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**HURRICANE PRAYER**

God our Father, all the elements of nature obey Your commands. Keep us safe from the danger of hurricanes and all other natural disasters. Let us always feel the presence of Your love. May we be secure in Your protection and turn our fears into praise of Your goodness. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen!

**HURRICANE SEASON: JUNE 1 TO NOVEMBER 30:**

**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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**Birthdays**

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**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Jean & Anne Mimose Pierre - Sept. 19  
Thomas & Milue Casimir - Sept. 19

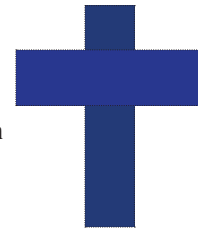


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

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

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sept. 15, 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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Reverend Neil Scantlebury

**Associate Pastor**  
Reverend Kerly François

**Deacon**  
Rev. Mr. Peter Laurencin

**Administrative Assistant**  
Mrs. Allison Callwood

**Sacristan**  
Mr. Ryan John

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Mr. Francis Callwood  
Mr. Verne Callwood  
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Mr. Ade Warrington

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**CHANCERY: BISHOP'S OFFICE**

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**Venerable Pierre Toussaint**  
**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)**

**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 PM**

**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 September 15, 2019**

Mon.: 1 Timothy 2:1 - 8; Luke 7:1 - 10

Tue.: 1 Timothy 3:1 - 13; Luke 7:11 - 17

Wed.: 1 Timothy 3:14 - 16; Luke 7:31 - 35

Thur.: 1 Timothy 4:12 - 16; Luke 7:36 - 50

Fri.: 1 Timothy 6:2c - 12; Luke 8:1 - 3

Sat.: Ephes. 4:1 - 7; 11 - 13; Matt. 9:9 - 13

**NEXT SUNDAY:**  
**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Amos 8:4 - 7

1 Timothy 2:1 - 8

Luke 16:1 - 13



## 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

#### FIRST READING: Exodus 32:7 - 11, 13 - 14

The people of Israel forgot God's goodness and turned to idols. Moses pleaded with God for mercy, and the Lord God showed kindness to them.

#### SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 1:12 - 17

The apostle Paul described to Timothy why he gave thanks to the Lord. Despite Paul's sin, Christ Jesus treated him mercifully and strengthened him.

#### GOSPEL READING: Luke 15:1 - 32

Jesus taught that God loves a sinner as a loving father receives back a wayward son. Repentance leads to joy, celebration, music, dancing, gifts, and food. The Chosen People turned their backs on God and worshiped a molten calf. St. Paul, before his conversion, persecuted Christians. The prodigal son abandoned his father and squandered his inheritance. All three could easily have been punished, but instead all are welcomed back to the fold by our Lord, like the lost sheep in Jesus' parable. Let us listen in God's word for that promise of reconciliation.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

**5:00 PM:** God's guidance and deliverance for Oner Renal rb Marie Renal.

#### Sunday Masses:

**7:30 AM:** God's healing and deliverance for Gabriel Durand rb Her family.

**10:00 AM:** God's healing and guidance for the Louis and Maynard families.

Birthday blessings for Gersha Eusebe rb Her family.

**5:00 PM:** God's continued healing and guidance for the Haitian community.

#### Daily Masses:

Mon. Sept. 16, 7:00 AM: **St. Cornelius and St. Cyprian**  
God's deliverance and healing for Baron Benoit rb Victor Benoit.

Tues. Sept. 17, 7:00 AM: **St. Robert Bellarmine**  
God's healing and deliverance for the people of Bahamas.

Wed. Sept. 18, 7:00 AM: **St. Joseph of Cupertino**  
Angelica Jean Jacques (*deceased*) rb The children of Mary.

Thurs. Sept. 19, 7:00 AM: **St. Januarius**  
Birthday blessings for Yvonne Freeman rb Her family.

Fri. Sept. 20, 7:00 AM: **St. Andrew Kim Daegeon & St. Paul Chong Hasang**  
God's guidance and blessings for Judith Jno Baptiste  
rb Judith JnoBaptiste.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SECOND COLLECTION:** This week's second collection goes towards the *Hurricane Relief Aid for the Bahamas*. Next week's second collection will be for *Bishop's Appeal*. As always we thank you for your generosity.

