

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	CCD Choir
LECTORS: Candace Bryan Margarita Smith	Noreen Joseph Hilda Celestine	CCD Student CCD Student
EUCH MIN: Anne Brandt	Lauren Thomas Rose Lanadie	Mona Bedminster



Thank you for serving !!!



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, Helen Bruney.

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.*

Save the Date . . .

Saturday, February 29, 2020

*Holy Family Catholic Church
CCD Program presents. . .*

Youth Lenten Retreat 2020

**\$5.00 Contribution
and Donations
accepted for
breakfast, snacks,
lunch and drinks!**

**Additional information,
call the church office:
340-775-1650**

*All youth are invited. Call
the church office to register!
We'll see you there!*

**9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Our Lady of
Mt. Carmel Catholic
Church
St. John, VI**

WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS

You are practicing Forgiveness when you ...

**Remember that everyone makes mistakes.*

**Share your feelings without taking revenge.*

**Stop giving uncaring people the chance to hurt you.*

**Accept people without judgment or criticism.*

**Take responsibility for your own mistakes.*

**Make amends instead of punishing yourself with guilt.*

Affirmation:

*I am forgiving of
others and my-
self. I am willing
to give and receive
amends. I learn
from my mistakes.
I have the power to
keep changing for
the better.*

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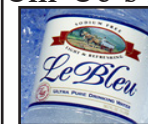
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PARISH CELEBRATION

Birthdays

*Eva Donovan, Mali Quan Moore,
Avishai Hodge, Michael Smith,
Fritz St. Rose, II, Jasmine Dudley,
Vonetta Winston, Kenrick Fagan,
Esther Henderson, Anthony McBean,
Doreen Silvera, Victor Benoit, Joe Franz,
Cyrilla Sullivan, Margaret Francis,
Alea Van Beverhoudt.*

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

*Derrick & Sharon Davis - Feb. 19
Leroy & Marahgaye Eugene - Feb. 22*



*Lord, bless our parishioners who cele-
brate their special day this week. 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.**

Holy Family Catholic Church

Welcomes You!

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Feb. 16, 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.**

Pastor
Reverend Neil Scantlebury

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Reverend Kerly François

In Residence
Rev. John Fewel

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Rev. Mr. Frank Kearney
Rev. Mr. Evans Doway

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Francesca Alcendor

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Mr. Francis Callwood
Mr. Verne Callwood
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Ms. Jennifer Johnson
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CHANCERY: BISHOP'S OFFICE

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**Venerable Pierre Toussaint
Catholic Chapel**

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St. Thomas VI 00802

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 16, 2020**

Mon.: James 1:1 - 11; Mark 8:11 - 13
Tue.: James 1:12 - 18; Mark 8:14 - 21
Wed.: James 1:19 - 27; Mark 8:22 - 26
Thur.: James 2:1 - 9; Mark 8:27 - 33
Fri.: James 2:14 - 24, 26; Mark 8:34 - 9:1
Sat.: 1 Peter 5:1 - 4; Matthew 16:13 - 19

**NEXT SUNDAY:
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Leviticus 19:1 - 2, 17 - 18

1 Corinthians 3:16 - 23

Matthew 5:38 - 48

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!
FIRST READING: Sirach 15:15 - 20

Immense is the Lord’s wisdom. The Lord God sees every created thing and understands every human deed. Human beings have life and death before them, and they receive whichever they choose.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:6 - 10

Paul wrote that real wisdom is God’s hidden, mysterious, planned and prepared from the very beginning for the glory of those who love the Lord.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:17 - 37

Jesus said He came not to abolish the law but to fulfill it. He described such fulfillment as a matter not of legal argumentation but of holiness, reconciliation and the obedience of faith. Jesus encouraged the disciples to let their “Yes” mean “Yes” and their “No” mean “No.” In the first reading, Sirach teaches us that we have the ability to choose between right and wrong. Choosing to trust in God and to keep the commandments is the way to salvation. Jesus extends the commandments when speaking to His disciples, telling them that they must do more. May the Holy Spirit, invoked by Paul in the second reading, reveal God’s wisdom and guide us in our behaviour.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: God’s blessings for a happy married life for Andel and Maria Placid-Joyueax rb Their family.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings for Victor Benoit.

10:00 AM: Birthday blessings for Quane Alexander rb The Rene family.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. Feb. 17, 7:00 AM: Seven Founders of the Order of Servites
Gerson Eusebe (deceased) rb His family.

Tues. Feb. 18, 7:00 AM: Blessed Elisabetta Canori-Mora
Birthday blessings and God’s protection for Mark Charles rb His family.

Wed. Feb. 19, 7:00 AM: St. Barbatus
Birthday blessings for Dechante rb Cleopha Rawlings.

Thurs. Feb. 20, 7:00 AM: St. Margaret of Cortona
Birthday blessings for Victor Benoit rb Victor Benoit.

Fri. Feb. 21, 7:00 AM: St. Peter Damian
Gene Farro (deceased) rb Estelle Farro.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION: This week’s second collection goes towards the Music Ministry. Next week’s second collection goes towards Catholic Education. As always we thank you for your generosity.

