

# Around the Parish

## Parish Ministries

Baptismal Prep.	First two Wednesdays in each month at 7:00 p.m.
Christian Initiation (R.C.I.A.) Adults:	Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
Children:	Saturdays at 10 am
Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD)	Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.
Confirmation	Wednesday at 4:15 p.m.
Bible Class	Monday at 7:00p.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	As advised.
Fundraising Meeting	Thursday at 7:30 p.m.
Hospitality Ministers	1st Thursday of month at 7:30 pm.
Ladies Guild	3rd Sunday of month at 4:00 p.m.
Legion of Mary	Thursdays at 6:30p.m.
Lectors	Tuesdays at 7 p.m.
Parish Council	Every 2nd Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
Senior Choir	Thursdays at 8 p.m.
St. Vincent De Paul	Every 2nd & 4th Saturday at 8:30 a.m.
Youth Choir	Saturdays at 4:30 p.m.
Y.S.B. in Christ	Fridays at 7:30 p.m.
Altar Servers	Saturdays at 12:15 p.m.
Children's Breakfast	Mon.- Fri. 7:00a.m.-8:45a.m.
Cubs	Tuesdays at 5 p.m.
Scouts	Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m..
Brownies	Saturdays at 12:30 p.m.
Girls Guides	Saturdays at 12:30 p.m.
Men's Group	Third Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Knights of Columbus	2nd & 4th Wednesday at 8.00pm Upper Room, St. Augustine's Monastery

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**The Saint Vincent de Paul Society is requesting your kind assistance! Please lend a helping hand!**

*“When I was hungry you fed me, thirsty you gave me to drink, naked you clothed, sick and in prison you visited me.....What ever you do to the least of these my brethren that you do unto me.”*

### The Drop-in-Centre

Operating Hours: Sat. 8:00a.m. –12:00noon, on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month.

When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, He opened the door for a life-changing relationship with Him. Scripture says her testimony drew many others to Him as well. We, too, must be ready to respond whenever and wherever the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives!

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### *Today's Focus... Quenching Our Spiritual Thirst*

The term “living water” could be thought of as redundant, for we know that without water, there is no life. This essential element recurs throughout scripture to remind us of our need for God's life.

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### Flowers

**Persons wishing to donate flowers for the altar for Easter can contact the parish office. Flowers can also be donated in memory of a loved one, for birthdays or anniversaries.**

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### *Inspirational thoughts by Maya Angelou:*

*No matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow.”*

*“If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude. Don't complain.”*

*“I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”*

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## *“The Water I Shall Give Will Become A Spring of Water Welling Up to Eternal Life.”*

March 23rd, 2014

Third Sunday of Lent

First Reading

Exodus 17:3-7

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel

John 4:5-42

March 30th, 2014

Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16:16, 6-7, 10-

13a

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel

John 9:1-41



Most Rev. Patrick C. Pinder, S.T.D., C.M.G.

Msgr. Preston A. Moss

Fr. Junior Calixte

Rev. Mr. Raymond Forbes

Ethel M. Collie

MASS SCHEDULE:

WEEKDAYS:

HOLIDAYS:

CONFESSIONS:

BAPTISMS:

Archbishop of Nassau

Pastor

Associate Pastor

Deacon

Administrator

SUNDAYS: 9.00am

6:15 a.m. & Adoration at 5.30pm and Mass at 6.30pm on Wednesdays

8:00 a.m.

SUNDAY : 8:45 a.m.– 8:55 a.m. or by appointment

Third Sunday in each month; except July, August and Lent

# **A WARM AND LOVING WELCOME TO ALL OUR VISITORS**

*“My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare.  
Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.”  
(Psalm 25 [24]:15-16)*



## **Let us Pray**



*Father, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brothers and sisters. May all who suffer pain, illness or disease, realize that they are chosen to be saints and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world. Amen. Father, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brothers and sisters. May all who suffer pain, illness or disease, realize that they are chosen to be saints and know that that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world. Amen. Rosemary Black, Enid Burnside, Avis Cartwright, Iris Cartwright, Delores Curry, Benjamin Demeritte Jr., Patsy Demeritte, Alexia Edgecombe, Mildred Edgecombe, Darrian Ferguson, Margaret Forskin, Oswald Knowles, Zion Knowles, Ambrose Jones, Lola Mackey, Cora Mackey, Ida Major, Vickae Moore, Antoinette Noguez, Avis Rolle, Natasha Rolle, Sheila Rolle, Winston Russell, Bernard Turnquest, Jacinta White, the families of Illinois Cash and Sonja Kemp, the imprisoned, the homebound, the hospitalized and persons in the Geriatrics Hospital. (If you, or a member of your family, or if you know of a parishioner that is ill, please notify the parish office).*

