

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU!
MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

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

CANTORS: Allan Harrigan	Adult Choir	CCD CHOIR
LECTORS: See Easter Schedule	Agnes Nicholas Bridget Toussaint	CCD STUDENT CCD STUDENT
EUCH MIN: Dolores Velazquez	Felicinne Marcillin Catherina Alexander	Franklin Howe Antoinette Howe

Thank you for serving !!!



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.

AT HOME: Rita Ledee, Rose Celestine, Margarita Feliciano, Martina Lewis, Olivia Gumbs, Ann Bedminster, Medina Scatliffe, 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, Grace Thompson, Baby Elizabeth Dolphin, Andrea Victorine.

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 Trustfulness when you ...

- *Speak only the truth.
- *Don't let others tell you what to think.
- *Investigate the truth for yourself.
- *Can tell the difference between fact and fantasy.
- *Admit when you have made a mistake.
- *Don't exaggerate or deceive

Affirmation:

I am trustful. I speak the truth. I see the truth with my own eyes. I am content to be my true self.

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)

Meeting: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 7PM

PRAYER FOR EASTER

Lord Jesus, you have risen to new life! Give me new eyes with which to recognize your presence in the world around me. Sharpen my vision so that I can see beyond the ordinary events of each day and into the extraordinary reality of your grace. Brighten my view of the world with renewed hope in the coming of your Kingdom. Soften my gaze so that I can view others with the kind of tenderness and compassion you showed to so many. May each day of this Easter season provide glimpses of your glory. In your name I pray. 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

Shalom Donadelle, Jothannath Davis, Lynae Roberts, Fanel By, CeAra Donald, Sean Bryan, Jada Rhymer, Aileen Phelan, Anisa Otto, Simone Wheatley, Stephaun Martinez, Demare Encarnacion, Renaldo Stout, Grystal Thompson, Claude Philistin, Onique Winston, Dian Charles, Ronald Mark, Jada Smith, Lucius Dorce-ly, Ann Theophile, Denise Hodge, Zita Alexander, Marguerite Casey, Wilfred Gomez.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

*Newman & Naomi Francis - Apr. 15
Phillipson & Micaria Matthew - Apr. 19
Leon & Marguerite Casey - Apr. 19
Fenrick & Lydia Riviere - Apr. 23*



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

**Holy Family Catholic Church
Welcomes You!**

EASTER SUNDAY - April 16, 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

Interim Deacon
Rev. Mr. Evans Doway

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

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**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 April 16, 2017**

Mon.: Acts 2:14, 22 - 33; Matthew 28:8 - 15

Tue.: Acts 2:36 - 41; John 20:11 - 18

Wed.: Acts 3:1 - 10; Luke 24:13 - 35

Thur.: Acts 3:11 - 26; Luke 24:35 - 48

Fri.: Acts 4:1 - 12; John 21:1 - 14

Sat.: Acts 4:13 - 21; Mark 16:9 - 15

**NEXT SUNDAY:
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Acts 2:42 - 47

1 Peter 1:3 - 9

John 20:19 - 31



RESURRECTION SUNDAY



INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34a, 37 - 43

Peter preached about Jesus, baptism, the anointing with the Holy Spirit, works of kindness and healing, and His crucifixion and resurrection from the dead. All who believe in him are forgiven.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1 - 4

Think about what is above. When Christ appears, then you shall appear with Him in glory.

GOSPEL READING: John 20:1 - 9

Mary Magdalene and the disciples went to the tomb and found it empty. They did not yet understand that Jesus would rise from the dead. Our scripture readings today are all from the New Testament and they all testify to the resurrection of Jesus. In Acts of the Apostles, Peter recounts Jesus' earthly ministry and concluded with the commissioning of the disciples. This reading fills out the meaning of our gospel story today, which offers an empty tomb and a glimpse of hope. What does it mean to you that Jesus Christ had to rise from the dead?

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

7:00 PM: Birthday blessings for Melissa Baron rb Her mother, Signorah Baron.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings for Ryan John rb His family.

10:00 AM: Georgian Battesterus rb Silvia Munoz.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. Apr. 17, 6:00 PM: **St. Stephen Harding**
God's healing for Andrea Victorine.

Tues. Apr. 18, 7:00 AM: **Blessed Marie of the Incarnation**
Monica Maxwell (d) rb Her family.

Wed. Apr. 19, 7:00 AM: **Blessed Marcel Callo**
Wilbur Domeck (d) rb The Rouse family.

Thurs. Apr. 20, 7:00 PM: **St. Agnes of Montepulciano**
Deceased parishioners of Holy Family church.

Fri. Apr. 21, 3:00 PM: **St. Anselm**
Rose & Richard Cook (d) rb Estelle Farro.