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning for birthday blessings for Victor Benoit, requested by Victor Benoit. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones’ birthdays or any special occasions.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Thank you for your generous contribution for the 2019 calendar year. Please pick up your Offertory envelopes for 2020 at the entrance of the church. If you do not have an envelope, PLEASE register at the church office in order to obtain your box. PLEASE DO NOT TAKE UP ENVELOPES THAT ARE ALREADY ASSIGNED TO SOMEONE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING. GOD BLESS.

ALTAR FLOWERS: This weekend the Altar flowers were paid for by Lola Warrington in celebration of her birthday. Thank you for beautifying our church and we pray God’s continued blessings on you. Once again, thank you.

OFFICE CLOSED: Please note that the church will be closed all day on Monday, February 17, 2020, in observance of Presidents’ Day. Please be guided accordingly.

FOOD FOR THE POOR: Next 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.

CONFESSIONS: Confession will be available next Wednesday, February 26, 2020, at Holy Family from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please be guided accordingly.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020: The World Day of Prayer will take place on Friday, March 6, 2020, at Nisky Moravian Church at 6:30 p.m. The theme for this year is “Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk.” The country of recognition this year is Zimbabwe. As many Catholics as possible are asked to attend to represent our Church. Your presence will be greatly appreciated.

LENT IS CLOSER THAN YOU THINK: Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020. Now is the time to plan spiritual and corporal works of mercy for Lent. There will be two masses on Ash Wednesday: 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please be guided accordingly.

LENT: During Lent:

1. Holy Hour and Stations of the Cross are on Fridays at 6:00 p.m.
2. Those 18 to 59 years of age are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. Those 14 years and older are to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays in Lent
4. Pray for peace in the world and in our families.
5. Pray for God’s blessings and protection against the attacks of evil spirits for our parish and our diocese.
6. There will be NO altar flowers, NO Gloria and NO Alleluia, NO recessional hymn.
7. We are encouraged to make a good Confession.
8. Give generously to the Bishop’s Appeal.
9. Pray the novena of Our Lady the Undoer of Knots that Our Lady will undo the knots of Holy Family Parish, family and ourselves.
10. View daily “Best Lent ever” on www.dynamiccatholic.com

LENTEN RETREAT: Holy Family CCD students and ALL young people of the parish will be on retreat on Saturday, February 29, 2020, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, St. John, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

LITURGY AND WORD

The first reading is taken from Sirach 15:15-20. Today’s reading comes from the section of Sirach’s writing on man’s free will and responsibility.

The second reading is from St. Paul 1 Corinthians 2:6-10. Last week we heard Saint Paul address how his preaching illustrates the fact that man’s strength and wisdom are nothing compared to those of God. Today we hear him tell of the true wisdom of God.

The Gospel is from St. Matthew 5:17-37. In this Sermon on the Mount, we have various sayings of Christ, actually spoken on different occasions. Matthew, in his systematic manner, has gathered these sayings into one continuous discourse here. This makes it easier for his readers, who were Jewish converts, to grasp the new order of salvation as inaugurated by Christ. They knew the ten commandments, but they knew them as their rabbis had taught them. These rabbis, for the most part Pharisees, put all the stress on the letter of the law and on its external observance. Christ’s opening statement, that the attitude of his followers towards the commandments (and other precepts of the law) must be different, and superior to that of the scribes and Pharisees, clearly indicates how Christianity must differ from, and supersede, Judaism.

Christ is not abolishing the ten commandments, but he is demanding of his followers a more perfect, a more sincere, fulfillment of them. The whole moral value of any legal observance (the Mosaic law included), comes from the interior disposition of him who observes or keeps the law. No man serves or honors God by any exterior acts, be they ever so arduous or continuous, unless these acts proceed from an intention and a will to honor and please God. This is the charter, the constitution, of the new law, Christianity. The old law is not abolished, but deepened and given a new life.

Avoiding murder therefore is not enough; the true Christian must remove any inclination to murder by building up true, brotherly love for all men in his heart.

We must not only not injure our neighbor or fellowman in his person, or in his character, but we must be ever ready to help him and prevent injury to him, whenever and wherever we

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: 394
Last Weekend’s collections
FIRST COLLECTION: \$4,715.66

Youth Ministry: \$1,160.00

LITURGY AND WORD CONT'D

can. We must not only not commit adultery, but must also develop a Christian respect and esteem for purity, the virtue which will preserve us not only from adultery but even from thoughts of adultery, or any other abuse of our sexual gifts given us by God for his sublime purpose.

We must be truthful always, and men of our word. This virtue is not only necessary for man’s salvation, but is the basis of rational intercourse between men in civilized society. While our civil courts still deem it necessary to impose oaths on contestants and witnesses (since they have, unfortunately, to take account of the liars and deceivers who still are a menace to society), the truthful man need not be afraid of insulting or dishonoring God by calling him as his guarantor, if asked to do so.

True and loyal service of God therefore begins in the heart and has its value from this interior disposition. Keeping the ten commandments is our way of proving to God that we are grateful, obedient and loyal to him who gave us all we have and who has promised us future gifts infinitely greater still. And just as our love for God is proved by our true love for our neighbor, so the last seven of the commandments impose on us obligations regarding our neighbor. It is only by fulfilling these seven that we can fulfill the first three which govern our relations with God.

This truth is expressed by our Lord in the words: It you are offering your gift at the altar, and remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there . . . first be reconciled to your brother and then come and offer your gift.