

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU!
MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

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

CANTORS: Allan Harrigan	Dr. Gloria Callwood Felicinne Marcillin	Melita Etienne
LECTORS: Olga McBean Candace Bryan	Rita Brady-Bermudez Jalila Thomas	Confirmation Class Confirmation Class
EUCH MIN: Dolores Velazquez	Lauren Thomas Danna Knight	Mona Bedminster

Thank you for sewing !!!

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

HOSPITAL: John Joseph, Rita Thompson, Andrea Victorine.

OFF ISLAND: Defy Francoise, Bertina Lestrade, Altagracia Padilla, Emile Joseph, Joseph Archer, Clementina Abraham, Maggie Dolphin, Bishop Thomas, Elizabeth Dolphin.

AT HOME: Rita Ledee, Rose Celestine, Margarita Feliciano, Martina Lewis, Olivia Gumbs, Ann Bedminster, Medina Scatliffe, Bernice Knight, Philomen Baron, Joyce McPherson, Claudy Brutus, McLean Fontain (Sparrow), Vernelle Gumbs, Evelyn Simon, Mary Lewis, Veronica Sealey, Isabel Dublin, Gerard Henry, Theresa Felix, Ruthine Johnson, Grace Thompson.

SEAVIEW:
MASSAC: Margarita Knight.
LUCINDA MILLIN:
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 Trustworthiness when you ...

**Think before you make a promise to be sure you can do it.*

**Take responsibility for remembering your commitments.*

**Keep your promises even when they become hard to do.*

**Abide by the rules even when no one is watching.*

**Let nothing stop you from keeping your word.*

**Do your best and finish what you start.*

Affirmation:

I am trustworthy. I keep my word. I am worthy of the trust others place in me.

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)	

PRAYER FOR LENT

Lord Jesus, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. During this Lent, lead us by your Holy Spirit to live more faithfully in Christian freedom. Through prayer, increased charity and the disciplines of this sacred season, draw us closer to you. Purify the intentions of our hearts so all our Lenten observances give you praise and glory. Grant that through our words and actions, we may be faithful messengers of the Gospel message to a world in need of hope and your mercy. 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.**

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)
Bridget Toussaint
Jennifer Johnson
Christian Douté
Mona Bedminster
Felicia Felix
Fr. Neil Scantlebury (Pastor)
Fr. Kerly François (Assoc. Pastor)

NEXT MEETING

**Wednesday, April 19, 2017
at 6:30 pm in Lower Columban Hall.**

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PARISH CELEBRATION

Birthdays

Roline Zamor, Ryan John, Jayden Dudley, Nisieni Griffith, Chanecgue Monsanto, Ja'Tavia Plummer, Tiana Jeremy, Nisha Bellot, Georgina Aunain, Melissa Baron, Michael Feracho, Madonna Lewis, Clarence Lionel, Rosemithe Turenne, Colette Victorine, Deborah Blyden, George Clarke, Juan Cruz, Gifford Francis, Elizabeth Maynes.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Joseph & Juliette Commodore - Apr. 12



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

**Holy Family Catholic Church
Welcomes You!**

PALM SUNDAY - April 9, 2017

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Palm Sunday

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

Interim Deacon
Rev. Mr. Evans Doway

Administrative Assistant
Ms. Allison Charles

Sacristan
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 April 09, 2017**

Mon.: Isaiah 42:1 - 7; John 12:1 - 11
Tue.: Isaiah 49:1 - 6; John 13:21-33, 36 - 38
Wed.: Isaiah 50:4 - 9a; Matthew 26:14 - 25
Thur.: Exodus 12:1 - 8, 11 - 14;
1 Cor. 11:23 -26; John 13:1 - 15
Fri.: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16;
5:7 - 9; John 18:1 - 19:42
Sat.: Genesis 1:1-2:2; Romans 6:3 - 11;
Matthew 28:1 - 10

**NEXT SUNDAY:
EASTER SUNDAY**

Acts 10:34a, 37 - 43
Colossians 3:1 - 4
John 20:1 - 9

PALM SUNDAY

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: *Isaiah 50:4 - 7*

The Servant of the Lord God was rebuffed but did not turn back; he was beaten and spat upon. The suffering one knew the Lord God was with him.

