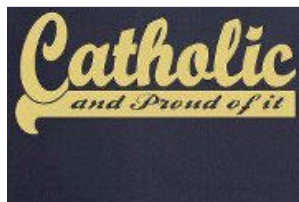




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LENT INTO EASTER

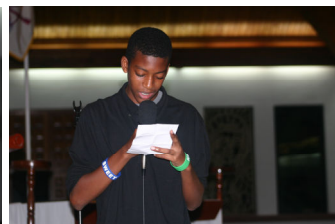
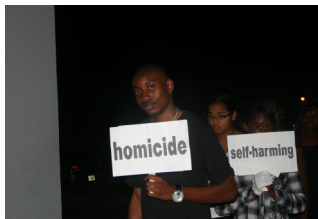
As the Church's liturgical year, moved from Lent to Easter, moreover, our youth and young adults of the parish remained visible throughout.

Pledges for Forty days and nights were made in giving up a habit for the Lenten season and it all began on Ash Wednesday. The first week was a symbolic reflection walking from our Lady's Ovals to the old St. Joseph's and then to Holy Family Cathedral. These two communities was merged in 1987 to become Holy Family Cathedral. The new Bishop journeyed with the faithful for almost all of the weeks of the Stations. The young people again were represented. The last week of the stations was a reflection by the youth focusing on the issues affecting them today - homicide, gangs, rejection from parents just to name a few.

After most of the stations of the cross, the Youth council sold fish cakes and bakes in an effort to raise funds for AEC Youth Assembly in St. Lucia this July.

The journey continued into Holy week beginning with Chrism Mass, Holy Thursday (where the youth were involved in the washing of feet), March of Witness on Good Friday Morning at Tyrells followed by Service at 3:00 in the Cathedral. The youth attending AEC were joined by others for a bonfire where marshmallows were roasted and fishcakes and bakes were served.

The Easter Vigil reminded us to focus on three thoughts- wakeup, look around and leave behind. As each new day dawns, we take the opportunity to "wakeup" to new life in God. Examine oneself by "looking around" take courage and "leave behind" and continue life's journey to holiness in Christ Jesus.





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AEC ACTIVITIES: The youth are on a fundraising drive. The newest one is the carwash venture. Hence, ensure that you call and make your appointment. Fundraisers aren't all that they do, socializing is a key part of the activities. A Bonfire Night was held where those who attended roasted marshmallows over the bonfire and fishcakes and bakes were part of the staple diet of the night. It was indeed difficult to drag the domino group away from their games while others enjoyed a loud and robust card game called "piggy".



car wash fundraiser



Socializing after Good Friday Service



SPIRITUAL PREPARATION FOR A.E.C

For the success of the Assembly: Youth Council Prayer
Time at 3 p.m. daily

Starting Friday 20th April: Weekly Holy Hour - Fridays
from 5 - 6 p.m.

24 hour Prayer Clock: An invitation is extended to
individuals to pray for the success of the Assembly

Praying the AEC Youth Assembly Prayer at meetings and at
Church on Sundays invite the youth to pray that prayer

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ASSEMBLY 2012

PRAYER

Father of mercy and love, we, the youth of the Caribbean, give thanks and praise to you for the gift of life. We declare our commitment always to defend and protect the sacredness of human life. Teach us to celebrate the gift of life each day. Grant us the grace to be faithful stewards of the gifts we have received and to follow Christ as true disciples of life. Father, may your Word be a lamp for our steps and a light for our paths. Pour out your Spirit upon us that we may witness to the truth, be steadfast in our commitment to Christ, respect the dignity of each person and work for reconciliation in all our relationships. Father, give us strength when we are weak, hope when we despair, joy when we are sad, courage when we are afraid, and be a light for us when we lose our way. Draw us closer to you and to Jesus your Son. Then, united in faith, hope and love under the care of Mary our Mother may we ponder your word deep in our hearts and spread the Gospel by the witness and example of our lives. Amen.

THIS MONTHS FEATURE

VASHTI RAMSEY



She was born in 1983 to a predominantly Catholic Family. She attended the St. John's Catholic Primary School and then on to the Christ the King High School where she graduated in 1999. She then attended the Antigua State College and upon graduation entered the world of work. After three (3)

years, she decided to further her studies and attained a Bachelor of Science in Tourism Management from the University of the West Indies. Currently, she is employed as Tourism Officer responsible for product development in the Ministry of Tourism. She is pursuing studies in Coastal Zone Management via distance learning.

