

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	Adult Choir
	Felicinne Marcillin	
<b>LECTORS:</b> Chris Doute	Noreen Joseph	Young Vincentian
Val Doute	Bridget Toussaint	Young Vincentian
<b>EUCH MIN:</b> Dolores Velazquez	Danna Knight	Yvonne Freeman
	Catherina Alexander	



*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 Integrity when you ...*

*\*Think about what virtues matter to you.*

*\*Stand up for what you believe in.*

*\*Do the right thing, even when it is hard.*

*\*Willingly clean up your mistakes.*

*\*Think for yourself and avoid temptation.*

**Affirmation:**

*I have integrity. I stand up for what is right. I mean what I say and say what I mean.*

**WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS**

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**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**

*Cameron Daley, Jaydnee George, Alicia Dorval, Ka'Zeem Moses, Nicholas JnCharles, Anisa Otto, Nijah Ludat, Yashima Victorine, Cornelia Dams, Claude Philistin, Daryl Griffith, Sr., Garn Johnson, Dian Charles, Denise Hodge, Carmen Feliciano, Bridget Hodge, Harry Freeman.*

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

*Ashton & Juliette Merrifield - Apr. 23  
Fenrick & Lydia Riviere - Apr. 23  
Barthelemew & Victoria Jn-Charles - Apr. 25  
Garn & Alison Johnson - Apr. 26*

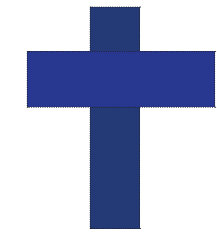


*Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!*

**Holy Family Catholic Church Welcomes You!**

**4th Sunday of Easter - April 22, 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**

(340) 774-3166

**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 22, 2018**

Mon.: Acts 11:1 - 18; John 10:1 - 10

Tue.: Acts 11:19 - 26; John 10:22 - 30

Wed.: 1 Peter 5:5b - 14; Mark 16:15 - 20

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 9:26 - 31  
1 John 3:18 - 24  
John 15:1 - 8

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



## 4th Sunday of Easter



### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

#### FIRST READING: Acts 4:8 - 12

Peter explained to the people that every good deed and all restoration to health are accomplished in the name of Christ Jesus the Nazorean, through whom all are saved.

#### SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1 - 2

Believers are the dearly beloved children of God who do not yet know what shall come to light. When it does come to light, believers will be like God.

#### GOSPEL READING: John 10:11 - 18

Jesus is the good shepherd who knows the sheep. The Good Shepherd not only loves and protects the sheep but is willing to lay down his life for the sheep. In the first reading, we hear Peter preaching about Jesus again. He uses the line from Psalm 118 - "The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone" - to describe Jesus. This becomes the refrain for the psalm. We then hear from John in the second reading and the Gospel, comforting us with the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd and us as the children of God. Let us consider the richness of these images as we listen to them today.

### MASS INTENTIONS



#### Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):



5:00 PM: God's healing for Goreanna Burley rb Her sister.

#### Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings for Matthew Placid rb Richie Placid.

Anniversary blessings for Ashton & Juliette Merrifield rb Pam Charles.

10:00 AM: God's guidance & protection for Julie Louis and the Louis family.

Birthday blessings for Gilda Rene-Toussaint rb The Rene family.

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



#### Daily Masses:



Mon. Apr. 23, 7:00 AM: **St. Adalbert**  
Ermine Abraham (deceased) rb Eve Ogiste.

Tues. Apr. 24, 7:00 AM: **St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen**  
Kathleen Farro (deceased) rb Estelle Farro.

Wed. Apr. 25, 7:00 AM: **St. Mark the Evangelist - Feast**  
God's strength & courage for Eve Ogiste rb Eve Ogiste.

Thurs. Apr. 26, 7:00 AM: **St. Zita**  
God's continued blessings and guidance for Micheal Charles.

Fri. Apr. 27, 7:00 AM: **St. Gianna Beretta Molla**  
Cecelia Liverpool (deceased) rb Mona Bedminster.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** This week the Eternal Candle is burning for *God's continued blessings for Joseph and Juliette Commodore*. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

**BISHOP'S APPEAL:** There is still time to make your gift to the Bishop's Appeal 2018. We need your help to reach our goal. Please 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.

