

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU!  
**MINISTERS' SCHEDULE**

6:00PM                      7:30AM                      10:00AM

<b>CANTORS:</b> Allan Harrigan	Dr. Gloria Callwood	Marguerite Rene
<b>LECTORS:</b> Yasmine Haynes Ruth Smith	Allison Charles Noreen Joseph	Young Vincentian Young Vincentian
<b>EUCH MIN:</b> Olga McBean	Felicinne Marcellin Rose Labadie	Franklin Howe Antoinette Howe

*Thank you for sewing !!!*

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

**HOSPITAL:**  
**OFF ISLAND:** Defy Francoise, Bertina Lestrade, Altagracia Padilla, Emile Joseph, Joseph Archer, Clementina Abraham, Zephaniah Jean Jacques, Norma Gimenez, Deacon Roy Bruney, Helen Bruney, Lorna Greig.

**AT HOME:** Rita Ledee, Rose Celestine, Margarita Feliciano, Martina Lewis, Olivia Gumbs, Ann Bedminster, John Joseph, Marie Santana, Maggie Dolphin, Medina Scatliffe, Lilian Francis, Bishop Thomas, Eubald René, Josephine Philbert, Rosette Harley, Bernice Knight, Josefina Donastorg, Philomen Baron, Joyce McPherson, Claudy Brutus, Grace Thompson, McLean Fontain (Sparrow), Vernelle Gumbs, Berecia Reid, Evelyn Simon, Mary Lewis, Veronica Sealey, Isabel Dublin, Ruthine Johnson, Gerard Henry, Theresa Felix, Deborah Mahoney, Esther Henderson-Mellow.

**SEAVIEW:**  
**MASSAC:** Margarita Knight.  
**LUCINDA MILLIN:** Rita Thompson.  
**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 Gentleness when you ...*

- \*Make it safe for animals and people to be around you.
- \*Touch carefully.
- \*Speak with a soft voice.
- \*Take time out when you don't feel gentle.
- \*Think gentle thoughts that make you smile inside.

**Affirmation:**

*I am gentle. I think, speak and act with gentleness. I show care for people and for everything that I touch.*

**WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS**

**OFFICE HOURS**

**Mondays - 10:00 AM  
to 4:00 PM**

**Tuesday - Friday**

**7:30 AM - 4:00 PM**

**HOLY FAMILY FINANCE COUNCIL**

Alicia Douté	Yasmine Haynes
Jean Dragin	Anneta Heyliger
Claudia Winston	Dan Hurley
John T. Williams	
Rev. Neil Scantlebury (Pastor)	

**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!

**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.**

*HURRICANE SEASON: JUNE 1 TO NOVEMBER 30:*

**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.**

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH COUNCIL**

*Monthly meeting is normally held on the third Wednesday of the month.*

Eubald René (Chairman)  
Yasmine Haynes (Secretary)  
Yvonne Freeman (Asst. Secretary)  
Bridget Toussaint  
Jennifer Johnson  
Christian Douté  
Mona Bedminster  
Felicia Felix  
Fr. Neil Scantlebury (Pastor)  
Fr. Kerly François (Assoc. Pastor)

**NEXT MEETING**

**Wednesday, October 19, 2016  
at 6:30 pm in Lower Columban Hall.**

**Le Bleu  
ULTRA PURE BOTTLED WATER**

Chi-Co's Distributing, Inc  
Lindberg Bay #18  
P.O Box 302250  
St. Thomas, VI 00803  
340-776-5894 / Fax: 340-776-5854

**PARISH CELEBRATION Birthdays**

*Emmanuel Sprauve, Michelle Laudat, Star Mathew, Elron Etienne, Shantelle Hodge, Mellissa Rnagel, Gladys Muscadin, Delitta George, Miguell Rivera, Marisol Pell, Roger Blackburn Jr., Jose Encarnacion Jr., Ramona Auguiste, Dawn Callwood, William Williams Jr., Thomas Windel, Bornique Estime, Dianne DeWindt, Javanni David, Gregory James, Chelsea Baron, Roy Newtown Jr., James Vanterpool, Huarum Descartes, Devon Wellington.*

**RELIGIOUS BIRTHDAY**  
Rev. Neil Scantlebury - Oct. 1

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**  
Victor & Josette Baly - Sept. 26

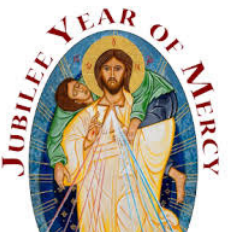


*Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!*

**Holy Family Catholic Church  
Welcomes You!**

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 25, 2016**

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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.**

