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Mass Schedule

Monday through Friday.....8:00 a.m.
Saturday (Vigil).....6:00 p.m.
Sunday.....8:30 a.m.

Devotion

Adoration (Temporarily on hold)
Wednesday8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Novena to O.L.P.H.
Wednesday..... 8:00 a.m.
Novena to Sacred Heart of Jesus
First Friday.....8:00 a.m.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

PASTOR

Rev. Boniface-Blanchard M. Twaibu

Deacons

Rev. Mr. Emith Fludd
Rev. Mr. Tony Murray

Parish Secretary: Anna Doward

Parish Accountant: Penrose Gardiner

Religious Ed. Director: Nereida Washington

SPYM Director: Nereida Washington

Music Director: Alvin Milligan

Sacristans

ICM Sisters

Barbara Lancaster Sr. Claina Letang
Nancy A. Soto Sr. Florine Bailey
Patricia Santiago Sr. Mary Dasari

Temporary Office Hours:

Tues - Thurs & Fri: 9 - 12noon & 12:30 - 4 pm

SCHOOL DIRECTORY

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Rev. Boniface-Blanchard M. Twaibu

Assistant Principal

Ms. Lydia Davis

Office Manager

Sr. Mary Dasari, ICM
Ms. Deslin Simmons, Volunteer

School Concession Manager

Ms. Hermitta Florent

After School Program

Sr. Claina Letang, ICM

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Librarian: Ms. Linda Garvin

Cafeteria Manager: Ms. Denise Joseph

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, September 19
6:00 PM. + Ziya Charles, Birthday Blessings/Charles family

SUNDAY, September 20
8:30 AM. - Virgin McIntosh, Birthday Blessings and God's Protection/Family

MONDAY, September 21
8:00A.M. - St. Patrick School Students, Faculty & Staff, Grace of Protection/A. Doward

TUESDAY, September 22
8:00A.M. - Xaire Simmons, Birthday Blessings/Family

WEDNESDAY, September 23
8:00 A.M. + Eglantine Weeks, Death Anniversary/Doward family

THURSDAY, September 24
8:00A.M. - Eddy Santiago, Birthday Blessings/Duval family

FRIDAY, September 25
8:00A.M. - St. Patrick Parishioners, Grace of Protection/ Parishioner

SATURDAY, September 26
6:00 P.M. - Paris and Renee Campbell, Birthday Blessings/ Grandmother Barbara Lancaster

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY: Is 55: 6-9
 Phil 1:20-24
 Mt 20:1-16

MONDAY: Eph 4:1-7.11-13
Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist Mt 9:9-13

TUESDAY: Prv 21:1-6,10-13
 Lk 8:19-21

WEDNESDAY: Prv 30:5-9
Saints Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest Lk 9:1-6

THURSDAY: Eccl 1:2-11
 Lk 9:18-22

FRIDAY: Eccl 3:1-11
 Lk 9:18-22

SATURDAY: Eccl 11:9-12
Saint Cosmos and Damian, Martyrs Lk 9:43-45

PRAY FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS

Please pray that they may find comfort and healing in Christ.

Steve Alexander, Olivia Anger, Nicholas Andrew, Marilyn Bailey, Eric Belcher, George Bondieumaitre, Debra Bruce, Virginia Burke, Fred Calvillo, William Carino, Ninon Gussman Carr, Norma Carillo, Paulette Christopher, Victorino Cruz, Daphne Davis, Matthew Donelley, Anna D'Souza, Norma Dyer, Harold Fisher, Sr., Leona Garvey, Kimberly Fludd,, Elsie Galloway, Johnetta Goodloe, Sarah Gordon, Dr. Amy Hardin, Anselmo Heyliger, Enis Hilaire, Urla Isaac, Lidia Jiminez, , Eleanor Johnson, Alma John, Ann Joseph, Electra Joseph, Rose Joseph, Edwin Josiah, Jeannie Krigger, T'Agho Lopez, Chamarla Louis, Felina Artigo, Gwendolyn Lucas, Kathleen Smith-Maccow, Marla Matthew, Carlos Matus, Luz Melendez, Beverly Nesbitt, Bevon Nicholas, Marilyn Nicks, Ann Parris, Fr. Simon Peter, Geralda Pickering, Michelle Gibbs Riviere, Carmen Russell, Henrietta Sandy, Jose Manuel Santana, Gwen Skeoch, Aurea Stamatakis, Martha Lena St. Juste, Eric Thomas, Juan Valentin, Cletina Tuitt, Vincent Urgent, Inez Walker, Deacon Oliver Washington, Ann Weikel, Inez Williams, Simeon Williams, Curtis Williams, Joseph Wilson, Ingerborg Mc Intosh, William Lang, Anita Pulpul & Kemit Lewis, Noel Lercana & Bertille Samuel, Lewis Eugene, & Vilma C. Johnson, Fanny Andrews Clarke.

