

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: Candace Bryan Agnes Nicholas Carmen White
Rita Brady-Bermudez Dr. A. Thomas

EUCH MIN: **SOCIAL DISTANCING**

Thank you for serving !!!

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

HOSPITAL:
OFF ISLAND: Bertina Lestrade, Emile Joseph, Enid Blyden, Isabel Dublin, Mary Lewis, Philomen Baron, Claudy Brutus, Ruthine & Thomas Johnson, Cryil Eugene, Joe Toussaint, Eugenie England, Helen Bruney, Edmond Baptiste.

AT HOME: Rita Ledee, Rose Celestine, Martina Lewis, Olivia Gumbs, Ann Bedminster, Bernice Knight, 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, Ophelia Bannis, Lola Warrington.

Geri Care Senior Residential Home - Austin "Babe" Monsanto
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 Orderliness when you ...

**Have a place to put each of your things.*

**Put your things away in the same place every time.*

**Have a plan before you begin any job.*

**Create harmonious space that feels peaceful.*

**Appreciate the beauty and order of nature.*

Affirmation:

I live this day with order. I do things step by step. I create beauty and harmony in my space and in my life.

WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS



OFFICE HOURS

Mondays - 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Tuesday - Friday

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Alma's
SECRETARIAL SERVICE

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If you don't have a secretary, but need one. • If you have a secretary, but need extra help.

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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.**

PARISH CELEBRATION

Birthdays

Gloria Callwood, Magdalene Dolphin, Lucia Thomas, Andrea Victorine, Gemma Felix, Jessica Jones, Julio Rhymer, Jeanese Gourdet, Makida Merchant, Tamra George, Melanie Santiago, Emeka Fontaine.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Francis & Allison Callwood - July 15

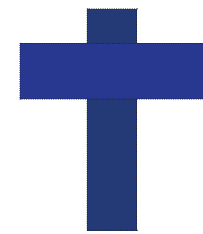


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

Holy Family Catholic Church Welcomes You!

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 12, 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.

Administrator

Reverend Msgr. Jerome Feudjio

Associate Pastor

Reverend Kerly François

Deacons

Rev. Mr. Cassius Matthurin
Rev. Mr. Frank Kearney

Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Allison Callwood

Sacristans

Mr. Ryan John
Ms. Francesca Alcendor

Musicians

Mr. Francis Callwood
Mr. Verne Callwood
Mr. Desmond Simmonds

Volunteers

Ms. Jennifer Johnson
Mr. Richard Callwood, III

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 July 12, 2020

Mon.: Isaiah 1:10 - 17; Matthew 10:34 - 11:1
Tue.: Isaiah 7:1 - 9; Matthew 11:20 - 24
Wed.: Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16; Matt. 11:25 - 27
Thur.: Is. 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Matt. 11:28 - 30
Fri.: Is. 38:1 - 6, 21 - 22, 7 - 8; Matt. 12:1 - 8
Sat.: Micah 2:1 - 5; Matthew 12:14 - 21

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.

NEXT SUNDAY: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 12:13, 16 - 19
Romans 8:26 - 27
Matthew 13:24 - 43

Online giving or donation can be made through our website at: www.holyfamilystt.com

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10 - 11

Just as rain and snow come down from heaven and do not return until the whole earth is watered and fruitful, so shall the word of the Lord go out to do God's will and accomplish God's purpose.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:18 - 23

Paul told the Romans that the whole created world eagerly awaits the revelation of God's children. The world will be set free and take part in the wondrous freedom of God's children.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13:1 - 23

Jesus told the parable of the sower. When disciples questioned him about it, he explained how those who hear the word and understand it will bear fruit and yield a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.

Isaiah's poetry and Jesus' parable tell in complementary ways the power of God's word. Isaiah extols its fruitfulness, the Lord promising that it will flower just as the fertile earth does when watered by rain or snow. Jesus tells of the sower, whose indiscriminate scattering of the word of the kingdom leads to different outcomes depending on where it lands. May we listen attentively today, soaking up God's word so that it may bear fruit in us.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: Bishop Thomas (*deceased*) rb Maureen Petersen.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: God's guidance and blessings for Sean and Tamika Williams.

