

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	Melita Etienne
LECTORS:	Helena Enrique Candace Bryan	Noreen Joseph Allison Callwood	Ursula Prosper Mona Bedminster
EUCH MIN:	Anne Brandt	Danna Knight Catherina Alexander	Eubald Rene

***Thank you for sewing !!!***

***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 Kindness when you ...***

***\*Give tender attention to those who need help.***

***\*Do thoughtful things to give others happiness.***

***\*Practice habits that help the environment.***

***\*Resist the temptation to be cruel.***

***\*Accept people who are different.***

**Affirmation:**

***I am kind. I show  
kindness to other.  
I have the courage  
to show 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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**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

**John & Norma Gimenez - Sept 10**

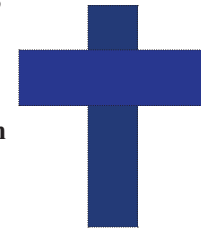


**Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!**

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

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sept. 8, 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

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Mr. Ryan John

**Musicians**  
Mr. Francis Callwood  
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**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](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 8, 2019**

Mon.: Colossians 1:24 - 2:3; Luke 6:6 - 11

Tue.: Colossians 2:6 - 15; Luke 6:12 - 19

Wed.: Colossians 3:1 - 11; Luke 6:20 - 26

Thur.: Colossians 3:12 - 17; Luke 6:27 - 38

Fri.: 1Tim. 1:1 - 2, 12-14; Luke 6:39 - 42

Sat.: Numbers 21:4b - 9; Phil. 2:6 - 11;  
John 3:13 - 17

**NEXT SUNDAY:**  
**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Exodus 32:7 - 11, 13 - 14**

**1 Timothy 1:12 - 17**

**Luke 15:1 - 32**



## 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

**FIRST READING: Wisdom 9:13 - 18b**

No one understands heaven or earth completely, but God sends wisdom and the Holy Spirit to light up the paths of those who search for the way.

**SECOND READING: Philemon 9 - 10, 12 - 17**

While Paul was in prison, he begged Philemon to receive back the runaway slave, Onesimus, as a beloved brother and partner in Christ.

**GOSPEL READING: Luke 14:25 - 33**

Jesus taught His followers the hard lesson of the cross: good accounting, careful planning, anticipating changes, decision making, and finishing the job.

Today's lessons are not easy. Wisdom acknowledges that God's ways cannot be understood through human thought. Jesus, explaining what it takes to follow Him, repeatedly frames the requirements as "whoever does not ... cannot be my disciple." But Paul is encouraging and positive, speaking of the conversion of someone who was once a slave, but is now a brother and partner. As we listen today, let us find hope in our mission as Christ's twenty-first century disciples.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

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

#### Sunday Masses:

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

**10:00 AM:** Birthday blessings for Marguerite René rb The René family.

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

#### Daily Masses:

Mon. Sept. 9, 7:00 AM: **St. Peter Claver**  
Birthday blessings for Oner Renal rb His mother.

Tues. Sept. 10, 7:00 AM: **St. Nicholas of Tolentino**  
Kathleen Farro (*deceased*) rb Estelle Farro.

Wed. Sept. 11, 7:00 AM: **St. Lawrence Justinian**  
God's healing for Alice Hilaire rb Her family.

Thurs. Sept. 12, 7:00 AM: **Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
Maria Nguyen (*deceased*) rb Her father Binh Nguyen.

Fri. Sept. 13, 7:00 AM: **St. John Chrysostom**  
Unborn son (*deceased*) rb His father Binh Nguyen.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

**THANK YOU:** On behalf of Rev. Kerly François, and Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Neil Scantlebury extend sincere thanks to the family of the late **Medina Scatliffe**, for the flowers used last weekend in memory of **Medina Scatliffe**. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** This weekend the altar flowers were paid for by **John and Norma Gemeniz**, in thanksgiving to God and celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary. We pray God's continued blessings on you. Once again, thank you and God bless.

