# 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:** Margarita Smith Lafwa Rolle Suzanne Adrien



Thank you for serving !!!



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

**HOSPITAL:** Jose Encarnacion.

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

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 Bannis, 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!



**Affirmation:** 

I am a person of

service. I have

compassion for

those who need

to make a better

world.

help. I do my part

## 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 Service when you ...

- \*Want to make a difference in the world.
- \*Look for opportunities to be of service to others.
- \*Do thoughtful things to help your family and firends.
- \*Work with enthusiasm.
- \*Don't wait to be asked when something needs doing.
- \*Do your part to care for the earth: recycle, reduce, re-use.

# **WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS**

# **OFFICE HOURS**

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

**Tuesday - Friday** 

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM



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# **HURRICANE PRAYER**

God our Father, all the elements or 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 ULTRA PURE BOTTLED WATER lour 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 love you, and I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love you.

### **FUNERAL SERVICES/MASSES**

Funeral Masses at Holy Family Church are held on the designated day at 10:00 a.m. If you would ike 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

Funerals are NOT held on weekends (Saturdays and Sundays). Lectors of Holy Family Church will do the readings. Thank you for your cooper <u>ation</u>.

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# **PARISH CELEBRATION**

# **Birthdays**

Victor Joseph, Thomas Johnson, Kenneth Sablon, Gene Carty, Sr., Kana Quetel, Doris Hansen, Lorelee Hendricks, Hilda Celestine, Sandra Matthew, Renaldo Victorine, Scott Love, Corene JnCharles, Tristan Alcorta, Keniyah Meyers, Omari Henry, Gquan Johnson.

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Roy & Noreen Stout - May 31



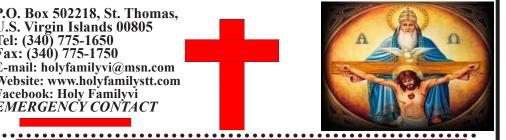
Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

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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.

# <u>Bishop</u> Most Reverend Jerome Feudjio

**Associate Pastor** Reverend Kerly François

# <u>Visiting Priest</u> Reverend Francis Aning Amoah

<u>Visiting Deacon</u> Rev. Mr. Evans Doway

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Sacristans Mr. Tajil Chitolie Baptiste Ms. Francesca Alcendor

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

<u>Volunteers</u> Ms. Jennifer Johnson Mr. Richard Callwood, III

# <u>Custodian</u> Mr. Russell Tonge

CHANCERY: BISHOP'S OFFICE (340) 774-3166

# **Venerable Pierre Toussaint**

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

WEEKEND MASSES

# 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 30, 2021

Mon.: Zephaniah 3:14 - 18a; Luke 1:39 - 56

Tue.: Tobit 2:9 - 14; Mark 12:13 - 17

Wed.: Tobit 3:1 - 11a, 16-17a; Mk. 12:18 - 27

Thur.: Tb. 6:10 - 11; 7:1bcde, 9 - 17; 8:4 - 9a Mk. 12:28 - 34

Fri.: Tobit 11:5 - 17; Mark 12:35 - 37

Sat.: Tobit 12:1, 5 - 15, 20; Mark 12:38 - 44

# **NEXT SUNDAY:** THE BODY AND BLOOD OF JESUS

Exodus 24:3 - 8

Hebrews 9:11 - 15

Mark 14:12 - 16, 22 - 26

# THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

# <u>INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!</u> FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:32 - 34, 39 - 40

Know this: The Lord is God of heaven and earth. There is no other. Because God worked wonders for you, keep the commands that you and your children may prosper.

### SECOND READING: Romans 8:14 - 17

You did not receive a spirit of slavery but a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry out "Abba, Father!" The Spirit bears witness that we are children of God.

## GOSPEL READING: Matthew 28:16 - 20

Jesus commissioned the eleven to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

As he says farewell to his disciples, Jesus instructs them to baptize "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Nearly twenty full centuries later we were baptized with the same words. God the Father, whom Moses extols in the first reading, God the Son, who calls us to discipleship in the Gospel, and God the Holy Spirit, whom Paul says bears witness to our adoption as children of God, mark our identity as Christians. We are reminded of this every time we make the sign of the cross. Listening to God's holy word, let us reflect on the blessings we receive from the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

# MASS INTENTIONS Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: Emile Stridiron (*deceased*) rb The Johnson and Stridiron families.

### **Sunday Masses:**

7:30 AM: Rudy Blanchard (*deceased*) rb St. Joseph Workers.

10:00 AM: Birthday blessings for Rugenia Rene rb The Rene family.

5:00 PM:

### **Daily Masses:**

Mon. May 31, 7:00 AM: *The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary* God's healing for Deacon Peter Laurencin rb His family.