## **Daily Scripture Readings**



Monday, 24th	2 Kings 5:1-15ab Resp. Psalm 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 Gospel Luke 4:24-30
Tuesday, 25th The Annunciation of the Lord	Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10 Resp. Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 Hebrews 10:4-10 Gospel Luke 1:26-38
Wednesday, 26th	Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9 Psalm 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Gospel Matthew 5:17-19
Thursday, 27th	Jeremiah 7:23-28 Resp. Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Gospel Luke 11:14-23
Friday, 28th	Hosea 14:2-10 Resp. Psalm 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 Gospel Mark 12:28-34
Saturday, 29th	Hosea 6:1-6 Resp. Psalm 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab Gospel Luke 18:9-14

## **LECTORS' & EUCHARISTIC ROSTERS**

### LECTORS

### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

#### March 23rd, 2014—Third Sunday of Lent/First Scrutiny

Ricardo Taylor  
Marici Thompson

**Narrator: Vann Gaitor**  
**Woman: Rose Burton**

Monty Braithwaite  
Maria Collie  
Roxanne Chipman  
Joseph Curry  
Terez Curry  
Lesley Hutchinson  
Herman Russell  
Michael Smith  
Gary Young  
Diana Murray (reserve)

#### March 30th, 2014—Fourth Sunday of Lent/Second Scrutiny

Dedrie Woods  
Sophia Knowles

**Dialogue:**  
**Narrator: Phillandra Bain**  
**Speaker: Whitley Albury**  
**Man: Matthew Rahming**

Ethel Collie  
Veronica Hutchinson  
Diana Murray  
Vernon Ritchie  
Cheryl Russell  
Herman Russell  
Theres Saunders  
Beatrice Strachan  
Eric Wilmott  
Ishmael Pinder (reserve)

#### April 6th, 2014—Fifth Sunday of Lent/Third Scrutiny

Brian Gibson  
Lauren Curtis

**Dialogue:**  
**Narrator: Bernard Smith**  
**Speaker: Dianna Ferreira**  
**Mary/Martha: Crystal McIntosh**

Cheryl Albury  
Eva Edgecombe  
Dale Ferguson-Joseph  
Insa Frith  
Jillian Ferreira  
Gordon Major  
Linda Major  
Ishmael Pinder  
Benita Rahming  
Theres Saunders  
Francis Williams (reserve)

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*“Lord Jesus, my soul thirsts for you. Fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may always find joy in your presence and take delight in doing your will.” ~Daily Scripture Readings & Meditations~*

Thank you!

I wish to sincerely thank all of you who worshiped and celebrated my 70th birthday and shared your gifts with me, especially Msgr. Preston Moss, Fr. Junior Calixte, Deacon Raymond Forbes and the entire St. Anselm's Family. May God continue to bless each and every one of you! ~With Love, Mrs. Cora Mackey~

SEARCH 2014... "What is YOUR purpose?"

The Office of Youth and Young Adults will host a SEARCH Retreat under the theme:

***"Searching for the 3 P's...Prayer, Purpose and Peace"***

The retreat will be held the weekend of May 9 - May 11, 2014 at Emmaus Centre, Fox Hill. Parishes are encouraged to sponsor two candidates between 16-19 years old. The fee is \$75.00 per person. Deadline for submitting applications is Friday, May 2, 2014.

Please contact the Youth Office at 322-8919 or 328-4310/2 or email [rcayouthoffice@gmail.com](mailto:rcayouthoffice@gmail.com) for more information.

Children's Liturgy

March 23rd, 2014

March 30th, 2014

April 6th, 2014

Ambrosine Ingraham

Ingrid Farrington/Marita Knowles

Rolecea Hanna/Denine Cambridge

Commentators

March 23rd & 30th, 2014

April 6th & 13th, 2014

Daria Adderley

Barry Wilmott

Presentation of the Gifts

Each Sunday, a family will be selected to take up the gifts. A roster is posted in the bulletin and in the Church's foyer. Please ensure that you check the bulletin and foyer each week. Thank you!

