

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU!
MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

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

CANTORS: Allan Harrigan Dr. Gloria Callwood Marguerite Rene
LECTORS: Keith Steele Alma Wells CCD 1st Communion
 Margarita Smith Noreen Joseph CCD 1st Communion
EUCH MIN: Dolores Velazquez Felicinne, Bridget, Eubald Rene
 Olga McBean Rose & Catherina Yvonne Freeman

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, Josephine James.

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 Courage when you ...

- *Stay strong even when you are afraid.*
- *Are willing to try new things.*
- *Admit mistakes and learn from them.*
- *Make amends when you do something wrong.*
- *Do what is right for you even when it is hard.*
- *Ask for help when you need it.*

Affirmation:

I have courage. I listen to my heart. I face my fears and am willing to try new things. I have the courage to do the right thing.

WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS

OFFICE HOURS

Mondays - 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Tuesday - Friday

7:30 AM - 4:00 PM

PENTECOST RALLY:

"Watch & Pray"
NATIONAL PARK, Ball Park, Cruz Bay, St. John
June 4, 2017 3:30 PM
SPEAKER: Sister Mary Baptiste
JOIN US! Sponsor: CCR STT/STJ

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.

Le Bleu
ULTRA PURE BOTTLED WATER

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 Lindberg Bay #18
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St. Thomas, VI 00803
340-776-5894 / Fax: 340-776-5854

PARISH CELEBRATION Birthdays

Agnes Canning, Ariel Angol, Keshawn Dorcely, Jayden Chesterfield, Daniela Gradiste, Kashaan Mark, V'Kasha Adams, V'Shoi Emmanuel, Tre Petersen, Leal Turnbull, Desiree Wilkes, Ronald Stout, Kettelie Etienne, Alma Johnson, Martha Hernandez, Carmen Levia, Janet Peters, Marcella Toussaint, Silia Erilis, Steven Stevenson, Maynor Eusebe, Marie Dimalanta, Teddy Feracho, Janette Feracho.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Dwight & Foidazliza Bruney - May- 12

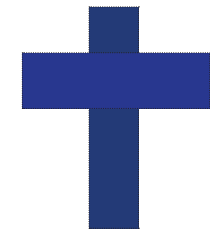


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

Holy Family Catholic Church Welcomes You!

4th Sunday of Easter - May 7, 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 May 7, 2017

Mon.: Acts 11:1 - 18; John 10:11 - 18
Tue.: Acts 11:19 - 26; John 10:22 - 30
Wed.: Acts 12:24 - 13:5a; John 12:44 - 50
Thur.: Acts 13:13 - 25; John 13:16 - 20
Fri.: Acts 13:26 - 33; John 14:1 - 6
Sat.: Acts 13:44 - 52; John 14:7 - 14

NEXT SUNDAY: 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1- 7
1 Peter 2:4 - 9
John 14:1 - 12



4th SUNDAY OF EASTER



INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36 - 41

Peter proclaimed that only in the name of Jesus Christ are sins forgiven and the Holy Spirit received.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:20b - 25

Jesus suffered for the sins of all people, and by His death on the cross, all can live in accord with God's will. People who strayed like sheep "have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls."

GOSPEL READING: John 10:1 - 10

Jesus said, "I am the gate for the sheep." He declared that whoever enters through Him will be saved because He came that others may have life and have the fullness of life.

In our first reading today, Peter has clearly taken on the role of shepherd, encouraging conversion and faith among his listeners. As we hear all these readings today, let us listen for God's invitation to follow the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, and to emulate Him in leading others to grow in faith as well.



MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

6:00 PM: Monica Maxwell (d) rb Her family.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: God's guidance, protection and deliverance for Sherna Matthew rb Her mother.

10:00 AM: God's healing and deliverance for Holy Family parishioners.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. May 08, 6:00 PM: **Blessed Catherine of St. Augustine**
Deacon Austin Medina (d) and Deacon Roy Bruney (d).

Tues. May 09, 7:00 AM: **Blessed Nicholas Albergati**
Blessings and guidance for Holy Family CCD teachers and volunteers.

Wed. May 10, 7:00 AM: **St. Damien Joseph de Veuster of Molokai**
Birthday blessings for Alma Johnson rb Her family.

