

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU!
MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

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

PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO SERVE WHENEVER POSSIBLE

CANTORS: Allan Harrigan	Adult Choir	CCD Choir
LECTORS: Chris Doute Helena Enrique	Jalila Thomas Lafwa Rolle	CCD STUDENT CCD STUDENT
EUCH MIN: Dolores Velazquez	Lauren Thomas Alma Wells	Mona Bedminster



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:
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 Loyalty when you ...

**Stand up for people and ideas you believe in.*

**Choose your friends wisely.*

**Are a faithful friend through good times and bad.*

**Don't allow loyalty to lead you into trouble.*

**Don't let others come between you and your friends.*

**Are loyal to yourself.*

Affirmation:

I am loyal to the people and ideas I care about. I stand by my friends and loved ones. I keep my commitments.

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

Mayah Williams, Terrence Webbe,
Leah Macheen, Yasmine Abraham,
Keane Sablon, Kerlon Sablon,
Chantel Micheal, Fairly Attidore-Mace,
Fleur Richard, Philip Francis,
Lanotte Jn Louis, Joseph Samuel,
Athenia Smith, Vaughn Jn Baptiste,
Leona Marks Thomas Johnson,
Carmen White, Phillip Stuart.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Kenneth & Lauren Thomas - May 22
Kevin & Catherine Babis - May 26



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

Holy Family Catholic Church Welcomes You!

PENTECOST SUNDAY- May 20, 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.

WEEKEND MASSES

Pastor
Reverend Neil Scantlebury

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

Associate Pastor
Reverend Kerly François

Deacon
Rev. Mr. Cassius Mathurin

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday: 7:00 AM
Tuesday - Thursday: 7:00 AM
Wednesday: OLPH Novena before the
7:00 AM Mass followed by
Adoration after the mass to 5:00 p.m.
Friday: Mass at 7:00 AM
Holy Hour: 6PM - 7PM

Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Allison Callwood

Sacristan
Mr. Ryan John

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday: 3:15 PM to 3:45 PM
**Readings for the Week
of May 20, 2018**

Volunteers
Ms. Jennifer Johnson
Mr. Richard Callwood, III

Mon.: James 3:13 - 18; Mark 9:14 - 29
Tue.: James 4:1 - 10; Mark 9:30 - 37
Wed.: James 4:13 - 17; Mark 9:38 - 40
Thur.: James 5:1 - 6; Mark 9:41 - 50
Fri.: James 5:9 - 12; Mark 10:1 - 12
Sat.: James 5:13 - 20; Mark 10:13 - 16

CHANCERY: BISHOP'S OFFICE

Venerable Pierre Toussaint

Catholic Chapel

4B-B Estate Bovoni
St. Thomas VI 00802

**NEXT SUNDAY:
TRINITY SUNDAY**
Deuteronomy 4:32 - 34, 39 - 40
Romans 8:14 - 17
Matthew 28:16 - 20

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



PENTECOST SUNDAY



INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1 - 11

On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was sent to the disciples in the form of fiery tongues. They began to speak in different tongues “as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.”

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b - 7, 12 - 13

The apostle Paul wrote that there are many gifts but the same Spirit, different ministries but the same Lord.

GOSPEL READING: John 20:19 - 23

Jesus appeared and told the disciples. “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you ... Receive the Holy Spirit.” Today’s choice of readings is a veritable smorgasbord of selections to nourish us. Through there are many to choose from, all serve to describe the presence of the Spirit in the lives of the people of God. In John’s Gospel, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as the Advocate: someone who supports us, who defends us. As we listen to the readings, let us note the work of the Spirit in scripture and discern the Spirit’s work in our lives.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: Eugene Faro (deceased) Estelle Farro.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Clifford John (deceased) rb His family.

John Joseph (deceased) rb His wife, Marie Joseph.

10:00 AM: Birthday blessings for Thomas Johnson rb His wife.

God’s protection and blessings for Tracey Joseph rb Her mother.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. May 21, 7:00 AM: **Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, Feast**
Children & grand children of Pauline Ottley rb Pauline Ottley.

Tues. May 22, 7:00 AM: **St. Rita of Cascia**
Anniversary blessing for Kenneth & Lauren Thomas rb Their children and grand children.

Wed. May 23, 7:00 AM: **St. John Baptist Rossi**
God’s continued blessings and guidance for the children and grand children of Jennifer Johnson.

Thurs. May 24, 7:00 AM: **Blessed Marie-Leonie Paradis**
Birthday blessings for Victor Joseph rb Victor Joseph.

