

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                      Noreen Joseph                      Suzanne Adrien  
                    Val Doute                      Rita Brady Bermudez                      Mona Bedminster  
**EUCH MIN:** Candace Bryan                      Danna Knight                      Yvonne Freeman  
                    Catherina Alexander                      Marylin Louis

*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 Responsibility when you ...*

- \*Take your agreements seriously.*
- \*Respond ably by doing things to the best of your ability.*
- \*Are willing to do your part.*
- \*Admit mistakes without making excuses.*
- \*Are ready and willing to clear up misunderstandings.*
- \*Give your best to whatever you do.*

**Affirmation:**

*I am responsible. I give my best to all that I do and keep my agreements. I learn from my mistakes. I am willing to make amends.*

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**Mondays - 10:00 AM  
to 4:00 PM**

**Tuesday - Friday**

**8:00 AM - 4:00 PM**



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From 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Please confirm @ 340-244-9047 for space is limited.  
There will be gifts give aways.

Light refreshments to follow.

**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.**

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**Birthdays**

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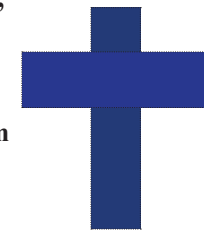


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

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

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sept. 29, 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

**Deacon**  
Rev. Mr. Peter Laurencin

**Administrative Assistant**  
Mrs. Allison Callwood

**Sacristan**  
Mr. Ryan John

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

**Volunteers**  
Ms. Jennifer Johnson  
Mr. Richard Callwood, III

**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:  
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**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 29, 2019**

Mon.: Zech. 8:1 - 8; Luke 9:46 - 50

Tue.: Zech. 8:20 - 23; Luke 9:51 - 56

Wed.: Exodus 23:20 - 23; Matt. 18:1 - 5, 10

Thur.: Nehemiah 8:1 - 4a, 5 - 6, 7b - 12;  
Luke 10:1-12

Fri.: Baruch 1:15 - 22; Luke 10:13 - 16

Sat.: Baruch 4:5-12, 27 - 29; Luke 10:17 - 24

**NEXT SUNDAY:**  
**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Habakkuk 1:2 - 3; 2:2 - 4  
2 Timothy 1:6 - 8, 13 - 14  
Luke 17:5 - 10

## 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

**FIRST READING: Amos 6:1a, 4 - 7**

Amos, God's prophet, rejected the individualist, consumerist values of lazy, greedy and unjust people who ignore the rights of the poor. Their life of ease will be ended.

**SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:11 - 16**

Paul exhorted Timothy to "pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness."

**GOSPEL READING: Luke 16:19 - 31**

Jesus told the story about the rich man and Lazarus so that His listeners would repent and put their faith in God. Then they, too like Lazarus, will rest in the bosom of Abraham.

"Woe to the complacent," Amos preaches in the first reading. Israel faces certain defeat, yet the idle rich continue to indulge their every desire. They are the first to be sent into exile. In the Gospel, the rich man ignores poor Lazarus outside his door. He suffers eternally in torment. Let us take Abraham's counsel and listen to Moses and the prophets, as well as Jesus and the apostles, and hear the words that will lead us to the kingdom of God.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: God's guidance and protection for Felix Renal rb His mother.

#### Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings for Oliver Williams rb Viola John.

10:00 AM: The children of St. Jude Research Hospital rb Marylin Louis.

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

#### Daily Masses:

Mon. Sept. 30, 7:00 AM: **St. Jerome**  
Birthday blessings for Simone Legal rb Bernadette Gustave.

Tues. Oct. 1, 7:00 AM: **St. Therese of the Child Jesus**  
Birthday blessings for Fr. Neil Scantlebury rb Maureen Petersen.

Birthday blessings and God's blessings for Deborah Riviere  
rb Her mother.

Wed. Oct. 2, 7:00 AM: **The Guardian Angels**  
Cleopatra Hobson (deceased) rb The Children of Mary.

Thurs. Oct. 3, 7:00 AM: **Blessed Bartolot Longo**  
Gene Farro (deceased) rb Estelle Farro.

Fri. Oct. 4, 7:00 AM: **St. Francis of Assisi**  
Birthday blessings for Eustace Rene rb The Rene family.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SECOND COLLECTION:** This week's second collection goes towards **St. Vincent de Paul**. Next week's second collection will be for the **Renovation Fund**. As always we thank you for your generosity.

