

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	Mona Bedminister
<b>LECTORS:</b> Yasmine Haynes	Rita Brady Bermudez	Families for Christ
Keith Steele	Noreen Joseph	Families for Christ
<b>EUCH MIN:</b> Olga McBean	Rose, Danna,	Eubald Rene
Dolores Velazquez	Catherina & Felicinne	Marguerite Rene



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

**HOSPITAL:**  
**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:** Rita Thompson.  
**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**

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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 Bedminister
- Felicia Felix
- Fr. Neil Scantlebury (Pastor)
- Fr. Kerly François (Assoc. Pastor)

*Thank you for sewing !!!*

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**PARISH CELEBRATION Birthdays**

*Ariel Angol, Keshawn Dorcely, Jayden Chesterfield, Daniella Gradiste, Kashaa Mark, V'Kasha Adams, V'Shoi Emmanuel, Samera Alcendor, Tre Petersen, Leeal Turnbull, Desiree Wilkes, Eustella Raymond, Ronald Stout, Jr., Shanda Caracciolo, Kettelie Etienne, Alma Johnson, Martha Hernandez, Carmen Levia, Janet Peters, Monro Sanderson, Marcella Toussaint, Silia Eritis, Steven Stevenson, Candice Gimenez, Maynor Eusebe, Marie Dimalanta, Veronica Joseph, Teddy Feracho, Jeanne Baptiste, Janette Feracho, Agnes Canning.*

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Dwight & Foidaliza Bruney - May 12

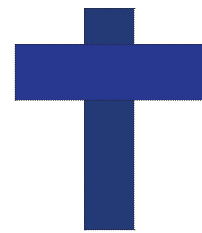


*Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!*

**Holy Family Catholic Church Welcomes You!**

**6th Sunday of Easter - May 6, 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**

**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 May 6, 2018**

Mon.: Acts 16:11 - 15; John 15:26 - 16:4a  
Tue.: Acts 16:22 - 34; John 16:5 - 11  
Wed.: Acts 17:15, 22 - 18:1; John 16:12 - 15  
Thur.: Acts 18:1 - 8; John 16:16 - 20  
Fri.: Acts 18:9 - 18; John 16:20 - 23  
Sat.: Acts 18:23 - 28; John 16:23 - 28

**NEXT SUNDAY: The Ascension of the Lord**

Acts 1:1 - 11  
Ephesians 1:17 - 23  
Mark 16:15 - 20

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



## 6th Sunday of Easter



### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

**FIRST READING: Acts 10:25 - 26, 34 - 35, 44 - 48**

Peter entered the house of Cornelius and proclaimed the good news to his household. They listened and believed, so Peter had them baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

**SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7 - 10**

John wrote, "Let us love one another, because love is of God." The person without love knows nothing of God because God is love.

**GOSPEL READING: John 15:1 - 8**

Jesus told His disciples, "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you." There is no greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

Today the focus of the readings is on others. Peter preached to the Gentiles, people outside the Jewish community, and was surprised that the Holy Spirit came to them as well. John writes that we are to love one another as God loves us. In the Gospel, Jesus challenges His disciples to love one another as He loves them, that is, with a self-sacrificing love. This, truly, is the love that we are called to have for others.

### MASS INTENTIONS



**Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):**



5:00 PM: Father Patrick Cashman (deceased) rb Jean Dragin.

#### Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings for Gerard Henry rb His wife, children and grandchildren.

10:00 AM: Dorothy Walters (d) & Marje Hoban (d) rb Ray & Angie Walters.  
Lurleen & Lisa Smith (deceased) rb Viola E. Smith.

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

#### Daily Masses:

Mon. May 7, 7:00 AM: **Blessed Rose Venerini**  
Renee Doute (d) rb Alicia Doute.

Karen Andrews (d) rb Y. M. Aubain.

Tues. May 8, 7:00 AM: **Blessed Catherine of St. Augustine**  
Blessings for the De Mouy family.

Wed. May 9, 7:00 AM: **Blessed Nicholas Albergati**  
God's blessings and healing for Marcus Farrington rb The Johnson and Jones family.

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

Fri. May 11, 7:00 AM: **St. Ignatius of Laconi**  
Karlene Brooks (d), Naney Brooks (d), Haynes Brooks (d)  
Sylvester Shannon (d) rb Gloria B. Callwood.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** This week the Eternal Candle is burning for **birthday blessings for Alma Johnson**. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

**BISHOP'S APPEAL:** We are still trying to reach our goal with this year's Bishop's Appeal. Our schools, Catholic Charities and our evangelization efforts need your support! For your convenience, you can make a pledge now and pay it in installments. Donations may be made in the form of cash, check or credit card. Checks should be made payable to "Diocese of St. Thomas". 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!"**

**CATHOLIC HOME MISSION:** Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Right now, over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered home mission territory because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support funds programs, such as religious education, seminary formation, and lay ministry training, to build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

**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.

**BAPTISM CLASS:** Baptism class will commence on **Monday May 7, 2018**, at 7:00 p.m. in Lower Columban Hall, in Fr. Kerly's office, 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 in this matter.

