

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: Keith Steele Antoinette Floyd	Agnes Nicholas Bridget Toussaint	Dr. A. Thomas Mona Bedminster
EUCH MIN: Olga McBean	Lauren Thomas Rose Labadie	Annette Daly

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 Self-discipline when you ...

- *Use detachment so your emotions wouldn't control you.*
- *Speak and act calmly when you are hurt or angry.*
- *Create routines that bring peace and order to your day.*
- *Practice moderation.*
- *Do what is expected without anyone watching over you.*
- *Do things on time.*

Affirmation:

I have self-discipline. I use my time well and get things done. I choose my actions with detachment.

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**

John Williams, Rita Brady-Bermudez, Sparrow Adrien, Merle Vanterpool, Evaline Jno-Lewis, Alicia George, Egbert Dagou, Allison Charles, Michelle Stout, Laquerre Jean Canel, Patrick Maynes, Jacqueline Alexander, Sylvana St. Paul, Kelvin Smith, Lee McLoyd Walcott, Jr., Aalee Hodge, Donnia Meyers, Sharlene Harris, Monique Harry, Jessica Dazel, Leon Casey, Jr., Tamra Thomas, Jimille Reynolds, Dieulita Homere, Malik Feracho, Kyle Thomas, Mary Antoine, Ruselle Henry.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Peter & Julie Najawicz - Oct. 9
Joseph & Bridget Toussaint - Oct. 9

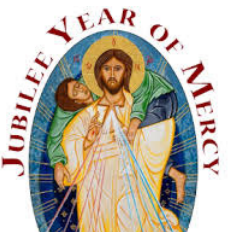


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

**Holy Family Catholic Church
Welcomes You!**

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 09, 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 09, 2016**

Mon.: Galatians 4:22 - 24, 26 - 27, 31 - 5:1;
Luke 11:29 - 32
Tue.: Galatians 5:1 - 6; Luke 11:37 - 41
Wed.: Galatians 5:18 - 25; Luke 11:42 - 46
Thur.: Ephesians 1:1 - 10; Luke 11:47 - 54
Fri.: Ephesians 1:11 - 14; Luke 12:1 - 7
Sat.: Ephesians 1:15 - 23; Luke 12:8 - 12

**NEXT SUNDAY:
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Exodus 17:8 - 13
2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2
Luke 18:1 - 8

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 5:14 - 17

Through the word of Elisha, the prophet, God cured Naaman the leper. Naaman's gratitude changed his life, and he refused to offer worship to any other god except the Lord.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 2:8 - 13

Paul told Timothy that the resurrection of Christ makes preaching the gospel worthwhile: If we have died with him we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him."

GOSPEL: Luke 17:11 - 19

Jesus cured ten people, and one, a Samaritan, returned to give God thanks and praise. Jesus said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." Naaman's life was completely changed in our Old Testament reading today, as were the lives of the ten lepers in the Gospel. Gratitude seems to be a small price to pay for such great goodness. Yet as we hear these readings today, perhaps we can listen for the message that says how different our world would be if we all could live in gratitude for everything that God so freely gives us.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

6:00 PM: Birthday blessings for Jaleel and Kaleel Rivera rb Their family.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings and God's continued protection and guidance for Allison Charles.

God's blessings for a successful surgery and healing for Maggie Dolphin rb Her family.

10:00 AM: Albert LaRonde (deceased) rb His sister, Marie Barry.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. Oct. 10, 6:00 PM: *St. Francis Borgia*
Birthday blessings for DeAnton Potter rb Carmen White.

Tues. Oct. 11, 7:00 AM: *St. Kenneth*
God's continued blessings, guidance and protection for Allison Charles.

Birthday blessings for Mary Antoine rb Mary Antoine.

Wed. Oct. 12, 7:00 AM: *St. Seraphim of Montegrano*
Birthday blessings for Troy Benjamin rb Cleopha Rawlings.

Thurs. Oct. 13, 7:00 AM: *St. Edward*
Wedding anniversary blessings for Kim and Charmine Antoine rb Their parents.

Fri. Oct. 14, 7:00 PM: *St. Callistus I*
Birthday blessings and God's protection for Phillip St. Luce and Maria Burke rb Their mother & grandmother.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning for *God's continued blessings, protection and guidance for Allison Charles*. You can request Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

BIRTHDAY THANK YOU: Fr. Neil Scantlebury would like to thank all those who called, prayed, texted, gave gifts or wished him happy birthday. May God reward you abundantly. Once again thank you.

