

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 II	Thursdays at 4:15 p.m.
Bible Class	Monday at 7:00p.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	As advised.
Fundraising Meeting	Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.
Hospitality Ministers	as advised
Ladies Guild	3rd Sunday of month at 4:00 p.m.
Legion of Mary	Thursdays at 6:00p.m.
Lectors	Tuesdays at 7 p.m.
Parish Council	Every 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Senior Choir	Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m.
St. Vincent De Paul	Every 2nd & 4th Saturday at 8:30 a.m.
Youth Choir	Wednesdays from 7 to 9 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.
Knights of Columbus	2nd & 4th Wednesday at 8.00pm Upper Room, St. Augustine's Monastery

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.

We are the servants of God, each with his or her own task. We will be judged good stewards if, at His coming, He finds us ready and conscientiously pursuing the task to which we have been called.

Today's Focus... In God's Hands

We begin a new year of grace by willingly and trustingly putting ourselves into God's hands, to be formed into vessels that bring God's word into the world.

Flowers

Person interested in donating flowers for the altar can contact the parish office. Flowers can be donated for birthdays, anniversaries or in memory of a loved one.

How do we watch and wait for the Lord's coming?

How does the Lord want us to be watchful and vigilant for his return? The kind of watching the Lord has in mind is not a passive "wait and see what happens" approach to life. The Lord urges us to vigilance and to active prayer that his "kingdom may come" and his "will be done on earth as it is in heaven". We are not only to watch **for** Christ, but to watch **with** Christ. The Lord wants us to have our hearts and minds fixed on him and his word. He wants us to be ready for his action and work of grace in our lives and in our world. Those who "wait" for the Lord will not be disappointed. He will surely come with his grace and saving help. Do you watch for the Lord's action in your life with expectant faith and with joyful hope?

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“Be watchful! Be Alert! You do not know when the Lord of the house is coming!”

November 30th, 2014
 First Sunday of Advent
 First Reading
 Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7
 Second Reading
 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
 Gospel
 Mark 13:33-37

December 7th, 2014
 Second Sunday of Advent
 First Reading
 Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
 Second Reading
 2 Peter 3:8-14
 Gospel
 Mark 1:1-8



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.— Wednesdays - Adoration at 5.30pm followed by Mass at 6.15pm
 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

*“To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted;
let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.”*



(Cf. Psalm 25 [24]:1-3)
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. **Royston Burton, Rosemary Black, Camille Bain, Enid Burnside, Michelle Butler, Avis Cartwright, Iris Cartwright, Patsy Demeritte, Mildred Edgecombe, Darrian Ferguson, Oswald Knowles, Zion Knowles, Claudia Joseph, Ida Major, Vickae Moore, Jamie Moss, Antoinette Nouguez, Avis Rolle, Winston Russell, Bernard Turnquest, Jacinta White, 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, 1st	Isaiah 2:1-5 Resp. Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9 Gospel Matthew 8:5-11
Tuesday, 2nd	Isaiah 11:1-10 Resp. Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Gospel Luke 10:21-24
Wednesday, 3rd St. Francis Xavier, Priest	1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 or Isaiah 25:6-10a Resp. Psalm 117 or Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Gospel Mark 16:15-20 or Matthew 15:29-37
Thursday, 4th St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church	Isaiah 26:1-6 Resp. Psalm 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Gospel Matthew 7:21, 24-27
Friday, 5th	Isaiah 29:17-24 Resp. Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14 Gospel Matthew 9:27-31
Saturday, 6th St. Nicholas, Bishop	Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26 Resp. Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Gospel Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

LECTORS' & EUCHARISTIC ROSTERS

LECTORS

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

November 30th, 2014 — First Sunday of Advent

Bursel Woods
Wardissa Brown

Monty Braithwaite
Maria Collie
Veronica Hutchinson
Linda Major
Vernon Ritchie
Cheryl Russell
Theres Saunders
Francis Williams
Eric Wilmott
Gary Young
Gordon Major (reserve)

December 7th, 2014 — Second Sunday of Advent

Kevin Fernander
Rickell Curry

Cheryl Albury
Eileen Bain
Jason Knowles
Insa Frith
Eva Edgecombe
Jillian Ferreira
Dale Ferguson-Joseph
Gordon Major
Dianna Murray
Michael Smith
Benita Rahming (reserve)

December 14th, 2014 — Third Sunday in Advent

Joy Smith
Ricardo Taylor

Roxanne Chipman
Ethel Collie
Joseph Curry
Terez Curry
Lesley Hutchinson
Dianna Murray
Benita Rahming
Herman Russell
Beatrice Strachan
Sheila Rolle
Eric Wilmott (reserve)

World Aids Day Service

The World Aids Day Service will be held here tomorrow, December 1st at 1.00pm. All are invited to attend.

