

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU!
MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

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

CANTORS: Allan Harrigan ADULT CHOIR CCD CHOIR

LECTORS: Antoinette Floyd Noreen Joseph CCD STUDENT
Margarita Smith Jalila Thomas CCD STUDENT

EUCH MIN: Dolores Velazquez Alma Wells Mona Bedminster
Catherina Alexander

Thank you for sewing !!!

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

HOSPITAL: Berecia Reid.

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, Evelyn Simon, Mary Lewis, Veronica Sealey, Isabel Dublin, Gerard Henry, Theresa Felix, Ruthine Johnson, Leal Stridiron, Grace Thompson.

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 Purposefulness when you ...

- *Have a clear vision of what you want to accomplish.
- *Know why you are doing it.
- *Focus on the goal.
- *Get back on purpose if you get scattered or distracted.
- *Do things one at a time and finish what you start.
- *Persevere until you get the right results.

Affirmation:

I am purposeful. I am clear about what I am doing and why. I stay focused on my goals. I know I can accomplish great 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)

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
P.O Box 302250
St. Thomas, VI 00803
340-776-5894 / Fax: 340-776-5854

PARISH CELEBRATION

Birthdays

Jennifer I. Johnson, Aaliyah Esprit, Lenskerry Dorcelly, Nicholas Browne, Jacquoï Rhymmer, Megan Rene, Vicente Donastorg, III, Seon Francis, Crystal Winston, Chrismite Mombia, Wordsworth Auguste, Rona Maynard, Nina Bryan, Michael Casimir, Mark Ochs, Sheba Adrien.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Eubald & Marguerite Rene - Jan. 15

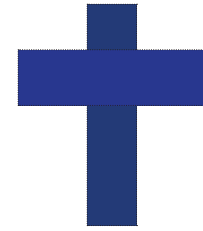


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

**Holy Family Catholic Church
Welcomes You!**

2nd, Sunday in Ordinary Time - Jan. 15, 2017

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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

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 January 15, 2017**

Mon.: Hebrews 5:1 - 10; Mark 2:18 - 22
Tue.: Hebrews 6:10 - 20; Mark 2:23 - 28
Wed.: Hebrews 7:1 - 3, 15 - 17;
Mark 3:1 - 6
Thur.: Hebrews 7:25 - 8:6; Mark 3:7 - 12
Fri.: Hebrews 8:6 - 13; Mark 3:13 - 19
Sat.: Hebrews 9:2 - 3, 11 - 14;
Mark 3:20 - 21

**NEXT SUNDAY:
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3
1 Corinthians 1:10 - 13, 17
Matthew 4:12 - 23

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:3, 5 - 6

The Lord said, "You are my servant, Israel, through whom I show my glory ... I will make you a light to the nations that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1 - 3

"Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus," greeted the holy people of the Corinthian church with God's grace and peace. He addressed them as "sanctified in Christ."

John 1:29 - 34

John exclaimed, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." He continued, I saw the Spirit come down like a dove ... I have seen and testified that He is the Son of God."
All of today's readings are about the mission that God has for those who follow God. Isaiah speaks of being God's servant; St. Paul says he was called to be an apostle; and John the Baptist, himself a servant of God, identifies Jesus as the Son of God. As we hear these sacred scriptures proclaimed, let us make the refrain of the responsorial psalm our own prayer: "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

6:00 PM: Rose and Richard Cook (d) rb Estelle Farro.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: God's guidance and protection for Curtis Abraham rb Eve Ogiste.

10:00 AM: Good health for Patricia Ptucha rb Estelle Farro.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. Jan. 16, 6:00 PM: **St. Berard & Companions**
Eddie Waith (d) rb His wife Elsie Waith.

Tues. Jan. 17, 7:00 AM: **St. Anthony of Egypt**
Birthday blessings for Jennifer I. Johnson rb Her family.

Wed. Jan. 18, 7:00 AM: **Blessed Christina**
Souls in purgatory rb Eve Ogiste.

Thurs. Jan. 19, 7:00 AM: **St. Paula**
Blessings for the Cook family rb Estelle Farro.

Fri. Jan. 20, 7:00 PM: **St. Fabian and St. Sebastian**
Blessings for the sick and shut-in parishioners of Holy Family church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning for *birthday blessings for Jennifer I. Johnson*. You can request Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

ALTAR FLOWERS: This weekend the altar flowers were paid for in part by *Jennifer Johnson* in thanksgiving to God and celebration of her birthday. We thank you for beautifying the church and we pray God's continued blessings on your special day. Once again, thank you.

HOLY FAMILY FEAST FUN DAY: Our Feast Day fun day will be held this **Sunday, January 15, 2017** at UVI Golf Course from 1:00 p. m. to 5:00 p.m. **PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR THEIR HOLY FAMILY T-SHIRT/POLO SHIRT OR THE GREEN ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRT/POLO SHIRT (if you have one) TO OUR FUN DAY TO CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY.** Catholic Charities will be selling raffle tickets at the fun day, which will also be drawn at the fun day. Please be guided accordingly.

