

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU!
MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

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

CANTORS: Allan Harrigan	Dr. Gloria Callwood	Marguerite Rene
LECTORS: Valerie Doute Christian Doute	Rita Brady-Bermudez Alma Wells	Families for Christ Families for Christ
EUCH MIN: Olga McBean Dolores Velazquez	Felicinne, Bridget, Rose & Allison	Eubald Rene Marguerite Rene

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-Mel-low.

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 Responsibility when you ...

- *Take your agreements seriously.
- *Respond ably by doing things to the best of your ability.
- *Are willing to do your part.
- *Admit mistakes without making excuses.
- *Are ready and willing to clear up misunderstandings.
- *Give your best to whatever you do.

Affirmation:

I am responsible. I give my best to all that I do and keep my agreements. I learn from my mistakes. I am willing to make amends.

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 Doute
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

Chaz Eugene, Mekhi Clement, Rood-carline Dieu, Jaleel Rivera, Kaleel Rivera, Jovanni Bellevue, Stacy Matthew, Nerkysie Fedee, Chinelo Pickering, Tadi-sha Cuffy, Dievla Charles, Stacey Clarke, Vernice James, Jude Pierre, Twanna Lloyd, Leslie Mann, Eustace Rene, Ives Jean-Louis, Carla Batist, Jenifer Jarvis, Jane Ann Casey, Catherina Alexander, Mercedes Hodge, Isabel Dublin.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Juan & Jo Anne Cruz - Oct. 3

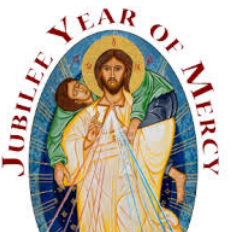


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

**Holy Family Catholic Church
Welcomes You!**

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 02, 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 October 02, 2016**

Mon.: Galatians 1:6-12; Luke 10:25 - 37
Tue.: Galatians 1:13 - 24; Luke 10:38 - 42
Wed.: Galatians 2:1-2, 7 - 14; Luke 11:1 - 4
Thur.: Galatians 3:1 - 5; Luke 11:5 - 13
Fri.: Galatians 3:7 - 14; Luke 11:15 - 26
Sat.: Galatians 3:22 - 29; Luke 11:27 - 28

**NEXT SUNDAY:
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

2 Kings 5:14 - 17
2 Timothy 2:8 - 13
Luke 17:11 - 19

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:2 - 3; 2:2 - 4

The prophet learned that his hopes would be fulfilled, even though it may take longer than he expected. He is told to wait in confidence, for just people will live.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:6 - 8, 13 - 14

Paul reminded Timothy that God bestows a spirit that makes the people strong, loving, and wise. That Holy Spirit dwells in Christians and enables them to guard the rich deposit of faith.

GOSPEL: Luke 17:5 - 10

Jesus taught the apostles that faith gives power: a person with faith the size of a mustard seed can uproot a giant sycamore tree and transplant it in the sea with a single word.

How often do we feel, like the apostles in today's Gospel, that our faith is simply inadequate? Yet Jesus' answer is that even faith the size of a mustard seed can do great things. So often we feel helpless in the presence of the great problems of our day. But as we hear these readings, perhaps it will be best for us to listen for the message that says, "Do what you can. It will be enough."

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

6:00 PM: Bernice V. Joseph (deceased) rb Sparrow and Sheba Adrien.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings for Fr. Neil Scantlebury rb Maureen Petersen.

10:00 AM: God's continued blessings for Justin Jn-Baptiste and family.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. Oct. 03, 6:00 PM: **Blessed Bartolo Longo**
Bernice Joseph (d) rb Her children and grand children.

Tues. Oct. 04, 7:00 AM: **St. Francis of Assisi**
Green and Ivone Celestine (d) rb Hilda Celestine.

Wed. Oct. 05, 7:00 AM: **St. Maria Fustina Kowalska**
Birthday blessings for Danto Hodge rb Cleopha Rwalings.

Thurs. Oct. 06, 7:00 AM: **Blessed Marie Rose Durocher**
God's healing for Patrick Charles and Theresa Henry
rb Pamela Charles and family.