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!"**

**SYMPATHY:** On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly Francois, Rev. Neil Scantlebury and Deacon Doway extend sincere sympathy to *Newman and Naomi Francis and family* on the passing of their daughter. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

**FOOD FOR THE POOR:** This 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.

**OFFICE CLOSED:** Please note that the church office will be closed on **Thursday, April 26, Friday, April 27, and Saturday, April 28, 2018**, for the carnival celebration. Have a safe carnival. Please note that there will be no CCD class on **Saturday, April 28, 2018**. Please be guided accordingly.

**LAUNDRY:** Please note that Holy Family laundry will cease its operation this **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.

**REFURBISHING OF PEWS:** Please be aware that the refurbishing of our pews has started. Please bear with us as some of the pews are corded off. Thank you for your understanding. God bless. Donations are appreciated.

**PENTECOST RALLY:** The Pentecost Rally will take place on **Sunday, May 20, 2018**, at Winston Wells Ball Park. The theme will be "A New Pentecost - "More Fire" — Acts 2. Sponsored by Catholic Charismatic Renewal STT/STJ. Please save the date.



### LITURGY AND WORD

Shepherding was one of man's earliest occupations. Flocks and herds, always a prominent feature in Palestine and other Near Eastern Societies, consisted specifically of cows, sheep and goats. The principal animal, however, owing to size, abundance, and usefulness, was the sheep.

Possession of these animals indicated power and wealth; Job had thousands of sheep, camels, oxen and she-asses (Jb 42:12), and Abraham's flocks, herds, camels and asses were counted among his blessings (Gen 24:35). At the dedication of the temple, Solomon sacrificed innumerable sheep and oxen (1 Kgs 8:5).

The principal duty of the shepherd was to see that the animals found enough food and water (cf. Psalm 23); and it was important that he guard the sheep, since they were easy prey for wild animals (Am 3:12). There was also the danger that thieves might sneak among the sheep and carry them off (Jn 10:1).

The good shepherd was especially concerned about the condition of the flock, careful that the animals may not be overdriven (cf. Gen 33:13-14); and he would sometimes carry helpless lambs in his arms (cf. Isa 40:11), or on his shoulders. At night, sheep were often kept in simple walled enclosures made from scrambled bushes, providing a minimum of protection from weather and enemies, or caves might have been used, affording the best protection (1 Sam 24:3).

The work of the shepherd was essentially to keep the flock intact, counting each animal as it passed under his hand (Jer 33:12-13; Ezek 20:37).

John 10:11-18 qualifies Jesus' shepherding activity with the following characteristics: As the Good Shepherd he is prepared to sacrifice his own life for the sake of the flock. This self-gift of the shepherd unto death for his sheep has no parallel in the Jewish texts that speak of the messianic shepherd. Jesus does not fit the model of the expected Davidic shepherd-messiah. In contrast to the self-gift of the Good Shepherd, the hireling flees in the face of danger, leaving the sheep

### 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: **413**

#### Last Weekend's collections

**FIRST COLLECTION: \$5,132.00**

**Bishop's Appeal: \$911.00**

**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

exposed to the murdering and scattering presence of the wolf. Already Jewish tradition has spoken of its false leaders as those who did not perform their God-given responsibilities, but left the people prey to the wolves (Cf. Jer 23:1-8; Ezek 34). The Good Shepherd gives his life for his sheep, whereas the hireling is only interested in personal gain. The reader links the hireling with "the Jews" who have repeatedly refused to accept Jesus' claims that he is from God, that he will return to God, and that he makes God known.

Jesus further astounds his audience by announcing that there are other sheep who are not "of this fold." Gentiles will be brought into the fold so that there will be one shepherd, and one fold. The idea of one shepherd leading one people of God came from the biblical tradition and continued in later Jewish literature, but something more is claimed by Jesus. He does not abandon the traditional image of the good shepherd, but he expands it in a way unknown to the Jewish tradition. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for his sheep because of the union between himself and the Father. The world outside Israel will be drawn into the fold of Jesus through his willing gift of himself unto death (v. 16).

