

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU!
MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

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

CANTORS: Allan Harrigan	Dr. Gloria Callwood Felicinne Marcellin	CCD Choir
LECTORS: Chris Doute Valerie Doute	Bridget Toussaint Rita Brady Bermudez	CCD Student CCD Student
EUCH MIN: Olga McBean	Catherina Alexander Danna Knight	Mona Bedminster

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 Tact when you ...

**Are careful about the feelings of others.*

**Stop yourself from teasing or embarrassing others.*

**Tell the truth kindly and gently.*

**Decide if it is better to tell the truth or keep silent.*

**Keep unpleasant or critical thoughts to yourself.*

**Treat people who are different as you would treat anyone.*

Affirmation:

I am tactful. I think before I speak. I am diplomatic even when I feel strongly. I tell the truth kindly and gently.

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, April 19, 2017
at 6:30 pm in Lower Columban Hall.

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PARISH CELEBRATION

Birthdays

Claudy Brutus, Evan Fahie, Keithford Francis, Jr., Sheldon Benjamin Jr., Kristel Cabo, Jacky Raphael, Rousse-lande Augustin, Kettura Mitchel, Davion Smith, Joseph Harding, Jennifer Pacquette, Ingrid Khan, Allan Bryan, Pamela Charles, Gail Steele, Fritzold Bredy, Theresa Fahie, Gloria Etienne, Jose Encarnacion, Gabrielle George.



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

**Holy Family Catholic Church
Welcomes You!**

3rd Sunday of Lent - March 19, 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 19, 2017**

Mon.: 2 Samuel 7:4 - 5a, 12 - 14a, 16;
Rom. 4:13, 16 - 18, 22; Matt. 1:16,18-21,24a

Tue.: Dan. 3:25, 34 - 43; Matt. 18:21 - 35

Wed.: Deut. 4:1,5 - 9; Matthew 5:17 - 19

Thur.: Jeremiah 7: 23 -28; Luke 11:14 - 23

Fri.: Hosea 14:2 - 10; Mark 12:28 - 34

Sat.: Isaiah 7:10 - 14, 8:10; Heb. 10:4 - 10
Luke 1:26 - 38

**NEXT SUNDAY:
4th Sunday of Lent**

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6 - 7, 10 - 13a
Ephesians 5:8 - 14
John 9:1 - 41

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:3 - 7

The Israelites grumbled against Moses for leading them out of Egypt. They were thirsty, and there was no water in the desert, so Moses struck a rock with his staff, and water flowed out for the people to drink.

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1 - 2, 5 - 8

“The love of God has been poured out into our hearts, “and that love is immeasurable; “While we were still sinners Christ died for us.”

GOSPEL READING: John 4:5 - 42

Jesus met a Samaritan woman at the well. She offered Him water from the well, and he, in turn, offered her the living water of eternal life. As a result, she and many others came to know that Jesus is the Savior. Water is a primary symbol in the sacrament of Baptism, and we have it in abundance in today's readings: Moses and the people in the desert longing for water, St. Paul describing the love of God that “has been poured out into our heart,” and the story of Jesus and the woman at the well. Listening to these inspired scriptures today, let us contemplate what the waters of our own Baptism mean to us.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

6:00 PM: Jerome Matthew (d) rb His wife.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings for Keithford Francis, Jr. rb Velma Henry.

10:00 AM: God's help and guidance for Sherna Matthew rb Her mother.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. Mar. 20, 6:00 PM: **St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Birthday blessings for Omarvi Victorine & Marsha Lavinier
rb Andrea Victorine.

Tues. Mar. 21, 7:00 AM: **St. Serapion**
Birthday blessings for Thomas and Mike rb Ms. Casimir.

Wed. Mar. 22, 7:00 AM: **St. Deogratias**
Birthday blessings and God's continued guidance and protection for
Pamela Charles.

Thurs. Mar. 23, 7:00 AM: **St. Toribio de Mogrovejo**
Mayrose Gustave (d) rb Her daughter Bernadette Gustave.

