

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU!
MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

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

PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO SERVE WHENEVER POSSIBLE

CANTORS: Allan Harrigan Dr. Gloria Callwood Marguerite Rene
LECTORS: Ruth Smith Noreen Joseph CCD Student
 Margarita Smith Hilda Celistine CCD Student
EUCH MIN: Olga McBean Catherina Alexander Mona Bedminster
 Allison Callwood

Thank you for serving !!!

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

HOSPITAL: Margarita Feliciano.
OFF ISLAND: Bertina Lestrade, Altagracia Padilla, Emile Joseph, Enid Blyden, Isabel Dublin, Mary Lewis, Philomen Baron, Ruthine & Thomas, Johnson, Maggie Dolphin, Cryil Eugene, Joe Toussaint, Roserita Laparol, Eugenie England.
AT HOME: Rita Ledee, Rose Celestine, Martina Lewis, Olivia Gumbs, Ann Bedminster, Bernice Knight, Claudy Brutus, Vernelle Gumbs, Evelyn Simon, Veronica Sealey, Gerard Henry, Grace Thompson, Andrea Victorine, Josephine James, Stanislaus Livepool, Meraldo C. Gonzales, Baby Elizabeth Dolphin, Cynthia Johnrose, Richard Callwood, Jr., Josephine Philbert, Iona Vanterpool, Josefina Donastorg, Hiliare Alfred.

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.*

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

The Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands is committed to protecting children from all harm. If you have knowledge of any member of the clergy or other church worker who may have abused a minor, please contact the diocesan child protection coordinator, **Callista Julien** at 340-772-4214.

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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 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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PARISH CELEBRATION

Birthdays

Jarsie Jacquet, Shanna Martin, Kiana Quetel, Aaliyah Hodge, Kirwin George, Kerine George, Khiemean Casey, Jessica Dazel, Vishnu John, Nellie Pascal, Anselma Lewis, Juliette Merrifield, Franck Feliciano, Belden King, Muriella Clarke, Rosette Harley, Josephine James, Lester Scott.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Curtis & Gemma Felix - Oct. 23
George & Muriella Clarke - Oct. 25
Samson & Marilene Lionel - Oct. 26



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

Holy Family Catholic Church Welcomes You!

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Oct. 20, 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.

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Reverend Neil Scantlebury

Associate Pastor
Reverend Kerly François

In Residence
Rev. John Fewel

Deacon
Rev. Mr. Peter Laurencin

Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Allison Callwood

Sacristan
Mr. Ryan John

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Mr. Verne Callwood
Mr. Desmond Simmonds

Volunteers
Ms. Jennifer Johnson
Mr. Richard Callwood, III

CHANCERY: BISHOP'S OFFICE

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Masses:
Saturday 5:00 p.m. (Creole)
and
Every **LAST Thursday**
at 5:00 p.m.

Online giving or donation can be made through our website at:
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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 PM
Friday: Holy Hour 6PM - 7PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday: 4:15 PM to 4:45 PM
Fourth Wednesdays - 4:00PM to 6:00PM

Readings for the Week of October 20, 2019

Mon.: Romans 4: 20 - 25; Luke 12:13 - 21
Tue.: Romans 5:12, 15b, 17 - 19, 20b - 21; Luke 12:35 - 38
Wed.: Romans 6:12 - 18; Luke 12:39 - 48
Thur.: Romans 6:19 - 23; Luke 12:49 - 53
Fri.: Romans 7:18 - 25a; Luke 12:54 - 59
Sat.: Romans 8:1 - 11; Luke 13:1 - 9

NEXT SUNDAY: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 35:12 - 14, 16 - 18
2 Timothy 4:6 - 8, 16 - 18
Luke 18:9 - 14

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:8 - 13

When Moses raised his arms to God in prayer, the battle went well. So Aaron and Hur supported his arms, lest the attackers defeat Israel. When they got tired, they used a rock to keep his arms up. By sunset, Israel won the fight.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2

Paul urged Timothy to remain faithful to sacred Scripture because God inspired it. God's inspired word, the source of wisdom in Christ, helps people learn goodness and holiness.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 18:1 - 8

Jesus taught a lesson about the power of persistent prayer by telling the story of a persistent widow who wore down a corrupt judge by continually demanding her rights. The judge issued a settlement in her favor, lest she do him in.

From the patriarchs to the early apostles, God comes to the help of all those who ask. Moses raises his staff to elicit God's help when Joshua engages his opponent in battles. "Our help is from the Lord," we sing in the psalm. Paul tells Timothy that God is with him in proclaiming the word. Jesus assures His disciples that God will respond if they are persistent. Let us be assured that we can continue to seek help from God today.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: God deliverance for Anthony Renal rb Marie Renal.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Deacon Leonard Monsanto (*deceased*) rb The Children of Mary.

Crescentia Bezzo Abraham (*deceased*) rb Her daughter,
Valda Alexander.

10:00 AM: Continued healing and blessings for Lorna Greig rb Lorna Greig.

5:00 PM: God's continued healing and guidance for the Haitian community.

Daily Masses:

Mon. Oct 21, 30, 7:00 AM: *St. Hilarion*
Birthday blessings for Dante rb Cleopha Rawlings.

Tues. Oct. 22, 7:00 AM: *Blessed Timothy Ciaccardo*
Birthday blessings for Leroy Hodge rb Cleopha Rawlings.

Wed. Oct. 23, 7:00 AM: *St. John of Capistrano*
Deacon Roy Bruney (*deceased*) rb The Children of Mary.

Thurs. Oct. 24, 7:00 AM: *St. Anthony Mary Claret*
John Milton Giff (*deceased*) rb The Giff, Violet and Forde families.