St. Joseph Adult Day Care Centre Family Fun Night & Bingo

St. Joseph Adult Day Care Centre will hold a Family Fun Night & Bingo on the grounds on Boyd Road on Friday, December 5th from 6.00pm to 9.00pm.

St. Francis Island Wide Advent Penance Service

An island wide (New Providence) Advent Penance Service will take place at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral on Wednesday, December 17th at 7.00pm. All are invited to attend.

Children's Liturgy

November 30th, 2014

December 7th, 2014

December 14th, 2014

Nicole Morley

Raquel Williams/Celeste Armbrister

Kim Sturrup/Whitley Albury

Commentators

November 3rd & December 7th, 2014

December 14th & 21st, 2014

Vann Gaitor

Letitia Ellis

Presentation of the Gifts

November 30th, 2014

December 7th, 2014

December 14th, 2014

Valerie Edgecombe
& Family

Frank Benoit
& Family

Claudine Stubbs
& Family

December 21st, 2014

December 28th, 2014

January 4th, 2015

CCD Children

Lana Edgecombe
& Family

Barbara Knowles
& Family

Men's Security Surveillance Team Roster

November 30th, 2014

December 7th, 2014

December 14th, 2014

December 21st, 2014

Arnold Ferguson
Sidney Cambridge

Renaldo Fawkes
Hosea Moss

Louis Isaacs Jr.
Marcus Moss

David Rahming
Glen Romer

Men's Surveillance for CCD on Saturday Mornings

December 6th, 2014

December 13th, 2014

December 20th, 2014

Monty Braithwaite

Lester Gittens/Gordon Major

Christmas Break

Reflecting on the Word

I recall years ago talking with a friend who made her living as a potter, about how she had gone through a lengthy period when she had not taken much pleasure in her craft. Under the pressure to produce sets of matching dinnerware, which was her most lucrative and steady source of income, she had come to find producing endless plates and bowls to be tedious. What had once been a joyful and creative act had become a job like any other.

But then, she told me, she begun to make very simple pots, not turned on a wheel but simply pinched out of a ball of clay, the way that schoolchildren might work with clay. They were no particularly saleable and lacked the smoothness and evenness of the pottery that came off the pottery wheel. But they reconnected her with the elemental act of artistic creation and she began to take joy in her pottery once again.

The prophet Isaiah, after presenting a rather terrifying picture of the coming of God and offering a pithy summary of the bad news— "you are angry, and we are sinful"—suddenly changes tone and proclaims: "we are the clay and you the potter: we are like all the work of your hands." God is like a potter who takes joy in creating. Unlike my friend, who grew weary of her pots and had to rediscover what had attracted her to pottery. In the first place, we are in the hands of God who never tires of molding and shaping our lives, a God who, as Paul tells the Corinthians, has enriched us in every way with every spiritual gift.

Responding to the Word

Lord God, as we await your coming we know that our lives are in your hands. Hold us gently but firmly, in your wisdom remold us to be the people that you would have us to be.

Bible Class is held every Monday evening at 6.30pm in the parish hall.

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

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: Skye Clarke, Perrika Curry, Kishon Demeritte, Marissa Demeritte, Letitia Ellis, Acharnicko Evans, Barbara Ferguson, Cheiwah Ferguson, Jermaine Ferguson, Neil Gibson, John Greene, Kenyon Jervis, Darriel Miller, Dvyne Miller, Myles Saunders, Anatole Saunders, Shiloh Sawyer, Symphony Sawyer, Tre Strachan, Yvette White...**and to all celebrating this week.**

Baptismal Instructions

Parents or guardians wishing to have their baby baptized in the month of December are reminded to collect the forms from the parish office and return them along with a copy of the child's birth certificate to the parish office before attending the first session scheduled for Wednesday, December 3rd. Instructions are for parents, Catholic and non-Catholic witnesses. Baptism will take place on Sunday, December 21st.

