

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU!  
**MINISTERS' SCHEDULE**

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

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| <b>CANTORS:</b> Allan Harrigan                 | Dr. Gloria Callwood<br>Felicinne Marcellin | Melita Etienne                   |
| <b>LECTORS:</b> Helena Enrique<br>Keith Steele | Noreen Joseph<br>Alma Wells                | Suzanne Adrien<br>Ursula Prosper |
| <b>EUCH MIN:</b> Dolores Velazquez             | Bridget Toussaint<br>Rose Labadie          | Franklin Howe<br>Antoinette Howe |

*Thank you for sewing !!!*

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

**HOSPITAL:** John Joseph, Rita Thompson.

**OFF ISLAND:** Defy Francoise, Bertina Lestrade, Altagracia Padilla, Emile Joseph, Joseph Archer, Clementina Abraham, Maggie Dolphin, Bishop Thomas, Elizabeth Dolphin.

**AT HOME:** Rita Ledee, Rose Celestine, Margarita Feliciano, Martina Lewis, Olivia Gumbs, Ann Bedminster, Medina Scatliffe, Lilian Francis, Bernice Knight, Philomen Baron, Joyce McPherson, Claudy Brutus, McLean Fountain (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:**  
**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 Consideration when you ...*

*\*Respect other people's needs and feelings.*

*\*Consider others' needs as important as your own.*

*\*Stop and think how your actions will affect people.*

*\*Put yourself in other people's shoes.*

*\*Give tender attention.*

*\*Think of little things to bring others happiness.*

**Affirmation:**

*I am considerate of others. I stop and think about how my actions may affect them. I do thoughtful things for people.*

**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 FOR LENT**

Lord Jesus, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. During this Lent, lead us by your Holy Spirit to live more faithfully in Christian freedom. Through prayer, increased charity and the disciplines of this sacred season, draw us closer to you. Purify the intentions of our hearts so all our Lenten observances give you praise and glory. Grant that through our words and actions, we may be faithful messengers of the Gospel message to a world in need of hope and your mercy. 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, March 15, 2017  
at 6:30 pm in Lower Columban Hall.**

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**PARISH CELEBRATION**

**Birthdays**

*Anaj Martin, Ke'Sai Tyrell, Amya Hodge, Shemar Joseph, Britan Dyer, Britany Dyer, Benjamin Dudley, Kishma Casimir, Anita Williams, Vernell Gumbs, Cheryl Dorsett, Brandt Bruney, Michel Antoine, Wade Monroe, Alain Wescott, Anne Daudier, Emmanuel Mahautiere, Lizette Velazquez, Georgette Jules, Kathleen Thompson, Tomas Serrano.*

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

*Francis & Henreitta John Baptiste - Mar. 13  
Jean & Anne Mimose Pierre - Mar. 17*



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

**Holy Family Catholic Church  
Welcomes You!**

**2nd Sunday of Lent - March 12, 2017**

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**MAKE  
THESE  
40DAYS  
HOLY**

**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 March 12, 2017**

Mon.: Daniel 9:4b - 10; Luke 6:36 - 38  
Tue.: Isaiah 1:10, 16 - 20; Matthew 23:1 - 12  
Wed.: Jere. 18:18 - 20; Matthew 20:17 - 28  
Thur.: Jeremiah 17:5 - 10; Luke 16:19 - 31  
Fri.: Genesis 37:3 - 4, 12 - 13a, 17b - 28a;  
Matthew 21:33 - 43, 45 - 46  
Sat.: Micah 7:14 - 15, 18 - 20;  
Luke 15:1 - 3, 11 - 32

**NEXT SUNDAY:  
3rd Sunday of Lent**

Exodus 17:3 - 7  
Romans 5:1 - 2, 5 - 8  
John 4:5 - 42

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

#### FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1 - 4a

Abram was commanded by the Lord to leave his home and go to a new land. There the Lord God would make of him a great nation and all would be blessed because of him.

#### SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:8b - 10

God saves all people and call them to a holy life, not because of their own merit but because of the grace held out in Christ. Christ "destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel."

#### GOSPEL READING: Matthew 17:1 - 9

Jesus went up to a high mountain. With Moses and Elijah at his side, He was transfigured before the eyes of His disciples Peter, James, and John. A voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."  
Just as God's promise to Abraham indicated the greatness to come, so too was Jesus' glory prefigured in His transfiguration. As St. Paul says, Christ Jesus "destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel."  
As we hear these sacred scriptures proclaimed, let us heed the words of God about the beloved Son, and listen to him.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

6:00 PM: Birthday blessings for Clifton Johnson rb His mother.

#### Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: God's mercy and graces for Claudelle Mathurin, K'Ante & Gabriel.

10:00 AM: Birthday blessings for Octavia Shillingford rb Her mother,  
Alana Joseph.

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

#### Daily Masses:

Mon. Mar. 13, 6:00 PM: **St. Seraphina**  
Kathy Farro (d) rb Estelle Farro.

Tues. Mar. 14, 7:00 AM: **St. Matilda**  
Olga Deto (d) rb The Rouse family.

Wed. Mar. 15, 7:00 AM: **St. Zachary**  
Renee Doute (d) rb The Children of Mary.

Thurs. Mar. 16, 7:00 AM: **Blessed Torello**  
Veronica Boyd rb Alma Jones-Davis.

Fri. Mar. 17, 7:00 PM: **St. Patrick**  
Marcel Jno Lewis (d) rb Mona Bedminster.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SECOND COLLECTION:** This week's second collection goes towards **Bishop's Appeal**. Next week's second collection will go towards **Bishop's Appeal**. As always we thank you for your generosity.

**BISHOP'S APPEAL:** "Where there is a need, there is the Bishop's Appeal." Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal helps Catholic Charities to provide needed assistance to a fast-growing segment of our community, THE HOMELESS. Please give generously to this year's Appeal so that we can supply needed medicines and doctor visits for our impoverished and infirmed homeless in our community. For your convenience, you may choose to make a pledge now and spread your donation over several months. "Love what Jesus loves. Jesus loves the poor."

**WELCOME:** This **Sunday, March 12, 2017**, we welcome We From Up Street, Inc. members who are celebrating their 22nd anniversary and members of the Charlotte Amalie High School Class of 1968 who will be celebrating their 50th anniversary next year, to Holy Family church, at the 10:00 a.m. mass. We pray God's continued blessings to you and your family and wish you all the best in your future endeavors. Once again welcome and God bless.

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** This week the Eternal Candle is burning for **Eddie Waith deceased, requested by Maureen Petersen**. You can request Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

**SYMPATHY:** On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly Francois and Rev. Neil Scantlebury extend sincere sympathy to the family of **Berecia Reid** who died on **Saturday, March 4, 2017**. The funeral Mass for the late **Berecia Reid** will be forth-coming. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

**BAPTISM CLASS:** Baptism class began on **Monday, March 6, 2017** at 7:00 p.m. in Lower Columban Hall, and will continue every Monday in March. Application forms for Baptism can be collected from the church office and should be completed before the start of the program. Thank you for your cooperation.

**LENT:** Lent began with **Ash Wednesday, March 01, 2017**. Now is the time to plan spiritual and corporal works of mercy for Lent.

#### LENT: During Lent:

1. Holy Hour and Stations of the Cross are on Fridays at 6:00 p.m.
2. Those 18 to 59 years of age are to **fast on Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**.
3. Those 14 years and older are to **abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays in Lent**
4. Pray for peace in the world and in our families.
5. Pray for God's blessings and protection against the attacks of evil spirits for our parish and our diocese.
6. We are encouraged to attend the Jesus Explosion with our entire family.
7. There will be **NO** altar flowers, **NO** Gloria and **NO** Alleluia, **NO** recessional hymn.
8. We are encouraged to make a good Confession.
9. Give generously to the Bishop's Appeal.
10. Pray the novena of Our Lady the Undoer of Knots that Our Lady will undo the knots of Holy Family Parish, family and ourselves.