OFFICE CLOSED: Please note that the church office will be closed on **Monday, October 10, 2016**, in observance of Columbus Day. Please be guided accordingly.

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: Hot dogs, 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 announces 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/2 nights stay at Marriott's Frenchman's Reef; 5th Prize: \$500 gas credit; 6th Prize: VI jewelry gift; and 7th Prize: sunset dinner 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. **SAVE THE DATE.**

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.

LITURGY AND WORD

Naaman was the Commander-in-chief of the army of Aram-Damascus in the mid 9th century BC who became a leper and visited the prophet Elisha for healing (2 Kgs 5:1-27). A young Israelite slave girl, captured in one of the Syrian raids on Israel, began the process of healing by telling her mistress, Naaman's wife, that there was a prophet of great power in Israel. As is the case with any person who is stricken with a bothersome disease, Naaman too became interested in getting healed. Initially, Naaman tried to gain access to the prophet Elisha through diplomatic channels (vv 4-7), but a serious misunderstanding arose between the King of Israel and the Syrian King. Finally, Naaman found Elisha who through an intermediary told him that all he had to do was to wash himself seven times in the Jordan (vv 8-12). Hearing this Naaman became furious for he found the prophet's formula for cure to be frivolous. His servant constrained him to obey the prophet to which Naaman agreed and eventually he was healed (vv 13-14). Naaman's gratitude was great and he tried, unsuccessfully, to offer the prophet a gift. The gift was refused, but Naaman himself returned home with some earth from Israel as a symbol of a newfound faith in Yahweh and wanted to remember Yahweh and Israel when he went to pray (vv 15-19). The story ends with an attempt by Gehazi, the servant of Elisha, to trick Naaman and get the gifts returned without the consent and knowledge of Elisha. The attempt misfired because Elisha was greatly displeased with the imprudent behaviour of Gehazi. As punishment Naaman's leprosy was transferred to Gehazi (vv 20-27). What is at play here is a foreign dignitary and a foreign king seeking help in their sickness from the God of Israel and his prophet. This contrast between the behaviour of Israel and the behaviour of foreign nations becomes a common theme in the prophetic tradition (cf. Jer 2:10-11; Lk 4:27). In the Gospel story of the ten lepers, Jesus made use of his power once again to aid unfortunate human beings afflicted with an evil which ostracized them from normal society and liberated those outcasts from their evil condition. He is again presented as the beneficent healer who lavished his bounty on those who needed him most. The lepers appeared at a distance, outside of an unknown Palestinian village as Jesus was about to enter it on his way to Jerusalem. The lepers called out to him in prayer for mercy and pity. Jesus asked them to go and present themselves to the priests for examination. The point of the story is the contrast between ingratitude and gratitude. The contrast stresses the seeing (i.e., the understanding) that came to the Samaritan, which was not shared by the other nine. That seeing enabled the Samaritan to turn (to be converted), to glorify God, and to thank Jesus himself. Jesus'

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: **488**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$5,988.17

SECOND COLLECTION:

Renovation Fund \$1,381.94

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

words in v 19 relate to the Samaritan's "seeing" further to faith and to salvation. His initial cry for mercy thus ended in his conversion to God and his agent, Jesus.

One night a newly married Hungarian couple ate supper in a small Parisian restaurant. When it was time to pay the bill, the husband was distressed to find that his purse had been stolen together with their return train ticket to Vienna. The waiter did not believe them and took them to the manager of the restaurant. There was something about the husband which the manager liked and trusted, so he even gave them return tickets. The young man then assured him, "Sir, you will never regret this generosity of yours. I promise to make you and your restaurant famous. My ambition is to write an opera and I shall put your restaurant in it." The manager smiled. He said he would be happy just to get his money back. But the young man kept his promise. He was the famous Hungarian composer Franz Lehar. He wrote an opera called "The Merry Widow" in which the Café Maxim - the Parisian restaurant - is in one of the songs. Because of that opera, even today, people visiting Paris want to see the Café Maxim - all because its owner a hundred years ago showed kindness to a distraught Hungarian composer.