

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU!
MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

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

CANTORS: Allan Harrigan	Dr. Gloria Callwood Felicinne Marcillin	Mona Bedminster
LECTORS: Yasmine Haynes Helena Enrique	Noreen Joseph Allison Charles	Families for Christ Families for Christ
EUCH MIN: Olga McBean Dolores Velazquez	Rose, Lauren, Alma & Bridget	Eubald Rene Marguerite Rene

Thank you for sewing !!!

Please pray for the members of our body who are sick or suffering. . .

HOSPITAL: Rita Thompson.
OFF ISLAND: Defy Francoise, Bertina Lestrade, Altagracia Padilla, Emile Joseph, Joseph Archer, Clementina Abraham, Maggie Dolphin, Bishop Thomas, John Gimenez, Jean Dragin.

AT HOME: Rita Ledee, Rose Celestine, Margarita Feliciano, Martina Lewis, Olivia Gumbs, Ann Bedminster, Medina Scatliffe, Bernice Knight, Philomen Baron, 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:
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 Love when you ...

- *Treat others as you want them to treat you.*
- *Say kind words and do loving things.*
- *Share your things and yourself.*
- *Love people just as they are.*
- *Take good care of the things you love.*
- *Do what you love and love what do.*

Affirmation:

I am a loving person. I show my love with thoughtful acts, kind words and affection. I treat others the way I want to be treated.

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)	

HURRICANE PRAYER

God our Father, all the elements of nature obey Your commands. Keep us safe from the danger of hurricanes and all other natural disasters. Let us always feel the presence of Your love. May we be secure in Your protection and turn our fears into praise of Your goodness. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen!

HURRICANE SEASON: JUNE 1 TO NOVEMBER 30:

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, November 15, 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
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PARISH CELEBRATION

Birthdays

Abigail Tity, Keeto Joseph, Christine Birmingham, Jn Kervin Bellevue, Wendell Benjamin, Rick Romero-Seas, Richy Bellevue, Shanice Bellot, Xavier Fabian, Amber Richards, Nahomie Bor, Kevin George, Cliven Edwards, Deborah Bruney, Ian Forde, Dolitha Theophin, William Esprit, Suzette Smith, Adriana Casimir, Naomi Francis, Gloria Rhuland.

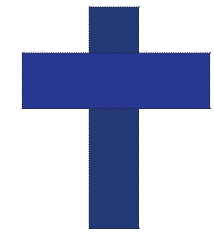


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

**Holy Family Catholic Church
Welcomes You!**

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sept. 3, 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. Peter Laurencin

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 September 3, 2017**

Mon.: 1 Thes. 4:13 - 18; Luke 4:16 - 30
Tue.: 1 Thes. 5:1 - 6, 9 - 11; Luke 4:31 - 37
Wed.: Colossians 1:1 - 8; Luke 4:38 - 44
Thur.: Colossians 1:9 - 14; Luke 5:1 - 11
Fri.: Micah 5:1 - 4a; Matt. 1:1 - 16, 18 - 23
Sat.: Colossians 1:21 - 23; Luke 6:1 - 5

**NEXT SUNDAY:
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Ezekiel 33:7 - 9
Romans 13:8 - 10
Matthew 18:15 - 20

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7 - 9

Jeremiah only reluctantly spoke God's prophetic word. He tried to hold back, but the word burned like fire in his heart.

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1 - 2

Paul urged the Romans to offer their bodies to God as a living sacrifice and not to conform to this age but to be transformed by God.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 16:21 - 27

Jesus said, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."
Jeremiah in today's first reading shows us what it means to truly belong to God. He cannot suppress the message the God has planted within him. As we hear God's holy word today, listen for the message God has planted within you. How will it burn within your heart, and how will you express it in the world?

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

6:00 PM: Angela Jean Jacques (deceased) rb The Children of Mary.

Renee Doute (deceased) rb The Doute family.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: God's guidance, health and protection for the Matthew family
rb Victoria Matthew.

10:00 AM: Birthday blessings for Alauni Grieg rb The Grieg family.

Birthday blessings for Josiah Rene rb His mother, Heather Daniel.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. Sept. 4, 6:00 PM: *St. Rose of Viterbo*
Birthday blessings for Eretha Paul rb Esther Henderson-Mellow.

Tues. Sept. 5, 7:00 AM: *Blessed Teresa of Calcutta*
Birthday blessings for Patricia Francois.

Wed. Sept. 6, 7:00 AM: *Blessed Bertrand of Garrigues*
Deceased members for the Antoine family rb St. Hilare Antoine.

Thurs. Sept. 7, 7:00 AM: *Blessed John Duckett & Blessed Ralph Corby*
Birthday blessings for Josiah Rene rb His mother.

Fri. Sept. 8, 7:00 PM: *The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
Francis Cills (deceased) rb Alma Wells.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

ALTAR FLOWERS: This weekend the altar flowers were paid for by *Adriana Casimir* in celebration of her birthday. We pray God's continued blessings upon your life. Thank you for beautifying our church.

