

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU!
MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

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

CANTORS: Allan Harrigan	Dr. Gloria Callwood	Marguerite Rene
	Felicinne Marcillin	
LECTORS: Candace Bryan	Jalila Thomas	Felicita Richards
Ruth smith	Alma Wells	Carmen White
EUCH MIN: Dolores Velazquez	Lauren Thomas	Michelle Stout
	Rose Labadie	

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.

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 Commitment when you ...

**Think before you make a promise.*

**Keep every agreement you make.*

**Make decisions confidently.*

**Go the extra mile.*

**Give 100% to everything you do.*

**Are faithful to people you care about.*

Affirmation:

I commit to my decisions. I keep my agreements. I give my all. I am a faithful friend.

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 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, May 17, 2017
at 6:30 pm in Lower Columban Hall.**

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**PARISH CELEBRATION
Birthdays**

Yashima Victorine, Bruce Bertrand, Terrence Webbe, Laurie Velazquez, Victoria Greenaway, David Willie, Ruth DeMouy-Hunt, Shavciu Alexander, Eli Santiago, Olivia Najawicz, Samera Alcendor, Survanna Isidore, Francis Sampson, Lia Fabian, Eustela Rayond, Myrtha Duverney, Shanda Caracciolo, Cory Bryan, Monroe Sanderson, Candice Gimenez, Alinda Sebastian, Jeanne Baptiste, Antonio Vanterpool.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Timothy & Louvaine Jno-Baptiste - May 4

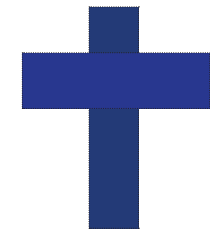


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

**Holy Family Catholic Church
Welcomes You!**

3rd Sunday of Easter - April 30, 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

(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 April 30, 2017**

Mon.: Gen. 1:26b - 2:3; Matt. 13:54 - 58

Tue.: Acts 7:51b - 8:1a; John 6:30 - 35

Wed.: 1 Corinthians 15:1 - 8; John 14:6 - 14

Thur.: Acts 8:26 - 40; John 6:44 - 51

Fri.: Acts 9:1 - 20; John 6:52 - 59

Sat.: Acts 9:31 - 42; John 6:60 - 69

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

Acts 2:14a, 36 - 41
1 Peter 2:20b - 25
John 10:1 - 10

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

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14, 22 - 33

Peter proclaimed that Jesus came with miracles, wonders, and signs so that people could know of God's love.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17 - 21

The blood of Christ, as of the sinless unblemished lamb, delivered believers.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:13 - 35

Two disciples bound for Emmaus were joined by Jesus, whom they did not recognize. They discussed the death of Jesus and the disappearance of His body from the tomb. Jesus explained to them through the Scriptures the meaning of the events that had taken place. They recognized him in the breaking of the bread.

Today we will hear the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, a story that we may find played out in our own lives more than we realize. Two despondent followers of Jesus walk away from Jerusalem, not knowing which way to turn. All their hopes have dashed. We too have walked that road when our lives had been disrupted, our dreams snatched away. Then, miraculously, like the disciples in the story, we discover God's presence in the midst of our despair. Let us listen to God's message to us today in these holy words of scripture.

MASS INTENTIONS

ALLEGROIA!

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Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

6:00 PM: God's protection and guidance for Oner Renal rb His mother.

Birthday blessings for Iona Vanterpool.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: God's health, guidance and deliverance for Brenda Thomas

rb Sherna Matthew.

10:00 AM: Dejeni Chitolie (d) rb His family.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. May 01, 6:00 PM: **St. Joseph the Worker**
Eugene Farro (d) rb Estelle Farro.

Tues. May 02, 7:00 AM: **St. Athanasius**
Leal Stridiron (d) rb The Children of Mary.

Wed. May 03, 7:00 AM: **Sts. Philip & James**
Birthday blessings for Vincient Rawlings rb His mother, Cleopha Rawlings.

Thurs. May 04, 7:00 AM: **Blessed Ceferino Gimenez Malla**
Richard Rhea (d) rb The Rouse family.

Fri. May 05, 7:00 PM: **St. Mary Mazzarello**
Curtis Abraham (d) rb Eve Ogiste.

Allegroia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Allegroia!

