

Weekly Notices

Sunday 4th February Sunday School at St. Francis at 3:30 pm
 Sunday School at St. Mark's at 3:30 pm

Sunday 11th February Mass at St. Francis at 6:30 am
 Mass at St. Mark's at 6:30 am
 Holy Eucharist at St. Georges at 8:30 am.

1. Readings for Sunday 11th February, 2007.
 First Lesson: **Mother's Union - Jeremiah 17: 5-10**
 Epistle: **Brotherhood - 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20**
 Intercession: **Form H**
2. Persons are kindly asked to contact Fr. Rohim at 461-3154 for inquiries of Baptism, Weddings, Sponsorship of the Bulletin or any other matters of the Parish.
3. **Mother's Union** meetings are held every 2nd and 4th Sundays at 4:30 pm at alternate venues every month; i.e. one month at St. Mark's Chapel and the following month at St. Francis Chapel at 4:30 pm. All members please take note and be present.
4. **The Brotherhood** meets at 6:00 pm every 1st and 3rd Mondays at St. Mark's Chapel. All members are asked to please take note and be present.
5. **The Friends of St. Francis** meets at 7:30 pm every 2nd & 4th Mondays at St. Francis Chapel. All members are asked to please take note and be present.
6. **The St. Francis Youth Fellowship** meets at 4:00 pm every 1st and last Sunday at St. Francis Chapel. All members are asked to please take note and be present.
7. **StG.Com (St. George's on the Move)** meets at 7:30 pm every Tuesday at St. Mark's Chapel. All members are asked to please take note and be present.
8. **The St. George's Choir** meets at 7:30 pm every Thursday at St. Mark's Chapel. All members are asked to please take note and be present.
9. The congregation are reminded that the Ushers are to ensure that those coming up for Holy Communion and Blessing do so in an orderly manner. Kindly co-operate with them at all times. Thank you!

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-INS:

Maurice Barnes, Inez Bass (Montserrat), Ashby Benjamin, Casilda Bloodman, Carolyn Browne, Mildred Chiddick, Barbara Kaye Clarke-Daniel, Henry Daley, Mymin Davis (England), Cynthia Dublin, Olga Dublin, Eustace Gardner, George Gloade, Alston Isaac, Daren James, Jacqueline James (London), Rupert James, Uriel James, Eunice Jonas, Celestina Joseph, Kathleen Joseph (U.S.A.), Foster King, Ruth King, Viola Lawrence, Cavelle Lewis, Idona Lewis, Walbridge Lewis, Agatha Martin, Amanda Martin, Alfred Matthew, Enroy Matthew, Edmund Norford, Henrietta Osbourne, Kelly Paul, Yvonne Peters, Solomie Phillip, Fitzroy Ramsey (St. Maarten), Doris Matthew-Robins, Frances Samuel, Yvette Tomlinson, Arden Thomas, William Thomas, Cecilia Thompson (Blue Waters), Leona Tittle-Minette, Alphonso Tonge, Gabriel Wade, Phyllis White, Rachel Williams, Vivianna Williams.

St. George's Parish

With St. Mark's - Pigotts, St. Francis - Judges Hill

EPIPHANY V

RECTOR: THE REV. FR. JOHN ROHIM

DEACONS: THE REV. CATHERINE EDWARDS, THE REV. GEORGE RICHARDS

LAY MINISTERS: MR. ALSTON ISAAC, MR. AUSTIN SMITH

EUCARIST MINISTERS: MARK FRANCIS, JULIUS GORE & WALTER BERRIDGE

THE VESTRY: ALSTON ISAAC, BERTRAND PHILLIP, LORRAINE DAVIS,

LORETTA IRELAND, JULIUS GORE, AUSTIN SMITH, CAREY THOMPSON,

CLEO HAMPSON, LESROY GRANT.

PROFILE

MRS LORRAINE LEWIS DAVIS
SECRETARY TO THE VESTRY

Born in Barnes Hill, Antigua, Lorraine is the daughter of Iva and Livingstone Lewis. She has been a member of St. Georges Church since baptism.

She was educated at the Christ the King High School and is presently employed with the government of Antigua and Barbuda as an Air Traffic Controller.

She holds a Diploma in General and Human Resource Management from the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados.

Lorraine is married to Trevor Davis and is the proud mother of two boys Shane and Ravi.

She likes working with young people and is currently the Church's Parish Youth Coordinator.

She is also a member of various church organizations which gives her the opportunity to work for her church while serving her Lord.

“May The Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you.

May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.”

