

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU!
MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

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

CANTORS: Allan Harrigan	Dr. Gloria Callwood Felicinne Marcillin	Melita Etienne
LECTORS: Keith Steele Olga McBean	Agnes Nicholas Rita Brady Bermudez	Mona Bedminster Ursula Prosper
EUCH MIN: Dolores Velazquez	Lauren Thomas Catherina Alexander	Annette Daly

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, John Gimenez.

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 Confidence when you ...

- *Know you are worthwhile and feel sure of yourself.*
- *Don't let fear, doubt or worry stop you.*
- *Discover your talents and try new things.*
- *Learn from your mistakes.*
- *Think positively.*
- *Trust that all things work together for good.*

Affirmation:

I am confident. I appreciate my gifts and give my best. I enjoy trying new things. I welcome new possibilities.

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.**

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**PARISH CELEBRATION
Birthdays**

Terrence Webbe, Jr., Abigail Bruney, Anne Pierre, Eve Marie Francois, Abedale Samuel, Rene Henderson, Jr., Keane Sablon, Chantel Micheal, Damian Norris, Kemon Henry, Athenia Smith, Wellington Eusebe, Derrick Fontaine, Cornel Williams, Mary Francis, Eubald Rene, Kenneth Thomas, Newman Francis, Olga McBean, Alvin McBean.

RELIGIOUS ANNIVERSARY

*Rev. Neil Scantlebury - May 18
Rev. Cecil Corneille - May 19*

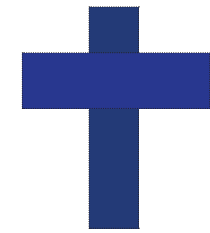


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

**Holy Family Catholic Church
Welcomes You!**

5th Sunday of Easter - May 14, 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)

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 14, 2017**

Mon.: Acts 14:5 - 18; John 14:21 - 26
Tue.: Acts 14:19 - 28; John 14:27 - 31a
Wed.: Acts 15:1 - 6; John 15:1 - 8
Thur.: Acts 15:7 - 21; John 15:9 - 11
Fri.: Acts 15:22 - 31; John 15:12 - 17
Sat.: Acts 16:1 - 10; John 15:18 - 21

**NEXT SUNDAY:
6th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 8:5 - 8, 14 - 17

1 Peter 3:15 - 18

John 14:15 - 21

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



5th SUNDAY OF EASTER



INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Acts 6:1 - 7

There were complaints that certain widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. Seven deacons were appointed to oversee an equitable distribution of food.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:4 - 9

Christ is the cornerstone, precious to God. All who believe are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own" called to proclaim the gospel.

GOSPEL READING: John 14:1 - 12

Jesus told the disciples that He would prepare a place for them in heaven. He explained that, in order to know the Father, one must first know the Son. People of faith will do the works that he did and still greater.

Our Gospels for the next few weeks are taken from Jesus' "farewell discourse" at the Last Supper in John's Gospel. Today Jesus reassures Thomas, Philip, and us, who don't understand where Jesus is going, much less how to follow Him there. All we have to do is focus on knowing and believing in Him, and we will find the way. It will not be easy to do, but that is why we have our community with us, to help us. See how the early church community sorted out a big issue in today's first reading? We can do the same. Let us listen and learn how.



MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

6:00 PM: Mariana Battiste (d) rb Her children and their families: Battiste, Moore, Colemon, Vanderbreggan, Marks and Clarke families.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Lucia Belle (d) rb The Rouse family.

10:00 AM: God's blessings and long life for Marie Renal rb Marie Renal.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. May 15, 6:00 PM: **St. Isidore the Farmer**
God's continued blessings and guidance for Allison Charles.

Tues. May 16, 7:00 AM: **St. Felix of Cantalice**
God's continued blessings and guidance for Francis Callwood.

Wed. May 17, 7:00 AM: **St. Paschal**
Deacon Leonard Monsanto (d) rb The Children of Mary.

Thurs. May 18, 7:00 AM: **St. John 1**
God's continued blessings and guidance for Fr. Neil Scantlebury.

Fri. May 19, 7:00 PM: **St. Celestine V**
God's continued blessings and guidance for Fr. Cecil Corneille.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

BISHOP'S APPEAL: Many thanks to those who have already contributed to the Bishop's Appeal 2017, but we are still trying to reach our goal. Please continue to pray for and 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. Brochures are available in the back of the church. Please pick up one for yourself and several more to give to other members of your family, friends and neighbors. 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 blessings and guidance for Tracey Joseph, requested by her mother*. You can request Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

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 began 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, this **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.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François and Rev. Neil Scantlebury extend sincere sympathy to Viola E. Smith and family on the passing of her niece, **Janice Eugenie Powell**, who died on **Thursday, May 4, 2017**. The funeral service for the late **Janice Eugenie Powell** will take place on **Friday, May 19, 2017** at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Family Church. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

THE TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH YOUTH IN ACTION: The TYIA will be hosting its first Chosen Generation Banquet this **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.

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.

BREAKFAST SALE: The Dominica Association of St. Thomas will host a breakfast sale in Holy Family parking lot on **Saturday 27th May 2017**. This event is scheduled to commence at 7:00 a.m. and end at noon.

LITURGY AND WORD

Jesus' plan for humanity

Jesus tells us that he is going to prepare a place for us in his Father's house. When he will have prepared a place, he will take us to himself so that where he is, there will we be too. These words of Jesus clearly indicate his desire for humanity. Jesus wants us to be where he is; he is with the Father. Hence Jesus wants us to be with the Father forever; he wants us to live in union with God. Continuing the discourse, Jesus says, "You know the way to where I am going". Jesus' disciples neither knew where he was going nor the way to reach there. In this context, Jesus declares: "I am the way, the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father except through me" (Jn 16:6).

Jesus is the Truth

In the Gospel of John, Jesus is Truth because he is the revealer of the Father to the world. Jesus reveals the mystery of God, the mystery of the Trinity; he reveals the love and the power of the Father. Jesus is the revealer par excellence because he is the fullness of revelation. In fact the doctrines that Jesus communicated is not his, but of the One who sent him (Jn 7:16). Jesus reveals his Father through his works because whatever the Father does, the Son also does (Jn 5:19).

Jesus is the Way

Apostle Thomas tells Jesus, "Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we then know the way?"

Thomas understood the way in its literal and material sense, but Jesus intended it in a spiritual way, i.e., the way to reach God. Declaring himself as the way, Jesus reveals himself as the mediator to put us in touch with the Father. Jesus is the mediator through whom we have access to God. Just as through the mediation of the Son (Word) everything was created, so also the redemption takes place through the Son's mediation. In fact, Jesus came to redeem humanity.

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: **591**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$7,432.56

SECOND COLLECTION:

Catholic Home Mission: \$1,750.66

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

Jesus is the Life

Jesus is life because he is the Saviour who brings us grace. Life in the gospel of John is eternal life, but it is not always a distant reality. This life begins at the moment when a person begins to believe because "he who believes has eternal life." Life is the participation in the life of the Father. Jesus has come so that he will facilitate our participation in the life of the Father. Hence he himself said, "I have come that they may have life, life in all its fullness" (Jn 10:10). Jesus has come not to condemn the world, but to save it (Jn 12:47).

Jesus is the revealer, the mediator and the Redeemer. To reach God (the goal), it is necessary that we understand and believe the truths of Jesus, that we follow the examples of Jesus, and finally we be filled with the spirit of Jesus. Hence, following Jesus the way, the truth and the life, let us reach the house of the Father.

