

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	Marguerite Rene
<b>LECTORS:</b> Valerie Doute Chris Doute	Bridget Toussaint Agnes Nicholas	Young Vincentians Young Vincentians
<b>EUCH MIN:</b> Olga McBean	Felicinne Marcellin Lauren Thomas	Michelle Stout

*Thank you for sewing !!!*

*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 Creativity when you ...*

- \*Discover your gifts.
- \*Use knowledge and training to develop them.
- \*Think of new ways to make things work better.
- \*Use your imagination.
- \*Take time for dreaming.
- \*Do things in your own creative way.

**Affirmation:**

*I am creative. I have special gifts and use discipline to develop them. I am open to inspiration. I am happy to be myself.*

**WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS**

**PiSTARCKLE Theater**  
Tillett Gardens, St. Thomas, USVI  
In appreciation of our wonderful neighbors at  
**Holy Family**  
We are happy to offer Holy Family Congregation  
10% off the price of any event  
at PiSTARCKLE Theater!  
Please call (340) 227-8451 for the discount.  
Find our event listings at  
[www.pistarckletheater.com](http://www.pistarckletheater.com)

**Help Wanted**

**Weekend Home Care Worker**

Saturdays and Sundays  
8 AM - 2:00 PM  
Duties: Light housekeeping, meal preparation and elder care assistance  
Salary negotiable. Please call: 340-643-0810 for details!

**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.**

**OFFICE HOURS**

**Mondays - 10:00 AM  
to 4:00 PM**

**Tuesday - Friday**

**7:30 AM - 4:00 PM**

**TOYOTA**  
TOYOTA OF ST. THOMAS  
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**PARISH CELEBRATION Birthdays**

Gregory Auguste, Jr., Kyle Hodge, Celina Rodney, Dawens Dorcelly, Deshawn Liverpool, Ajayi Pickering-Haynes, Gilbert Isidore, Brand Smith, Adonte Donastorg, Esau Brooks, Renesha Henderson, Narsha Alcendor, Vince Bedminster, Adeline Delphin, Arlene Charlen Lawrence, Patrick Henry, Solomon Robinson, Marilyn Louis, Glenroy Warrington.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Hayden & Margaret Francis - June 24  
Alvin & Christine Alexander - June 25  
Akeem & Danna Knight - June 26  
Kent & Donnia Meyers - June 27  
Joseph & Beverly St. Thomas - June 30

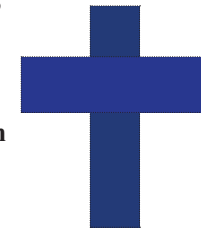


Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

**Holy Family Catholic Church Welcomes You!**

**Nativity of St. John The Baptist - June 24, 2018**

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**EMERGENCY CONTACT**  
**(340) 513-8262**



**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. Cassius Mathurin

**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 followed by  
Adoration after the mass to 5:00 p.m.  
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 June 24, 2018**

Mon.: 2 Kings 17:5 - 8, 13 - 15a, 18;  
Matthew 7:1 - 5  
Tue.: 2 Kings 19:9b - 11, 14 - 21, 31-35a, 36;  
Matthew 7:6, 12 - 14  
Wed.: 2 Kings 22:8 - 13; 23:1 - 3;  
Matthew 7:15 - 20  
Thur.: 2 Kings 24: 8 - 17; Matthew 7:21 - 29  
Fri.: Acts 12:1 - 11; 2 Tim. 4:6 - 8, 17 - 18;  
Matthew 16:13 - 19  
Sat.: Lam. 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Matt. 8:5 - 17

**NEXT SUNDAY:  
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Wisdom 1:13 -15; 2:23 -24  
2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13 - 15  
Mark 5:21 - 43

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

## NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1 - 6

Isaiah foretold the birth of a man called to serve the Lord. He would be like a sharp-edged sword, a polished arrow, a light to the nations.

#### SECOND READING: Acts 13:22 - 26

John heralded Jesus' coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance. John was not the Messiah but the forerunner of the One who was to come.

#### GOSPEL READING: Luke 1:57 - 66, 80

Elizabeth's time for delivery had come, and she gave birth. She and Zechariah named her child John. Zechariah became able to speak once again. While still in the womb, John the Baptist was called to prepare the people for the coming of the Lord. We hear today from Jeremiah or Isaiah, two prophets also called by the Lord before they were born. We ourselves were not called by God in such a dramatic way. Yet by virtue of our baptism, each of us also shares in Christ's prophetic and salvific mission. As we listen to the readings today, let us think about how we have been called.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: Lionel Hilaire (deceased) rb Jean Dragin.

#### Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: God's wisdom and guidance for John Antoine rb His parents.

10:00 AM: God's guidance and protection for Marilyn Louis, the Louis' and Maynard family.

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

#### Daily Masses:

Mon. June 25, 7:00 AM: *St. William of Vercelli*  
Dwan Sweeney (d) rb The Children of Mary.

Tues. June 26, 7:00 AM: *St. Josemaria Escriva*  
Deceased Eustache, Titre and Toussaint families rb Mary Antoine.

