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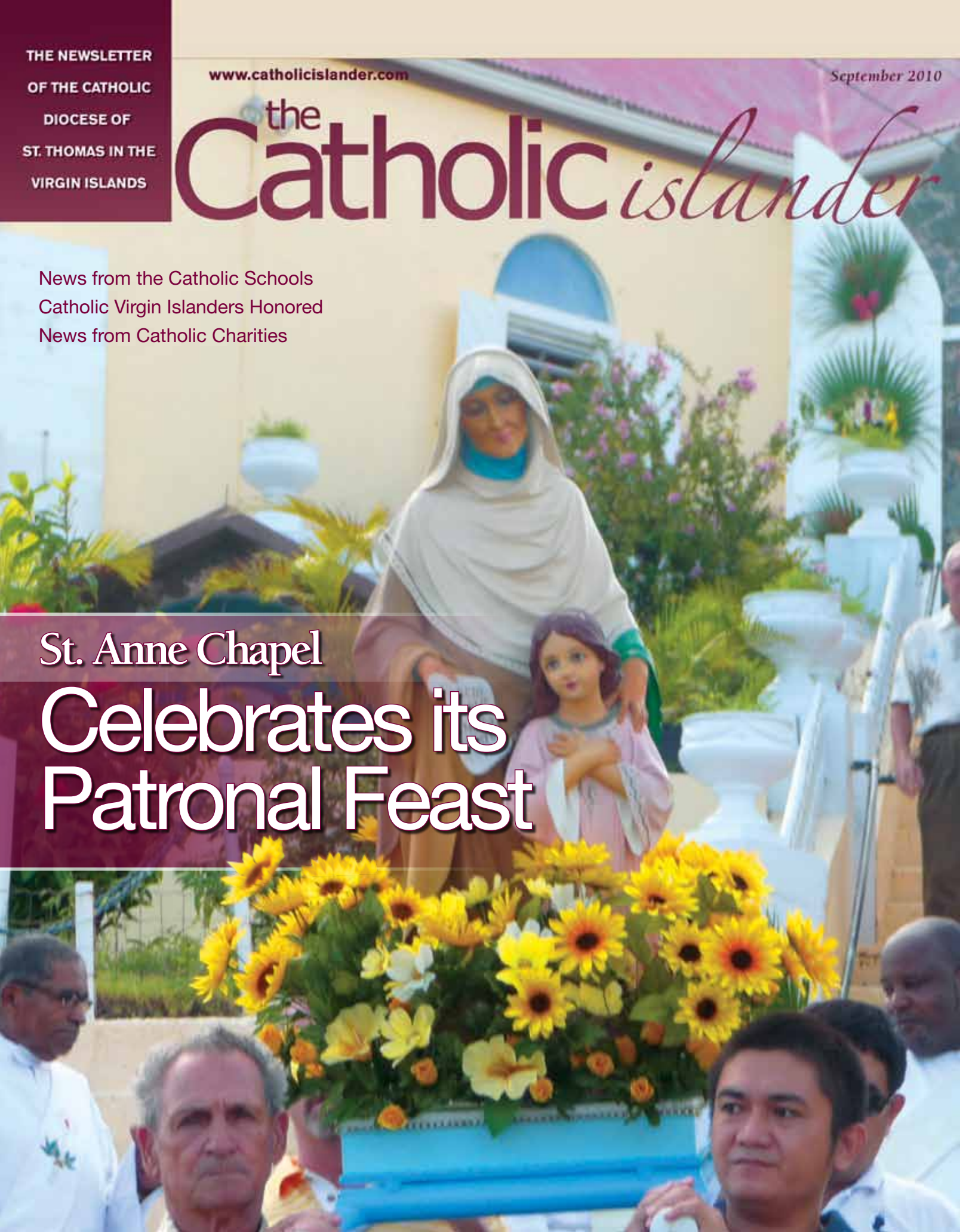
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is Excellency, Bishop Herbert Bevard, continues his visits to stateside dioceses in order to raise funds for the Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands. In September, he will preach at weekend Masses in Kentucky, Pennsylvania and Georgia. So far this year, he has raised approximately \$95,000 for capital improvements at St. Joseph High School on St. Croix and Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral on St. Thomas, renovations at St. Anne Chapel on St. Thomas and Light of Christ Retreat Center on St. Croix, and scholarships for students in the four Catholic schools. He is expected to raise another \$50,000 this fall through these mission appeals at mainland parishes.