First Lesson: Judges 6: 11-24a

¹¹ Now the angel of the LORD came and sat under the oak at Ophrah, which belonged to Jo'ash the Abiez'rite, as his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the wine press, to hide it from the Mid'ianites. ¹² And the angel of the LORD appeared to him and said to him, "The LORD is with you, you mighty man of valor." ¹³ And Gideon said to him, "Pray, sir, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this befallen us? And where are all his wonderful deeds which our fathers recounted to us, saying, 'Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?' But now the LORD has cast us off, and given us into the hand of Mid'ian." ¹⁴ And the LORD turned to him and said, "Go in this might of yours and deliver Israel from the hand of Mid'ian; do not I send you?" ¹⁵ And he said to him, "Pray, Lord, how can I deliver Israel? Behold, my clan is the weakest in Manas'seh, and I am the least in my family." ¹⁶ And the LORD said to him, "But I will be with you, and you shall smite the Mid'ianites as one man." ¹⁷ And he said to him, "If now I have found favor with thee, then show me a sign that it is thou who speakest with me." ¹⁸ Do not depart from here, I pray thee, until I come to thee, and bring out my present, and set it before thee." And he said, "I will stay till you return." ¹⁹ So Gideon went into his house and prepared a kid, and unleavened cakes from an ephah of flour; the meat he put in a basket, and the broth he put in a pot, and brought them to him under the oak and presented them. ²⁰ And the angel of God said to him, "Take the meat and the unleavened cakes, and put them on this rock, and pour the broth over them." And he did so. ²¹ Then the angel of the LORD reached out the tip of the staff that was in his hand, and touched the

meat and the unleavened cakes; and there sprang up fire from the rock and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and the angel of the LORD vanished from his sight. ²² Then Gideon perceived that he was the angel of the LORD; and Gideon said, "Alas, O Lord GOD! For now I have seen the angel of the LORD face to face." ²³ But the LORD said to him, "Peace be to you; do not fear, you shall not die." ²⁴ Then Gideon built an altar there to the LORD, and called it, The LORD is peace.



Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

¹ Now I would remind you, brethren, in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, ² by which you are saved, if you hold it fast - unless you believed in vain. ³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God of God which is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.



central column represents the pillar before the Praetorium, and the ovary, the hammer used at the Cross. Stafford further points out the petal, refer to the Apostles who fled, omitting Judas Iscariot and John.

8. The POINSETTIA is a flower that recently has come to signify our Lord's Nativity.
9. The ROSE, often used in conventionalized form on Pew ends, moldings in Church School Class rooms, and in Church windows, is the symbols of messianic hope (Isaiah 35:1), love, our Lord on His Nativity, Mary the mother of our Lord, Paradise and beauty. The rose of SHARON, like the LILY OF THE VALLEY, is a lovely name (Song of Solomon 2: 1)
10. The SUNFLOWER is emblematic of the soul turning to Christ because of the flower; habit of turning toward the sun; it is also symbolic of glory, gratitude and remembrance.
11. The VIOLET is a symbol of humility and secrecy because of its location, usually beneath hedges or in the shadow of larger plants.
12. The POMEGRANATE is a symbol of the Resurrection of our Lord and the fertility of the word. It is found in Church needlework and carvings.
13. LOTUS, as the Lotus, having its roots in Quagmire and its stem in muddy water, emerges as a flower of exquisite beauty and purity, so Christians are to rise above all passions and selfish gain.



THE PASSION FLOWER

AS PART OF OUR LENTEN DISCIPLINE THERE WILL BE A FIVE (5) MINUTE BIBLE STUDY BEFORE THE SERMON. PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO WALK WITH THEIR BIBLES TO CHURCH.

The Cathedral Parish invites all members to a **Procession of Witness and Service of Thanksgiving** today (Sunday 3rd February, 2007) at 4:00 pm at St. John's Cathedral. The Bishop will be the Chief Celebrant and Preacher.

DO YOU KNOW?

There are a vast number of symbols in Christian Tradition which are charged with great meaning. Some of them have risen to the full rank of Symbols. Others are merely symbolic in meaning.

Generally speaking FLOWERS are symbolic of the beauty of God and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The following flowers have specific meanings as well.