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: There is still time to make your gift to the Bishop's Appeal 2017. We are halfway through the campaign and we need your help to reach our goal. Please support our Catholic schools, the Bethlehem Houses on St. Thomas and St. Croix, our soup kitchens on all three islands and the evangelization efforts which promote the mission of the local Church. Last year, largely because of your love and generosity, a new soup kitchen was opened on Main Street in Charlotte Amalie and a Catholic Chapel and Catholic Social Service Center was opened in Bovoni. For your convenience, you may choose to make a pledge now and spread your donation over several months. Donations may be made in the form of cash, check or credit card. Checks should be made payable to "Diocese of St. Thomas." Please see the brochure for further information. **"Love what Jesus loves. Jesus loves the poor."**

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning for **God's guidance and protection for Makil Bedminster requested by Mona Bedminster**. You can request Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Thanks to all parishioners who contributed to the purchase of this weekend's altar flowers. Thank you for beautifying our church and we pray God's continued blessings on each of you. Once again thank you.

EASTER EGG HUNT: The St. Vincent de Paul is hosting their annual egg hunt this **Sunday, April 16, 2017** after the 10:00 a.m. mass, for children ages 4 - 12 years old. Children are encouraged to bring their baskets to collect their eggs.

EASTER SUNDAY LUNCHEON: The St. Joseph Workers will host an Easter Sunday luncheon, this **Sunday, April 16, 2017**, at 12:30 p.m. in Upper Columban Hall, with live entertainment. Donation - adults - \$40.00 and children - \$25.00 at the door. Please save the date.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François, Deacon Evans Doway and Rev. Neil Scantlebury extend sincere sympathy to Anthony Francis and family on the passing of his wife, **Lillian Estell Francis** who died on **Thursday, March 30, 2017**. The funeral mass for the late **Lillian Estell Francis** will take place at Holy Family Church on **Tuesday, April 18, 2017** at 10:00 a.m. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

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. Once again, thank you.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: This year, Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated on **April 23, 2017** at Holy Family Church at 2:00 p.m. Service will include Confessions and the reciting of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. The closing mass will commence at 3:30 p.m. You are kindly invited to join us in this celebration.

NURSES WEEK: In celebration of Nurses' Week the Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc. Mu Eta Chapter, will host a breakfast on **Saturday, May 6, 2017**, at 8:30 a.m. at Victor's New Hideout. This breakfast will honor three registered nurses and one certified nursing assistant for their contributions toward the health care of the citizens of our community. We extend congratulations to our very own **Mrs. Danna Knight, RN**, who will be honored on that day. For patrons, tickets and Ad forms, please contact Mrs. Danna Knight for more information.

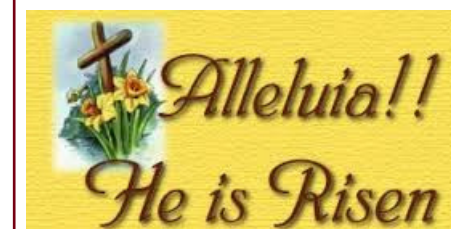
LITURGY AND WORD

Today the Church is celebrating the highest solemnity of Christian faith, namely, the belief in the resurrection of Jesus. The first and the second readings of today's solemnity show how this belief was at the core of the faith of the early Church (Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4). Biblical theology believes in two proofs of the Resurrection of Jesus: the empty tomb and the apparitions of the risen Lord. The proof of the empty tomb is not strong enough without the apparitions of the Risen Lord. Today's Gospel reading (Jn 20:1-9) provides us with three responses to the empty tomb.

a) The first response is by Mary of Magdala: Her seeing of the empty tomb (that the stone was rolled away) was more physical (Greek: blepo) than spiritual. Therefore she feared that the body of Jesus was displaced. Her act of informing Peter and the Beloved Disciple connotes the sense of obedience to the authority. The running of the two disciples together is symbolic of curiosity. But this curiosity is overcome by the sense of hierarchy. There are two types of hierarchy here: the hierarchy of authority and hierarchy of love. The fact that the Beloved Disciple overruns Peter and yet waits for Peter to enter the tomb first signifies that the hierarchy of love does not compete with the hierarchy of authority.

b) The second response is by Peter: Peter's seeing (Greek: theoreo) was more analytical than physical. He analyzes how the clothes of Jesus were lying, how the handkerchief which was wrapped around his head was folded and was lying in a corner, etc. This made him curious about the whole thing but this analysis was not enough for Peter to believe that Jesus was truly risen from the dead.

c) The third response is by the Beloved Disciple: The climax of seeing is achieved by the Beloved Disciple. He saw (Greek: horao) and believed, which means his seeing is more spiritual than either physical or analytical. How do I look at the fact of the resurrection of Jesus? In what way do I need to change my way of looking at the mystery of Easter?



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: **582**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: **\$6,635.15**

SECOND COLLECTION:

Bishop's Appeal: \$1,096.00

Our Bishop's Appeal contribution now amounts to \$14,766.00, 37% 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT'D

MEETINGS: Finance Council - **Tuesday, April 18, 2017** at 7:00 p.m.

Parish Council - **Wednesday, April 19, 2017** at 6:30 p.m.

PENTECOST RALLY: Sunday, June 4th. Theme "Watch and Pray" Matthew 26:41

SAVE THE DATE.