Fri. May 25, 7:00 AM: **St. Bede the Venerable**
In thanksgiving to God for favors and blessings received and God’s continued blessings, guidance and protection for Francis Callwood.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



SECOND COLLECTION: This week’s second collection goes towards the *Catholic Communication Campaign*. 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, guidance and protection for Francis Callwood*. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones’ birthdays or any special occasions.

BISHOP’S APPEAL: Many thanks to those who have already contributed to the Bishop’s Appeal 2018, 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. Thank You! **“Failure Always Looks for an Excuse, Success Always Looks for a Way, You Are Our Way to Success!”**

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN: Today, we are taking up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ, here and around the world, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the funds we collect remain our diocese to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the gospel message, and support the collection today! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

ALTAR FLOWERS: This weekend the Altar flowers were paid for by Olga McBean in thanksgiving to God and celebration of *Alvin, Olga and Tori’s* birthday. Thank you for beautifying the church and may God continue to bless you as you celebrate another birthday. Once again, thank you.

ADORATION: Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament continues every **Wednesday**, after the 7:00 a.m. mass to conclude at 5:00 p.m., and every **Friday** from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Jesus is available for you to spend time with Him.

BAPTISM CLASS: Baptism class continues every Monday in May at 7:00 p.m. in Lower Columban Hall, in Fr. Kerly’s office. 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 this **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.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS: We need you, because God needs you! and you need Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Court 2049! Catholic Daughters of the Americas is a Catholic organization dedicated to prayer, good works, and the helping of the less fortunate. Catholic Daughters is an opportunity to engage in spiritual activities, along with help those less fortunate. Also, you make more new and dear friends and have fun while enriching your life and others. Regular meetings are held once a month, third Saturday at 3:00 p.m. Please call **Evelyn Carole Nelthropp, Regent, at 340-643-1461.**

LITURGY AND WORD

Of the many feasts that the Jewish people celebrated only two have entered the Christian liturgical calendar, namely, the Passover and the Pentecost. Other feasts like the Feast of Tents – Tabernacles, Feast of Hanukkah – Dedication or the Feast of Purim have not found entry into the group of Christian festivals. The feast of Pentecost or the Feast of Weeks was the second of the three great Jewish feasts. Its name signified that it concluded the period of seven weeks which began with the presentation of the first sheaf of the barley harvest during the Passover celebration. Originally, the festival was the time when, with appropriate rituals and ceremony, the first fruits of the corn harvest, the last Palestinian crop to ripen, were formally dedicated. In later Jewish times, the feast developed into a commemoration of the giving of the Mosaic Law. To reinforce this function, the rabbis taught that the Law was given fifty days after the Exodus, a tradition of which there is no trace in the Old Testament, or in the Jewish authorities, like Philo and Josephus. Thus it remains an agricultural feast marking the end of the grain harvest and was celebrated during the month of Sivan (May/June). According to the Acts of the Apostles, the apostles remained in Jerusalem after the Resurrection appearances. On the day of Pentecost they were gathered in one house when the Holy Spirit came upon them, sounding like a mighty wind and appearing like tongues of fire upon each of them. Then the apostles began to speak in foreign languages, attracting the attention of foreign Jews who were amazed to hear their native languages spoken by the Galileans. This set the stage for Peter’s sermon which resulted in the conversion and baptism of about 3000 people (Acts 2:1-47). Like all harvest feasts, it was a joyful occasion. After the death and resurrection of Jesus, the stage was set for the dissemination of the saving message of Jesus. At the time of the ascension Jesus had given his disciples the clear mandate,

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: **609**

Last Weekend’s collections

FIRST COLLECTION: **\$6,484.00**

Bishop’s Appeal: **\$1,122.00**

Our Bishop’s Appeal contribution for 2018 amounted to \$22,259.00, 55.6% 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

“Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to the whole creation.” Jesus had also urged his disciples not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father. The promise of the Father for which Jesus wanted his disciples to wait in Jerusalem was the gift of the Holy Spirit.

God always works with a plan. The harvest feast of Pentecost provided the ideal setting for the public manifestation of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. For the major festivals like the Passover and the Pentecost Jewish pilgrims gathered in Jerusalem. The first reading of today mentions Jewish pilgrims in Jerusalem from at least 15 nations. There is no denying the fact that the outpouring of the Spirit became a universal experience given the number of nations from which people were present in Jerusalem when the miracle occurred.

The feast of Pentecost brings to an end the Easter season. We have spent about 100 days of special grace. The season of Lent led us to Easter and the Easter season led us to the Pentecost. We are well equipped to take our journey ahead as the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit provide us assistance. The Holy Trinity is the power behind every Christian life: family, community and missionary. St Paul says that even to pray we need the help of God.