

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

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

**PLEASE BE FLEXIBLE AND VOLUNTEER TO SERVE WHENEVER POSSIBLE**

<b>CANTORS:</b> Allan Harrigan	Dr. Gloria Callwood Felicinne Marcellin	Marguerite Rene
<b>LECTORS:</b> Chris Doute Val Doute	Noreen Joseph Rita Brady-Bermudez	Yvonne Freeman Julia Johnson
<b>EUCH MIN:</b> Dolores Velazquez	Danna Knight Catherina Alexander	Marylin Louis Yvonne Freeman



*Thank you for sewing !!!*



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

**HOSPITAL:** Josephine Philbert.

**OFF ISLAND:** Defy Francoise, Bertina Lestrade, Altagracia Padilla, Emile Joseph, Enid Blyden, Isabel Dublin, Mary Lewis, Philomen Baron, McLean Fontain (Sparrow).

**AT HOME:** Rita Ledee, Rose Celestine, Margarita Feliciano, Martina Lewis, Olivia Gumbs, Ann Bedminster, Medina Scatliffe, Bernice Knight, Claudy Brutus, Vernelle Gumbs, Evelyn Simon, Veronica Sealey, Gerard Henry, Grace Thompson, Andrea Victorine, Josephine James, Stanislaus Livepool, Rosette Harley, Baby Elizabeth Dolphin, Meraldo C. Gonzales, Roserita Laparol, Cynthia Johnrose, Ruthine & Thomas Johnson, Richard Callwood, Jr.

**SEAVIEW:**  
**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 Trust when you ...*

- \*Believe there is some good in everything that happens.
- \*Look for the lessons in painful experiences.
- \*Let trust take away your worries.
- \*Know that your best is good enough.
- \*Trust others unless you have good reasons not to.
- \*Don't nag, worry, or try to take control.

**Affirmation:**

*I am trusting. I have no need to control others. I release fear and worry. I feel at peace and know I am not alone.*

**WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS**

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God First, Family Second, Career Third

**Lenten Prayer for Sundays During Lent**

Heavenly Father,

As I enter another week of my Lenten journey, guide me to the path that leads to you. Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength and peace as I strive to become the best version of myself, honestly admitting my shortcomings and sins.

As I renew my resolve each day to become a better person, let me hear your voice in the deepest reaches of my heart. Give me rest in you.

Help me to accept others, showing them your great love instead of casting judgment. Stay with me through the busy days this week and remind me that when I need comfort, solitude, wisdom or guidance, I can always turn to you.

Help me develop discipline and generosity through fasting and almsgiving, and come close to you through prayer this Lent. In your name I pray,

Amen.

**OFFICE HOURS**

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

**Tuesday - Friday**

**8:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

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**PARISH CELEBRATION Birthdays**

*Chevell Leonare-Simeon, Helena Enrique, Zekai Burns-Bussue, Jalleigah David, Jacques David, Forestal Djoury, Dineijah Attidore-Charles, Brendon Samuel, Elizabeth Stevenson, Correen Edwards, Genet Henry, David Mitchel, Ferdinand Richard, Rene Henderson, Elroy Pickering, Sr., Vivian Ovesen.*



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

**Holy Family Catholic Church Welcomes You!**

**4th Sunday of Lent - March 31, 2019**

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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. Cassius Mathurin  
Rev. Mr. Frank Kearney

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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

**WEEKEND MASSES**

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

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

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

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Saturday: 4:15 PM to 4:45 PM**  
**Fourth Wednesdays - 4:00PM to 6:30PM**

**Readings for the Week of March 31, 2019**

**CHANCERY: BISHOP'S OFFICE** Mon.: Isaiah 65:17 - 21; John 4:43 - 54

(340) 774-3166 Tue.: Ezekiel 47:1 - 9, 12; John 5:1 - 16

**Venerable Pierre Toussaint Catholic Chapel** Wed.: Isaiah 49:8 - 15; John 5:17 - 30

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Thur.: Exodus 32:7 - 14; John 5:31 - 47

**Masses:** Saturday 5:00 p.m. (Creole) and 25 - 30

Every **LAST Thursday** at 5:00 p.m. Sat.: Jeremiah 11:18 - 20; John 7:40 - 53

**NEXT SUNDAY: 5th Sunday of Lent**

Isaiah 43:16 - 21  
Philippians 3:8 - 14  
John 8:1 - 11

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[www.holyfamilystt.com](http://www.holyfamilystt.com)

## 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

**FIRST READING: Joshua 5:9a, 10 - 12**

God delivered Israel from Egypt. All the people celebrated Passover with unleavened cakes and parched grain in their new land, the Promised Land flowing with milk and honey.

