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: Olga McBean CCD STUDENT Rita Brady Bermudez

> Ruth Smith Agnes Nicholas CCD STUDENT

EUCH MIN: Candace Bryan Catherina Alexander Annette Dalv Anne Brandt Allison Callwood Mona Bedminster



Thank you for serving!!!



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

HOSPITAL: Margarita Feliciano.

OFF ISLAND: Bertina Lestrade, Emile Joseph, Enid Blyden, Isabel Dublin, Mary Lewis, Philomen Baron, Ruthine & Thomas, Johnson, Cryil Eugene, Joe Toussaint, Eugenie England, Helen Bruney, Bishop George Murry.

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, Josephine Philbert, Iona Vanterpool, Josefina Donastorg, Owen Johnrose, Sonia Herbert, Roserita Laparol, Maggie Dolphin, Ophelia Bannis.

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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 loval to the people and ideas T câre about. I stand by my friends and loved ones. I keep my commitments.

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PRAYER TO MARY DURING THE

CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O Mary, you shine continuously along our jour-

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick

who at the Cross were near to the pain of Jesus.

You, Salvation of the people, know what we

those needs so that, as at Cana of Galilee, joy

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform

ourselves to the will of the Father and to do

what Jesus tells us, He who took our sufferings

upon Himself, and took up our sorrows to bring

us, through the Cross to the joy of the Resurrec-

We seek refuge under your protection O Holy

Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas - we

who are put to the test - and deliver us from

every danger, O Glorious and blessed Virgin.

Bv Pope Francis

and celebration may return after this moment of

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PARISH CELEBRATION **Birthdays**

Mayah Williams, Terrence Webbe, Jr., Anne Pierre, Eve Marie Francois, Leah Macsheen, Abedale Samuel, Rene Henereson, Jr., Keane Sablon, Kerlin Sablon, Chantel Micheal, Kemon Henry, Ernest Ross, Joseph Samuel, Athenia Smith, Wellington Eusebe, Derrick Fontaine, Vaughn JnBaptiste, Myrna VanBerverhoudt, Cornel Williams, Carmen White, Newman Francis, Olga McBean.

> **RELIGIOUS ANNIVERSARY** Rev. Neil Scantlebury - May 18

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Kenneth & Lauren Thomas - May 22 Paul & Candice Gimenez - May 23



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

Holy Family Catholic Church **Welcomes You!**

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - May 17, 2020

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Every **LAST Thursday** at 5:00 p.m.

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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 May 17, 2020

Mon.: Acts 16:11 - 15; John 15:26b - 16:4a

Tue.: Acts 16:22 - 34; John 16:5 - 11

Wed.: Acts 17:15, 22b - 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 16:23b - 28

NEXT SUNDAY: ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Acts 1:1 - 11

Ephesians 1:17 - 23

Matthew 28:16 - 20



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!
FIRST READING: Acts 8:5 - 8, 14 - 17

With great success, Philip went to Samaria to proclaim the Christ and work miracles. When the apostles heard about Philip's work, they sent Peter and John to pray that the Samaritans receive the Holy Spirit.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:15 - 18

Jesus "suffered for sins once." He was put to death as far as fleshly existence goes but received life according to the spirit.

GOSPEL READING: John 14:15 - 21

Jesus assured the disciples that he would not leave them orphaned but would ask the Father to send "another Advocate" to be with them always. Jesus said that He would still reveal Himself to those who love Him. Today's readings anticipate the feast of Pentecost, which we will celebrate two weeks from now. Peter and John join Philip in Samaria to make sure that the Samaritans received the Holy Spirit, just as they had in Jerusalem. In the Gospel Jesus promises His disciples that they will receive the Holy Spirit, who will be another Advocate after His own return to the Father. Listening to today's readings, let us be aware of the Holy Spirit's influence in our lives.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):



5:00 PM: Birthday blessings for Alvin, Tori and Olga rb Olga McBean.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: God's continued blessings for all the members of St. Joseph Workers.

10:00 AM: Francis J Bryan (*deceased*) rb His wife and children.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. May 18, 7:00 AM: *St. John I*Anniversary blessings for Fr. Neil Scantlebury.