Wed. June 27, 7:00 AM: *St. Cyril of Alexandria*  
God's guidance and protection for the children and grandchildren of Eve Ogiste rb Eve Ogiste.

Thurs. June 28, 7:00 AM: *St. Irenaeus*  
Kathleen Farro (d) rb Estelle Farro.

Fri. June 29, 7:00 AM: *Sts. Peter & Paul*  
God's guidance and protection for Eve Ogiste rb Eve Ogiste.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence).

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** This week the Eternal Candle is burning for *birthday blessings for Veda Henry, requested by her family*. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

**HOLY FAMILY HEALTH MINISTRY:** Health care professionals and interested persons are encouraged to attend an organizing and planning meeting on **Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.** in Lower Columban Hall for the purpose of reactivating the Health Ministry. Questions can be directed to Candace Bryan at (340) 228-1912.

**BREAKFAST SALE:** The Dominica Association of St. Thomas will host a breakfast sale on **Saturday, June 30, 2018**, in Holy Family parking lot, from 7:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Thank you for your support.

**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.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES:** Catholic Charities has the following vacancies:  
**FULL-TIME FINANCIAL OFFICER** - General accounting duties to include preparation of monthly and quarterly federal and local grant reports and budgets, yearly agency budgets and financial statements.

**CASE MANAGER** - General case management duties include the managing of cases by assessing needs; developing service plans and providing referrals to mainstream services.

**CLERICAL ASSISTANT (2)** - Duties include filing, handling correspondence, maintaining data using computer or manual systems, and other general office duties.

**SECURITY OFFICER** - General duties include, but are not limited to, ensuring the security of Bethlehem House Shelter, receiving and recording of in kind donations, conflict resolution and ensuring the safety of all residents while on duty.

Interested persons may submit their application to [ccusvi@outlook.com](mailto:ccusvi@outlook.com) or Call **340-777-8518** for further information. Applications may also be dropped off at the office on #42 Kronprindsens Gade, St. Thomas.

**NEW ADDRESS:** Bishop Elliott Thomas has recently relocated to the St. John Newman Residence in Timonium, Maryland. Below is his new mailing address in case you want to send him well wishes - especially since he will be celebrating his 92nd birthday on July 15th. Please continue to keep him in your prayers. His new address is as follows:

**Most Rev. Elliott G. Thomas, Retired**  
**St. John Newman Residence**  
**2300 Dulaney Valley Road**  
**Timonium, MD 21093**

### LITURGY AND WORD

Today the Church celebrates the birthday of John the Baptist. The coming of the long awaited Messiah needed preparation and John the Baptist carried out that task brilliantly. John the Baptist and Jesus are cousins who were born six months apart. John had a short though vibrant mission. His life was cut short abruptly by Herod whose immoral marital union with Herodias John had questioned. John was imprisoned and eventually executed by Herod. It was a senseless act from Herod to execute John because it was to honor a foolish pledge made to Salome, the daughter of Herodias, his wife. The circumstances of John's birth are told elaborately in the 1st chapter of Luke's Gospel. John had a miraculous conception because his parents Zechariah and Elizabeth were elderly. They are described as being upright in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commandments and regulations blamelessly (Lk 1:6). The motifs of the child of aged parents, the announcement of the birth by an angel, and the divinely chosen name echo the narratives of Abraham, Isaac, Samson and Samuel. That John lived an austere life is well documented in the Gospel of Mark. His early ministry took place in the wilderness of Judea and in the Jordan valley. The main theme of his preaching was the nearness of the messianic age and the need for adequate spiritual preparation to be ready for it. His mission was to prepare the people for the advent of the Messiah so that when he made his appearance, they would recognize and accept him. His message did not harmonize with what many of his hearers expected, for while they looked for deliverance from and judgement on the foreign oppressor, John said that the Messiah would separate the good from the bad and would cast into the fire any tree that did not bring forth good fruit. Many of the Jews, especially the Pharisees, thought that they would enter the kingdom of God automatically, simply because they were physically descended from Abraham; but John declared in no uncertain terms

### 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: **426**

#### Last Weekend's collections

**FIRST COLLECTION: \$5,826.00**

**Youth Ministry: \$1,276.62**

*Our Bishop's Appeal contribution for 2018 amounted to \$23,409.00, 59% 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

that this was not the case at all. He called on them to repent sincerely of their sins and to be baptized. The baptism by water that he administered signified a break with and cleansing from sin. His baptism prepared the people for a new life. So far the Jews baptized only the Gentiles, but he called on Jews to baptize themselves; and his baptism was a baptism in preparation for the messianic baptism of the Spirit anticipated by the prophets. The Gospels tell us that John met his death through the vindictiveness of Herodias, whom John had denounced for her sin of living in adultery with Herod. John the Baptist was an ascetic, and conducted a ministry in the Judean wilderness that involved preaching and baptism. His popularity and the revolutionary possibilities of his message of social justice led to his arrest, imprisonment, and execution by Herod Antipas, probably in A.D. 28 or 29.