## Sen. Lorraine Berry Funeral

Bishop Herbert Bevard celebrated the funeral Mass for the late Sen. Lorraine Berry at Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral on St. Thomas on July 31.



## Blessings on Continued Renovations

Bishop Herbert Bevard blessed two new statue stands at St. Anne Chapel on St. Thomas at Mass on July 31. St. Anne Chapel is being refurbished in time for its 90th anniversary next year.

September 1–3, Spiritual Retreat,  
Gethsemane Monastery, Bardstown,  
Kentucky.

September 4–5, Mission Appeal, Holy Spirit  
Church, Louisville, Kentucky.

September 11–12, Mission Appeal,  
St. Athanasius Church, Philadelphia,  
Pennsylvania.

Tuesday, September 14, Justin Cardinal  
Rigali's 25th Anniversary Celebration,  
Cathedral of Ss. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia.

September 18–19, Mission Appeal,  
Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Savannah,  
Georgia.

September 20–22, Mission Bishops  
Conference, Mundelein College, Chicago,  
Illinois.

September 25–26, 40 Hours Devotion,  
St. Agnes Church, Sellersville, Pennsylvania.

September 29, 10 a.m., Deanery meeting,  
St. Ann Church, St. Croix.

## Mission Bishops Conference

His Excellency, Bishop Herbert Bevard, will be participating in the 2010 Mission Bishops Conference at Mundelein College in Chicago, Illinois, on September 20–22. The conference is sponsored by the Catholic Church Extension Society, as well as two committees from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops – the Subcommittee on the Home Missions and the Black and Indian Committee. The theme of the conference is “Strategic Partnership in Mission Dioceses.”

Bishops from the mission dioceses in the United States and its territories convene every two years to discuss administrative and pastoral issues among themselves and with the three sponsoring Catholic agencies. Together, they develop innovative ideas and solutions that help the resource providers know how they can have greater impact and sustainability.

The Catholic Church Extension Society has awarded grants to the Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands for communications evangelization, the *Catholic Islander* newsletter, the diocesan financial audit and the catechetical training at Light of Christ Retreat Center on St. Croix; these grants have totaled \$120,000 this past year. In addition, Catholic Home Missions has helped fund the communications and evangelization efforts of the diocese, and the Bureau of Black and Indian Missions has helped the diocese with funds for Catholic schools and seminarian formation.

## Patronal Celebration

Holy Cross Church on St. Croix will celebrate its patronal celebration of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross with a week of activities. The celebrations begin with Mass on Sunday, September 12, at 11 a.m. A reception follows in McAlpin Hall.

Redemptorist Father Carlyle Blake will lead a triduum of conferences in the church September 13–15 at 7 p.m. Father Blake was born on St. Thomas and is presently serving in New York. He is a frequent speaker in the Virgin Islands.

The week closes with the parish's St. Lawrence Cenacle sponsoring the second annual dinner to honor parishioners who have been exceptional servants. The honorees are Carmen Anderson, Evita Patton, Carole Pimentel, Charlita Schjang, Enid Schjang and Melba Schjang. The dinner is at Teddy's Restaurant on Friday, September 17, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the church office for a donation of \$75.

Winners of the Appreciation Dinner raffle will be drawn at the dinner. The first prize is a crystal decanter, the second prize is a Madonna and child plaque, the third prize is a metal-embossed Madonna plate and the fourth prize is a Scrabble game, framed deluxe edition. Tickets are available at the church office for \$2 or \$20 for a book of 11 chances. The winners need not be present at the dinner.

## 25th Anniversary of First Vows

Sister Judy Mannix celebrates the 25th anniversary of her first vows with the Religious of the Good Shepherd on September 14. She will renew her vows at Holy Cross Church on St. Croix on Sunday, September 12, at the 11 a.m. Mass. That Mass is also the parish's patronal Mass.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, Sister Mannix began her religious life serving at-risk teens in Manhattan, but spent most of her ministry working in Hispanic outreach in the United States and El Salvador. She came to St. Croix on January 25, 2010, and is working with Sister Victoria Andreoli and Sister Digna Rivas at the Good Shepherd Center.



## Cathedral Restoration to Resume

Balbo Construction will begin the second phase of structural repairs on Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral on St. Thomas in October. The first task will be to reinforce weak roof members with metal connectors. This phase, which is expected to last nine months, will include the strengthening of interior pillars and water diversion of an underground brook that continues to compromise the structure.

## Rest in Peace

Redemptorist Father Arthur Mahoney, who served in the Virgin Islands for 13 years, died in Timonium, Maryland, on July 17. He was 86 years old and suffering the advance of Alzheimer's Disease. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered at St. Mary Church in Annapolis, Maryland, on July 21.