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

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. July 13, 7:00 AM: **St. Henry**
Birthday blessings for Chrisnae and Chris Romis rb Auntie Paula.

Tues. July 14, 7:00 AM: **St. Kateri Tekakwitha**
Birthday blessings for Phillip Wells rb Auntie Paula.

Wed. July 15, 7:00 AM: **St. Bonaventure**
God's continued blessings, guidance, healing and protection for Francis and Allison Callwood.

Thurs. July 16, 7:00 AM: **Our Lady of Mt. Carmel**
Birthday blessings for Gloria Callwood rb Her family.

Fri. July 17, 7:00 AM: **St. Leo IV**
Sabina Joseph (*deceased*) rb The Rene family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning *for God's healing and blessings for Ruthine Johnson*. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

FROM MSGR. JEROME FEUDJIO, VICAR GENERAL OF THE DIOCESE OF ST. THOMAS IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS: The Most Reverend Bishop Herbert A. Bevard has assigned Fr. Neil Scantlebury as the Pastor of Saint Anne's Catholic Church in Barrenspot, Saint Croix. Father Neil has already reported to his new duties.

His Excellency has requested that I, Msgr. Jerome Feudjio, serve as the Administrator of the Parish during the transition, until the appointment of a new Pastor to Holy Family Catholic Church. Thus, I have accepted to carry out the additional responsibility to serve the people of this vibrant community.

I look forward to working with all the parishioners to continue the mission that Fr. Neil has devotedly carried out for the last 12 years. May our Good Lord grant us the wisdom and the graces needed to bring this task to fruition.

I wish everyone God's choicest blessings.

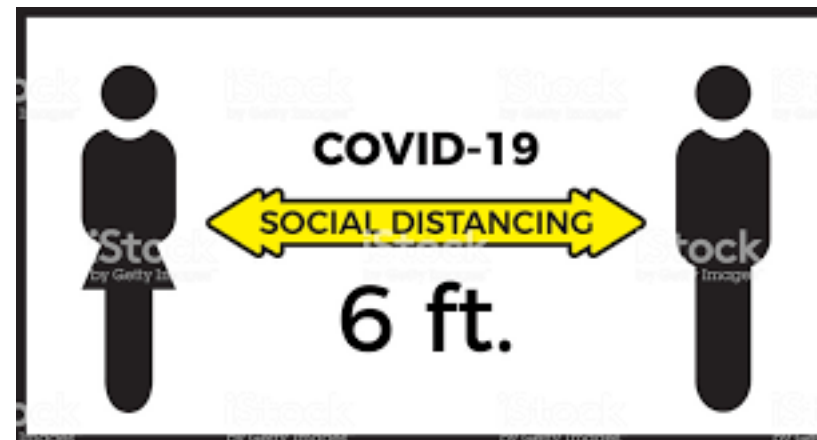
ADORATION: There is adoration on **Fridays, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Please be guided accordingly.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MEETING: Please note that a meeting has been set for the parents and guardians of First Communion students this **Tuesday, July 14, 2020** at 5:30 p.m. in **the church**. Please be guided accordingly.

MEETING: There will be a meeting this **Wednesday, July 15, 2020**, at 5:30p.m. in **the church** for all past **Parish Council members** and the **Finance Committee members** and all those who are interested in volunteering their services to Holy Family church are also invited to attend this meeting. Please be guided accordingly.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Please be informed that the Sacrament of First Communion will be on **Sunday, August 2, 2020** and **Sunday, September 13, 2020** for the Sacrament of Confirmation. In the meantime, put your trust in the Lord and step out in faith to take your children to Mass and continue your instructions at home. Thank you and God bless!

2020-2021 SCHOOL REGISTRATION: Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic School is Accepting Student Registration for the 2020-2021 Academic Year. Please call 340-774-2199 to schedule testing or for additional information, space is limited.