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** This week the Eternal Candle is burning for **God's continued guidance and blessings for Fr. Neil Scantlebury**. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

**THANK YOU:** Rev. Neil Scantlebury expresses sincere thanks to all those who showed their support at the just concluded birthday celebration prayer breakfast by attending, giving gifts, calling and praying for him. Once again thank you and God bless.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** This weekend the altar flowers were paid for in part by Dianne Tyson, in thanksgiving to God and celebration of her birthday. We pray God's continued blessings on you. Once again, thank you and God bless.

**BAPTISM CLASS:** Baptism class will commence on **Monday October 7, 2019**, at 7:00 p.m. in Lower Columban Hall, in Fr. Kerly's office and will continue every Monday in October. 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.

**ANNUAL PUBLIC SQUARE RALLY:** The 2019 annual public square rally is scheduled for **Saturday, October 12, 2019** at 12:00 noon at the Emancipation Gardens (Bungalow). All are encouraged to attend the Rosary Rally and pray for peace in the world. For more information please contact Mr. Eubald Rene at 340-643-2928 or 340-775-3503. Thanks for your usual support and cooperation.

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR:** The Holy Family Church will be conducting a 6-week Life in the Spirit Seminar to begin on **Monday October 14th, 2019** and end on **Monday November 18th, 2019**. The goal of this seminar is to introduce the Holy Spirit to those in the community who have not yet experienced His love and His power in their lives. The Lord is calling us into a deeper relationship with Him. Come and experience his Love.

For further information please call the Church Office at 340-775-1650.



**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:

#### ISRAELITES GO INTO EXILE

The rich and the ruling classes both in Jerusalem and Samaria are threatened by God for their gross luxury combined with a total unconcern for the ordinary people. The passage mentions no sin of the rich but only their unconcern for the poor or for the ruin of the country. What matters to them is their food, their wine, their comfort, and their amusement. These are the ones who will be the first to go into exile. The Assyrian exile takes place in 722 B.C.

### 2ND READING:

#### SEEK ETERNAL LIFE

In this passage Paul advises Timothy to embrace six positive values, namely, righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness and gentleness. Then Paul urges him to take hold of the eternal life to which he is called. By this Paul thinks more of the final enjoyment of eternal life rather than its initial acceptance. Timothy is finally advised to live a blameless life.

### GOSPEL:

#### RICH MAN AND LAZARUS

The luxurious way of life of the rich man and his lack of concern for the poor Lazarus at his door stand in obvious contrast with their destinies after death: Lazarus in bliss in the bosom of Abraham and the rich man in torment in Hades. The rich man, having no need to work, is arrayed in royal purple and fine linen and feasts sumptuously; the destitute Lazarus is, on the contrary, ulcerous and famished. After death their fortunes are reversed, and then not even Lazarus can help the tormented rich man. Their fates are sealed.

In the second part (vv 27-31) Jesus' words insist that not even the miraculous return of someone from the dead will bring about reform among the stubborn rich who do not heed Moses and the prophets. Luke is stressing that salvation involves a reaction to faith (v 31) and to the Word of God preached through Moses and the prophets. As in the parable of the lost son, there is an appendix which complicates the simple story and gives it a polemic sting. The rich man asks for Lazarus to be sent as a warning to his brothers. This plea not only reveals the man's continuing arrogance - he wants Lazarus to cool his own tongue, as though he were a servant, and to be sent as a messenger to his brothers - but suggests to the reader that there is,

## 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: **375**

### Last Weekend's collections

**FIRST COLLECTION: \$4,143.24**

**Bishop's Appeal: \$944.00**

**Our Bishop's Appeal contribution for 2019 amounted to \$32,890.00, 82% 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

in fact, a moral reason for the reversal. This man has not only been rich and extravagant, he has been hard of heart. His wealth has made him insensitive to the demands of the Law and the Prophets alike that the covenant demands sharing goods with the poor. The concrete expression of his rejection of the Law is his neglect of the poor man at his gate. Abraham's response, "They have Moses and the Prophets. Let them listen to them," applies in the first instance to this rich man. We understand that if he had fed the poor man who "longed to be filled with what fell from the table" he could have avoided his present condition. The words of Abraham suggest that the situation of this man as well as of his brothers is hopeless. They are equally locked into their rejection of the Law and the Prophets, for they live as heedlessly as he has. They will not convert on the basis of hearing the Scriptures. The final words of the parable seal their rejection: even if someone comes back from the dead, they would not listen (16:31). Conversion requires that man turns his heart to God and allows him to forgive and transform him. This last part of the parable is an invitation to us to convert in order to escape the fate of the rich man. Hence we have two contrasting figures: The rich man with all the pleasures and comforts of life, but without God, and the poor man totally destitute, but with God and bearing the image of the Servant of God.