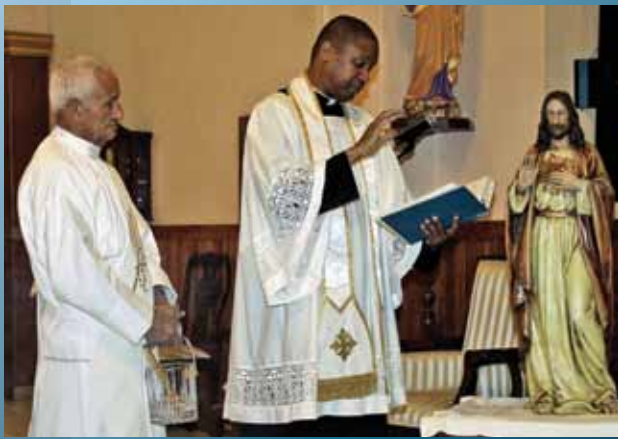
Father Mahoney's first priestly assignment was at Holy Cross Church on St. Croix in 1953. He was transferred to Ss. Peter and Paul Church (now the cathedral) on St. Thomas in 1954. His third priestly assignment was back at Holy Cross from 1960 to 1966.

A year after he left St. Croix, Father Mahoney



became a chaplain to American troops during the Vietnam conflict. In 1968, Father Mahoney wrote: “Presently I work in and out of the main base camp of the 4th Infantry Division. We are located 30 miles from the Cambodian border, just south of the town of Pleiku. A rather fair number of the Vietnamese in this area are Catholic, many who fled from the north.” He mentioned that

he was celebrating four Masses at the base each Sunday and that throughout the week he would celebrate Mass at various places, sometimes going by helicopter to forward fire bases. In the course of his service there, he was awarded two bronze medals.



### Sacred Heart of Jesus

Father John Mark, pastor of St. Joseph Church on St. Croix, blessed a new statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at the start of the Holy Hour on August 6. Deacon Guillermo Huertas (left) assisted at the Holy Hour. St. Joseph Church has a Holy Hour every Friday from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Silence is emphasized so those in attendance can focus their attention on the Blessed Sacrament.

### Cathedral Raffle

Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral on St. Thomas is sponsoring a raffle. Prizes are: a 2010 Mitsubishi Outlander; a Caribbean Cruise for two; and a weekend hotel package for two. Tickets are available at the cathedral office for \$10; a book of 11 chances is \$100. The drawing will be on Sunday, October 10.

### Supportive Housing Planned for St. Croix

Help is on the way for people faced with complex challenges such as homelessness, and/or serious issues that include alcoholism, substance abuse, mental illness and HIV/AIDS.

Catholic Charities of the Virgin Islands has received a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$315,061.50 from the Virgin Islands. Housing Finance Authority to establish a Supportive Housing Program on St. Croix. The program calls for the construction of a 10-unit facility to house persons or families whose head of household is homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless, and has multiple barriers to employment and housing stability.

The property, donated by Rita Schuster, is located at 16 Estate Friedenstal in Christiansted. Tenants will be required to be employed and pay a monthly rental fee not to exceed one third of their average monthly income. Tenants also will have access to such services as financial literacy, counseling and job readiness training.

The supportive housing strategy was adopted by the Virgin Islands Interagency Council on Homelessness in February 2010. The strategy helps residents overcome barriers that impede their independence and offers a path to stability, autonomy and dignity. The program is cost effective and produces positive results for the residents and the communities in which they live.

### Awards Banquet and Silent Auction

The Alumni Association of St. Patrick School on St. Croix will host its ninth annual Awards Banquet and Silent Auction fundraiser for the school at St. Gerard Hall on Saturday, September 18, at 7 p.m. Four religion teachers will be honored: Sister Audrey Abel, WIF; Vertilee Daniel; Beverly Nesbitt; and Maria Thomas-Lewis. Tickets are available at the school for a donation of \$40.

### Hurricane Protection Procession

Each year during hurricane season, parishioners of Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral on St. Thomas join in a procession inside the church at the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass. They sing a litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary asking for her intercession and protection.



### Patronal Feast

Jack Brew of Ghana sang with the music ministry team of St. Ann Church on St. Croix during the banquet celebration of the parish's patronal feast at Gertrude's Restaurant on July 25. Father John Mark, pastor of nearby St. Joseph Church, joined on bass guitar.