Fri. Oct. 25, 7:00 AM: *St. Richard Gwyn*
Rose and Richard Cook (*deceased*) rb Estelle Farro.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION: This week's second collection goes towards *World Mission Sunday*. Next week's second collection will be for *Catholic Education*. As always we thank you for your generosity.

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning for *God's continued guidance and protection for Francis Callwood*. You can request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS: All Knight of Columbus please contact the Grand Knight at 340-514-7784. Thank you.

BAPTISM CLASS: Baptism class commenced on **Monday October 7, 2019**, at 7:00 p.m. in Lower Columban Hall, in Fr. Kerly's office, and will continue every Monday in October. 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 assistance in this matter.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR: The Holy Family Church is conducting a 6-week Life in the Spirit Seminar which began on **Monday October 14th, 2019** and will continue every Monday until **Monday November 18th, 2019**. The goal of this seminar is to introduce the Holy Spirit to those in the community who have not yet experienced His love and His power in their lives. The Lord is calling us into a deeper relationship with Him. Come and experience his Love. For further information please call the Church Office at 340-775-1650.

HEALTH MINISTRY: In solidarity with those who have battled or are battling with cancer, Fr. Neil and the health ministry ask that the congregation wear pink or something pink to mass next weekend **October 26 and 27, 2019**. Thank you for your prayerful support.

FOOD FOR THE POOR: Next 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. Once again thank you.

ST. JOSEPH WORKERS: The St. Joseph workers will have devotion on **Sunday, October 27, 2019**, at 5:00 p.m. in the Shrine. All are invited.

CREOLE MASS: The Dominica Association of St. Thomas invites everyone to their annual Creole Mass on **Sunday, November 10, 2019**, at 12:00 noon at Holy Family Church. The guest speaker is **Rev. Fr. Elton John Letang, C.Ss.R.** from Dominica. The regular weekend masses will remain the same. All are welcome.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL CONFERENCE: The St. Thomas/St. John Catholic Charismatic Renewal Presents their 2019 Conference. The Theme is "Pray Unceasingly" 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. The Conference will be held in Upper Columban Hall **Friday November 15 to Sunday November 17, 2019**. Our Guest Speakers are Fr. Louis Merosne from Haiti and Brother Kent Vincent from Guyana. Registration fees are: Adult \$35.00, Ages 0-12 Free and Ages 13-18 \$10.00. Polo Shirts are \$25.00. We have a Conference Package of \$100.00 which includes: Registration, a Polo Shirt and ALL Meals. Please register and pay by October 25, 2019. Registration Forms & Fees can be dropped off at your Church Office. Any questions feel free to contact our Director Fr. Anthony Abraham at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church 340-776-6339 or our Chairwoman Mrs Michelle Rivera-Stout at Holy Family Parish 340-643-6986. Thank you.



LITURGY AND WORD

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
Once again this year, World Mission Day gathers us around the person of Jesus, "the very first and greatest evangelizer" (Paul VI, Evangelii Nuntiandi, 7), who continually sends us forth to proclaim the Gospel of the love of God the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. This Day invites us to reflect anew on the mission at the heart of the Christian faith. The Church is missionary by nature; otherwise, she would no longer be the Church of Christ. So it is important to ask ourselves certain questions about our Christian identity and our responsibility as believers in a world marked by confusion, disappointment and frustration, and torn by numerous fratricidal wars that unjustly target the innocent. What is the basis of our mission? What is the heart of our mission? What are the essential approaches we need to take in carrying out our mission?

Mission and the transformative power of the Gospel of Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life

The Church's mission, directed to all men and women of good will, is based on the transformative power of the Gospel. The Gospel is Good News filled with contagious joy, for it contains and offers new life: the life of the Risen Christ who, by bestowing his life-giving Spirit, becomes for us the Way, the Truth and the Life (cf. Jn 14:6). He is the Way who invites us to follow him with confidence and courage. In following Jesus as our Way, we experience Truth and receive his Life, which is fullness of communion with God the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. That life sets us free from every kind of selfishness, and is a source of creativity in love.

Mission and the kairos of Christ

The Church's mission, then, is not to spread a religious ideology, much less to propose a lofty ethical teaching. Many movements throughout the world inspire high ideals or ways to live a meaningful life. Through the mission of the Church, Jesus Christ himself continues to evangelize and act; her mission thus makes present in history the kairos, the favourable time of salvation. Through the proclamation of the Gospel, the risen Jesus becomes our contemporary, so that those who welcome him with faith and love can experience the transforming power of his Spirit, who makes humanity and creation fruitful, even as the rain does with the earth. "His resurrection is not an event of the past; it contains a vital

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: **\$6,541.25**

Music Ministry: **\$1,259.95**

Our Bishop's Appeal contribution for 2019 amounted to \$32,890.00, 82% 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

power which has permeated this world. Where all seems to be dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force" (Evangelii Gaudium, 276).

The world vitally needs the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Through the Church, Christ continues his mission as the Good Samaritan, caring for the bleeding wounds of humanity, and as the Good Shepherd, constantly seeking out those who wander along winding paths that lead nowhere. Thank God, many significant experiences continue to testify to the transformative power of the Gospel. I think of the gesture of the Dinka student who, at the cost of his own life, protected a student from the enemy Nuer tribe who was about to be killed. I think of that Eucharistic celebration in Kitgum, in Northern Uganda, where, after brutal massacres by a rebel group, a missionary made the people repeat the words of Jesus on the cross: "My God, My God, why have you abandoned me?" as an expression of the desperate cry of the brothers and sisters of the crucified Lord. For the people, that celebration was an immense source of consolation and courage. We can think too of countless testimonies to how the Gospel helps to overcome narrowness, conflict, racism, tribalism, and to promote everywhere, and among all, reconciliation, fraternity and sharing.