Welcome!

The parish community extends a heartfelt welcome to the Agnes Johnson Family worshipping with us this morning.

Prayerful Condolences

The parish community extends prayerful condolences to:

- ◇ Ms. Loretta Taylor and family on the death of her sister, Arimentha Taylor who died Sunday, November 16th and was buried here on Friday.
- ◇ Mr. James Curry and family on the death of his wife, Delores Curry who died on Sunday, November 23rd and will be buried from here on Saturday, December 6th at 2.00pm.
- ◇ Mrs. Salvacion Foody and family on the death of her husband, Martin Foody who died on Thursday, November 27th. Funeral arrangements to be announced later. May their souls rest in peace.

Happy Anniversary

The parish community extends happy wedding anniversary to Jermaine & Gwendolyn Fritz celebrating their 10th wedding anniversary on December 4th.

Fundraising Committee Meetings

Fundraising Committee Meetings are held on Thursdays at 6.00pm in the parish hall. All persons interested in joining the committee are invited to attend. **Breakfast is served after Mass each Sunday morning in the parish hall at a cost of \$2.00.**

Collection envelopes 2015

Collection envelopes for 2015 are now available in the courtyard.

Dates To Remember

Monday, December 1st through Wednesday, December 3rd—Parish Advent Mission at 7.00pm
Guest speaker: Fr. Don Chambers of Holy Cross Parish in Kingston, Jamaica. **The Sacrament of Penance on Tuesday, December 2nd**
Tuesday, December 9th—Parish Council Meeting at 6.30pm in the parish office

Thank You!

To my Church Family at St. Anselm's Parish, my heartfelt thanks for your words of encouragement, support, and prayers during my illness. And as I continue on my journey to wellness, I ask for your continued prayers—I will also keep you in mine. ~Anntoinette Hutchinson-Nouguez and Family~

Thank You!

Jason and Ancilla Knowles would like to thank the St. Anselm's Parish Community for your support at our Steak-Out last week Saturday, in aid of Zion's medical Fund.

Your contribution will assist us in obtaining the care and medication that Zion needs to survive. We are sincerely grateful to you and appreciate your continued prayers and support. God bless you all.

Aquinas College Annual Steak-out and Mini Fair

Aquinas College Annual Mini Fair and Steak Out will be held on Saturday, December 6th from 12.00 pm to 5.00pm at the school campus on Gladstone Road. Steak Out tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased from the school. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to Aquinas College. Steak out tickets are available at the parish office.

Xavier 's College P.T.A. Steak-out Tickets

Xavier's College P.T.A. will hold a Steak-Out on Saturday, December 13th, 2014 from 12.00 noon to 5.30pm on the school grounds, West Bay Street. Steak Out tickets are available at the parish office. (unpaid tickets will not be honored).

L. W. Young Annual Senior Citizens' Party

All senior citizens of the parish are cordially invited to attend L. W. Young Junior High School's Annual Senior Citizens' Party on Saturday, December 6th, 2014 from 11.30am to 1.30am in the school's Auditorium, Bernard Road.

Free 'Flu Vaccines

Free 'Flu vaccines are available at St. Jude's Medical Center, Market Street. Please call 322-4023 for an appointment. Thank you!

**Archdiocese of Nassau
Office of Family Life**

The Retired & Elderly Advent Reflection Day will be held on Friday, December 5, 2014 between 9.30pm—3.30pm at Emmaus Centre, Fox Hill. Interested persons may contact Mrs. Maxine Ritchie, the parish office or the Office of Family Life at 322-8919 or 328-4310/2 for more information. Cost for lunch: \$15.00 per person.

The next Marriage Preparation Course will begin on Wednesday, January 7, 2015. The classes are held at Emmaus Centre, Fox Hill. Couples planning to marry by June, 2015 should enroll in this course. The registration fee is \$100.00 per couple (includes text book and couple's workbook).