### Shelter for Men Opens on St. Croix

Bethlehem House Shelter for the Homeless on St. Croix has opened a new section for 12 men. The shelter provides food and shelter while affording its residents an opportunity to pursue necessary life skills, including counseling, advocacy and referral services, in an alcohol- and drug-free environment.

### St. John Outreach

Lucille Beezer, a volunteer at Catholic Charities of the Virgin Islands, prepares food for the hungry on St. John every Tuesday.



## Catechetical Training

Catholic school religion teachers and parish-based directors of religious education and their teachers will receive catechetical training at Light of Christ Retreat Center on St. Croix from Friday, September 10, at 6 p.m. to Sunday, September 12, at 1 p.m. Teachers from St. Thomas and St. John will be housed at the center. Dr. Carol Razza of the Diocese of Palm Beach will facilitate the conferences. The training was sponsored by a grant from the Catholic Church Extension Society.

## Scholarships

The St. Joseph Workers from Holy Family Church on St. Thomas awarded scholarship funds to members of the parish who graduated from high school this past spring. The recipients of these gifts were: Louis Alcender III of Ss. Peter and Paul High School; Emalie Abraham, Denzel Browne and Anthony Lewis of Ivanna Eudora Kean High School; Jamal Lewis, Roy Petersen and Jerome Vanterpool of Charlotte Amalie High School; and Chinelo Pickering from a school in New Haven, Connecticut.

# What Is New at School?

## What Is New at Ss. Peter and Paul School?

Mona Griego is the new principal at Ss. Peter and Paul School on St. Thomas, Kent Wessinger is a new assistant principal and Austin Walters continues as an assistant principal. Among the six new staff members, five have master's degrees.



Mona Griego, the new principal of Ss. Peter and Paul School on St. Thomas, met with His Excellency, Bishop Herbert Bevard, in his office on August 3 to determine goals for the new academic year.

Structural repairs were made to the complex in time for the new academic year: the school was repainted, several new air conditioners were installed, the library was restocked and rearranged and several restrooms were remodeled.

Teachers attended five days of orientation in preparation for the return of the students. The teachers participated in workshops on strategic goals, team building, classroom management, effective teaching strategies, data-driven instruction and the introduction of "understanding by design."

Innovations in this year's curriculum include the Math Honors program and the incorporation of Writing into Literature classes at the high school level. Also, kindergarten students will have access to mini-laptops.

Looking ahead, the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi is on Monday, October 4. In honor of his renowned love for animals, the school will host its annual blessing of pets in the center courtyard at 8:30 a.m. Students from the lower grades will bring their pets to school, read original poems and sing songs during a brief prayer service.

The school is rebuilding its alumni database. All alumni are asked to re-submit their mailing and electronic addresses and to assist in providing data on graduates who have moved off-island. Please mail the data to Alumni Records, P.O. Box 301706, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands 00803, fax to (340) 777-5355 or register through the school's website, [www.spps.vi](http://www.spps.vi).

## What Is New at St. Joseph High School?

Deborah Skalkos returns to St. Joseph High School on St. Croix as head of school. Sandra Miranda was promoted to dean of discipline and Reuben Mercado is the new athletic director.

The school buildings were painted and industrial-sized fans were purchased for each classroom. The campus was landscaped with the help of a new riding lawnmower. One of this year's goals is to restock, remodel and revitalize the library.

This year's theme is "Education is a Journey, Not a Destination." Teachers have undergone training in classroom management, and classrooms were equipped with SMART boards. Brother James Petrait, an oblate of St. Francis de Sales who is a science teacher at the school, updates the news on the school's website: [www.islands.vi/~sjhs](http://www.islands.vi/~sjhs).



Groundskeepers cut the grass outside the cafeteria at St. Joseph High School on St. Croix in preparation for the first day of classes.

### What Is New at St. Mary School?

Terry Johnson, principal, and Cecilia Payne, assistant principal, return to St. Mary School on St. Croix. The academic theme this year is "Together ... All Things are Possible!" This means focusing on spiritual guidance and support from Holy Cross Church; a quality education which evolves through the partnership between family and school in the learning process; and the importance of joint ventures with community organizations.

The school has a new generator, thanks to the February 6, 2010, "Bells of St. Mary's" fundraiser at the Divi Carina Bay Resort. The new generator will allow instructional programs to progress uninterrupted, even during sudden power outages.

St. Mary students accepted the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge (Read 5!) and performed well with the summer reading list. They are taking accelerated reading assessments based upon the books they read throughout the summer. With each passing score, they earn points and opportunities to participate in drawings for prizes ranging from gift certificates (restaurants or bookstores) to electronic devices.

