

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
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EUCH MIN: Anne Brandt Candace Bryan	Lauren, Felicinne Catherina & Allison	Marylin Louis Eubald Rene

Thank you for sewing !!!

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

HOSPITAL: Margarita Feliciano, Ophelia Bannis.

OFF ISLAND: Bertina Lestrade, Altagracia Padilla, Emile Joseph, Enid Blyden, Isabel Dublin, Mary Lewis, Philomen Baron, Ruthine & Thomas, Johnson, Cryil Eugene, Joe Toussaint, Eugenie England.

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, Josephine Philbert, Iona Vanterpool, Josefina Donastorg, Owen Johnrose, Sonia Herbert, Roserita Laparol, Maggie Dolphin.

**SEAVIEW, MASSAC, LUCINDA MILLIN - NO ONE
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 Idealism when you ...

**Really care about what you value in life.*

**Dare to have big dreams.*

**Have a vision of what is possible.*

**Have a plan to make your ideals real.*

**Take action to make your dreams come true.*

**Do something to make a difference in the world.*

Affirmation:

*I live my ideals.
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dreams. I have
faith that anything
is possible.*

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God our Father, all the elements of nature obey Your commands. We praise and thank You for Your protection during the hurricane season. We ask You again to guide us through a new year free of earthquakes, floods and other natural disasters. Bless our families and bring peace to all nations. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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 SERVICES/MASSES

Funeral Masses at Holy Family Church are held on the designated day at 10:00 a.m. If you would like a different time please contact the pastor. Tributes and solos are done before the Mass at 9:00 a.m. 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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Browne, David Blondell, Cletus Lionel,
Jacqueline Baptiste, Patty Love, Shawna
Williams, Gerry Francis, Casey Smith,
Winston Hamilton, Lorine Paul-Bruno,
Uselda Jn Baptiste, Douglas Dick,
Lauren Thomas, Andrew Noel,
Heidrum Williams, Winifred Hood,
John James.*

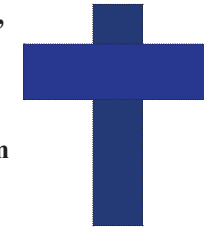


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

**Holy Family Catholic Church
Welcomes You!**

Presentation of the Lord - Feb. 2, 2020

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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

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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**

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 6:00PM

**Readings for the Week
of February 2, 2020**

Mon.: 2 Samuel 15:13 - 14, 30; 16:5 - 13
Mark 5:1 - 20

Tue.: 2 Sam. 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 - 19:3
Mark 5:21 - 43

Wed.: 2 Samuel 24:2, 9 - 17; Mark 6:1 - 6

Thur.: 1 King 2:1- 4, 10-12; Mark 6:7 - 13

Fri.: Sirach 47:2 - 11; Mark 6:14 - 29

Sat.: 1 Kings 3:4 - 13; Mark 5:30 - 34

**NEXT SUNDAY:
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 58:7 - 10
1 Corinthians 2:1 - 5
Matthew 5:13 - 16

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1 - 4

The prophet Malachi prophesied that the Lord God will send a messenger "to prepare the way." The Lord will appear at the temple and God will "refine and purify" the people.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:14 - 18

Jesus was fully human. Through His death He frees all who live in fear of death. Because He Himself was tested through what He suffered, He is able to help all who are tempted.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:22 - 40

Joseph and Mary brought Jesus to the temple to be consecrated. Simeon, a holy and pious man, took the child in his arms, and Anna the prophetess gave thanks to God.

The words from the first reading "And suddenly there will come to the temple the Lord whom you seek," could be placed right in the middle of the Gospel, as Simeon and Anna recognize in the infant Jesus "the Christ of the Lord" whom they had sought. The author of Hebrews explains that Jesus had to become like us to bring us salvation. Listening to today's readings, let us pray that we are able to recognize the One whom we seek in our world today.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: Francis J. Bryan (*deceased*) rb His wife and children.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Rose and Richard Cook (*deceased*) rb Estelle Farro.

10:00 AM: God's help and protection for the Johnrose family rb
Cynthia Johnrose.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. Feb. 3, 7:00 AM: *Sts. Blaise & Ansgar*
Birthday blessings for Tia and Tai Hodge rb Cleopha Rawlings.

Tues. Feb. 4, 7:00 AM: *St. Jane Valois*
Birthday blessings for Jaushia Rubben rb Urelca Jn Baptiste.

Wed. Feb. 5, 7:00 AM: *St. Agatha*
God's blessings and protection for all married couples.

Thurs. Feb. 6, 7:00 AM: *St. Paul Miki*
God's blessings, guidance and protection for Roger Charles rb His family.

Fri. Feb. 7, 7:00 AM: *Blessed Giles Mary*
God's blessings, guidance and protection for Francis Callwood.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION: This week's second collection goes towards the *Renovation Fund*. Next week's second collection goes towards the *Youth Ministry*. 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 Tevin Peters, requested by his mother, Vincia St. Jean*. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

ALTAR FLOWERS: This weekend the Altar flowers were paid for in part by Tamika Thomas-Williams and Lauren Thomas in celebration of their birthdays. Thank you for beautifying our church and we pray God's continued blessings on both of you. Once again, thank you.

