

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU!
MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

9:00PM 7:30AM 10:00AM

CANTORS: Adult Choir	Dr. Gloria Callwood	Mona Bedminster
LECTORS: Suzanne Adrien Yasmine Haynes	Olga McBean Alma Wells	Families For Christ Families For Christ
EUCH MIN: 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, Lorna Greig, Maggie Dolphin, Bishop Thomas, Eleanor Jackson-Thomas.

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

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 Perservance when you ...

**Choose your commitments wisely.*

**Set goals and stick with them until completed.*

**Pace yourself, and take one step at a time.*

**Don't let doubts or tests blow you off course*

Affirmation:

*I have persever-
ance. I keep steady
in what I choose to
do. I am loyal and
committed.*

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 TO THE HOLY FAMILY

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, bless us and grant us the grace to live in love and unity like you lived in the home of Nazareth. Answer the prayers we present to you this day (**for the renewal of our parish**). Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, assist us in all our needs, surround us with the protection of your love, and bring us to the joy of our eternal home in heaven. 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, January 18, 2017
at 6:30 pm in Lower Columban Hall.**

**Le Bleu
ULTRA PURE BOTTLED WATER**

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



PARISH CELEBRATION

Birthdays

Jayden Francis, Jena Dieu, Jaleen Bedminster, Kindarly Mahautiere, Dwayne Rene, Leander Poleon, Micarla Matthew, Edwin Dorval, Elroy Pickering Jr., Catherine Birmingham, Adius Dieu, Jacklyn Le Blanc, Vincia St. Jean, Julian Gumbs, Kent Meyers, Riviere Casimir, Horace Wallace, Patricia Grell, Simone James, Edmond Benjamin.

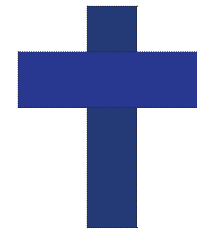


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

**Holy Family Catholic Church
Welcomes You!**

SOLEMNITY OF MARY - Jan. 01, 2017

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**Holy Mary,
Mother
of God,
and
our Mother,
please pray
for us!**

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

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)

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 January 01, 2017**

Mon.: 1 John 2:22 - 28; John 1:19 - 28
Tue.: 1 John 2:29 - 3:6; John:1:29 - 34
Wed.: 1 John 3:7 - 10; John 1:35 - 42
Thur.: 1 John 3:11 - 21; John 1:43 - 51
Fri.: 1 John 5:5 - 13; Mark 1:7 - 11
Sat.: 1 John 5:14 - 21; John 2:1 - 11

**NEXT SUNDAY:
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Isaiah 60:1 - 6
Ephesians 3:2 - 3a, 5 - 6
Matthew 2:1 - 12

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

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Numbers 6:22 - 27

“The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!”

SECOND READING: Galatians 4:4 - 7

When the time had come, God sent the beloved Son born of a woman so that we might become adopted children. We are no longer slaves but heirs of God whom we call, “Abba, Father!”

GOSPEL: Luke 2:16 - 21

On the eighth day, Mary’s child was circumcised and was given the name Jesus, That is, “God saves.” Mary “kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.” The sacred scriptures we hear proclaimed today continue our celebration of the Christmas season. We still have shepherds, Mary, Joseph, and Jesus at the manger in Bethlehem. The first reading recounts a very beautiful blessing from our ancient tradition, and St. Paul proclaims that we are adopted children of God through Jesus Christ. Let us ponder these readings today, reflecting on them in our heart.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

9:00 PM: Birthday blessings for Heather Victorine rb Her mother, Andrea Victorine.

11:00 PM: God’s blessings & guidance for Holy Family parishioners

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings for Vincia St. Jean rb Vincia St. Jean.

Birthday blessings for Patsy Grell rb Patsy Grell.

10:00 AM: God’s blessings, protection and success for the New Year for Everry Fontaine rb Everry Fontaine.

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



Daily Masses:



Mon. Jan. 2, 6:00 PM: **Sts. Basil & Gregory**
Bryan Thomas (d) rb His mother, Eve Ogiste.

Tues. Jan. 3, 7:00 AM: **The Most Holy Name of Jesus**
Ermine Abraham (d) rb Eve Ogiste.

Wed. Jan. 4, 7:00 AM: **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**
Hermacin John (d) rb Eve Ogiste.

