

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU!  
**MINISTERS' SCHEDULE**

5:00PM                      7:30 AM                      10:00AM

**PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO SERVE WHENEVER POSSIBLE**

<b>CANTORS:</b> Allan Harrigan	Dr. Gloria Callwood	CCD Choir
	Felicinne Marcillin	
<b>LECTORS:</b> Ruth Smith	Lafwa Rolle	CCD STUDENT
Helena Enrique	Jalila Thomas	CCD STUDENT
<b>EUCH MIN:</b> Olga McBean	Lauren Thomas	Annette Daly
	Allison Callwood	



*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, Bishop Thomas, Isabel Dublin, Baby Elizabeth Dolphin, Mary Lewis.

**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, Veronica Sealey, Gerard Henry, Ruthine Johnson, Grace Thompson, Andrea Victorine, Josephine James, Stanislaus Livepool, Rosette Harley.

**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 Trustworthiness when you ...*

*\*Think before you make a promise to be sure you can do it.*

*\*Take responsibility for remembering your commitments.*

*\*Keep your promises even when they become hard to do.*

*\*Abide by the rules even when no one is watching.*

*\*Let nothing stop you from keeping your word.*

*\*Do your best and finish what you start.*

**Affirmation:**

***I am trustworthy. I keep my word. I am worthy of the trust others place in me.***

**WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS**

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**HAPPY EASTER!**

**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)

*Thank you for sewing !!!*

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**PARISH CELEBRATION Birthdays**

Juan Cruz, Ryan John, Shalom Donadelle, Jothannath Davis, Lynae Roberts, Fanel By, Ce'Ara Donald, Sean Bryan, Jada Rhymer, Aileen Phelan, Simone Wheatley, Sephaun Martinez, Demare Encarnacion, Nisha Bellot, Melissa Baron, Renaldo Stout, Crystal Thompson, Onique Winston, Ronald Mark, Jada Smith, Lucius Dorcelly, Ann Theophille, Zita Alexander, Deborah Blyden, Marguerite Casey, Elizabeth Maynes, Wilfred Gomez.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Newman & Naomi Francis - Apr. 15  
Leon & Marguerite Casey - Apr. 19  
Phillipson & Micarla Matthew - Apr. 19

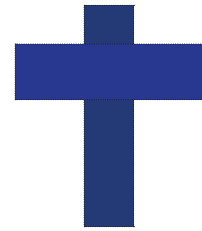


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

**Holy Family Catholic Church Welcomes You!**

**3rd Sunday of Easter - April 15, 2018**

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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

**Deacon**  
Rev. Mr. Evans Doway

**Administrative Assistant**  
Mrs. Allison Callwood

**Sacristan**  
Mr. Ryan John

**Musicians**  
Mr. Francis Callwood  
Mr. Verne Callwood  
Mr. Desmond Simmonds  
Mr. Ade Warrington

**Volunteers**  
Ms. 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

**WEEKEND MASSES**

Saturday: 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 7:30 AM; 10:00 AM & 5:00 PM Creole Mass

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Monday: 7:00 AM  
Tuesday - Thursday: 7:00 AM  
Wednesday: OLPH Novena before the 7:00 AM Mass  
Friday: Mass at 7:00 AM  
Holy Hour: 6PM - 7PM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Saturday: 3:15 PM to 3:45 PM

**Readings for the Week of April 15, 2018**

Mon.: Acts 6:8 - 15; John 6:22 - 29  
Tue.: Acts 7:51 - 8:1a; John 6:30 - 35  
Wed.: Acts 8:1b - 8; John 6:35 - 40  
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 4:8 - 12  
1 John 3:1 - 2  
John 10:11 18

**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 3:13 - 15, 17 - 19**

Peter said to the people, "The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead." God brought to fulfillment what the prophets announced long ago: that the Messiah would suffer.

**SECOND READING: 1 John 2:1 - 5a**

John told believers that Christ Jesus is a just intercessor who offers sacrifice for the sin of the whole world and that a person cannot know Jesus without keeping his commands.

**GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:35 - 48**

The risen Christ appeared to the disciples and said, "Peace be with you." The Lord ate cooked fish in their presence and discussed the law, prophets and psalms with them, opening their minds to understand the Scriptures. During Easter Time, we don't hear any readings from the Old Testament. Instead, the first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles, which is like reading a diary of the early church. We hear how the disciples, especially Sts. Peter and Paul, taught and preached and expanded Christianity in, around, and beyond Jerusalem. Today Peter explains to his Jewish audience that what had been told by the prophets throughout the centuries came to fulfillment in Jesus.

## MASS INTENTIONS



**Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):**



5:00 PM: God's protection and guidance for Godfrey Renal rb His mother.

### Sunday Masses:

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

Anniversary blessings for Newman & Naomi Francis rb Their children.

10:00 AM: God's healing for Stanislaus Liverpool rb Rosette Harley.

5:00 PM: God's healing, deliverance and blessings for the Haitian community.



### Daily Masses:



Mon. Apr. 16, 7:00 AM: **St. Benedict Josph Labre**  
Eugene Farro (deceased) rb Estelle Farro.

Tues. Apr. 17, 7:00 AM: **St. Stephen Harding**  
God's healing for Rosette Harley rb Rosette Harley.

Wed. Apr. 18, 7:00 AM: **Blessed Marie of the Incarnation**  
Birthday blessings for Ce'Ara Donald rb Donna Edney.

Thurs. Apr. 19, 7:00 AM: **Blessed Marcel Callo**  
God's blessings and guidance for Albert Mark rb His mother, Rosette.