BAPTISM CLASS: Baptism class will commence on **Monday February 3, 2020**, at 7:00 p.m. in Lower Columban Hall, in Fr. Kerly's office and will continue every Monday in February. 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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES VACANCY: Catholic Charities has the following opportunity for employment. **Administrative Assistant:** Duties include filing, handling correspondence, maintaining data using computer programs or manual systems, program reporting and other general office duties. Employment includes, paid vacation, retirement plan and health insurance. For more information please contact Catholic Charities at 340-777-8518.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY 2019: All couples who were married in the Catholic Church 20 years or more, in a year ending in a "0" or a "5" (for example - 1990 = 30 years; 1995 = 25 years), will be presented with a certificate signed by the Bishop on the weekend of **February 8-9, 2020**. **Anyone married 50+ years (1970 or earlier)** are also eligible regardless of the year they were married.

LOURDES IN A DAY: The Order of Malta is sponsoring their 2nd "*Lourdes in a Day*" on **Tuesday, February 11, 2020**, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, from 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Bevard with the anointing of the sick. There will be distribution of Holy Water from Lourdes to all, confessions and lunch.

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT: Sts. Peter & Paul School will host an international night on **Saturday, February 15, 2020**, 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.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Thank you for your generous contribution for the 2019 calendar year. Please note that we have not received our 2020 Offertory envelopes. Kindly be patient with us. They have sent us a package of generic envelopes that can be used for any collection, weekly or special, until our order is received. **PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS ON THE ENVELOPE**, etc. so we can capture the information for donation recording. As soon as we receive our batch, we will put them out. **The envelopes will be at the entrance of the church. Please do not waste the envelopes. If you do not need them please do not take them. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING. GOD BLESS.**

CASH RAFFLE: Sts. Peter & Paul School is happy to announce the start of our Annual Cash Raffle. First prize is \$10,000, second is \$2,500 and third prize is \$1,000.00. Who couldn't use a little extra cash? Raffle drawing will take place at the Annual International Night Dinner on **February 15, 2020**. Tickets are \$10 each. Anyone who purchases a FULL BOOK FOR \$100 receives 1 ticket free.

LITURGY AND WORD

Reflections on the Feast. The liturgy brings to our attention a number of truths that deserve special consideration.

a) Several Old Testament prophets had foretold how the temple's greatest glory was reserved for the day when the Messiah appeared in its sacred precincts and revealed Himself. Their oracles are now fulfilled. Today Jesus enters His Father's house for the first time; in future years He will often manifest Himself there as the Messiah and the Son of God. Considerable prominence is given this truth; see, for example, the Introit, Gradual, and Epistle. And the temple of old typified the Church.

b) Today the Infant Savior is brought to the temple and offered to God. According to Mosaic Law every male firstborn was "holy to the Lord"; he was to be brought to the temple and "redeemed" by an offering. In our Lord's case the act assumed a deeper significance. God does not give His Son away gratis; His presentation at Mary's hands constituted, we may say, the Offertory of His life. If we align Christ's redemptive life with the Mass, His presentation in the temple would be the Offertory, His death on the Cross the consecration and elevation. Today the divine Lamb lies on the paten of sacrifice and is offered to the Father. Thirty-three years hence He will complete the act by dying on the Cross. Yes, this day commemorates the oblation of Christ's whole redemptive work, not excluding the offertory oblations of all believers.

c) Today our Blessed Mother offers her purificatory sacrifice as required by Mosaic Law (Leviticus). Actually Mary was not bound by the precept, for she was the purest of virgins, and her Son the spotless Lamb of God. Nevertheless, with humility and with a true spirit of sacrifice she brought the offering of the poor, a pair of doves. In imitation and in remembrance of her holy act, the Church commends to mothers a very laudable practice. I refer to the liturgical blessing given to mothers after childbirth (Churching of Women). As soon as the mother has recuperated, she comes to church with her babe. She thanks God for the successful delivery and offers her beloved infant to the Lord; and the priest blesses both. The object of the blessing is not purification, as in the Old Testament — Christian mothers have no need of purification after childbirth. But Mary's humility is recognized and imitated by the new mother as she waits in the rear of 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: **419**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$4,404.55

Catholic Education: \$1,403.03

LITURGY AND WORD CONT'D

church, and from there follows the priest to the altar.

d) A very noble figure, the aged Simeon! Through many, many years he had desired the Messiah's coming. Now with the unquestioning faith of a child, he adores Israel's hope in a workman's needy Child. His glowing love causes him to feel young again as he takes the Infant in his arms. There is nothing more he wants from life. Having seen the Redeemer, he is overcome with gratitude and pours out from his soul the night prayer of his life: "Now, Lord, you may dismiss Your servant in peace."

His beautiful canticle, the Nunc Dimittis, has been incorporated into the Church's official night prayer (Compline), where it serves as an expression of thanksgiving for the graces and blessings of another day of redemption. As we sing it we see Simeon holding the Child Jesus in his arms and then, with grateful heart, retiring from his earthly service to God. We, too, are in the Lord's service. At the close of day we hold the Savior in our arms, mystically speaking; we hold Him in faith, in grace, in the sacraments, especially the Sacrament of the Altar. Fervently we thank God for His blessings; and we are prepared, if it be His will, to take our leave from the world. Yes, Lord, now You may dismiss me, Your servant. For with the eyes of faith I have again seen my Savior, Jesus. I, too, belong to the multitude of the elect. Christ is my salvation, my redemption, my Light; He enlightens the darkness of my mind and heart. He is my glory, my eternal recompense! Oh, that we could bring each day to a close with thoughts like these! How well they express the noblest sentiments of a Christian heart at the end of day. How beautiful would Simeon's prayer fall from the lips of the dying; it would be the night prayer to life.