Fri. Mar. 24, 7:00 PM: **Blessed Diego**
God's healing Shanell Mondesire rb Her mother.

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.” In an age when it is more and more difficult to find funding for non-public schools, your gift to the Bishop's Appeal helps to provide scholarships to our four Catholic schools. Please give generously. 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.”

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 take place on **Thursday, March 23, 2017**, at 10:00 a.m. Viewing will precede the mass from 9:00 a.m. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

CENTENNIAL BOOKLET: The St. Thomas/St. John friends of Denmark Society in celebration of our centennial celebration have available for sale a **50 years booklet** at a cost of **\$25.00 each**. The second part, the last 50 years will be available soon. Anyone interested in obtaining a copy please contact Rita Brady-Bermudez after the 7:30 a.m. mass or call her at 340-775-9120 or 340-690-4742. Thanks for your interest and support.

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.

JESUS EXPLOSION NUMBER 1: The Diocese of St. Thomas of the Virgin Islands presents Jesus Explosion Number One, which will take place at Columban Hall at Holy Family Church, from **Friday, March 31 to Sunday, April 2, 2017**. The main speaker will be **Fr. Ian Taylor of Trinidad & Tobago**. The theme for the weekend is “**God's Love**” - John 3:16. **The fee is \$20.00 for ages 10 to 21 which includes registration, material, weekend meals and a polo shirt. Adults: 22 and older, registration is \$35.00. Meals and polo shirts are sold separately.** Registration forms are available at all Catholic churches. Accommodations are needed for visitors from Trinidad, Virgin Gorda, Tortola and St. Croix. Volunteers please contact Yvonne Freeman at 340-642-6377.

LITURGY AND WORD

One of the purposes of Lent is to restore one's relationship with God as indicated in today's readings. In today's Gospel we see how Jesus helps the Samaritan woman to restore her relationship with God. He invites her to make a shift in her understanding of God at four levels: a) One needs to go beyond the visible in order to see God: As Jesus approached the Samaritan woman he asked her for water. She could see him only as a Jewish male and thus was surprised that a Jewish male was asking for water from her. She could find out that he was the Messiah only at the end of the conversation. Thus she questioned about his ability to give her living water. One ill-treats others because one fails to see God in the other. Mother Teresa says, “Nothing happens between you and me. Everything happens between me and my God.” This attitude helps us to see beyond the visible and discover God in the other.

b) One needs to go beyond one's set boundaries in order to relate to God: The Samaritan woman was proud of being from the line of Jacob their forefather. She thought no one can be greater than their forefather. Jesus shows her the limitation of her legitimate pride. Jacob could provide water for the people and their animals. This means he could give temporary satisfaction of drinking ordinary water.

One needs to go beyond one's set boundaries of satisfying one's physical thirst and develop a thirst for living water which Jesus is ready to give.

c) One needs to go beyond one's spiritual life to worship God: The Samaritan woman thought it was enough to worship God in a particular place like Mount Gerizim. Jesus shows her that true worship is done in truth and spirit. It is not enough to be spiritually satisfied in worshipping God in rituals or in geographical places. One needs to go beyond the set geographical boundaries and develop a spirituality of truth (that is Jesus himself) and spirit (as opposed to material, physical and geographical under-

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: **537**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$6,088.63

SECOND COLLECTION:

Bishop's Appeal: \$1,679.14

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

standing of God) in one's spiritual life in order to worship God in a worthy manner.

d) One needs to go beyond one's concept of the Messiah: The Samaritan woman was waiting for the Messiah. She did not know that the Messiah was right there in front of her speaking to her. The woman made a gradual progress in her understanding of Jesus as she uses the titles “a Jew”, “Sir”, “Prophet” and “Messiah”. God is found in ordinary and at times routine moments of our lives, sometimes gradually, sometimes drastically. What kind of shift should I make in order to restore my relationship with God in this season of Lent?

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT'D

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.

LEGION OF MARY: The Legion of Mary Curia Mary, Immaculate Conception St. Thomas-St. John, V.I. invites you to their ACIES on **Sunday, March 26, 2017**, at 2:30 p.m. at Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral.