

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: Margarita Smith Noreen Joseph Carmen White

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, Deacon Peter Laurencin.

AT HOME: Rita Ledee, Rose Celestine, Martina Lewis, Olivia Gumbs, 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, Marie Esprit.

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 Assertiveness when you ...

**Share your own ideas and feelings.*

**Tactfully tell others what you really think.*

**Don't allow others to lead you into trouble.*

**Avoid being aggressive or passive.*

**Ask for what you want and need.*

**Expect respect at all times.*

Affirmation:

I am assertive. I freely express my own ideas. I think for myself and do what I feel is right. I am my own leader.

WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS

OFFICE HOURS

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

Tuesday - Friday

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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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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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 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

Ann Shillingford, Joan Alfred, Sarina McBean, Charles Joseph, Verne Jno-Baptiste, Delvin Hodge, Jerome Vanterpool, Sherise Francis, Shanique Stout, Mickelle Matthew, Giselle Reynolds, Donnalee Isaac.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

*Desmond & Marie Esprit - July 25
Connal & Sonia Alfred - July 30*



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

Holy Family Catholic Church
Welcomes You!

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 25, 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.

Bishop
Most Reverend Jerome Feudjio

Priest
Reverend Kerly François

Visiting Priest
Reverend Francis Aning Amoah

Visiting Deacon
Rev. Mr. Cassius Matthurin

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Shanique Stout

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

Custodian
Mr. Russell Tonge

CHANCERY: BISHOP'S OFFICE

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**Online giving or donation can be made through our website at:
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 July 25, 2021

Mon.: Sirach 44:1, 10 - 15; Matt. 13:16 - 17

Tue.: Exodus 33:7 - 11; 34:5b - 9, 28; Matthew 13:36 - 43

Wed.: Exodus 34:29 - 35; Matthew 13:44 - 46

Thur.: Ex. 40:16-21, 34 - 38; John 11:19 - 27

Fri.: Lev. 23:1, 4 - 11, 15 - 16, 27, 34b-37; Matthew 13:54 - 58

Sat.: Lev. 25:1, 8 - 17; Matthew. 14:1 - 12

NEXT SUNDAY:

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 16:2 - 4, 12 - 15

Ephesians 4:17, 20 - 24

John 6:24 - 35

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4:42 - 44

Elisha was brought twenty barley loaves, which he set before a crowd of one hundred. All ate, and there was plenty of food left over.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1 - 6

Paul called the Ephesians to a life of humility, patience and relentless-ness. He said, "Preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit."

GOSPEL READING: John 6:1 - 15

Many people pressed around Jesus. Seeing they were hungry, he took bread and fish, blessed them, and gave them out. When all had eaten, the fragment filled twelve baskets.

In the first reading, Elisha takes an offering of barley loaves and shares it with many more people than it would be expected to feed. All ate plenty and some was even left over. In the Gospel, Jesus takes five barley loaves and two fish and is able to share them with over five thousand people. All ate their fill, and twelve baskets were filled with the left-overs. God is able to provide more than we need, despite all appearances to the contrary. As we sing in the psalm today, "They hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs."

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

5:00 PM: Eugenie Forde and deceased children rb The Forde and Giff families.

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Deacon Roy Bruney (*deceased*) rb The Children of Mary.

10:00 AM: Lela Lewis (*deceased*) rb Lola Warrington.

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

Daily Masses:

Mon. July 26, 7:00 AM: *St. Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
Anthony and Blaize Alcendor (*deceased*) rb Francesca Alcendor.

Tues. July 27, 7:00 AM: *Blessed Titus Brandsma*
Rose and Richard Cook (*deceased*) rb Estelle Farro.

Wed. July 28, 7:00 AM: *Blessed Mary Magdalen Martinengo*
God's guidance for the priests of the diocese.

Thurs. July 29, 7:00 AM: *St. Martha*
Kathleen Farro (*deceased*) rb Estelle Farro.