Seventh- and eighth-grade students are teaming with the St. Croix Environmental Association and 4-H to explore proactive measures to help preserve the natural treasures of St. Croix. With the help of teachers Evelin Ciarrocca and Claudia Eugene,



**Daphne Modeste, administrative assistant, prepared for the first day of school long before the teachers and students arrived.**

eighth-grade students are leading a school-wide recycling campaign. The school utilizes green products for the care of the campus, as well.

Innovations this year include a laboratory equipped with SMART technology, as well as

SMART Boards in each classroom for grades 3 to 8. Every classroom from pre-kindergarten through eighth grade is equipped with computers. In addition, the school is creating a new web page. Presently, the school can be located at [www.hccstx.org](http://www.hccstx.org). This site will provide a link to enter the new school page.

Alumni, parents and grandparents are invited to visit the school. "The students always enjoy hearing words of wisdom, as well as listening to a nice storybook," Mr. Johnson said. "The partnership we bridge is essential to the education and community successes of our children."

Looking ahead, pets will be blessed at a block party between Holy Cross Church and St. Mary School on Saturday, October 2, at 10 a.m. The festivities will include games, food, pet contests, entertainment and donkey rides.

### What Is New at St. Patrick School?

Sheryl Calton returns as principal of St. Patrick School on St. Croix. The theme for this academic year is "Share Your Gifts," which models the belief that the students, parents, community members, alumni and teachers have gifts to share that can build capacity for a lifetime of learning.

The school will have an open house and a ribbon-cutting ceremony to re-open the library on September 8. Each year, the library will be given a name to honor an alumnus. This year, the library will be named in honor of Jeanne Duvall Garcia, the school's recently retired office manager.

Alumni of the school donated a year's worth of copy paper for the teachers and students. They also purchased chairs for the newly renovated library. Ms. Calton invited them to adopt a classroom and share their gifts with the students and teachers. The alumni embraced the call and plan to adopt a classroom by sharing their gifts with their alma mater, which has given 145 years of Catholic education to Frederiksted.

The staff is preparing for an accreditation visit in November. All stakeholders will continue to focus on Catholic education and school improvement.

Teachers have new technology tools. Wallwisher is an Internet application that allows teachers to express their thoughts easily on a common topic. This wall is a web page where teachers post messages about important issues and share

instructional ideas. Wallwisher will be used as a technology tool for communication with parents, students and teachers. This will support the school's ecologically friendly project and preserve paper.

Teachers will begin using Google Apps and Calendar as technology tools. Teachers will use an online grade book, and parental access will begin in the second grading period. Teachers will participate in journal and book studies throughout the school year to enhance school improvement.

The students had a four-part Summer Reading Program, which included Family Reading, Reading for Enjoyment, the Governor's Reading Challenge and a summer reading list. In addition, a Summer Math List was available. Students returned on the first day of school with their reading assignments in a brown bag and shared their summer learning experiences.

Students will have several new initiatives this year. They will begin a joint partnership with a seniors program for on-the-job training employment. The students in grades 4-8 also are learning a note-taking strategy entitled Cornell Note-Taking. Another initiative for students in grades 4-8 will allow them to learn how to write SMART goals for academic areas needing remediation. In addition, the SMART goals will be written for the first stage of discipline management and will serve as an examination of conscience process.

Finally, the students are working with Ms. Calton to design a website for St. Patrick Church at [www.stpatrickstx.com](http://www.stpatrickstx.com). The school's own website, [www.stpatrickstc.com](http://www.stpatrickstc.com), features the "Help Us Grow" campaign wish list for each class. ☺



**Office manager Devi-ann Leonce, dean of students Patricia Dass, and administrative assistant Emily René dramatized the school's "Sharing Your Gifts" theme.**

# ¡Buenas Noticias!

## Misiones episcopales

Su Exma. Rvdo. Obispo Herbert Bevard continúa su visita a las diócesis de diferentes estados para recaudar fondos para la Diócesis de Sto. Tomás en las Islas Vírgenes. En septiembre él estará predicando en las Misas de fin de semana en Pensilvania, Kentucky y Georgia. Hasta la fecha el obispo ha recolectado \$95,000 para mejoras mayores en la Escuela San José en Sta. Cruz y la Catedral San Pedro y San Pablo en Sto. Tomás, y renovaciones en la Capilla Sta. Ana en Sto. Tomás y la casa de retiros Luz de Cristo en Sta. Cruz, así como para las becas de estudiantes de las cuatro escuelas católicas. Se espera que el obispo recaude unos \$50,000 más durante este otoño con estas misiones en diferentes diócesis del territorio americano.