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

Next week, our second collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ, here and around the world in developing countries, through the Internet, television, radio, and print media. Fifty percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message! To learn more visit www.usccb.org/cc

BISHOP'S APPEAL: Please be an active and effective part of our missionary efforts! Have you told anyone about how the Bishop's Appeal helps Catholic Charities of the Virgin Islands, our Catholic schools and our outreach efforts? Is there someone to whom you can give a Bishop's Appeal brochure? Please help us reach our goal today. 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 **birthday blessings for Gerard Henry requested by his wife**. 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 Albert Richards and family on the passing of his father, **John Alwyn (Lad) Richards**, who died on **Monday, April 24, 2017**. The funeral Mass for the late **John Alwyn (Lad) Richards** will take place on **Friday, May 5, 2017** at 10:00 a.m. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

THANK YOU: Mr. Anthony Francis and family would like to express special thanks to Rev. Neil Scantlebury, Rev. Kerly Francois and Rev. Anthony Abraham and all the members of Holy Family Church who called, sent cards and prayed with them during their difficult time. Once again, thank you.

NURSES WEEK: In celebration of Nurses' Week the Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc. Mu Eta Chapter, will host a breakfast next **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 at 340-998-2716 for more information. Once again congratulations and all of God's continued blessings.

FATIMA CELEBRATIONS: The Children of Mary invites everyone to a series of celebrations celebrating the hundredth year of Our Lady's appearance to the children in Fatima. The celebration begins on **Saturday, May 13, 2017** at 5:00 p.m. with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and devotions to Our Lady and mass at 6:00 p.m. The celebrations continue on the 13th of each month until **October 13, 2017**. Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

THE TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH YOUTH IN ACTION: The TYIA will be hosting its first Chosen Generation Banquet on **Friday, May 19, 2017**, at the Trinity Methodist Complex in Bovoni at 7:00 p.m. This event honors seven young people within the community. We, therefore, take this opportunity to extend congratulations to our very own **Felicia Felix**, who will be honored at that event.

LITURGY AND WORD

An elderly woman who had participated in a Mass for the Children on a Sunday morning was heard asking the parish priest if there would be another Mass in the Church that day so that she could join that too. The reason for such a query was that for her the one she attended with the children was a 'mess' and not a real 'Mass'. Seeing all that the children did during their Mass, easily imaginable by us, the woman had come to the conclusion that something was not right with that kind of Mass.

The picture of Jesus walking with the two disciples on their way to the village of Emmaus, explaining the Scriptures to them as they walked along and then finally revealing his identity to them when he broke bread at the table, has captured the imagination of artists down the centuries. We do have now a Eucharistic celebration which has taken the current liturgical form after going through a process of evolution in the past centuries. However, the basics are for all of us to take note of. Explaining the Scriptures to the disciples as they walked along has taken the form of the first part of our celebration – the 'Liturgy of the Word.' We listen to the Word and we are given instructions based on the Word. However, the full recognition and realization of the presence of the Lord amidst us happens only at the 'Liturgy of the Bread' in the second part of the celebration, when Eucharistic bread is broken and shared.

We might wonder why the disciples of Jesus could not recognize him despite the fact that he was crucified and killed only a few days prior to that. Of course St Luke tells that 'their eyes were kept from recognizing him' (24:16). The recognition had to wait, for a very good reason. Breaking of the bread, the fellowship meal, is the ultimate context where the full revelation and recognition of the Lord takes place. Liturgy has to have an impact in our life; if not, the two remain independent, in two realms. The Word of God, the understanding of it and its proclamation would remain incom-

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: **381**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: **\$4,224.50**

SECOND COLLECTION:

Bishop's Appeal: \$751.00

Our Bishop's Appeal contribution now amounts to \$19,876.00, 50% 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.

LITURGY AND WORD CONT'D

plete without the aspect of fellowship and sharing in our lives. The symbolism of 'Breaking the Bread' should go beyond the Eucharist and should have an impact on the rest of our life. St Paul explains this very clearly in 1 Cor 13, where he says that having the gift of preaching and knowing and understanding all the secrets would be useless without love. It is love and fellowship, symbolised by the breaking of the Bread that makes God present. Remember the hymn that we sing during the ceremony of the washing of the feet on Maundy Thursday: 'Where there is charity and love, there God abides'. For the people of Israel, worship was the font of their life. Liturgy was an expression of life. Everything that happened in life – joys and sorrows, victories and defeats, gains and losses – all were presented at the liturgy. What happened at the worship gave them strength to continue with their daily life. There was no dichotomy between liturgy and life. This was so also in the early Church, an aberration of which was noted by St Paul in the Corinthian community (1 Cor 11:17-22). So it is not just the rubrics and the rite which make Eucharist meaningful, as the woman at the Children's Mass believed. After all the listening, proclaiming and believing in the Scriptures, the Lord is fully known where there is fellowship and sharing, where there is breaking of the bread. Once that realization dawns, proclamation naturally follows like in the case of the disciples of Emmaus who returned to Jerusalem that very night to tell others that they had the experience of the presence of the Lord amongst them. Let the Risen Lord be made present and recognized by our life of sharing and fellowship.