(Please call the Church Office to add or remove names to/from this list Church)

MASS ATTENDANCE – SEPTEMBER 12/13, 2020

Saturday at 6:00 pm Holy Mass-30 /Sunday at 8:30 am Holy Mass-45 Total 75

Preserve the Past Campaign in Progress

Our Church restoration project is in progress and your contribution is still welcome. Please call the church office or contact a minister of hospitality for the contribution envelope.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2020

School Support.....September 05-06
 Maintenance Fund.September 12-13
 Church Restoration..... September 19-20
 Church Restoration.....September 26-27

Announcements

Virtual Mass never Substitutes in-person participation.

There is an urgent need to return to a normal experience of Christian life through the physical presence of the faithful at Mass, where circumstances permit, says Cardinal Robert Sarah, Prefect of the Congregation for Divine **Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments**.

In a Letter addressed to the Presidents of Bishops' Conferences, Cardinal Sarah insists that "virtual" services cannot compare to, and cannot replace, personal participation in the liturgy. The Letter, bearing the title, "Let us return to the Eucharist with joy!" was published with the approval of Pope Francis, which he granted on 3 September.

Communitarian dimension of the Christian life

"The pandemic caused by the new coronavirus has produced upheavals," not only in social and familial relationships, "but also in the life of the Christian community, including the liturgical dimension," writes Cardinal Sarah.

Cooperation with civil authorities

"The Christian community has never sought isolation and has never made the Church a city with closed doors," the Letter reads. "Formed in the value of community life and in the search of the common good, Christians have always sought insertion into society." Even in the midst of the pandemic, writes Cardinal Sarah, "a great sense of responsibility has emerged. In listening to and collaborating with civil authorities and experts," he notes that the Bishops of the Church "were prompt to make difficult and painful decisions, even to the point of suspending the participation of the faithful in the celebration of the Eucharist for a long period."

The urgency of a return to the normal state of Christian life

Keeping that in mind, Cardinal Sarah writes that nonetheless, "as soon as circumstances permit... It is necessary and urgent to return to the normality of Christian life, which has the church building as its home and the celebration of the liturgy. "As soon as is possible," writes Cardinal Sarah, "we must return to the Eucharist ... with an increased desire to meet the Lord, to be with Him, to receive Him and to bring Him to our brothers and sisters with the witness of a life full of faith, love and hope." We cannot live, be Christians, fully realizing our humanity and the desires for good and happiness that dwell in our hearts without the Word of the Lord. We cannot be without the Christian community, the family of the Lord: we need to meet our brothers and sisters who share the sonship of God, the fraternity of Christ. We cannot be without the house of the Lord, which is our home, without the holy places where we were born to faith. We cannot be without the Lord's Day, without Sunday which gives light and meaning to the successions of days of work and to family and social responsibilities

The necessity of personal participation at Mass

The Cardinal emphasized that "as much as the means of communication perform a valued service to the sick and those who are unable to go to church, and have performed a great service in the broadcast of Holy Mass at a time when there was no possibility of community celebrations, no broadcast is comparable to personal participation or can replace it." On the contrary, he says, liturgies in which the faithful participate only virtually "risk distancing us from a personal and intimate encounter with the incarnate God" whose presence among His people was not virtual but Real, as He said: "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood remains in Me and I in him" (John 6:56).

Public health and eternal salvation

The Church, Cardinal Sarah says in conclusion, "will continue to cherish the human person as a whole." While our earthly existence is important, he says, eternal life is far more so; and thus, "the Church unites proclamation and accompaniment towards the eternal salvation of souls with the necessary concern for public health."

The original article is from Vatican news, I made some changes and additions for pastoral reason.