## Descanse en paz

El padre redentorista Arthur Mahoney, quien trabajó 13 años en las Islas Vírgenes, falleció el 17 de julio en Timonium, Maryland. A la hora de su muerte tenía 86 años y sufría de un nivel avanzado de Alzheimer. El 21 de julio se le ofreció una Misa funeral en la Iglesia Sta. María en Annapolis, Maryland. La primera asignación del Padre Mahoney fue a la Iglesia Holy Cross en Sta. Cruz en 1953. En 1954 fue trasladado a la Iglesia San Pedro y San Pablo (hoy catedral) en Sto. Tomás. En 1960 su tercera asignación fue de nuevo a la Iglesia Holy Cross hasta 1966.

## Se reanuda la restauración de la catedral

La constructora Balbo comenzará la segunda fase de la reparación estructural de la Catedral San Pedro y San Pablo en Sto. Tomás. Lo primero será reesforzar la parte del techo debilitada, colocando conectores de metal. Se espera que esta fase demore nueve meses. También se reesforzarán los pilares interiores y se desviarán un corriente de agua que continúa comprometiendo la estructura.

## Gran rifa de la catedral

La Catedral San Pedro y San Pablo está rifando un Mitsubishi Outlander 2010, un viaje en crucero para dos por el Caribe y una estadía de fin de semana para dos personas en un hotel. El boleto cuesta \$10 y el libro de 11 boletos cuesta \$100. Los boletos están disponibles en la oficina de la catedral. La rifa se efectuará el domingo 10 de octubre.

## Información a los exalumnos

Los exalumnos de la Escuela San Pedro y San Pablo en Sto. Tomás están poniendo al día sus direcciones. Se pide a todos los graduados de la escuela que den sus direcciones y sus correos electrónicos. También se solicitan las direcciones de los exalumnos que estén fuera de la isla. Pueden mandar estos datos a Alumni Records, P.O. Box 301706, St. Thomas, VI 00803. El fax es (340) 777-5355 o registrarse en [www.spps.vi](http://www.spps.vi).

## Oración y Reflexión

El grupo de oración del Movimiento de Cursillos de Cristiandad se reúne en la Capilla San Miguel de la Iglesia San José en Sta. Cruz el 27 de septiembre y el último lunes de cada mes a las 7 p.m.

La Catedral San Pedro y San Pablo en Sto. Tomás tiene Horas Santas bilingües con Exposición del Santísimo y Bendición los martes a las 5.30 p.m.

Un grupo reza el rosario y comparte las lecturas del próximo domingo en la Iglesia Holy Cross en Sta. Cruz los martes a las 7 p.m.

## Legión de María

El Presidio María, Arca de la Alianza, se reúne en el Salón de Hospitalidad de la Catedral San Pedro y San Pablo en Sto. Tomás los domingos a las 2 p.m.

## Cursillo Ultreya

Miembros del Movimiento de Cursillos de Cristiandad se reúnen para la ultreya en su oficina de la Iglesia San José en Sta. Cruz los jueves después de la Misa de las 7 p.m.

## Protección de Niños

La Diócesis de Sto. Tomás en las Islas Vírgenes está comprometida a proteger a los niños de todo daño. Si Ud. tiene conocimiento de algún sacerdote, diácono o empleado de la iglesia que haya abusado de algún menor, favor de comunicarse inmediatamente con la Coordinadora Diocesana de la Protección de los Niños, Callista Julien, al (340) 774-3166.

## Caminata del Rosario

Miembros de la comunidad hispana rezan el rosario por el vecindario de la Catedral San Pedro y San Pablo en Sto. Tomás el primer sábado de cada mes a las 7 a.m.



# Virgin Islands Legislature Honors Distinguished Citizens



## St. Anne Chapel Celebrates its Patronal Feast

St. Anne Chapel on St. Thomas celebrated the Memorial of Ss. Joachim and Ann, the traditional names of the parents of Mary, with special events on Saturday, July 24. The actual feast day is July 26.

The 89th annual patronal celebration began with a food sale at the Frenchtown Community Center in the morning, which raised more than \$2,600. Although originally started by the French descendants of immigrants from St. Barthelmy, the annual afternoon procession with the image of St. Anne and the Blessed Virgin Mary that leads to the bayside for the blessing of boats now includes blacks, whites, Filipinos and Hispanics from the congregation. Father Charles Crespo, administrator of the chapel, celebrated the Sunday Vigil Mass in the chapel in the evening. The evening concluded with a reception in the parish hall.