During her school years, Vashti was always involved in extra-curricular activities. She was a member of the Christ the King High School Choir, the Christ the King Steel Orchestra and planned a number of school events and fundraisers. Vashti's drive did not stop at a school level. Vashti was actively involved in the Holy Family Cathedral's annual Summer Camp starting out as an attendee and moving on eventually to camp counselor. Here, she taught the younger group between the ages of five (5) and eight (8) years old. She continued her involvement as a result of attending confirmation classes and soon became a Catechist aid teaching Para Liturgy and then a Catechist handling the Post Communion Monday School group. But it does not end there! Vashti was also actively involved in the dance Ministry (one of her many loves) ministering to the congregation during Masses. Vashti soon added the Holy Family Steel Orchestra under her belt when, in 1999, the group was re-

vived. She has been involved in this Ministry for over ten (10) years and is currently the Captain of the band. She now represents the band on a number of Church committees.

Vashti has always been a determined and committed young lady that always maintained a strong focus on spiritual enhancement. This attitude has carried through to her working life where she has had many successful events and projects completed.

Why has Vashti remained so involved and committed in the Church?

When asked how she balances all her activities, Vashti responds, "God alone knows" she chuckles.

"Sometimes I wonder how I'm able to keep up. But when I look at the many lives I'm able to touch in some small positive way through these things, it gives me that extra motivation to keep going". She enjoys working with the youth and that too has helped her to remain committed. It is through her involvement in Church activities and groups that she is able to learn more about her faith and also able to share that faith with others.

Vashti encourages other youths in the church to get involved and to join a group in the church where they can have some positive impact. She believes that getting involved now in the Church and staying committed paves the way for one's future since this value will continue through all facets of your life and strengthens one's faith.



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FROM THE AUTHOR

HIGHLIGHTS OF HOLY FAMILY CATHEDRAL ACTIVITIES

Ever so often pictures are taken of events in Holy Family. This months issue will feature some of them.



Tyrells 2012 March of Witness



Summer camp 2011



Beach picnic Bishop Malzaire's farewell



Enthusiastic Thurifers Bishop Richards' ordination



Lenten Mission 2012



Chrism Mass 2012



RETREAT FOR CATECHISTS AND YOUTH LEADERS



The Catechists and Youth Leaders had their Lenten Retreat at the Verandah Resort on March 25th 2012.

This year has been

declared the Year of Faith by the Holy Father and will officially begin on October 11, 2012 and ends November 24, 2013 - Feast of Christ the King. The Catechists and Youth Leaders reflected on notes from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, containing proposals for ways to live the upcoming Year of Faith. Those present shared their faith stories and discussions were held on ways to live out this year as youth leaders and catechists and in turn assist those entrusted in our care.



MEDICAL BENEFITS SCHEME FITNESS WALK



CATECHETICAL NEWS



The Catechetical Director/ Directresses of the Province of Castries met in Antigua from March 5th - 9th at Mount Tabor Retreat Centre to dis-

cuss matters pertaining to Catechists ongoing training and formation and the new cycle for the Catechist Training Institute.

Holy Family Cathedral and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Confirmation groups had a retreat at Tyrells Parish Hall. The groups reflected on the Rite of Confirmation and Reconciliation. These two groups will be confirmed this year-Holy Family Cathedral on April 15th and Our Lady of Perpetual Help in June.





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YOUTH MINISTRIES EVENTS

HOLY FAMILY STEEL ORCHESTRA

The HFC Steel Orchestra is embarking on its annual fundraising concert their interpretation of the life of Christ. This years theme is dubbed the "Resurrected Christ".

It promises to be one with a difference as the talents of our young people are showcased through voice, dance, drama and of course Pan.

So come support our youth ministry on **Sunday 22th April 2012 at 7:00 .m. Holy Family grounds. Michael's Mount. Admission is just \$10.00 with refreshments on sale.**



HOLY FAMILY LITURGICAL DANCERS

What is liturgical dancing? This is an expression of worship that is incorporated into liturgies. Therefore, the children involved are taught how to conduct themselves irrespectively of the musical genre whether it is secular or spiritual.

Worship in Dance is one of the events used to let the children express their praises and interact with other religious and secular groups in showing that dancing is Ok. David danced before the Lord and so to d o we express our faith & IDENTITY.



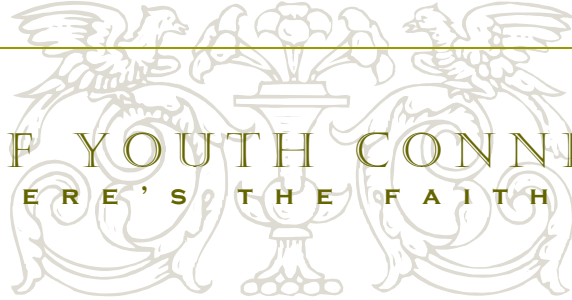
This years event will be on **Friday 13th April, 2012 Holy Family Cathedral Grounds**





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Fundraisers for AEC

- Car Wash
- Cutting Lawn and Braiding Hair
- Debate Competition
- Triple S Party
- DJ Synergy
- Jumbo/Yard Sale
- \$1 Drive

Activities for Youth

- Outdoor Camp Night
- Movie Night
- Retreat For Youth
- Career Talk
- Vocations Drive



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