OFFICE CLOSED: Please note that the church office will be closed **ALL** day on **Monday, January 16, 2017**, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Please be guided accordingly.

BAPTISM CLASS: Baptism class commenced on **Monday January 9, 2017**, at 7:00 p.m. in Lower Columban Hall, and will continue every Monday in January.

FOOD FOR THE POOR: Next 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.

FREE CONCERT: The St. Thomas Reformed Church (STRC) will host a free concert on **Sunday, January 22, 2017**, at 4:00 p.m. for the dedication of their New Bravura L-342 by Allen Organ. All are invited to attend.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY 2017: All couples who were married in the Catholic Church for 20 years or more, in a year ending in a "2" or a "7"; (**for example 1987 = 30, 1992 = 25 years**), will be presented with a certificate signed by the bishop on the weekend of **February 11 - 12, 2017**. **Anyone married 50+ years (1967 or earlier)** are also eligible regardless of the year they were married. Please fill out the form at the entrance of the church or call the church office at 340-775-1650 **no later than Monday, January 30, 2017**. No names will be accepted after that date.

NEW AT HOLY FAMILY: Please check out our new website at **www.holyfamilystt.com** and our face book page at **Holy Familyvi**. Also, (1) **Log on to FORMED.ORG/REGISTRATION** then use the parish code **QMPGC4**. (2) **MYPARISHAPP: Access the App Store, download the MYPARISH APP, put in the name of your parish (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

"Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." With these words John the Baptist introduces Jesus to the crowd and to us today. In every Eucharist the celebrant borrows these words of John to present us the Eucharistic Lord at Communion. What does John mean by describing Jesus as the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world?" It does not just mean that Jesus Christ, in the sweetness of His human nature, is gentle and meek and patient and innocent and pure. John was not merely giving a description of Christ's disposition. In fact, John's presentation of Jesus as the "Lamb of God" stems from some ancient prophecies and rituals. In the book of Isaiah we read: 'He was led as a Lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He opened not His mouth' (Isa 53:7). And again: "the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Isa 53:6). John the Baptist, looking back through the ages to that ancient prophetic utterance, points to Jesus standing by his side, and says, 'There it is fulfilled.' The prophetic symbol of the Lamb who bore the iniquity of all, had its roots in the past, and pointed back to the sacrificial lamb, the lamb of the daily sacrifice, and especially to the lamb slain at the Passover. Just as the lamb's blood spared the Hebrews before they left Egypt so now it is the blood of Jesus, the new Passover Lamb that saves us from our sins. "The Lamb of God" also directs our mind back to the top of Mount Moriah where Abraham was getting ready to sacrifice his son. To the boy's question, "Where is the lamb?" Abraham answered, 'My son, God Himself will provide the lamb!' Pointing to Jesus today John the Baptist is telling us, 'Behold the Lamb that God has provided, on whom the whole mass of human transgression is laid, and who bears it away.' Jesus Christ, the sin-bearer, not only carries, but carries away, the burden that is laid upon Him. Here, we are reminded of the singular ceremonial connected with the scapegoat, practised among many peoples in the ancient world. The sins of the nation were symbolically laid upon its head, and it was carried out to the edge of the wilderness and driven forth to wander alone, bearing away upon itself into the darkness and solitude the whole burden of the nation's sins. Such a sin-bearer is the greatest need of our world. Almost all religions have

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: **577**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$7,503.47

SECOND COLLECTION: Renovation Fund: \$1,566.36

LITURGY AND WORD CONT'D

their set of sacrifices. The sacrifices offered in every land testify to the fact that humanity all over the world, and through all the ages and cultures, has been conscious of the need to obtain forgiveness for sins. This universally diffused sense that things are wrong between man and God, and need to be set right, accounts for the origin and prevalence of sacrifices. Humans everywhere long for deliverance from the power of sin. And this deliverance is already achieved once and for all with the sacrifice of Christ. This indeed, is the central message of Christianity. Christianity is not merely a means of social improvement. The basis of our religion is the Cross of Christ which takes away the world's iniquity. If Jesus takes away the sin of the world, then, of course, he can take away my sin. It can be meaningless to get caught up in generalities and say Jesus is the Saviour of the world. What is important is that I accept and acknowledge Him as my Saviour. Only Jesus is the solution to our own personal problems and to the problems of the world at large. He is the one who can conquer all evil and negativity. John was a pointer to Jesus. He directed his own disciples to follow Jesus. The true greatness of John consisted in the fact that he sent people to Jesus, left the centre stage to make room for the Messiah. As Christians, we too must be doing the same. In the first reading of today God tells, "I will make you the light of the nations, so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth." And we have heard John the Baptist, saying: "Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God." Let us be convinced that these words are addressed to each one of us, who are followers of Christ, for we are called to be a light to the nations, and also to give witness that Jesus, the Chosen One of God, is still continuing his mission of salvation.