**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:17 - 21**

We are ambassadors for Christ and ministers of reconciliation to one another. We must all be reconciled to God so that we might "become the righteousness of God in him."

**GOSPEL READING: Luke 15:1 - 3, 11 - 32**

Jesus told His followers the parable of the prodigal son. It is never too late to repent, to be received back by a loving father, and to enjoy his presence forever. A new day has dawned in each reading today. The Israelites have finally reached the Promised Land and can celebrate the Passover in their new home. St. Paul tells us that in Christ, we are a new creation. The prodigal son is welcomed home as someone who had been dead and is now alive again. As we listen to the readings today, let us imagine we are there as each new day dawns.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

**5:00 PM:** Kathleen Farro (deceased) rb Estelle Farro.

#### Sunday Masses:

**7:30 AM:** Leonard G. Reed, Jr. (d); Llewellyn G. Reed (d); Jalauni Harrigan (d) rb The Thomas family.

**10:00 AM:** God's blessings for the children of St. Jude Research Hospital and the shut-ins of the community. rb Marilyn Louis.

**5:00 PM:** God's continued blessings for the Haitian community.

#### Daily Masses:

Mon. Apr. 1, 7:00 AM: **St. Hugh of Grenoble**  
Ricky Maxwell (deceased) rb His mother.

Tues. Apr. 2, 7:00 AM: **St. Francis of Paola**  
Rose and Richard Cook (deceased) rb Estelle Farro.

Wed. Apr. 3, 7:00 AM: **St. Richard de Wyche**  
For an end of abortion.

Thurs. Apr. 4, 7:00 AM: **St. Isidore of Seville**  
Lanell Herbert (deceased).

Fri. Apr. 5, 7:00 AM: **St. Vincent Ferrer**  
Deacon Keith and Myrna Scantlebury (deceased).

### 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.

**BISHOP'S APPEAL:** Your donation to the Bishop's Appeal 2019 helps to support our mission in evangelization. Your contribution helps us to nourish and spread our faith through the Catholic Islander which is a focus of unity for all the Catholics on our four islands. It also helps to support Catholic media, the formation of our seminarian and the development of our diocesan youth ministries.

For your convenience, you may choose to make a pledge now and spread your payments over several months. Donations may be made in the form of cash, check or credit card. Please fill out the form in the brochure and make your checks payable to "Diocese of St. Thomas." Please see the brochure for further information. Thank You!

**"Whatever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, that you do unto Me."**

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** This week the Eternal Candle is burning for **God's guidance and protection for Anthony Renal, requested by Marie Renal**. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

**ONLINE GIVING:** Visit our website: [www.holyfamilystt.com](http://www.holyfamilystt.com) and select **online giving**. Holy Family offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give anytime from your smart phone, using "**GIVE PLUS**" mobile App. Thanks to all those who are using online giving; may God continue to bless you richly.

**MEMORIAL MASS:** Please be informed that a memorial mass for the late Bishop Elliott G. Thomas, will be celebrated on **Saturday, April 6, 2019**, at 9:00 a.m., at Holy Family Church. All are invited, as we pray for the repose of the soul of Bishop Elliott G. Thomas. May his soul and the souls of the departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

**ALTAR SERVERS' MEETING:** Altar servers are kindly asked to attend a meeting in preparation for the Easter Triduum, on **Saturday, April 6, 2019**, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Please be on time. Thank you.

**CONFESSIONS:** In preparation for the Triduum, Holy Family church will have its penance service on **Wednesday, April 10, 2019**, available from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Please be guided accordingly.