Tues. May 19, 7:00 AM: *St. Celestine*Kathleen Farro (*deceased*) rb Estelle Farro.

Wed. May 20, 7:00 AM**: St. Berbadube of Siena**Fr. Patrick Cashman (*deceased*) rb The Children of Mary.

Thurs. May 21, 7:00 AM: *St. Christopher Magallanes*Deacon Austin Medina (*deceased*) rb The Children of Mary.

Fri. May 22, 7:00 AM: *St. Rita of Cascia*Birthday blessings for Tyrone Hodge rb Cleopha Rawling

<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>



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

BISHOP'S APPEAL: Many thanks to those who have already contributed to the Bishop's Appeal 2020, 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 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!

"It's not how much we give, but how much LOVE we put into giving." – Mother Theresa

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

ALTAR FLOWERS: This weekend the altar flowers were paid for in part by Olga McBean in thanksgiving to God and celebration of another birthday. Thank you for beautifying our church and we pray God's continued blessings on you as you enter a new year. Once again, thank you.

ALL DAY ADORATION: Please note that there will NOT be any ALL DAY ADORATION on Wednesdays until further notice. Please be guided accordingly.

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, and may God continue to bless you and your family abundantly.

CHURCH OFFICE: Please note that the church office is open. Kindly wear your mask if you have to do business with the church office. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. It is better to be safe than sorry.

TELEVISED MASS: Sunday mass is streamed on Cathedralvi.com and televised on <u>CHANNEL 7</u> on Sunday at 10 a.m. from the Cathedral. Also every weekday morning at 7:00 a.m. mass is televised and streamed from the Cathedral.

HIS EXCELLENCY BISHOP GEORGE MURRY: It has come to our attention that it has once again become necessary for His Excellency Bishop George Murry to receive treatment in order to combat the leukemia that has afflicted him throughout the past year. We are encouraged to join with the people of the Diocese of Youngstown in praying for him asking Almighty God to speedily heal Bishop Murry.

If you would like to write to him to express your concern and to pledge your prayers, by sending him a GET WELL CARD, please use the following mailing address: 144 West Wood Street, Youngstown, OH 44503. Thank you.

SAFER AT HOME. PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING.

AND PRAY FOR EACH OTHER.

LITURGY AND WORD

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept..." John 14:15-17

On this, the Sixth Sunday of Easter, we begin to turn our eyes toward the coming of the Holy Spirit. In this passage above, Jesus speaks of asking the Father to send another Advocate to be with us always. This Advocate is the Holy Spirit.

Interestingly, Jesus uses the title, "Spirit of Truth" to refer to the Holy Spirit. He also points out that the world cannot accept the Holy Spirit.

We are currently living in what we may call the "Age of the Holy Spirit." This is the age that Jesus spoke about with His Apostles. Therefore, it's good to look at the coming of the Holy Spirit in the way Jesus revealed it.

First, regarding the title, "Spirit of Truth," we should ponder whether we are able and willing to accept the full Truth that comes with receiving the Holy Spirit. If we are of the world, embracing worldly ideas and values, then we will not be able to accept the Holy Spirit. However, if we are able to see the errors of our world and the many false values within it, we will more easily be able to reject those values and embrace the Holy Spirit and the many truths that the Spirit reveals.

Furthermore, if we are open to the coming of the Holy Spirit, we will receive the greatest Advocate we can have in life. The Holy Spirit is THE Advocate, meaning, the only helper we need. Becoming consumed by the Holy Spirit provides us with every grace necessary in life.

Reflect, today, upon the fact that Jesus' promise to His Apostles has been fulfilled and that you have the ability to receive that promise here and now in your life. Say a prayer to the Holy Spirit and anticipate celebrating Pentecost Sunday in two

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: 119

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$2,521.00

Bishop's Appeal: \$000.00

Thank you for your contribution towards our 2020 Bishop's Appeal. We pray God's continued blessings upon you and your family. Once again, thank you.

LITURGY AND WORD CONT'D

weeks.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen. Jesus, I trust in You.