The chapel is seeing an increased level of interest from the community. This may be due in part to the fact that Father Crespo was assigned as its administrator in November 2009 after an extended period with no administrator or on-site priest. In addition, Deacon Bernard Gibbs was ordained in September 2009 and also was assigned to the chapel. Ministries are developing and congregants who were not active on committees in the past are participating in greater numbers.

St. Anne Chapel is among the oldest Catholic houses of worship in the Virgin Islands. The first Mass was celebrated on Christmas in 1921; soon after, the chapel was blessed and dedicated in honor of St. Anne, patron saint of fishermen. Over the years, the chapel has undergone several renovations. In April, the first phase of a plan began to beautify the chapel in preparation for the celebration of the 90th anniversary of its first Mass. His Excellency, Bishop Herbert Bevard, arranged for a matching set of French gothic furnishings to be shipped from a church in Pennsylvania that was recently shuttered. Within a few weeks, the altar, reredos, a shrine to the Blessed Virgin Mary, wall paneling and baptismal font were installed. Bishop Bevard celebrated the Mass of Dedication of the Renovations on April 14.

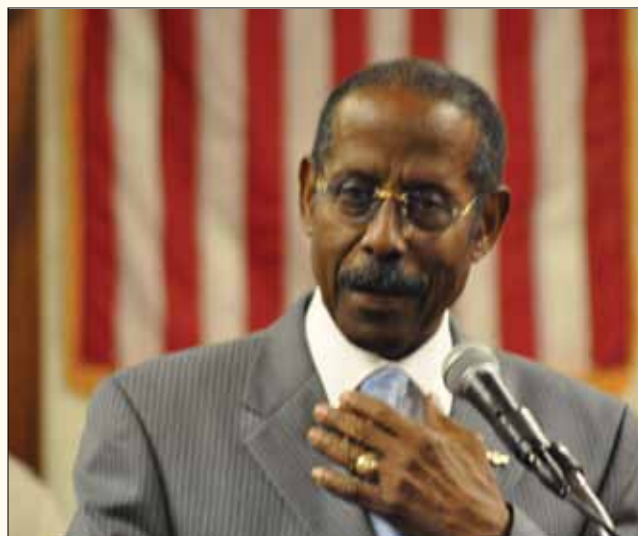
Committees are being formed to research the installation of new windows, pews, ambo and other furnishings. In addition, Father Crespo is soliciting old photographs in order to prepare an exhibition of the history of the chapel. Sponsors are being sought to offset the cost of the furnishings through dedications. ☩

The Legislature of the United States Virgin Islands honored 10 Virgin Islanders at a Plaque Presentation Ceremony at the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall on St. Thomas on August 4. The late William Dowling, Dr. Alfred Heath, Judge Verne Hodge and Dr. Orville Kean were awarded Medals of Honor. Alton Adams, Jr., Cynthia Brown Stapleton, Commander Austin Callwood, Ulla Muller, the Mungo Niles Dancers and the late Victor William Sewer were awarded the Perma Plaque.

Five parishioners of St. Thomas churches were among the honorees. One is a former parishioner of St. Anne Chapel who was honored posthumously.

### Dr. Alfred Heath

Alfred Heath was born on St. Thomas and graduated from Charlotte Amalie High School in 1947. He studied the field of pharmacy at the University of Puerto Rico School of Pharmacy and Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and received his M.D. from Thomas Jefferson University's Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia in 1957. Dr. Heath began working at Jefferson Hospital in Philadelphia as a rotating intern and a surgical resident in general, thoracic and cardiovascular surgery.



Dr. Heath is licensed to practice both pharmacy and medicine in Pennsylvania and the Virgin Islands. He continues his practice in his own office in the Medical Arts Complex and frequently can be found performing surgeries at the Schneider Regional Medical Center. He also is a parishioner at Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral on St. Thomas, where he serves as lector and extraordinary minister of Holy Communion and is a member of the choir.

## Ulla Muller

Ulla Muller was born and raised on St. Thomas. Her childhood dream was to become a teacher. That dream became a reality when, in December 1935, she was afforded the opportunity to teach the third- and fourth-grade classes at the the Abraham Lincoln Elementary School. This was the beginning of her dynamic career in education.