OFFICE CLOSED: Please note that the church office will be closed ALL day on Monday, September 4, 2017, in observation of Labor Day. Please be guided accordingly.

BACK TO SCHOOL: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François, Rev. Neil Scantlebury and Deacon Peter Laurencin extend sincere best wishes to *all returning students and teachers* a blessed and productive school year 2017/2018. Students, we encourage you to focus on your goals ahead no matter the challenge. May our Mother Mary wrap all our teachers and students in her mantle and keep them from all harm. Amen. Once again, have a blessed, happy, productive and safe school year.

BAPTISM CLASS: Baptism class will commence on Monday September 4, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in Lower Columban Hall, and will continue every Monday in September. 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 assistance in this matter.

FUN DAY: Families for Christ at Holy Family Church is hosting a Family Fun Festival on Saturday, September 9, 2017 from **11:30 am – 4:00 pm** in the church's parking lot, with registration for CCD. The Family Festival is a fun filled community outreach to invite children and their families from neighboring communities to have fun on Saturday and worship on Sunday. Donations of the following items are needed to make this event a success: Hot dogs, hamburgers & buns, candy, sodas, water, juice boxes, popcorn and monetary donations. Please drop off donations at the church office during the week and at the church on Saturday and Sunday.

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 next celebration is Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at Our Lady of Cassi Hill Shrine at 7:00 p.m. The final celebration will be on Friday, October 13, 2017. Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

LUNCHEON: Holy Family church will be hosting a luncheon on Sunday, October 8, 2017, to honor the members of The Children of Mary. This celebration is in commemoration of the 70th anniversary of Cassi Hill and the 100th anniversary celebration of Our Lady of Fatima. This luncheon will start at 12:30 p.m. in Upper Columban Hall. Donations: Adults - \$50.00; Children \$30.00 at the door.

SAVE THE DATE: The Holy Family Youth Cultural Dancers will host a second Cultural Dance Extravaganza on Saturday, October 14, 2017, in Upper Columban Hall. Several cultural groups in our community will perform. Most of the proceeds will go towards the renovation of our parish. Tickets are \$25.00.

LITURGY AND WORD

The First Reading of today is an expression of Jeremiah's anguish because of his prophetic ministry. Like the Psalmist, Jeremiah makes a protest to the Lord (cf. Ps 13). The protest is in strong terms. In spite of God's assurance of protection, Jeremiah still feels that he has been unfairly exposed to danger, perhaps even that he has been misled, and that his great sacrifices in the cause of his prophetic ministry have been in vain. He also feels that he has been led along, powerless to do otherwise than proclaim doom, so that he has been isolated from others. Such a sense of isolation can be a common experience in Christian life. It is, however, in its own way a deception, because the more fundamental truth is that God intends good for his faithful servants (Rom 8:28-30). Jeremiah has an understanding of this, seeing again the truth that God will be just and therefore will act with integrity towards him, but he has no hesitation in sharing his feelings with God. The accusation against God may have been one way of getting God's attention and calling to action the God who, according to the traditional understanding, protects the innocent and punishes the guilty. The Second Reading contains Paul's exhortation to the Romans. In this exhortation Paul demands that Christians in Rome realize that they are living in the new era of salvation and are to strive to overcome evil with good. Coming to the Gospel of today, we have the first passion prediction. The passion prediction lays emphasis on the necessity of Jesus' death followed by resurrection. Not understanding the concept of Messianic suffering, Peter begins to chide Jesus. He can see the victory ahead but cannot comprehend the requisite suffering and death that would lead to it. But Jesus' response is decisive. "Get behind me, Satan!" was a sharp reminder that by not considering what was God's plans Peter was playing the role of a tempter. The testing that Jesus had met and overcome in his initial encounter with Satan in the desert was

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: **437**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: **\$4,803.31**

SECOND COLLECTION:

Catholic Education: \$1,233.48

Our Bishop's Appeal contribution now amounts to \$28,693.00, 72% 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

not once for all; it reappears in the sincere and prayerful remonstrance of the disciples. To accomplish his ministry in the way human criteria judge to be successful is, in fact, a demonic temptation. Jesus' mission is to inaugurate an alternative kingdom, a radically different way of exercising authority. Here his opponent is none other than the rock on which he will be building the new community. Peter the rock becomes Peter the stone of stumbling. Peter's objection can be understood as either a wrong idea of Messiahship or personal love for Jesus, or both. Peter turns out to be an obstacle for Jesus to accomplish his mission, a kind of stumbling block which Jesus strongly rejects.

To be a follower of Jesus means to surrender oneself totally to God and ready to follow Jesus in every aspect of the Servant role, even to carrying a cross. There can be no renewal without a dying to the old ways of thinking. True discipleship is lived in the light of the coming judgment where those who have lost lives for Jesus' sake will find them amid the blessings that accompany the abundance of life with the Father in the kingdom of God. The call to discipleship is based on faith in Christ and confidence in the future victory of God.