**PENTECOST RALLY:** The Pentecost Rally will take place on **Sunday, May 20, 2018**, at Winston Wells Ball Park. It starts with a procession at 3:30 p.m. from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel to the Ball Park. The theme will be **"A New Pentecost - More Fire"** — Acts 2. Sponsored by Catholic Charismatic Renewal STT/STJ. Please save the date.

**NOTE:** *The reception of Holy Communion, in Catholic teaching, indicates an agreement of faith, on the recipient's part, with the Catholic doctrine of Jesus' real presence in this sacrament. Catholics observe a Eucharistic fast of one hour prior to receiving communion. Therefore, it is inappropriate to have any food, candy, gum, etc., in your mouth while in church.*

**Having shared in the Eucharist, you are compelled to go and work for peace and justice, thereby building God's Kingdom now.**



*It doesn't matter how many Sundays you sit in church or if you think you are saved. God sees what you do and how you treat others. That is what really matters. Amen.*

### LITURGY AND WORD

The First Reading contains excerpts from a lengthy speech delivered by Peter in the house of Cornelius, the first high profile Roman official to be converted. It is time for Christianity to leave its Jewish matrix and invite the Gentiles into its fold. It is not surprising that the Gentile Mission is inaugurated by Peter as he is the head of the apostolic college although it would be Paul who would unravel the fullest extent of the Gentile Mission. Although the episode occupies a significant place in Acts, Luke conveys little information about the man himself. At the beginning of the Cornelius narrative, Luke notes that Cornelius resides in Caesarea and describes him as "a centurion of the Italian cohort, a devout man who feared God with all his household, gave alms liberally to the people, and prayed constantly to God (Acts 10:1-2). Luke emphasizes that Cornelius is a religious man. Together with his entire household Cornelius fears God. He is charitable towards the people and he prays to God without ceasing. While Cornelius is a Gentile, Luke takes care to introduce him as an exceptionally good and pious Gentile whose conversion almost becomes a reward for honest and God-fearing life. Indeed, the angel who appears to him and instructs him to send for Peter says that Cornelius' behaviour has become a memorial before God. (Acts 10:4) In Peter's activity in Caesarea the mission to the Gentiles is thus formally inaugurated. For the Lucan story it is important that Peter, the spokesman of the early Christian community, be seen in this role. "God shows no partiality" (10:34), so Peter proclaims. God calls both Jews and non-Jews to salvation through Jesus Christ, respecting all human beings, from any nation whose lives are upright. All can thus find acceptance in the sight of God, who has sent the Word of salvation to all through Jesus Christ, who was put to death on the cross but raised now to his Father's glory. In God's design Jesus has been sent to bring forgiveness of sins to all who are willing to accept him and put faith in "his name" (10:43). Cornelius and his household become people who welcome this message.

The Second Reading says that God is love. We know this not because of our initiative of loving God, but because God took the initiative of sending the only Son into the world so that we might have life and that sins might be expiated.

### 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: **402**

**Last Weekend's collections**

**FIRST COLLECTION: \$5,098.00**

**Catholic Education: \$1,130.27**

**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

The initiative comes from God. The author never forgets the obligation Christians have, i.e., they ought to love one another. God is the one who loves us first. Sending his Son into the world is an example of God's love.

In the Gospel Jesus says, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (Jn 15:13). That is what Jesus has done by dying on the cross for the sake of his own. Jesus is like a loving mother who is willing to die during delivery in order to save her child from death and give it life. Abiding in Jesus' love will be possible for the disciples only if they keep his commandments just as he has kept his Father's commandments and abides in his love (Jn 15:10). Here the 'commandments' are not understood as some external laws imposed from outside but as the expression of the wish/will of the one who loves and is loved. Just as Jesus, the beloved Son of God, who is constantly attuned to the Father's will, finds joy in accomplishing it, so the disciples by lovingly turning their will to Jesus' will and obeying his commandments will be able to remain in his love. In short, loving obedience is the condition for abiding in Jesus' love. Christ-like love means being ready and willing to lay down our lives for one another as friends in the Lord. This sort of love is the only commandment and the last testament of Jesus, the 'lover,' who has walked the path of love.