**DOMINICA INFIRMARY:** The Dominica Infirmary is seeking our help for toiletries, adult pampers and cleaning materials. The Dominica Association of St. Thomas, Inc, will be collecting your donation on **Sunday, April 14, 2019**, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Holy Family parking lot. We take this opportunity to thank you on behalf of the Infirmary for your favorable response. Once again thank you and God bless.

**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. Whether you spend 15 minutes or the whole day, come and sit with Jesus.

### LITURGY AND WORD

#### **1ST READING:**

#### **TOWARDS THE PROMISED LAND**

The people of Israel have finally arrived at the Promised Land which has been their destination when they were delivered from their slavery in Egypt. It is only natural that they remember God through the celebration of the Passover. This is the first time in forty years that they are celebrating the Passover. The departure from Egypt has begun with the celebration of the Passover and ends with the Passover. Similarly, the wandering through the wilderness begins and ends with the manna. Another fact is that the people are beginning to eat the produce of the land of Canaan. After the Passover, on the very next day itself, they begin to enjoy the long anticipated food in the Promised Land. The tiresome forty years of eating manna in the desert are now behind them. A new period in the Israelite history also begins with it. The theme of newness leads us to the Second Reading.

#### **2ND READING:**

#### **FAITH OFFERS NEWNESS**

One of the most beautiful statements about newness comes from this passage that Paul has written to the Corinthians. Anyone who embraces Christianity is a new creation. He has left his past life behind and has assumed the new life. To be in Christ is to be participating already in the new creation. Paul says of this new creation in which Christians participate, that all this is from God, because it is God who takes the initiative in Christ to reconcile us to himself, not counting our sins against us. God now wants that we become his ambassadors so that he can appeal through us to others to be reconciled to him. This is a responsibility that we need to carry out.

#### **GOSPEL:**

#### **THE PRODIGAL FATHER**

Jesus tells the parable of the prodigal son in answer to the murmuring of the Pharisees and the Scribes against Jesus' association with the am adm. There are three characters in this parable which reads more like a novella. The story revolves around a rather well-to-do and benevolent father and his two sons. The younger son wants independence from his father and so demands his share of the property. Gathering his wealth, he leaves his family and then squanders his money. Soon he becomes a vagabond with no money left even to buy food. Hunger drives him to take a job of tending pigs, unclean animals

### 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: **471**

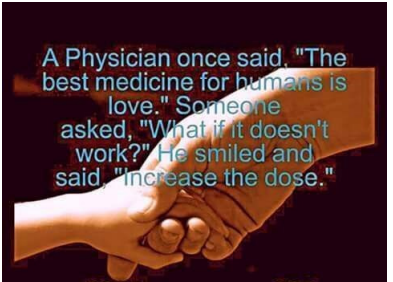
**Last Weekend's collections**

**FIRST COLLECTION: \$5,504.66**

**Bishop's Appeal: \$972.00**

### LITURGY AND WORD Cont'd

for Jews, but he is not allowed even to eat the pig's food. He is starving and has been completely degraded. At this juncture he plans to return home. He rehearses three short statements to address his father. They include a confession of sin and recognition that he has forfeited his position as son. At this point our attention shifts to the father. He does not abuse the son for his carelessness and selfishness. Indeed, he does not even wait passively for the son to arrive. He runs out to meet him. He embraces and kisses him, recognizing him as son even before the son has a chance to state his repentance. Not permitting his son to finish his speech, the father bestows the choicest things of honor on the returned son: sandals, robe, ring, fatted calf. So eager, Jesus suggests, is God to receive back those who have wandered away from him. The story could have ended here but it takes a twist by telling us about the behavior of the elder son. He is not happy that his father receives back his brother who has gone away. His refusal to go inside the house shows his total unhappiness. His father comes out and entreats him, but the elder son refuses to listen to his father. He has only bitter complaints against his father. Can we read from this that when a son who has been considered lost is found, another son is lost? There the story is open ended. We have to fill in the gaps. With which of the characters in the story do we identify ourselves?



A Physician once said, "The best medicine for humans is love." Someone asked, "What if it doesn't work?" He smiled and said, "Increase the dose."