**Pastor**  
Reverend Neil Scantlebury

**Associate Pastor**  
Reverend Kerly François

**Deacon**  
Rev. Mr. Roy Bruney

**Administrative Assistant**  
Ms. Allison Charles

**Sacristan**  
Mr. Zephaniah Jean Jacques  
Mr. Ryan John

**Musicians**  
Mr. Francis Callwood  
Mr. Verne Callwood  
Mr. Desmond Simmonds  
Mr. Ade Warrington

**Volunteers**  
Mrs. Jennifer Johnson  
Mr. Richard Callwood, III

**CHANCERY: BISHOP'S OFFICE**

(340) 774-3166

**Venerable Pierre Toussaint  
Catholic Chapel**

4B-B Estate Bovoni  
St. Thomas VI 00802

**Saturday: 4:00 p.m.  
- (Spanish)  
6:00 p.m. - (Creole)  
Thursday: 6:00 p.m.  
(Creole)**

**When you enter THE CHURCH talk to GOD;  
when you leave - talk to each other!**

**WEEKEND MASSES**

**Saturday: 6:00 PM  
Sunday: 7:30 AM, 10:00 AM &  
6:00 PM Creole Mass**

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Monday: 6:00 PM  
Tuesday - Thursday: 7:00 AM  
Wednesday: OLPH Novena before the  
7:00 AM Mass followed by  
Adoration after the mass to 5:30 PM  
Friday: Holy Hour - 6:00 PM  
Mass at 7:00 PM  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Saturday: 5:15 PM - 5:45 PM  
or by appointment.

**Readings for the Week  
of September 25, 2016**

Mon.: Job 1:6 - 22; Luke 9:46 - 50

Tue.: Job 3:1 - 3, 11 - 17, 20 - 23;  
Luke 9:51 - 56

Wed.: Job 9:1 - 12, 14 - 16; Luke 9:57 - 62

Thur.: Daniel 7:9-10, 13 - 14; John 1:47 - 51

Fri.: Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Luke 10:13-16

Sat.: Job. 42:1 - 3, 5 - 6, 12 - 17;  
Luke 10:17 - 24

**NEXT SUNDAY:  
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Habakkuk 1:2 - 3; 2:2 - 4  
2 Timothy 1:6 - 8, 13 - 14  
Luke 17:5 - 10

## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

#### FIRST READING: Amos 6:1a, 4 - 7

Amos, God's prophet, rejected the individualist, consumerist values of lazy, greedy and unjust people who ignore the rights of the poor. Their life of ease will be ended.

#### SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:11 - 16

Paul exhorted Timothy to "pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness."

#### GOSPEL: Luke 16:19 - 31

Jesus told the story about the rich man and Lazarus so that His listeners would repent and put their faith in God. Then they, too, like Lazarus, will rest in the bosom of Abraham.

This rich man did nothing to Lazarus. He didn't even know Lazarus existed. That was his problem. His sin was not indirectly causing the suffering of another, it was in overlooking and ignoring his suffering. For us in our consumer culture today, this is an easy trap to fall into. As we listen to these readings today, what do they tell us about how to avoid that trap?

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

6:00 PM: Anna Stridiron (d) rb The Johnson and Stridiron families.

#### Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings for Nyla Gilkes rb Her parents and grandparents.

Anniversary blessings for Victor and Josette Baly rb Their family.

10:00 AM: Good Health for Patricia Ptucha rb Estelle Farro.

Birthday blessings for Tajil Baptiste.

6:00 PM: God's continued blessings for the Haitian Community.

#### Daily Masses:

Mon. Sept. 26, 6:00 PM: *Sts. Cosmas Damian*  
For the souls in purgatory.

Tues. Sept. 27, 7:00 AM: *St. Vincent de Paul*  
God's blessings for the members of St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Wed. Sept. 28, 7:00 AM: *St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions*  
For Holy Family parishioners.

Thurs. Sept. 29, 7:00 AM: *Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels*  
Anniversary blessings for Msgr. Jerome Feudjio.

Fri. Sept. 30, 7:00 PM: *St. Jerome*  
Birthday blessings and God's continued guidance for Msgr. Feudjio.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SECOND COLLECTION:** This week's second collection goes towards *Catholic Education*. Next week's second collection will go towards the *Renovation Fund*. As always we thank you for your generosity.

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** This week the Eternal Candle is burning for *Lisa A. Smith deceased*, requested by Viola E. Smith. You can request Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

**FOOD FOR THE POOR:** This weekend we will collect non-perishable items for our less fortunate brothers and sisters within our community. As always, we thank you for your generosity and may God continue to bless you and your family abundantly. Once again thank you.

**FAMILIES FOR CHRIST:** Family Sunday is every first Sunday of each month, starting with Families for Christ meeting at 9:00 a.m. in LCH followed by family mass at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome. Interested volunteers please contact Sheryl Griffith at 352-348-6979.

**DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT:** The Dominica Association of St. Thomas, Inc. presents a Dinner and Entertainment honoring Mr. Raymond Lawrence, on **Saturday, October 8, 2016**, at 8:00 p.m. at Holy Family Columban Hall. Donation: \$35.00. Tickets are available from members of the Association.

**ANNUAL PUBLIC SQUARE RALLY:** The 2016 annual public square rally is scheduled for **Saturday, October 15, 2016** at 12:00 noon at the Emancipation Gardens (Band Stand). All are encouraged to attend the Rosary Rally and pray for peace in the world. For more information please contact Mr. Eubald Rene at 340-643-2928 or 340-775-3503. Thanks for your usual support and cooperation.

**CREOLE MASS:** The Dominica Association of St. Thomas invites everyone to their annual Creole Mass on **Sunday, November 13, 2016**, at 12:00 noon at Holy Family Church. The regular weekend masses will remain the same. All are welcome.

**2017 KEYS AND SWORD AWARD BENEFIT!!!!**  
Join us for the 8th Annual Keys and Sword Award Benefit on **Saturday, February 11, 2017** at the Marriott Frenchman's Reef Grand Ballroom. We look forward to welcoming you. **SAVE THE DATE.**

**Catholic Charismatic Renewal  
of STT/STJ  
2016 Conference  
"Thank You God for Your Mercy"  
October 21st - 23rd  
Columban Hall  
Registration Fee - \$30.00  
For more information call  
776-6339 / 642-6377  
YOUTH FREE**

### LITURGY AND WORD

From ancient times, people have believed that immediately after death some go to heaven and some go to hell. Nothing much has been changed in this regard. Though Christians all over believe in heaven and hell, who all go where remains a mystery. As the parable of the rich man and Lazarus in today's Gospel dwells on this topic, we offer the following interesting considerations.

Interest in hell reached a climax during the Middle Ages, with artists of the period taking a certain delight in portraying the righteous watching sinners being tormented by burning and other means of torture. The most graphic portrayal of the medieval view of hell is by Dante, an Italian poet born in 1265 in Florence. Dante portrays hell as nine circles at the centre of the earth, within which Satan dwells. The first circle of hell is populated by those who have died without being baptized as well as virtuous pagans. Dante declares that this is the circle which was visited by Christ during his "descent into hell" between the time of the crucifixion and the resurrection. There is no torment of any kind in this circle. As Dante advances further into hell, he discovers those who are guilty of increasingly serious sins. The second circle is populated by the lustful, the third by the gluttonous, the fourth by the miserly, and the fifth by the wrathful. These circles, taken together, constitute "upper hell". At no point does Dante refer to fire in this part of hell. Dante then draws upon Greco-Roman mythology in suggesting that the River Styx divides "upper hell" from "lower hell". Now we encounter fire for the first time. The sixth circle is populated by heretics, the seventh by the violent, the eighth by fraudsters (including several popes), and the ninth by traitors. This static medieval view of hell was unquestionably of major influence at the time, and continues to be of importance into the modern period. This is an artistic presentation of hell, but whether it will be this way, it is difficult to say. The possibility of divine punishment cannot be denied, come what may.

The teaching of the Church affirms the existence of hell and its eternity. The chief punishment of hell is eternal separation from God, in whom alone man possesses the life and happiness for which he was created and for which he longs.

The Christian conception of heaven is essentially that of the eschatological

### 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: **476**

Last Weekend's collections

**FIRST COLLECTION: \$5,405.10**

**SECOND COLLECTION:**

**Youth Ministry \$1,232.87**

*Our Bishop's Appeal contribution amounted to \$42,278.00, 106% of our goal of \$40,000.00. As always we thank you for your continuous contribution towards our Bishop's Appeal. Once again, thank you.*

### LITURGY AND WORD CONT'D

realization of the presence and power of God, and the final elimination of sin. The most helpful way of considering it is to regard it as a consummation of the Christian doctrine of salvation, in which the presence, the penalty, and the power of sin have all been finally eliminated, and the total presence of God in individuals and in the community of faith has been achieved.

The term "heaven" is used frequently in the Pauline writings. Although it is natural to think of heaven as the future entity, Paul's thinking appears to embrace both a future reality and a spiritual sphere or realm which coexists with the material world of space and time. Thus "heaven" is referred to both as the future home of the believer and as the present dwelling-place of Jesus Christ, from which he will come in the final judgement. One of Paul's most significant statements concerning heaven focuses on the notion of believers being "citizens of heaven" and in some way sharing in the life of heaven in the present.

Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfilment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness. To live in heaven is "to be with Christ". St Ambrose says, "For life is to be with Christ; where Christ is, there is life, there is the kingdom."