**ANNUAL YOUTH LENTEN RETREAT:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church is hosting a Mission on **Monday, March 13th and Tuesday, March 14th** from 6:30 pm to 8 pm. with Fr. James Holland.

### LITURGY AND WORD

Jesus became man to liberate people from sin and death through His suffering and death on the cross and by his resurrection. Knowing that the time to fulfill the plan of His Father is fast approaching, Jesus warns His disciples of His suffering and death, as we find in the latter part of Matthew's Gospel (Cf. chs 16, 17, 20). The disciples who were dreaming of a Messiah who would liberate the Jews from the foreign domination and give them an independent nation could not understand what the Lord was telling them. Therefore, before this takes place Jesus wants to give to them an experience of the glory of Him as the Son of God. Hence He takes Peter, James and John to the top of a mountain, Mount Tabor; and in front of them He was transfigured. There appeared to them Moses and Elijah with Him and they hear the voice of the Father: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

The Transfiguration was an important event for the apostles. It had a purpose: it prepared them for the Paschal Mystery, especially the humiliating death of their Master. It helped them to understand and, later, interpret correctly the meaning of the death and resurrection of Jesus. It was in the event of the Transfiguration that God revealed the true identity of His Son: "This is my beloved Son." Moses and Elijah also appeared there and they were talking to Him. These were the two men of God who had experienced the Divine presence – Moses on Mount Sinai had a glimpse of the divine glory, seeing only the back of God, not his face (Cfr. Exod 33:20), and Elijah experienced the presence of God "in a gentle breeze", the tenderness of God overwhelming him (Cfr. 1 Kgs 19:11-12). If the Transfiguration was an important event for the apostles just like the experience of God's powerful presence in the life of Moses and Elijah, it should be the same for us as well. We need to experience His powerful presence or have a glimpse of something of the glory of God in our lives. For this we need to be at the feet of the Lord, listening to Him, as Mary of Bethany did. We need to listen to the word of God and treasure it in our hearts and ponder over it as the Virgin Mary, our Blessed Mother did. We need to sit with her, the Mother of Jesus, and pray like the apostles for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us. Then we shall be strengthened by the action of God no matter what life offers us or has in store for us; we shall

### 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: **552**

#### Last Weekend's collections

**FIRST COLLECTION: \$8,266.48**

**SECOND COLLECTION:**

**Bishop's Appeal: \$1,102.00**

**Our Bishop's Appeal contribution goal for 2017 is \$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

never be discouraged, we shall never abandon the Lord. On the contrary, we shall always be faithful to Jesus our Lord and surrender ourselves to His plan for our lives just as He did to His Father's plan for Him. And, as we heard in the First Reading, we will be able to do as Abraham did – leaving everything and his own homeland Abraham set out on a journey with nothing but the assurance of a blessing on the basis of God's promise. He was ready to risk his future on the basis of this promise because he knew and believed God was with him. God did work miracles in Abraham's life: God made him father of a great nation and made him a blessing to all nations. May this time of Lent help us to transform ourselves and to become what the Lord desires us to be.



- ✓ Fast from HURTING WORDS and say KIND WORDS.
- ✓ Fast from SADNESS and be filled with GRATITUDE.
- ✓ Fast from ANGER and be filled with PATIENCE.
- ✓ Fast from PESSIMISM and be filled with HOPE.
- ✓ Fast from WORRIES and TRUST IN GOD.
- ✓ Fast from COMPLAINTS and contemplate SIMPLICITY.
- ✓ Fast from PRESSURES and be PRAYERFUL.
- ✓ Fast from BITTERNESS and fill your heart with JOY.
- ✓ Fast from SELFISHNESS and be COMPASSIONATE to others.
- ✓ Fast from GRUDGES and be RECONCILED.
- ✓ Fast from WORDS and be SILENT so you can listen.