1. The Christmas Rose symbolises the Nativity of the Lord. Margaret Ann Ahlers, a writer for the Dayton Journal (Dec 13th, 1941), traced the known history of it and indicated the deep significance which may be derived from its survival through the centuries in spit of snow and storms. The flower grew abundantly in the 1st Century; It was especially beautiful on Mount Helicon, The rose was first called the white rose when people began to notice that it would stand the ravages of Winter; later it was named the Christmas Rose when they noticed that it bloomed just at Christmas time. Miss Ahlers reminded that "despite wars which shake the whole earth, there still exists a mighty power which can shape a rose and lead shepherds to a king".
2. The Christmas STARWORT likewise stands for the Nativity.
3. The DAISY is the emblem of the Christ Child's innocence, innocence in general, and youth.
4. The EASTER LILY is a symbol of Easter because it blooms at that time.
5. The GLADIOLUS represents the Incarnation, the word made flesh.
6. The LILLY OF THE VALLEY means humility, purity, Mary the mother of our Lord and our Lord Himself. (Song of Solomon 2:22)
7. The PASSION FLOWER is emblematic of Christ's suffering. According to E.W. Leachman, a special meaning has been given to each part of this flower. The ten petals signify the ten Apostles who did not deny or betray our Lord. (Peter denied Jesus and Judas betrayed Jesus). The rays within the flowers are the crown of thorns; the five stamens refer to the five wounds of Jesus on the Cross; the three styles remind one of the nails; the leaf is s-shaped like a spear; the tendrils signify the cords with which our Lord was bound. T.A. Stafford writes that the

The Gospel: Luke 5: 1-11

¹ While the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennes'aret. ² And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴ And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵ And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." ⁶ And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, ⁷ they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." ⁹ For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zeb'edee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." ¹¹ And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.



TODAY WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A WARM ST. GEORGE'S WELCOME TO ALL OUR VISITORS WHO ARE VISITING WITH US FOR THE FIRST TIME OR THE FIRST IN A LONG TIME.

A SPECIAL WELCOME IS EXTENDED TO MR. DOUGLAS McCLAREN, DIRECTOR OF TAX COMPLIANCE UNIT AND THE DIRECTOR FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA SALES TAX (ABST).



*"We embrace you all with enthusiasm,
with open hearts, open minds, open doors;
and we hope that you will enjoy sharing in fellowship with us."*

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES TODAY OR DURING THE WEEK. MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY GREETINGS ARE EXTENDED TO **MISS MONA DESTIN** WHO CELEBRATED HER BIRTHDAY ON SATURDAY 3RD FEBRUARY, 2007, AND WHO HAS GRACIOUSLY SPONSORED THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR AND THIS WEEK'S BULLETINS IN THANKSGIVING FOR ANOTHER YEAR OF SPARED LIFE.

*"It's God who knows our every need and hears each prayer we say....
It's He who grants us heart's content and guides us through each day....
So may it be His Gracious will to always give to you,
His Understanding and His Love and all His Blessings too."
May God Bless you on your Birthday and always*



SOCIAL OUTREACH

EVERY WEDNESDAY WE PROVIDE A MEAL
FOR 50 SENIOR CITIZENS.

YOUR CONTRIBUTION WILL BE MOST APPRECIATED.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT
MRS. KATHLEEN PHILLIP, MR. AUSTIN SMITH OR FR. ROHIM.

Our weekly bulletins and information on the Parish and other Parishes of the North Eastern Caribbean and Aruba can be found on the website: www.dioneca.org . Check it out.

Treasurer's Corner

Sunday 28th January, 2007

The Treasurer's Corner is designed to provide weekly information on church offerings as well as attendance. It is also intended to appraise parishioners of the importance to support the various ministries within the Church.

Your generous contribution is most appreciated.

Attendance last Sunday (21st January, 2007) - 294

Stewardship	\$ 2,521.50
Loose	1,102.78
Walk-Up	140.03
New Year's	181.00
Baptismal Offering	540.00
Donation (Church repairs)	250.00
*Others	655.00

Total church offerings for Sunday 28th January, 2007 was \$ 5,390.31

*Others represents:- Anniversaries, In Thanksgiving For, Sponsorship of the Bulletin, Loan Repayment, Insurance Payment, Vagrant's Ministry and St. Phillip's Parish Contribution to the Vestry Retreat.

Expenses for the month of January, 2007

Utility	\$ 3,268.49
Maintenance of Church / Church Yard	\$ 2,410.65
Social outreach	\$ 1,519.00
Stationary	\$ 1,580.00
Car Rental	\$ 1,485.00
Repairs to Parish Car	\$16,679.91
Contributions towards Provincial Synod	\$ 1,000.00
Lunch for Vestry Retreat	\$ 2,000.00
Stipend / Allowance	\$ 4,716.63
Loan for Diocese	\$ 3,000.00
Quota	\$ 3,641.08
Miscellaneous	\$ 576.90
Total Expenses	<u>\$41,877.66</u>