Bulletin announcements must be submitted to the Church Office by Wednesday at noon

Parish Information

Sacrament of Baptism

Fourth Sunday of each month. Please register your children at the Church Office. Present a copy of the child(ren) birth certificate(s). Classes for parents & godparents are on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Tuesday from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. each month.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please make arrangements with parish priest 6 months before your wedding.

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) Classes

Classes are held every Sunday during the school year and begin with attendance and instruction in the classroom at 8:30 a.m. followed by Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Classes

RCIA is the journey of faith by which interested persons become members of the Roman Catholic Church. The program instructs adults to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church through Baptism and/or Confirmation and Holy Communion. To register, please call the church office at (340) 772-0138.

Sacrament of Penance

Confession is the sacrament that allows us to admit our faults and develop humility, but the most profound part is we get to experience Christ's gift of mercy.
Weekdays..... 15 min. before Holy Mass
Weekends..... 30 min. before Holy Mass

Funerals

All funeral services begin at 10:30 a.m. Viewings at 9:30 am. No funerals are held on weekends. Arrangements must be made with the Church before funeral arrangements with the funeral home.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Please call the rectory at (340) 772-0138 whenever a family member or friend is seriously ill or hospitalized.

Parish Registration

Parishioners who are 18 years and older are invited to register at the Church Office as well as become active and contributing members. We would like to maintain an up-to-date listing of all St. Patrick parishioners. Registration also helps in providing quick services for the request and proof of miscellaneous church letters for individuals, Baptism, Confirmation, etc.

From the desk of Fr. Boniface

My dear parishioners, it is with sadness that I learned the anticipated resignation of our Bishop due to some unanticipated medical conditions. A good father and a good friend. Let us continue to keep him in our prayers for the grace of recovery!

September 18, 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am grateful to inform you that the Holy Father has accepted my resignation.

On July 6, 2020, I submitted my resignation to His Holiness Pope Francis. In doing so, I was anticipating my seventy-fifth birthday and seeking to provide the Diocese with a Bishop as soon as I reach the seventy-five-year age limit for Roman Catholic Bishops.

Regrettably, I have experienced some new and unanticipated medical conditions that unfortunately preclude my ability to continue to maintain my position in the Diocese of Saint Thomas. As a result, I have requested to the Holy Father, Pope Francis, that my resignation be immediate, so as not to inhibit the effective on-going pastoral leadership and care of the Diocese of Saint Thomas.

I have loved serving the People of God; the Clergy, Religious, Laity and the entire Virgin Islands community in the Diocese of Saint Thomas and will treasure the fond memories that we share together. It is this same love and concern for them, recognizing my own limitations, that now compel me to make this request.

I welcome and pledge my support to my successor in the hope that the Lord will bless his ministry among you. In the interim, the Holy Father has appointed the Most Reverend Wilton D. Gregory, Archbishop of Washington DC as the Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Saint Thomas. Please, join me as I welcome the Archbishop and re-assure him of our unquestionable support. As you continue to pray for me and as I continue to pray for you, I take this opportunity to present to you my profound esteem. Sincerely yours in Christ

+Herbert A. Bevard Bishop of St. Thomas in the United States Virgin Islands (U.S.A.)

SAINT PATRICK'S MINISTRIES & REPRESENTATIVES

- Altar Servers: Deslin Simmons & Patricia Santiago
- Readers: Jeanne Garcia
- Saint Patrick Choir/Song leading: Alvin Milligan
- EMHC: Jeanne Garcia & Sally Cunnigham
- SPYM: Nereida Washington
- Charismatic Prayer Group: Anna Doward
- Legion of Mary: Jeanne Garcia
- Sacred Heart Society: Julia Pankey
- Men's Fellowship: (TBD)
- Church Cleaning Ministry: Mae Louise & Marian Francois
- Home Visitation Ministry: Eloise Benjamin
- Decoration Ministry: Magdalen Joseph & Winifred Hardy
- Ministry of Hospitality (Greeters/Ushers): Dorothea Cools
- Social & Event Planning: Nicole Vidal

Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord make me an instrument of your peace,

Where there is hatred let me sow love.

Where there is injury, pardon.

Where there is doubt, faith.

Where there is despair, hope.

Where there is darkness, light.

And where there is sadness, joy.

O divine master grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

To be loved as to love

For it is in giving that we receive- and it's in pardoning that we are pardoned.

And it's in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

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