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** This week the Eternal Candle is burning for **God's continued blessings for Holy Family volunteers**. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

**SYMPATHY:** On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François and Deacon Peter Laurencin, Rev. Neil Scantlebury extends sincere sympathy to Ursula Prosper and family on the passing of her mother, **Theresa Guiste**, who died on **Thursday, September 5, 2019**. The funeral mass for the late **Theresa Guiste** will take place on **Thursday, September 19, 2019**, at 9:30 a.m. at Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral. May her 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 and Deacon Peter Laurencin, Rev. Neil Scantlebury extends sincere sympathy to Shanika Charles and family on the passing of her brother, **Amijah Charles**, who died on **Saturday, August 24, 2019**. The funeral service for the late **Amijah Charles** will take place on **Friday, September 20, 2019**, at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Family Catholic church. Viewing will precede the mass at 9:00 a.m. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

**BREAKFAST SALE:** The Dominica Association of St. Thomas will host a breakfast sale on **Saturday, September 21, 2019**, in Holy Family parking lot, from 7:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Thank you for your usual support.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Thank you for your ministry during the last school year and we look forward to your continued cooperation in the new school year. Once again thank you. Religious education classes will begin on **Saturday, September 21, 2019**, at 9:00 a.m. in the church. All parents and guardians are encouraged to attend the opening mass. Please register your child or children early for CCD class. Children who are entering 7th Grade should sign up now for pre-confirmation class. Forms can be picked up from the church office or at the entrance of the church. Additional information will be provided later.

**VIRGIN ISLANDS STEWARDS OF MUSIC, ARTS & CLULTURE:** The fundraising committee of Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral will be hosting a prayer breakfast/birthday celebration for Msgr. Jerome Feudjio and Fr. Neil Scantlebury, on **Saturday, September 28, 2019**, at Victor's Hideout from 8:30 a.m. Tickets will be available at the cost of \$40.00. Ad sheets and patron lists are available. Checks and money orders should be made payable to VISMAC.



**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:** **GOD SPARES ISRAEL**

The power of intercession comes to the fore in this passage. God's anger blazes against the people of Israel when they abandon him by making the golden calf. God plans to wipe this people out and begin anew. Moses begins his mediatory role by pursuing the argument of continuity in history. He tells God that to have the people die in the desert would only provoke ridicule from God's enemies in Egypt. The action begun in Egypt should be carried on to completion. To abandon Israel now would be to renege on the promises to the patriarchs. In the end God permits the persuasive Moses to win. So compelling is his intercession that God relents from immediate destruction of the people. Nevertheless, as the narrative subsequently reveals, the people do not go unpunished.

#### **2ND READING:** **GOD HAS CHOSEN PAUL**

Paul's letters are full of sudden and spontaneous outbursts of praise and thankfulness to God. Paul comes to a realization of God's mercy against his own past. Once a blasphemer and a violent man, Paul rejoices that God has chosen him for his service. God's abundant mercy has transformed Paul. It reminds us that God does not hold our past against us when we are in Christ Jesus, Paul wants Timothy to know this.

#### **GOSPEL:** **THE PRODIGAL SON**

Today's gospel contains three parables that deal with the theme of "Lost and Found." The Parable of the Prodigal Son is the most articulate on this theme. The parable of the Prodigal Son is the most influential and best loved of all the parables. For some it is the gospel within the gospel. The parable of the Prodigal Son is the last one in a series of parables that deal with the theme of losing and finding. In the parable of the Lost Sheep the shepherd goes in search of the sheep he has lost, and in the parable of the Lost Coin the woman searches diligently for the coin she has lost, but in the parable of the Prodigal Son the father does nothing. He allows the son to depart from the house and does not prevent him. He does not send someone to search for him or bring him home by force. It does not mean that he does not love him. It is simply that the father respects his freedom. It is the son who through

### 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: **398**

#### Last Weekend's collections

**FIRST COLLECTION: \$3,941.00**

**Church in Africa: \$1,136.00**

*Our Bishop's Appeal contribution for 2019 amounted to \$32,040.00, 80% 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

suffering has to learn that sin brings death, that what one makes with money lasts only as long as the money lasts. When the boy has spent everything, a great famine arises in that country, and he begins to be in want. The personal catastrophe is aggravated by a natural one. Drought and famine are not rare in those semi-desert places. So he goes and joins one of the citizens of that country, who sends him into his fields to feed swine. He loses everything. He has been once completely free but now truly he becomes a slave. There is no imagery worse than feeding pigs to describe the religious and moral decadence of the Jewish boy. He looks after the pigs which is the most impure animal. And he would have gladly fed on the pods that the swine eat; but no one gives him anything. Even the pigs are better nourished than the son who cannot even fill the stomach with the pods that the swine eat. Then the son decides to go back. The moment of conversion comes by means of a twofold enlightenment: with regard to the love of the father and with regard to his own wretched condition. The encounter between the father and the son is presented very dramatically. While he is yet at a distance, his father sees him and has compassion, and runs and embraces him and kisses him. The father does not wait for his lost son to come to him, but while he is still a long way off, seeing him, he runs to the boy and clasping him in his arms kisses him tenderly as a sign of forgiveness. The son is given robes, ring and shoes. And they make merry. The father stands for God himself. This is how God deals with a lost sinner.