Thurs. Jan. 5, 7:00 AM: **St. John Neumann**
Birthday blessings and God’s favor for Candace Charles rb Her family.

Fri. Jan. 6, 7:00 PM: **St. Andre Bessette**
Eugene & Kathleen Farro (d) rb Estelle Farro.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning for **Special Intention for John Burand**. You can request Eternal Candle for your loved ones’ birthdays or any special occasions.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: We extend sincere thanks to all who donated or contributed to the purchase of poinsettias this year. We also extend deepest gratitude to those who came out to clean and decorate the church for the Christmas season. May the infant child draw each of you closer to Him this Christmas and beyond.

THANK YOU: Rev. Neil Scantlebury and Rev. Kerly François extend sincere thanks to all those who sent them cards and extended Christmas wishes. May God continue to bless you and your family and may the Christ child bring you into a deeper relationship with Him. Once again thank you and God’s continued blessings.

OFFICE CLOSED: Please note that the church office will be closed on **Monday, January 2, 2017, ALL DAY**. The church office will reopen on **Tuesday, January 3, 2017**. Please be guided accordingly.

NEW YEAR’S LUNCH: The Haitian adult choir will be serving soup at the chapel in Bovoni this **Sunday, January 1, 2017**, from 12:00 noon.

ST. JOSEPH WORKERS: Members of St. Joseph Workers are kindly asked to note that the next meeting will take place on **Sunday, January 8, 2017**, after the 7:30 a.m. mass. Please be guided accordingly.

HOLY FAMILY FEAST FUN DAY: Our Feast Day fun day will be held on **Sunday, January 15, 2017** at UVI Golf Course. Please save the date. **PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR THEIR HOLY FAMILY T-SHIRT/POLO SHIRT (if you have one) TO OUR FUN DAY ON TO CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY.**

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

Today is the New Year Day! And it is indeed wonderful to celebrate the Feast of Mother Mary, honouring her as the Mother of God. Mary who considered herself as the handmaid of the Lord was honoured by God Himself when His Angel brought to her His Word, saying: “Hail full of grace! The Lord is with you” (Lk 1:28). God had preserved her even from the stain of original sin and so she was immaculate and full of grace, because she was to be the mother of His Son Jesus, our Saviour, the second person of the Holy Trinity. Therefore we human beings should always love and honour her. Mary listened to God’s Word, believed and treasured it in her heart and by pondering over it, she could produce fruits of all virtues, and she could surrender to God’s plan with full faith even though it meant lot of sufferings for her. As a result, she could be a partner in the redemptive work of God. She brought forth the Redeemer, the Son of God, and so she is the Mother of God. You and I are called to become mothers, brothers and sisters of Jesus. Jesus put this question to the people: “Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?” (Mt 12:49) Then He Himself gave the answer, “Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother, my sister, and my mother” (Mt 12:50). Also in Luke 11:28 Jesus says, “More blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.” Mary always did what pleased God; she did His will without failing; she could accept the most painful things in her life without questioning God; she loved Him above everything else with her whole heart and soul. How could she do all these? Because she believed God’s Word, treasured and pondered it in her heart. She was like the good soil Jesus spoke about in the parable of the Sower. The seeds that fell only on good soil could produce fruits, some a hundred-fold, some sixty and some thirty. Mary produced always hundred-fold. Let us be like Mary, our most holy Mother and the Mother of God, joyfully listening to the Word of God, treasuring it in our hearts, and continuing to produce fruits in abundance. By doing these we too can bring forth Jesus in our lives and help His Kingdom to grow. Let this be our programme of life for this New Year 2017!

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: **638**

Last Weekend’s collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$6,644.22

SECOND COLLECTION:

To assist the poor: \$2,787.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS FOR 2016

LITURGY AND WORD CONT’D

The majestic early chapters of Genesis present the human couple in its deepest reality. Those first pages of the Bible make a number of very clear statements. The first, which Jesus paraphrases, says that “God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created them, male and female he created them” (Gen 1:27). It is striking that the “image of God” here refers to the couple, “male and female.” Does this mean that sex is a property of God himself, or that God has a divine female companion, as some ancient religions held? Naturally, the answer is no. We know clearly the Bible rejects as idolatrous such beliefs, found among the Canaanites of the Holy Land. God’s transcendence is preserved, yet inasmuch as he is also the Creator, the fruitfulness of the human couple is a living and effective “image,” a visible sign of his creative act.

– Pope Francis (Amoris Laetitia)