LITURGY AND WORD

Meditation: What is the best and easiest way to help people understand God's kingdom? Like the rabbi of his time, Jesus very frequently used parables - short stories and images taken from everyday life - to convey hidden truths about the kingdom of God. Like a skillful artist, Jesus sketched memorable pictures with short and simple words. A good image can speak more loudly and clearly than many words. Jesus used the ordinary everyday illustrations of life and nature to point to another order of reality - hidden, yet visible to those who had "eyes to see" and "ears to hear". Jesus communicated with vivid illustrations which captured the imaginations of his audience more powerfully than any abstract presentation could. His parables are like buried treasure waiting to be discovered (Matthew 13:44).

What can the parable about seeds and roots teach us about the kingdom of God? Any farmer will attest to the importance of good soil for supplying nutrients for growth. And how does a plant get the necessary food and water it needs except by its roots? The Scriptures frequently use the image of fruit-bearing plants or trees to convey the principle of spiritual life and death. Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit (Jeremiah 17:7-8; see also Psalm 1:3)

How do you listen to God's word?

Jesus' parable of the sower is aimed at the hearers of his word. There are different ways of accepting God's word and they produce different kinds of fruit accordingly. There is the prejudiced hearer who has a shut mind. Such a person is unteachable and blind to what he or she doesn't want to hear. Then there is the shallow hearer. He or she fails to think things out or think them through; they lack depth. They may initially respond with an emotional reaction; but when it wears off their mind wanders to something else.

Another type of hearer is the person who has many interests or cares, but who lacks the ability to hear or comprehend what is truly important. Such a person is too busy to pray or too preoccupied to study and meditate on God's word. Then there is the one whose mind is open. Such a person is at all times willing to listen and to learn. He or she is never too proud or too busy to learn. They listen in order to understand. God gives grace to those who hunger for his word that they may understand his will and have the strength to live according to it. Do you hunger for God's word?

The refusal to believe and understand Jesus told his disciples that not everyone would understand his parables. Did Jesus mean to say that he was deliberately confusing or hiding the meaning of his stories from his listeners? Very likely not. Jesus was

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: **175**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$2,268.75

Thank you for your weekly contribution. We pray God's continued blessings upon you and your family. Once again, thank you for your generosity.

LITURGY AND WORD CONT'D

speaking from experience. He was aware that some who heard his parables refused to understand them. It was not that they could not intellectually understand them, but rather, their hearts were closed to what Jesus was saying. They had already made up their minds to not believe. God can only reveal the secrets of his kingdom - that which is hidden to the spiritually blind - to those who hunger for God and humbly submit to his truth.

What can makes us ineffective or unresponsive to God's word? Preoccupation with other things can distract us from what is truly important and worthwhile. And letting our hearts and minds be consumed with material things can easily weigh us down and draw us away from the heavenly treasure that lasts for eternity. God's word can only take root in a receptive heart which is docile and ready to hear what God has to say.

How God's word takes root in us

The parables of Jesus will enlighten us if we approach them with an open mind and heart, ready to let them challenge us. If we approach them with the conviction that we already know the answer, then we, too, may look but not see, listen but not understand. God's word can only take root in a receptive heart that is ready to believe and willing to submit. Do you submit to God's word with trust and obedience?

One lesson from this parable is clear: the harvest is sure to come. While some seed will fall by the wayside and some fall on shallow ground and never come to maturity, and some be choked to death by the thorns; nonetheless a harvest will come. The seed that falls on good soil, on the heart that is receptive, will reap abundant fruit. God is always ready to speak to each of us and to give us understanding of his word. Are you hungry for his word? And do you allow anything to keep you from submitting to God's word with joy and trusting obedience?

"Lord Jesus, faith in your word is the way to wisdom, and to ponder your divine plan is to grow in the truth. Open my eyes to your deeds, and my ears to the sound of your call, that I may understand your will for my life and live according to it"