Fri. Oct. 07, 7:00 PM: **Our Lady of the Rosary**
Wedding anniversary blessings for James and Ruth Hunt rb
The Hunt family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning for **God's blessings and guidance for Fr. Neil Scantlebury**. You can request Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

ALTAR FLOWERS: This weekend the altar flowers were paid for by Sparrow and Sheba Adrien in loving memory of **Bernice V. Joseph**. May her soul rest in eternal peace. Amen. We thank you for beautifying our church.

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, this **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.

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

FUN DAY: Families for Christ at Holy Family Church is hosting a Family Fun Festival on **Saturday, October 29, 2016** from **11:30 am - 4:00 pm** in the Church's parking lot. The Family Festival is a fun filled community outreach to invite children and their families from neighboring communities to have fun on Saturday and worship on Sunday. Donations of the following items are needed to make this event a success: Hotdogs, hamburgers & buns, candy, sodas, water, juice boxes, popcorn and monetary donations. Please drop off donations at the Church office during the week and at the church on Saturday and Sunday.

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.

POWER RAFFLE: Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral announce its Power Raffle. Drawing will take place on **Sunday, November 13, 2016**. **1st Prize: \$10,000; 2nd Prize: Caribbean Cruise for Two; 3rd Prize: \$1,000 Gas Credit; 4th Prize: 3 Days/2Nights stay at Marriott's Frenchman's Reef; 5th Prize: \$500. Gas Credit; 6th Prize: VI Jewelry Gift and 7th Prize Sunset Diner Cruise for Two on the "Cat" at Marriot's Frenchman's Reef.** Tickets are available from the church office, \$10.00 per raffle or \$100.00 for a book of 11 raffles.

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.

LITURGY AND WORD

Faith is defined as belief, confidence or trust in a person, object, religion, idea or view despite the absence of proof. Faith does not necessarily involve the abandonment of reason, but acknowledges more or less consciously the fact that a proof is not possible in a given context. Faith within Christianity is based on the works and teachings of Jesus Christ. Christianity declares itself not to be distinguished by faith, but by the object of its faith. Rather than being passive, faith leads to an active life aligned with the ideals and the example of the life of Jesus. The Christian sees the mystery of God and his grace and seeks to know and become obedient to God. To a Christian, faith is not static but causes one to learn more of God and to grow; Christian faith has its origin in God.

In Christianity, faith causes change as it seeks a greater understanding of God. Faith is not simple obedience to a set of rules or statements. Before Christians have faith, they must understand in whom and in what they have faith. Without understanding, there cannot be true faith, and that understanding is built on the foundation of the community of believers, the scriptures and traditions and on the personal experiences of the believer. In English translations of the New Testament, the word "Faith" generally corresponds to the Greek noun pistis or to the Greek verb pisteuo, meaning "no trust, to have confidence, faithfulness, to be reliable, to assure."

In the New Testament, faith is the comprehensive concept for the relationship between God and human beings on the basis of God's saving activity for, in, and through Jesus Christ. In Jesus' preaching faith is a pre-condition for his miracles, for his cures, and for the forgiveness of sins. After Easter faith is articulated as the acknowledgement of Jesus as the Christ of God through whom the human beings enter into a completely new relationship to God. This relationship is described as a new being in Christ, as participation in his destiny, as the unfolding of new possibilities of knowing, and as wisdom from above. Above all faith brings about the Justification of the sinner. Faith comes into being by listening to the Word of God.

Today's parable revolves around a small farmer who has one slave who does both the field work and the household chores. The master would never say to the slave, "Come here at once

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: **470**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$4,666.79

SECOND COLLECTION:

Youth Ministry \$1,104.30

Our Bishop's Appeal contribution amounted to \$42,698.00, 107% 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 take your place at table" (Lk 17:7). Instead the servant would be expected to start preparing the master's evening meal immediately after coming from the fields. Only after he had served the master could the servant tend to his own needs. The master would not thank the servant for doing what was commanded. The disciples who listen to the parable are challenged to see that they are God's servants and, therefore, even when they do all that is required they have done nothing for which they might expect to be rewarded. Disciples are thereby challenged to see themselves as servants. Even when the demands seem unrealistic, the servant is only doing what is required and expected.

In his miracles and teaching, Jesus aimed at creating in his disciples a complete trust in himself as the Messiah and Saviour of men. Everywhere he offered himself as the object of faith and made it plain that faith in him is necessary for eternal life and that refusal to accept his claims will bring eternal ruin. His primary concern with his own disciples was to build up their faith in him.

