

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> Margarita Smith Candace Bryan	Agnes Nicholas Rita Brady-Bermudez	Young Vincentians Young Vincentians
<b>EUCH MIN:</b> Olga McBean	Felicinne Marcillin Allison Charles	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, Norma Gimenez, Deacon Roy Bruney, Helen Bruney, Lorna Greig, Rita Brady Bermudez.

**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, Mary Antoine.

**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 Excellence when you ...*

- \*Give your best to whatever you do.
- \*Give your best to relationships.
- \*Set noble and realistic goals.
- \*Remember to plan and practice.
- \*Don't try to do everything.
- \*Develop your special gifts.

**Affirmation:**

*I give my best to the work I do. I give my best to others. I dare to set noble goals. I choose excellence in all things.*

**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, November 20, 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**

Caia Treherne, Kiana Quetel, Aaliyah Hodge, Phil Mellow, Kerine Gorge, Kirwin George, Chantele Casimir, Ardene Henley, Elsa Thomas, Victor Adams, Sonia Alfred, Connal Alfred, Alexandra Bradshaw, Vanessa Greenaway, Taudies Phillip, Georglyn Williams, Juliette Commodore, Mildred Turbe, Belden King, Muriella Clarke, Coreen King, Gerard Castor.

**Wedding Anniversaries**

Curtis & Gemma Felix - Oct. 23  
George & Muriella Clarke - Oct. 25  
Samson & Marilene Lionel - Oct. 26

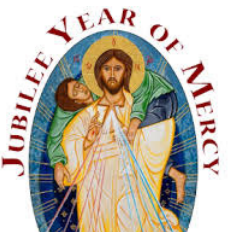


*Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!*

**Holy Family Catholic Church  
Welcomes You!**

**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 23, 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 23, 2016**

Mon.: Ephesians 4:32 - 5:8; Luke 13:10 - 17  
Tue.: Ephesians 5:21 - 33; Luke 13:18 - 21  
Wed.: Ephesians 6:1 - 9; Luke 13:22 - 30  
Thur.: Ephesians 6:10 - 20; Luke 13:31 - 35  
Fri.: Ephesians 2:19 - 22; Luke 6:12 - 16  
Sat.: Philippians 1:18b - 26; Luke 14:1, 7 - 11

**NEXT SUNDAY:  
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Wisdom 11:22 - 12:2**  
**2 Thessalonians 1:11 - 2:2**  
**Luke 19:1 - 10**



## 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

**FIRST READING: Sirach 35:12 - 14, 16 - 18**

Though not unduly partial toward the weak, God hears the cry of the oppressed. God is not deaf to the wail of the orphan or the complaints of the widow. The Lord is a God of justice.

**SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:6 - 8, 16 - 18**

Paul claimed to Timothy that he had fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith. He claimed that now a crown of victory awaits him as he arrives safely in the heavenly reign.

**GOSPEL: Luke 18:9 - 14**

Jesus told the story about the Pharisee and the tax collector to help those who place confidence in their own righteousness while holding others in contempt. Jesus encouraged people to pray with the tax collector, "O God, be merciful to me a sinner." In our Gospel today, Jesus describes two men who went to the temple to pray, but only one comes away justified. The book of Sirach tells us that the one who serves God willingly is heard. As we hear and pray about these scriptures today, let us listen for clues about the kind of prayer our loving God wishes to hear from us.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

6:00 PM: Eugene Farro (d) and Kathleen Farro (d) rb Estelle Farro.

#### Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: God's healing and guidance for Hurricane victims in Haiti.

10:00 AM: Joseph Gilbert Ledee, deceased rb His family.

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

#### Daily Masses:

Mon. Oct. 24, 6:00 PM: **St. Anthony Mary Claret**  
God's healing and blessings for Mona Bedminster and family.

Tues. Oct. 25, 7:00 AM: **St. Richard Gwyn**  
God's healing and blessings for Juilette Commodore and family.

Wed. Oct. 26, 7:00 AM: **The Eleven Martyrs of Almeria, Spain**  
God's healing and blessings for Pamela Charles and family.

Thurs. Oct. 27, 7:00 AM: **Blessed Contardo Ferrini**  
Birthday blessings for Juilette Commodore rb Her family.

Fri. Oct. 28, 7:00 PM: **Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles** - Feast  
Guidance and protection for Ade Warrington rb His grandmother,  
Lola Warrington.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** This week the Eternal Candle is burning for *God's healing and blessings for Lorna Greig and family*, requested by Lorna Greig. 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.