Thurs. May 11, 7:00 AM: **St. Ignatius of Laconi**
Deliverance & healing for Holy Family sick and shut in parishioners.

Fri. May 12, 7:00 PM: **St. Pancras**
Kathy Farro (d) rb Estelle Farro.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Today, we are taking up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ, here and around the world, through the Internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the gospel message and support the collection today! To learn more visit www.usccb.org/ccc.

BISHOP'S APPEAL: We are reminded of our call to be "good stewards" of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy and give an acceptable portion of our TIME, TALENT and TREASURE for the Kingdom of God. The Bishop's Appeal 2017 is a practical opportunity for you to practice your Catholic faith by serving Christ and His poor and needy brothers and sisters, Bethlehem Houses, soup kitchens and evangelization efforts. 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 Alma Johnson**. You can request Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

BAPTISM CLASS: Baptism class began on **Monday, May 1, 2017** at 7:00 p.m. in Lower Columban Hall, and will continue every Monday in May. 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.

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.

MOTHER'S DAY TEA PARTY: Holy Family church will be sponsoring a Mother's Day Tea Party, next **Sunday, May 14, 2017**, at Holy Family Columban Hall at 3:00 p.m. Enjoy an afternoon of fun, family and fellowship at our elegant and intimate tea party as you indulge yourself with delightful afternoon tea. Donation: \$25.00.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS LUNCHEON: The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Court 2049 will be celebrating its 45th anniversary on **Sunday, May 21, 2017**, with a luncheon at Holy Family Church, Columban Hall. This luncheon will give recognition to their sponsors and past regents for their commitment to the Catholic Daughters and their ideal. The honorees are, **Alicia Doute, Angelita Jennings, Marlene Adams, Madonia Blake, Barbara Davis, and Carmen Grant**. Donation: \$45.00.

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. For patrons, tickets and Ad forms, please contact Ms. Felicia Felix for more information. Once again, congratulations and all of God's continued blessings.

LITURGY AND WORD

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is called Good Shepherd Sunday because it recalls various aspects of Jesus' life as the Good Shepherd of his flock, the Church. Today's readings present to us three aspects of a Good Shepherd who shepherds the goodness of his flock by feeding them, by laying down his life for them and by giving them life in abundance.

a) The Good Shepherd feeds his sheep with good pasture and leads them to still waters: In the First Reading (Acts 2:14a,36-41) we hear the preaching of St Peter, the shepherd of the Early Christian community, appointed by Jesus himself. He first feeds his listeners with the word of God which in turn creates in them the desire to change. He instructs his catechumens and leads them to the waters of Baptism. Three thousand people are baptized after Peter's spirit-filled preaching. There is a lot of goodness in the people. One has to encourage this goodness by timely instructions and guidance as well as leading people to the still waters of silence where the deepest longing and thirst of a person is quenched.

b) The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep: Once again we have Peter in the Second Reading (1 Pet 2:20b-25) instructing his community about the sacrifice of Jesus, their shepherd and protector. The Petrine community seems to have been going through persecution. Peter sets before them the example of the Chief Shepherd Jesus, who did not sin while he was suffering. He tells them, "If you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval." When we want to shepherd the goodness in others we should be ready to sacrifice our own selfish agenda. Such a kind act of laying down one's life bears much fruit in the long run. This is the martyrdom of love which is at the heart of the passion, death and resurrection of the Good Shepherd Jesus.

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: **355**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: **\$4,059.92**

SECOND COLLECTION:

Catholic Education: \$1,043.57

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

c) The Good Shepherd gives his sheep life in abundance: In the Gospel (Jn 10:1-10) Jesus compares and contrasts himself with committed shepherds and false shepherds. The false shepherds are compared with strangers from whom the sheep will run away. They are compared with thieves who come to steal, kill and destroy. The Good Shepherd in contrast, leads his sheep, calls them by name, feeds them, protects them and thus gives them life in abundance. In order to shepherd the goodness in others one has to speak words which give life, do acts of mercy and compassion which will comfort and imbue the ideology that will always inspire and motivate people to live life to its fullness.

In what way does the image of the Good Shepherd appeal to me in the context of my relationship with Jesus and with my fellow Christians? In what way can I shepherd the goodness in others through my words and deeds?