March 23rd, 2014

March 30th, 2014

April 6th, 2014

Felix Musgrove  
& Family

F. Eugene Newry  
& Family

Miriam Symonette  
& Family

April 13th, 2014

April 20th, 2014

April 27th, 2014

Feliciana Cooper  
& Family

Sandra Clarke  
& Family

Camille Turnquest  
& Family

Men's Security Surveillance Team Roster

The Men's Security Surveillance Team provides security for the church's property and parishioners' vehicles during Mass. Please find the list of men scheduled to serve below:

March 23rd, 2014

March 30th, 2014

April 6th, 2014

April 13th, 2014

Gordon Major

David Rahming

Ernest Thompson

Bursel Woods

Marcus Moss

Glen Romer

Andrew Treco

Wayde White

Men's Security Surveillance for CCD on Saturday mornings

March 29th, 2014

April 5th, 2014

April 12th, 2014

Earl Thompson/Rondell Knowles Monty Braithwaite/Ishmael Pinder Lester Gittens/Gordon Major

Reflecting on the Word

This Sunday's readings all point to Jesus as the one who can quench the deepest thirsts of our souls. The book of Exodus focuses on bodily thirst, with God miraculously providing water for the Israelites in the desert. The Gospel presents Jesus' dialogue with the Samaritan woman at the well, in which he reveals himself as the source of living water. The Letter of Paul to the Romans speaks of the love of God that is poured into our hearts.

Perhaps the metaphor of thirst, even more than the metaphor of hunger, conveys the desperation of the soul's need for God. We might pass a day or two or even more without food and experience only mild discomfort. But cut off from water, we are quickly afflicted with thirst, we experience it as an immediate threat to our life and health. Like the Israelites in the desert, we soon begin to grumble.

The Samaritan woman must already feel the pangs of spiritual thirst. Though initially disconcerted by being addressed by a Jewish man, she engages him in conversation, yearning for the living water that he offers, bringing relief to her life of spiritual longing. Lent is an opportunity to let ourselves feel our spiritual thirst and to welcome the living water that Jesus offers.

Consider

- ◇ What am I spiritually thirsting for? Acceptance? Wisdom? Forgiveness? Something else?
- ◇ Have there been moments when I have felt that the love of God was poured into my heart? Is God's love poured into us even when we don't feel it?

Responding to the Word

Lord Jesus, you offered the Samaritan woman a spring of water welling up to eternal life. Give to us that same living water, so that we might live in God's presence forever. Amen.

~Living the Word~

Bible Class

Bible Class is held every Monday at 7.00pm in the middle classroom.

Thank You!

Thank you all parishioners for your generosity. May God abundantly reward you for your continued faithful weekly support to the parish.

Your **PRIEST** is someone's son. Your **SON** could be someone's priest!

For information on vocations contact: [archdioceseofnassau.org](http://archdioceseofnassau.org)

Vocation Prayer

Lord, let me know clearly the work which you are calling me to do in life. And grant me every grace I need to answer your call with courage and love and lasting dedication to your will. Amen.

*Happy Birthday Greetings are extended to:* Floridell Adderley, Catrina Basden, Ashley Butler, Catherine Butler, Nia Creary, D'Shard Davis, Louise Demeritte, Vera Demeritte, Sharrell Gibson, Jennifer Knowles, Sonja Knowles, Tamadia Major, Aysha Moss, Charlene Newton, Randolph Rodgers, Kyandre Sands, Tina Sands, Tobias Saunders, Terecita Stuart, Raquel Swann, Nicholas Tucker, Jewel White, ..**and to all celebrating this week.**

**Baptismal Instructions**

There will be no baptisms during the month of March as this is the Lenten season. The next baptism will be held at the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening, April 19th, 2014 at 9.00pm. Session for all parents, god-parents and sponsors (Catholic as well as non Catholic) will be held on Wednesday, April 2nd at 7.00pm in the CCD office. All Parents must meet with Msgr. Moss or Fr. Calixte before the baptism.