**PISTARCKLE THEATER:** Pistarckle Theater presents Sister Act, the Musical, a Divine Comedy to take place on **October 28 and 29, 2016**. Shows start at 8:00 p.m.

**CCD PARENTS' MEETING:** There will be a meeting with the parents of all CCD students on the weekend of **October 29 and 30**, after each mass for that weekend. Parents and guardians are kindly asked to take note and to make every effort to attend this meeting.

**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.

**MAN POT COMPETITION:** Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral cordially invites you to its Man Pot competition on **Sunday, November 13, 2016** at Sts. Peter & Paul School courtyard. A meeting for the competition will take place on **Tuesday, October 18, 2016**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Hospitality Lounge. Applications for participation will be available at the meeting. All proceeds will benefit Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral. **A trophy and bragging rights will be awarded to the winner.**

**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. The honorees are **The Knights and Dames of Malta**. **SAVE THE DATE. Tickets can be bought from Jennifer Johnson, Vincia St. Jean, Jean Dragin and the church office.**

### LITURGY AND WORD

The theme of today's liturgy is prayer. "If Christians spend as much time praying as they do grumbling, they would soon have nothing to grumble about," says an anonymous proverb. The parable of the Pharisee and the Publican teaches us that we have no business to despise, find fault or ridicule another human being based on his appearance, behavior, status, race, color, profession, nationality, language or any other factor. And yet this is something that we constantly keep doing for it is a human tendency to think oneself superior to the other when in reality it may be the opposite. Consider the following anecdote: A stooped old man and a lively young man happened to meet one day. The young man bragged to the old timer, "Why don't you walk straight, like me? That's no way to grow old. It's all a matter of habit - at least, that's what I'm told." The old man gave a look of pity and said, "My dear young friend, have you ever noticed a grain field and noticed which heads are bent and which ones stand up straight? If you take a good look as the harvest time draws near, you will notice that the heads which are empty are standing tall and high. But the heads that make a good harvest are the ones that are filled and bending low." The young man heard those words and passed by, slowly bowing his head. No doubt he pondered many a day on what the old man had said. Norman Vincent Peale writes, "When you are in an upsetting situation, pray for everyone involved. Pray hard and be open to the power of God." Prayer is a gift that blesses you and those for whom you pray and it is something that can be done at any time, in any place, whenever you have a moment to give. There is an old Hindu story about an elephant in India. He had gone to take a bath in the river. Now the elephant is a symbol of power and strength. He is self-reliant in pulling and pushing and fighting and making his way through the jungle. He is fearless and independent. But this time he was in trouble: a crocodile in the river got its jaws around the elephant's back leg and was pulling him into the water. The elephant pulled for all he was worth. But to no avail. He just kept slipping in the mud. He was out of his element and helpless. He pulled and pulled to save his life and save his reputation as the strongest beast of the jungle. But the stronger he pulled, the more ground he lost. Seeing that he was soon going to

### 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: **473**

**Last Weekend's collections**

**FIRST COLLECTION: \$5,611.42**

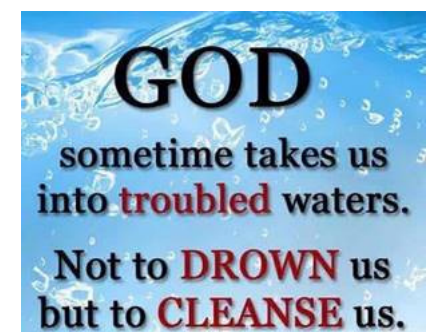
**SECOND COLLECTION:**

**Music Ministry: \$768.50**

**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

disappear under the water, in desperation he changed his tactics. He thought of God and prayed, as even elephants can in Hindu legends, "God, help me," he pleaded, "My strength is unable to save me." Then the Lord sent an eagle that saved the elephant from the crocodile and his own pride. Divine help appeared when the strongest animal on earth had accepted its own limitations. That is a parable of grace, or God's help. It comes when we acknowledge our limitations. Only when we give up our pride are we ready to believe in grace. And at that moment real life begins. Merlin R. Carothers (author of "Prison to Praise") says, "The very act of praise releases the power of God into a set of circumstances and enables God to change them if this is His design... I have come to believe that the prayer of praise is the highest form of communication with God, and one that always releases a great deal of power into our lives."



**GOD**  
sometime takes us  
into troubled waters.  
Not to **DROWN** us  
but to **CLEANSE** us.