Tues. June 1, 7:00 AM: *St. Justin*God's healing, deliverance and protection for Tracey Joseph
rb Her mother.

Wed. June 2, 7:00 AM: *Sts. Marcellinus and Peter* Angelica Jean Jacques (*deceased*) rb The Children of Mary.

Thurs. June 3, 7:00 AM: *St. Charles Lwanga* Violet Holder (*deceased*) rb Her family.

Fri. June 4, 5:00 PM: *St. Francis Caracciolo*Birthday blessings for Hilda Celestine rb Hilda Celestine.

#WASHYOURHANDS #SOCIALDISTANCING #WEAR A MASK #CRUSHCOVID19

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning for God's continued blessings and congratulations to Claudèja Brutus on her High school graduation, requested by her grandmother. 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 **Catholic Communication Campaign**. Next week's second collection will go towards **Catholic Education**. 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!

*OFFICE CLOSED*: Please note that the church office will be closed ALL day on *Monday, May 31, 2021*, in observance of Memorial Day. Please be guided accordingly.

**ORDINATION:** Bishop-elect Neil Scantlebury is scheduled to be ordained on <u>Friday, June 11, 2021</u>, 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 cutoff date for submission of Ads and patron forms is <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>June 2, 2021</u>. If you have any questions or require any additional information regarding the Episcopal ordination, please contact **Ms.Glendia Caines**, at 340-643-0810 or please call the church office.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES:** Are you behind on your rent or utility bills due to the COVID-19?

The Emergency Rental Assistance Program has been created just for you. If your income was reduced due to layoff, less hours or you had to stay home due to COVID-19, please call Catholic Charities of the Virgin Islands at 340-777-8518 or info@catholiccharitiesvi.org.

#### Who is eligible

- Household owes at least one month of rent or utility bill OR anticipates need for future rental assistance.
- One or more household members at risk of homelessness due to non-payment of rent.
- Household head or co-head suffered loss of income due to COVID-19
- Household annual income is at or below 80% of area median income.

Please call Catholic Charities of the Virgin Islands, 340-777-8518.



### 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

"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Matthew 28:19–20

Of all the great feasts we celebrate within the Church throughout the year, today's Solemnity presents us with a Mystery that is so deep and transcendent that our eternity will be spent in perpetual contemplation. The Trinity, the life of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, will never get old, never be fully understood, and will be the cause of our everlasting adoration and joy. Though the Church has used philosophical concepts to explain the Trinity, no human concept or description will ever fully explain Who God is. Though we can point to some general truths about God, we will never be able to fully depict the inner essence, depth, beauty and omnipotence of the Trinity.

As we consider that fact, it's important to understand that the Trinity is not first a theological mystery we try to define. Rather, the Trinity is first a communion of Persons we are invited to know. We do not primarily come to know God through intellectual deduction. We come to know God through prayerful union with Him. Though theology is exceptionally useful and important, the essence of God is beyond any and every philosophical concept we can define.

The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are Persons. And as Persons, they want to be known. And they want to be known primarily through a life of deep and intimate prayer. Praying to One Person, of course, is praying to all, since they are One God. But we are, nonetheless, called to a relationship of love with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. And though our feeble minds may not be able to fully comprehend the essence of God, He will draw us deeper and deeper into a knowledge of Him if we let Him.

Prayer often begins by saying prayers, by meditating upon Scripture, and by listening. But true prayer is something much deeper. True prayer is contemplative prayer that ultimately leads to divine union. Only God can initiate this form of

### 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: 233

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$3,397.36 BISHOP'S APPEAL: \$517.00

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

prayer in our lives, and only God, through this deep form of prayer, can communicate Himself to us as He is. Some of the greatest mystics of our Church, such as Saint John of the Cross and Saint Teresa of Ávila, explain in their mystical theology that the deepest knowledge of God does not come through concepts or images. In fact, if we wish to obtain a knowledge of God in His essence, we must allow Him to purge every concept of Who He is so that the pure light of His essence can be poured forth upon our minds. This knowledge, they say, is beyond knowing "about" God. It's the beginning of a knowledge "of" God.

Reflect, today, upon the Most Holy Trinity. As you do, say a prayer to God asking for a deeper and more intimate knowledge of Him. Ask Him to communicate to you His divine love and to open your mind and heart to a deeper understanding of Who He is. Try to humble yourself before the great Mystery of the inner life of God. Humility before the Mystery of God means that we know how little we know about Him and how little we know of Him. But that humble truth will help you move closer to the deeper relationship of love to which you are called.

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, please draw me into a relationship of love with You Who are one God and three divine Persons. May the mystery and beauty of Your life become more known and loved by me each day through the gift of transforming mystical prayer. Jesus, I trust in You.