

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 Renè  
**LECTORS:** Candace Bryan                      Noreen Joseph                      Gabrielle Baa

*Thank you for sewing !!!*



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

**HOSPITAL:** No one.

**OFF ISLAND:** Bertina Lestrade, Enid Blyden, Isabel Dublin, Mary Lewis, Philomen Baron, Cyril Eugene, Eugenie England, Helen Bruney, Maggie Dolphin, Milue Casimir, Deacon Peter Laurencin.

**AT HOME:** Rita Ledee, Rose Celestine, Martina Lewis, Olivia Gumbs, Ann Bedminster, Bernice Knight, Vernelle Gumbs, Evelyn Simon, Veronica Sealey, Gerard Henry, Grace Thompson, Andrea Victorine, Josephine James, Stanislaus Livepool, Meraldo C. Gonzales, Baby Elizabeth Dolphin, Cynthia Johnrose, Iona Vanterpool, Josefina Donastorg, Owen Johnrose, Sonia Herbert, Ophelia Banis, Lola Warrington, Kathleen Thompson, John George, Roserita Laparol, Irene Morris, Mercedes Hodge, Joe Toussaint.

**Geri Care Senior Residential Home:** - No one.

**EBENEZER HOME:** Cleota Hill.  
*And all the sick and suffering in our community!*



*Please call the office to add or remove names from this list. Thank you.*

**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 Helpfulness when you ...*

- \*Notice when someone needs help.*
- \*Do a service without being asked.*
- \*Give people what they need, not always what they want.*
- \*Listen to someone who needs to talk.*
- \*Care for your own needs.*
- \*Ask for help when you need it.*

**Affirmation:**

*I am helpful. I look for ways to be of service. I care for others and myself. I look for helpful ways to make a difference.*

**WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS**

**OFFICE HOURS**

**Mondays - 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**  
**Tuesday - Friday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

**Alma's**  
SECRETARIAL SERVICE

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*If you don't have a secretary, but need one. If you have a secretary, but need extra help.*

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**Prayer to the Holy Spirit**

Holy Spirit of light and love, you are the substantial love of the Father and the Son; hear my prayer. Bounteous bestower of most precious gifts, grant me a strong and living faith which makes me accept all revealed truths and shape my conduct in accord with them. Give me a most confident hope in all divine promises which prompts me to abandon myself unreservedly to you and your guidance. Infuse into me a love of perfect goodwill, and act according to God's least desires. Make me love not only my friends but my enemies as well, in imitation of Jesus Christ who through you offered himself on the Cross for all people. Holy Spirit, animate, inspire, and guide me, and help me to be always a true follower of you. 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 SERVICES/MASSES**

**Funeral Masses at Holy Family Church** are held on the designated day at 10:00 a.m. If you would like a different time please contact the pastor. Tributes and solos are done before the Service at 9:00 a.m. Please keep your prelude activities to the minimum. **Funerals are NOT held on weekends (Saturdays and Sundays). Lectors of Holy Family Church will do the readings. Thank you for your cooperation.**

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**PARISH CELEBRATION**

**Birthdays**

*Phillip Stuart, Vaughn Jn Baptiste, Leona Marks, Mary Windel, Jose Velazquez, Marie St. Cima, Jose Hernandez, Josph Samuel Edline Piton, Lanotte Jn Louis, Phillip Francis, Midion Richard, Fairly Attodore-Mace, La'Ron Henry, Leah Macsheen Frederick Fahie, Mayah Williams, Semyra Francis.*

**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!**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY - May 23, 2021**

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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.**

**Administrator**  
Most Reverend Jerome Feudjio

**Associate Pastor**  
Reverend Kerly François

**Visiting Priest**  
Reverend Francis Aning Amoah

**Visiting Deacon**

**Administrative Assistant**  
Mrs. Allison Callwood

**Media Ministry**  
Francis Callwood - Advisor  
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Jadine Davis  
Jonathan Davis  
Jeaniyah Andrew  
Donnalee Isaac

**Sacristans**  
Mr. Tajil Chitolie Baptiste  
Ms. Francesca Alcendor

**Musicians**  
Mr. Francis Callwood  
Mr. Verne Callwood  
Mr. Desmond Simmonds

**Volunteers**  
Ms. Jennifer Johnson  
Mr. Richard Callwood, III

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**Online giving or donation can be made through our website at:**  
[www.holyfamilystt.com](http://www.holyfamilystt.com)

**WEEKEND MASSES**

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

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

**Monday - Thursday: 7:00 AM**  
**Wednesday: OLPH Novena before the 7:00 AM Mass, followed by Adoration after the mass for one hour.**  
**Friday: Mass 5:00 PM**  
**Holy Hour - 6PM - 7PM**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
**Saturday: 4:15 PM to 4:45 PM**

**Readings for the Week of May 23, 2021**

Mon.: Genesis 3:9 - 15, 20; John 19:25 - 34  
Tue.: Sirach 35:1 - 12; Mark 10:28 - 31  
Wed.: Sirach 36:1, 4 - 5a, 10 - 17; Mark 10:32 - 45  
Thur.: Sirach 42:15 - 25; Mark 10:46 - 52  
Fri.: Sirach 44:1, 9 - 13; Mark 11:11 - 26  
Sat.: Sirach 51:12cd - 20; Mark 11:27 - 33

**NEXT SUNDAY: THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

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

## 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."

In Acts, the Holy Spirit enables the disciples to speak in tongues, allowing strangers from all over the known world to understand them. Paul teaches the Corinthians that the Spirit is manifested in a variety of ways, all beneficial, and all united in harmony. In John's gospel, after bestowing the Holy Spirit on the disciples, Jesus tells them that they can forgive sins and they will be forgiven. In each passage, the Holy Spirit transforms the world. Come, Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with your transforming power, enabling us to share your transformative fire with those around us.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: Birthday blessings for James Gideon Giff, Sr. rb The family.

#### Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: 50th Wedding anniversary blessings for Kenneth and Lauren Thomas and birthday blessings for Mayah Williams rb Their family.

10:00 AM: Bishop Elliott Thomas (deceased) rb The Children of Mary.

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

#### Daily Masses:

Mon. May 24, 7:00 AM: *The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church* Clifford John (deceased) rb His family.

Tues. May 25, 7:00 AM: *St. Gregory VII* God's continued blessings and guidance for Francis Callwood.

Wed. May 26, 7:00 AM: *St. Philip Neri* God's continued blessings and congratulations to Claudèja Brutus on her high school graduation rb Her grandmother.

Thurs. May 27, 7:00 AM: *St. Augustine of Canterbury* Rose and Richard Cook (deceased) rb Estelle Farro.

Fri. May 28, 5:00 PM: *St. Mariana of Quito* God's healing and deliverance for the deacons of the diocese.

#WASHYOURHANDS #SOCIALDISTANCING #WEARAMASK #CRUSHCOVID19

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** This week the Eternal Candle is burning for God's continued blessings, guidance and protection for Francis Callwood. Please contact the church office to request the Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

**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:** We are still trying to reach our goal with this year's Bishop's Appeal. Our schools, Catholic Charities and our evangelization efforts need your support!

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, its how much LOVE we put into giving."  
Mother St. Theresa of Calcutta

**ORDINATION:** Bishop-elect Neil Scantlebury is scheduled to be ordained on Friday, June 11, 2021, in Bridgetown, Barbados. There will be a commemorative booklet. We are soliciting ads and patrons for the booklet. If you would like to purchase an ad or need a patron list, please contact Ms. Alicia Doute or the church office. The cut off date for submission of ads and patron lists is Wednesday, June 2, 2021. If you have any questions or require any additional information regarding this matter, please contact Ms. Glendia Caines, at 340-643-0810 or please call the church office.

**PENTECOST:** Our Lady of Mount Carmel will celebrate Pentecost with praise and worship and healing at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 23, 2021. The theme is: "Come Holy Spirit, we need Thee." All are invited.

**MAGNIFICAT:** The Magnificat, St. John USVI Chapter is inviting all adult daughters, sisters, mothers, wives of the parish community to a grace-filled journey and evening at 6 p.m. on Sunday, May 30, 2021. Come, receive and be made well! Please register with Our Lady of Mt. Carmel office by May 21st by calling 340-776-6339. Join our facilitator Ayanna Griffith from Trinidad and Tobago as we begin our journey on May 23.

**MEDIA MINISTRY:** We are seeking young interested volunteers to join the Media Ministry. Please contact Mr. Francis Callwood at 340-998-6403.

## 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.

## LITURGY AND WORD

*And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.* Acts 2:2-4

Happy birthday! Today, as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, we also celebrate the birth of the Church. Thus, today is a celebration of your membership in the life of the Church. As a human institution, the Church has always suffered on account of the sins of Her members. This sad truth is something that we are increasingly aware of today. But the Church itself is the Spotless Bride of Christ. It is the Body of Christ on earth, in Heaven and in Purgatory. Those of us on earth are members of the Church Militant. Those in Heaven are members of the Church Triumphant. And those in Purgatory are members of the Church Suffering. But all of us are united under Christ our Head as members of His holy Body the Church.

We profess our faith in the Church every Sunday. We profess that we believe in "one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church." What exactly does this mean? First, it means that by the power and working of the Holy Spirit, those who profess faith in Christ are united as "one." This oneness is a spiritual union that will endure for eternity. It is unbreakable and restores us to the life we were created to live. That is, a life of union with God and others, a communion of humanity with God.

As one family, the Church is also "holy." Holiness is another way of saying that we are made whole by the blood of Christ, sharing in His redemption. By His mercy, our sins are forgiven and we become children of the Father in Heaven, sharing the eternal life of the Son.

The word "catholic" refers to the truth that the offer of salvation is given to all. It is a universal calling given to all people who will accept this gift. God did not come to save only a few but all, and many will accept this gift of salvation.

We are "apostolic" in that God chose to establish His Church through the

## 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: **269**

### Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: **\$4,093.00**

Catholic Com. Campaign: **\$1,123.00**

*Thank you for your weekly contribution. We pray God's continued blessings upon you and your family. Once again, thank you for your generosity.*

## LITURGY AND WORD CONT'D

mediation of His Apostles. They were uniquely called to become instruments by which the saving Truth is proclaimed and the grace won by the Cross is distributed. The work of the Apostles continues today through their successors, the bishops, and those who are co-workers with the bishops, the priests. Sinful though they may be, God uses them, nonetheless, to bestow His grace and truth upon the world.

As a member of the one Body of Christ, you are also invited by God to enlarge His family through the sharing of the Gospel and by your life of deep prayer. You are called and sent, and this takes place by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that we especially celebrate today.

Reflect, today, upon the incredible privilege it is to be invited to be a member of the Family of God, the Church. And reflect, also, upon the important duty you have to extend that invitation to others. Pray to the Holy Spirit, asking for an increase in His seven-fold gifts in your life so that You can help share the saving message of the Gospel to those whom God wants to reach through you.

*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.*