SECOND READING: *Philippians 2:6 - 11*

Christ was in the form of God but did not consider equality with God a thing to be grasped at. He emptied himself, took the form of a slave, and was obedient unto death! Therefore, God exalted him, and all proclaim Him Lord.

GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 26:14 - 27:66*

The passion and death of Jesus includes accounts of his betrayal, trial, condemnation, suffering, crucifixion, and burial. The glorious entrance into Jerusalem that we just experienced in our procession finds an echo in the centurion's word near the end of our Passion proclamation today: "Truly, this was the Son of God!" In between, we will hear proclaimed Isaiah's prophetic description of the Suffering Servant, St. Paul's great hymn of praise, and the dramatic unfolding of the Passion according to St. Matthew. Let us take time to absorb it all, reflecting on the very great love of God for us, revealed in the man who was truly the Son of God.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

6:00 PM: Birthday blessings for Nikoya Browne rb Her mother and grandmother.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: In loving memory of Hans and Ernest Oliver (d) rb Their family.

10:00 AM: God's guidance, health and protection for Claudy Brutus rb His family.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. Apr. 10, 6:00 PM: *Blessed Antoine Frederic Ozanam*
God's healing and deliverance for Ahbijah.

Tues. Apr. 11, 7:00 AM: *St. Stanislaus*
God's blessings, guidance and protection for Mona Bedminster and family rb Mona Bedminster.

Wed. Apr. 12, 7:00 AM: *St. Joseph Moscati*
God's healing and deliverance for the descendants of Sarah Belboda and Theophilus Solomon.

Thurs. Apr. 13, 7:00 PM: *HOLY THURSDAY*
Kathy Farro (d) rb Estelle Farro.

Fri. Apr. 14, 3:00 PM: *THE PASSION OF THE LORD*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION: This week's second collection goes towards *Bishop's Appeal*. Next week's second collection will go towards *Bishop's Appeal*. As always we thank you for your generosity.

BISHOP'S APPEAL: Please pray for the success of the Bishop's Appeal 2017. The Appeal wants to make a difference in the Virgin Islands through Catholic education, Catholic Charities and Catholic evangelization. Please give a generous gift so that we can continue to improve on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy in our diocese. For your convenience, you may choose to make a pledge now and spread your donation over several months. Donations may be made in the form of cash, check or credit card. Please see the brochure for further information. "Love what Jesus loves. Jesus loves the poor."

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning for *birthday blessings for Cuthbert Bellot requested by Cuthbert Bellot*. You can request Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

PALM SUNDAY CONCERT: Holy Family Catholic Church will host a Palm Sunday Concert featuring Holy Family Adult and Youth Choirs, Haitian Adult and Youth Choirs, Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral and Spanish Choirs, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Choir and additional guest artists. The concert will take place on **Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017** at 4:00 p.m. in Upper Columban Hall. Donation – Adults \$15.00, Children 12 and under pay \$10:00 at the door. Thank you.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François and Rev. Neil Scantlebury extend sincere sympathy to Eve Ogiste and family on the passing of her son, *Curtis Abraham*, who died on **Sunday, March 26, 2017**. The funeral Mass for the late *Curtis Abraham* will take place on **Monday, April 10, 2017** at 10:00 a.m. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

CHRISM MASS: Please be informed that this year, the Chrism Mass will take place on **Tuesday, April 11, 2017**, at 11:30 am at Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral. All are invited to attend. Please pray for our bishop and priests of the diocese.

PENANCE SERVICE: Holy Family penance service will take place on **Wednesday, April 12, 2017**, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Please be guided accordingly.