Fri. Apr. 20, 7:00 AM: **St. Agnes of Montepulciano**  
Anniversary blessings for Robert & Elena Hernandez rb Their family.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SECOND COLLECTION:** This week's second collection goes towards the **Bishop's Appeal**. 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, blessings and protection for Makil Bedminster, requested by Mona Bedminster**. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

**BISHOP'S APPEAL:** Please pray for the success of the Bishop's Appeal 2018. The Appeal wants to make a difference in the Virgin Islands through Catholic education, Catholic Charities and Catholic evangelization. Please give a generous gift so that we can continue to improve on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy in our diocese.

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. Thank You! **"Failure Always Looks for an Excuse, Success Always Looks for a Way, You Are Our Way to Success!"**

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** This weekend the altar flowers were paid for by Juliette Commodore in celebration and thanksgiving to God for another year of marriage. Thank you for beautifying our church and may God continue to bless your union. Once again thank you.

**SYMPATHY:** On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly François, Rev. Neil Scantlebury and Deacon Doway extends sincere sympathy to Arden Shillingford and family on the passing of his mother, **Vera Emanuel**, of Dominica, who died on **Saturday, April 7, 2018**. The funeral service for the late **Vera Emanuel** will take place on **Friday, April 20, 2018**, in Dominica. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** There will be a parents meeting after the 10:00 a.m. mass **this Sunday**, for all parents and guardians of all our CCD students. Please make every effort to attend. Thank you for your cooperation. God bless!

**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.

**ADORATION:** Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament has resumed on **Wednesdays**, after the 7:00 a.m. mass to conclude at 5:00 p.m., and on **Fridays** from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Jesus is available for you to spend time with Him.

**LAUNDRY:** Please note that Holy Family laundry will cease its operation on **Saturday, April 28, 2018**. Please be guided accordingly. Thanks especially to all those who willingly donated their washers and dryers for this operation. Once again, thank you and all of God's continued blessings.

**PHONE NUMBERS:** To all Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers: In light of the fact that many of you still don't have a working land line, please contact the church office via 340-244-9047 with a cell number where you can be reached. If you cannot fulfill your duties on a date you are scheduled to serve, you will be able to call someone to substitute for you. If your land line is working, please let us know that too. Thank you.

**THANK YOU:** On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly Francois and Rev. Neil Scantlebury extend sincere thanks to **All Hands and Hearts volunteers** for their assistance in our recovery. May God bless you and your family abundantly. **All Hands and Hearts volunteers** are now located at Addelita Cancryn Jr. High school.

## LITURGY AND WORD

Christology is that branch of the-ology that deals with the person of Jesus Christ. Its content includes the person, the mission, and the destiny of Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God. It starts with his proclamation of the kingdom of God; it takes up his crucifixion, the resurrection, his ascension, and sending of the Spirit. It then addresses his final coming at the end of time.

The central theme of all the New Testament writings is Jesus Christ: the one who brings about God's eschatological salvation, who is the only mediator between God and humankind, and who is the Incarnate Word of the Father. One of the ways to study the person of Christ is to understand the various titles used for him such as, Lord, Messiah, Son of God and Savior among other titles. When it comes to titles there are exalted titles that reveal his divinity, such as mentioned above. But there are also titles that reveal the humanity of Jesus, like teacher, servant, Son of Man and others. The First Reading is a speech by Peter that has Christological overtones. Peter's speech in the Temple area is occasioned by the cure of the lame man, the first of Peter's miracles recorded in Acts. It is a missionary speech, addressed to the Jews, in which Peter repeats the basic Christian proclamation: God has glorified his servant Jesus by raising him from the dead, and in his name this lame man has been healed. This is a Christological speech, piling up a number of titles for the risen Christ. These are: a) servant, b) holy one, c) upright one, d) author of life, e) prophet, and f) Messiah. Because of the above titles some authors say that this Petrine speech preserves an example of the primitive Jerusalem preaching. But the speech gives a glimpse of how the Christian message was preached when Luke was composing the Acts of the Apostles. So we can honestly hold that this is how the gospel has been preached and ought to be preached. Peter also calls people to repentance which is an essential aspect of missionary preaching.

## 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: **411**

**Last Weekend's collections**

**FIRST COLLECTION: \$5,713.16**

**Bishop's Appeal: \$1,037.00**

**Our Bishop's Appeal contribution for 2018 amounted to \$6,150.00, 15% 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

John in his letter (Second Reading) presents Christ as an expiation for sins and as the heavenly intercessor with God. The theology of Christ's death as a perfect sin offering by one who was not a sinner is elaborately developed in Hebrews 9-10. Christ is seated at God's right hand, and his blood continues to purify us. A person who has not turned towards God cannot be purified either by water or by expiation. Another idea that John includes in his letter is about keeping the commandments. It is a biblical idea that to know God means to keep God's commandments. The Gospel of Luke ends with an account of the ascension of Christ. But at the beginning of Acts he writes that Jesus appeared to his disciples over a period of forty days (Acts 1:3). Even after the ascension, the risen Lord is seen by Stephen (Acts 7:55-56) and Paul (Acts 9:1-9, 27). Jesus is the same one who died but at the same time different and Luke takes pain to establish this fact through his narrative. The Emmaus story presents the appearance of Jesus to two of his disciples in an elaborate manner. They returned to Jerusalem to announce what they had experienced. Jesus is the risen Lord. His presence is felt by the believing community as they come together for the celebration of the Eucharist. May the risen Lord help us to be his messengers as we live our lives under his guidance.