**DEACONS' MEETING:** God may be calling you to be a deacon. There will be a **"come and see"** meeting for men on **Tuesday, September 10, 2019**, at 7:00 p.m. in Lower Columban hall.

**KNOW YOUR FAITH/RCIA:** There will be a meeting on **Wednesday, September 11, 2019**, in Lower Columban Hall at 7:00 p.m.

**SYMPATHY:** On behalf of Holy Family parishioners and Rev. Kerly François, 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 VISMAL.

**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:**

#### **WISDOM AND GOD'S COUNSEL**

The answer to the two questions that the author poses at the beginning of today's reading, namely, "What man can learn the counsel of God? Or who can discern what the Lord wills?" is, of course, no one. For God's counsel cannot be known. The author alludes to the Platonic notion that the body is a hindrance for the soul. But the author firmly retains the typically Jewish idea about the inseparable bond between body and soul which has become a basic tenet of Christianity.

#### **2ND READING:**

#### **ONESIMUS IS A BROTHER**

Paul's Letter to Philemon is the shortest letter in the Pauline corpus. The occasion for the Letter is that Onesimus, a slave of Philemon, meets Paul while he is in prison. He has been converted by Paul. It is believed that Onesimus has been a runaway slave who has escaped from his master Philemon. Incidentally Philemon has been also converted by Paul. Paul writes to Philemon to accept Onesimus not only as a slave but as a Christian brother by forgiving him if he has done something wrong. Although Paul wants to keep Onesimus with him, it is Philemon's right as master to decide on the matter. It is wrong to accuse Paul that he does not write against the practice of slavery. Slavery has been legal at the time of Paul. It has taken centuries to legally abolish slavery.

#### **GOSPEL:**

#### **DISCIPLESHIP IS A TOUGH TASK**

In the Lucan travel account Jesus' dinner-table talk has now come to an end, and the evangelist proceeds to draw our attention to Jesus' progress on his journey to Jerusalem and to the crowds accompanying him. He now portrays Jesus speaking about the conditions of discipleship (Lk 14:25-33). The immediately preceding context spoke of an invitation extended far and wide to people on the streets and lanes, highways and hedgerows to come into the banquet of the kingdom – so that "my house will be filled" (v 23). Now Jesus' words add a different consideration: the conditions of discipleship in the kingdom. The first condition calls for a willingness to put parents, family, relatives, even one's own self, in subordination to discipleship. Only the person who is capable of a radical and painful decision, – to leave all natural and human relations behind and to give up life itself in martyrdom – can really become a disciple of Jesus.

The second condition calls for the disciple to carry his/her cross and walk behind Jesus which is an act of self-denial. At the

### 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: **349**

#### **Last Weekend's collections**

**FIRST COLLECTION: \$3,686.00**

**Renovation Fund: \$1,018.29**

***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

time of Jesus, the Romans have been wont to execute criminals by crucifying them. The condemned person himself would carry the cross or at least the cross beam to the place of execution. Jesus himself would be subjected to this form of torture and death. Hence to take up the cross means to renounce completely one's own life, and give it up as Christ has done out of love for us. The disciple should carry the cross not only at the end of his life but every day. The whole life of the disciple is a sacrificial journey with Christ to Jerusalem. The disciple is called upon to imitate Jesus the suffering servant and make a gift of his life to God and to his brothers and sisters in love by embracing the cross and following Christ. The third condition calls for a radical renunciation of all one's material possessions. The seriousness demanded by the three conditions is now presented in the twin parables (vv 28-32). Jesus counsels his followers not to decide on discipleship without advance, mature probing. One must consider not only the demands to be made but also the consequences of what may be begun but left half-done because of a lack of follow-through. Ridicule or surrender to unconditional terms should deter one from rash and unreflective decisions.

A modern reader of the passage may wonder at the words of Jesus who says the prospective disciple should hate his closest relatives. But this is not an isolated statement of Jesus in the gospel of Luke. Earlier in the Gospel Jesus has said, "Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man!"