OFFICE CLOSED: Please note that the church office will be closed at 12 noon on **Holy Thursday, April 13, 2017 and ALL day on Friday, April 14, 2017 and Monday, April 17, 2017**, respectively. Please be guided accordingly.

ADORATION: On Holy Thursday, there will adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 7:00 p.m. mass until midnight. We are encouraged to spend some time with Jesus. "**Couldn't you watch with me even one hour?**" **Matthew 26:40.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Stations of the Cross will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the church on Good Friday followed by the service at 3:00 p.m. Please remember to fast and abstain on Good Friday.

EASTER EGG HUNT: The St. Vincent de Paul is having their usual egg hunt on **Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017**, after the 10:00 a.m. mass, however, they are asking for contributions for prizes and candies. Please contact **Ms. Alma Wells at 340-513-8911 or Andrea Victorine at 340-690-9539** for more information.

EASTER SUNDAY LUNCHEON: The St. Joseph Workers will host an Easter Sunday luncheon, on **Sunday, April 16, 2017**, at 12:30 p.m. in Upper Columban Hall, with live entertainment. Donation - adults - \$40.00 and children - \$25.00 at the door. Please save the date.

LITURGY AND WORD

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of the Holy Week. It has two aspects: triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and the reading of Jesus' passion. Judaism believed in dual Jerusalem: earthly and heavenly Jerusalem. The Church is symbolic of New Jerusalem built on the foundation stones of the apostles. Christians recall Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem as they enter the church building in procession. Fr Raymond Brown in his book *The Death of the Messiah* divides the passion reading (Mk 14:1-15:47) into four parts: a) The agony in the Garden of Gethsemane: Jesus takes refuge in prayer in the midst of the most testing period of his life. He also invites his disciples to pray. Jesus prays that he may be able to do the will of God because he could experience an inner war between the flesh and the spirit. The spirit was ready to suffer but the body was not willing. Prayer helps us experience union of body and spirit so that we may be ready to do the will of God. After finishing his prayer Jesus was ready to meet the challenge of the cross. The disciples fled because they did not pray long enough and deep enough. Jesus invites us to respond to God's will in the spirit of prayer and submission. b) Jesus' trial before the Jewish authority: During this trial Jesus was accused of claiming to be the son of God and wanting to destroy the temple. These accusations were of a religious nature but Jesus proves to be more than merely being religious. He proves to be truly spiritual. The high point of spirituality is to see yourself as God sees you. God has declared Jesus as his beloved son at the Baptism and at his transfiguration. He does not lose sight of himself as a son of God even in the midst of his trial. c) Jesus' trial before the Roman authority: If the first accusations were religious in nature, now the second set of accusations was of political nature. Jesus is accused of claiming to be the king of the Jews and instigating people not to pay tax to Caesar. In the midst of his trial Jesus reveals himself as the real king of the Jews. He faces the trial with calm and composure. d) Jesus' journey to Calvary and his Crucifixion: The way of the cross invites us to identify ourselves with various characters that Jesus meets on the way to Calvary. The seven words that Jesus spoke on the cross invite us to reflect on our response to the hard fact of life. His death on the cross reveals him as an obedient servant (Isa 50:4-7) and son of God (Phil 2:5-11).

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: **542**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$5,773.25

SECOND COLLECTION:

Bishop's Appeal: \$913.50
Our Bishop's Appeal contribution amounted to 11, 266.00, 28% 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

and son of God (Phil 2:5-11). How do I approach the reality of trials and suffering? How do I look at death in a Christian way?



ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT'D

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François and Rev. Neil Scantlebury extend sincere sympathy to Anthony Francis and family on the passing of his wife, *Lillian Estell Francis* who died on **Thursday, March 30, 2017**. The funeral mass for the late *Lillian Estell Francis* will take place at Holy Family Church on **Tuesday, April 18, 2017** at 10:00 a.m. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.