**Happy Anniversary**

The parish community extends Happy Anniversary to:

- ◇ Brudienell and Creola Kelly celebrating their 53rd wedding anniversary on Wednesday, March 26th.
- ◇ D'Arcy & Benita Rahming celebrating their 26th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, March 26th.

**Prayerful Condolences**

The parish community extends prayerful condolences to Dedrie Woods and Delora Moncur and their families on the death of their mother, Edith Ellis who died on Friday, March 14th and was buried from St. James Native Baptist Church on Friday, March 2st. May her soul rest in peace.

**CCD News**

- ◇ The Scriptures Class was on a Lenten Reflection yesterday at the Upper Room under the theme: "Take 5 with Jesus". Please continue to pray for Valicia Demeritte, G'Angelo Edgecombe, Tiana Ferguson, Sean Hall, Andrew Knowles, Chislon Moss, Chinasa Outten, Jude Smith, Katelyn Taylor, Janae White and Eryn Wilmott.
- ◇ CCD Mass and March will take place next Saturday, March 29th at 10.10am. All are invited to join CCD as we celebrate and witness "Opening the Doors of Faith" to the Fox Hill community.

**Ladies Auxiliary Meeting**

The Ladies Auxiliary Monthly Meeting will be held this afternoon at 3.00pm in the eastern classroom. All ladies interested in joining the group are invited to attend.

**Ladies Auxiliary Upcoming Events in the Parish**

- Sunday, March 30th — Ladies Auxiliary Lenten Tea
- Sunday, May 4th — Ladies Auxiliary 49th Anniversary

**Stations of the Cross are held every Friday at 7.00pm in the Chapel. YSB Youth Group meetings will follow immediately after in the HLC Center.**

**Parish Lenten Mission**

The Parish Lenten Mission begins this evening at **6.30pm** and tomorrow, **March 24th through Wednesday, March 26th at 7.00pm nightly** under the theme "**Touched By The Lord**" with guest preacher, Fr. Michel Francis, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of St. Lucia and Pastor of the Immaculate Conception Cathedral. Schedule is as follows: **Monday, March 24th — Penance Service; Tuesday, March 25th — The Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord; Wednesday, March 26th — Closing Mass**

**St. Anselm's 11th Anniversary**

Today marks the 11th anniversary of the consecration of our New Worship Space. Happy Anniversary!

**Catholic Archdiocesan Annual Appeal**

The 2014 Catholic Archdiocesan Annual Appeal has begun under the theme "Giving in Gratitude", and we are once again asking you, the faithful, to share in the responsibility of funding the needs and programs of our Archdiocese, which benefit not only us, but the wider community. All members of the parish are asked to make a pledge. No gift is too big or too small. Each of us has something to offer God who has given us our varied gifts. Therefore as a part of our stewardship of treasure you are invited to participate. **The Archdiocesan goal is \$450,000 and our Parish goal is \$30,200.** Our parish will benefit through the Parish Sharing Formula and get 40% of any cash over the parish goal and an additional 2% when we achieve the donor target by August 31st, 2014." Please contact the parish office or parish representatives, Mr. Monty Braithwaite or Mrs. Cheryl Russell to make a pledge or contribution. Thank you for your continued support.

**Contributors to date:**

- Jillian Ferreira Carmel Mortimer Theres Saunders**

**The Catholic Games**

The Archdiocesan Family Life Commission is once again hosting its second annual Catholic Games on Saturday, April 26th at Aquinas College Grounds, Gladstone Road, between 9.00pm—5.00pm. There will be wholesome, fun-friendly sporting activities such as: Volley Ball, Rounders, Track and Field, Tug-O-War, Board Games, etc. Food and Drinks will be on sale. All families (Catholic and non-Catholic) are welcome and are encouraged to join in the fun! For more information, please contact the Office of Family Life at 322-7711 or 328-4310/2.

**Fundraising Committee Meetings**

Fundraising Committee meetings are held every Wednesday at 6.30pm in the eastern classroom. All persons interested in joining the group are invited to attend.

**City Wide Penance Service**

The City Wide Penance Service will be held on Wednesday, March 26th at 7.00pm at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, West Street. All are invited to attend.

**Second Collection**

A second collection will be taken immediately after the general offering next Sunday, March 30th to assist with the works of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please be as generous as your means would allow. Thank you for your continued generous support.