Fri. July 30, 5:00 PM: *St. Peter Chrysologus*
God's healing for Holy Family Parishioners.

#WASHYOURHANDS #SOCIALDISTANCING #WEARAMASK #CRUSHCOVID19

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning *for deceased Rita Williams, requested by her sister, Beverly McClendon.* 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 *Catholic Education.* Next week's second collection will go towards the Renovation Fund. As always we thank you for your generosity.

ALTAR FLOWERS: This weekend the altar flowers were paid for by *Daisy Joseph* in thanksgiving to God for another birthday. Thank you for beautifying our altar and we pray God's continued blessings for many more years. Once again, thank you.

FOOD FOR THE POOR: This 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.

PRIESTS RETREAT: This week, the priests of the diocese will be on retreat from **Tuesday, July 27, 2021 to Thursday, July 29, 2021.** Please keep them in your prayers.

BISHOP'S APPEAL: The public phase of our Bishop's Appeal 2021 concluded on the weekend of June 27, 2021. As of **June 18, 2021,** the diocese has raised **\$101,825.00.** We did not set parish goals this year, given the financial challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic and the ability of parishioners to contribute to the Fund. Parishioners gave without the pressure to meet a set goal.

We are therefore extremely grateful to all those who have donated to the Bishop's Appeal. We will continue to process the pledged contributions with the expectation that your contributions will be fulfilled by December 31, 2021. Our schools, Catholic Charities and evangelization efforts need everyone's support! Your gifts help feed the hungry and gives shelter to mothers and children in desperate need.

Donations may be made in the form of cash, check or credit card. Checks should be made payable to "**Diocese of St. Thomas.**" Please see the brochure for further information. Thank You!

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

CANDLES: Please be advised that the candle company, effective June 2021 has raised their cost for candles so the church would have to raise the cost for candles. The company has also informed us that there will be another price increase in September 2021. Please be guided accordingly.



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

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people recline."
John 6:9-10a

Have you ever been faced with what seems to be an "impossible situation?" Jesus was, but He proved He could overcome any apparent obstacle He wanted to. Sure, He is God, but the fact remains that He can do all things He wills. And He can do so in our lives, too!

This passage above reveals His confidence in His ability to feed many thousands with only five loaves and two fish. Humanly speaking, this is not possible, but divinely speaking, it's easy.

Jesus' miracle speaks to His commitment to "feed us" in every way. Yes, this was a feeding with food, but it's symbolic of Him being able and willing to feed our souls with His grace to face whatever hardship or challenge life throws at us. His grace is enough!

The problem is often twofold. First, we face some challenge in our lives, and we see it as something we do not know how to overcome. This can lead to despair and disillusionment. But when this happens, we must reflect upon miracles like this one and realize that all things are possible for God.

The second problem we often face is the ability to distinguish between God's will and our own limited ideas. Too often we come up with our own ideas of what we think is good and right, and we start praying for that. But what if God's idea and will is much different and, of course, much greater?! What if God has a plan that we never could have come up with on our own? The truth is that He does have a far more perfect plan for our lives than we could ever dream up. He knows what is best for us, and He can bring that plan to fruition. For our part, we must seek that plan, surrender to it and have faith in His perfect love, mercy, power and love.

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: **274**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$3,801.00

Music Ministry: **\$691.06**

*Our Bishop's Appeal contribution amounted to **\$9,415.00,** 9% of the diocese's goal. As always we thank you for your continuous contribution.*

LITURGY AND WORD CONT'D

Reflect, today, on your future. What is it that seems to worry you the most? What is it that seems to fill you with anxiety? God has a perfect plan for that situation. Your job is to seek out that plan and trust it will be brought to fruition.

Lord, I know You can do all things and that You will the good in all things. Help me to turn and to surrender to Your perfect divine will. As I surrender to it, help me to have perfect faith that You will bring Your will to fruition. Jesus, I trust in You.