Ms. Muller always has been passionate about education. She realized that in order to be an effective, successful educator, she needed to further her education. She attended summer sessions at the Local Teachers' Institute and the Polytechnic Institute in San German, Puerto Rico. After two years and two summers, Ms. Muller received her bachelor of arts degree from Hampton University in Virginia in



1953, where she was the recipient of the Irene Elizabeth Codington Award. Ms. Muller then spent her summers studying at New York University. She graduated with a master of arts degree in administration and supervision in elementary education in 1963.

Ms. Muller was an educator for more than 40 years. She was an elementary teacher, secondary teacher, supervising principal and then principal. Nisky School on St. Thomas was renamed the Ulla F. Muller Elementary School in 1979.

Ms. Muller is a parishioner at Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral on St. Thomas. She also is a volunteer at the Election Board and the Virgin Islands Lottery, and a member of the Business and Professional Women's Organization and the American Red Cross.

## Alton Adams, Jr.

Alton Adams, Jr., was born to Alton A. Adams, Sr., and Ella Adams in St. Thomas. He attended Ss. Peter and Paul School and Charlotte Amalie High School, and graduated from Landhaven Preparatory School in Camden, Maine. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in civil engineering from the University of Notre Dame and subsequently attended the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Pittsburgh.

Mr. Adams returned to the Virgin Islands and to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church on St. Thomas. He was Deputy Commissioner of Public Works on St. Thomas, Assistant Coordinator of Federal Projects and Assistant Commissioner of the Department of Public Works. He was also appointed the first Executive Director for the Virgin Islands Port Authority and its predecessor agencies, the Virgin Islands Airport and Industrial Resources Agency and the Agency for the Management of former VICORP properties. Mr. Adams established the firm of Alton A. Adams, Jr., and Associates in 1971, which has provided engineering, architectural and planning services to private government and quasi-governmental firms and organizations.

Mr. Adams has been recognized by several entities for his service and achievements and has received several accolades including the following: Outstanding Young Man, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Notre Dame Distinguished Alumni, Special U.S. Congressional Recognition, Lions Club of St. Thomas and East End Lions Club, Certificate of Appreciation-American Legion and the Diaconia Medal-Outstanding Community Service Cathedral Church of All Saints.

## Commander Austin Callwood

Austin Callwood was born on St. Thomas and graduated from Ss. Peter and Paul High School in 1974. He is the first known native Virgin Islander to graduate from the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut.

Commander Callwood currently serves as the International Operations Section Chief for Coast Guard Atlantic Area in Portsmouth, Virginia, and is responsible for Coast Guard International Engagement in Europe, Africa, the Americas and the Caribbean. Commander Callwood is directly responsible for the deployment of the only Caribbean Support Tender, the

Coast Guard Cutter *Gentian*, which has delivered more than 200 tons of equipment, formally trained 500 students, and provided logistical support to over 12 different countries, which include Haiti, Jamaica, the Bahamas, Antigua, Trinidad and Tobago, Dominica, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Grenada, Curacao, Guyana and the Dominican Republic. Commander Callwood has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, Coast Guard Commendation Medal, two Coast Guard Achievement Medals and the Commandant's Letter of Commendation.

When he is on St. Thomas, Commander Callwood attends Mass at Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral.

## William Dowling

William Dowling was born in New York in 1926 and grew up in New York City and nearby Long Island. His parents visited St. Thomas on a cruise in 1952, and his father decided to purchase property on St. Thomas. Curiosity led William to come back and learn more about the island, and he immediately decided to stay. He became a parishioner at St. Anne Chapel.

Mr. Dowling purchased the 36-room Caribbean Hotel, reopened it as the Carib Beach Resort in 1955 and expanded it to 96 rooms in 1970. He then commenced development of the 90-room Emerald Beach Hotel in 1988. Mr. Dowling and his partner, Claude Caron, opened Cardow Jewelers, a perfume, gift and jewelry store in 1962. He established the Jens-Peter Kemmler Foundation and was actively involved with the Virgin Islands Tourism Commission, Partners for Health, the St. Thomas Hospital, Bethlehem House, the Virgin Islands Tourism Awareness and Advancement Link, the Boy Scouts and the St. Thomas-St. John Hotel Association. He died in 2003. ☺

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ather Kenneth Gaddy, CSsR, the pastor of Holy Cross Church on St. Croix since 2008, was the third child born to the late John and Beatrice Gaddy in Baltimore, Maryland. He attended Catholic school for elementary and part of his secondary education. He entered the Redemptorist formation system in northeast Pennsylvania.

Father Gaddy credits two Redemptorists, Father Jerome Moody and Father Henrique Shulterbrandt, for encouraging and supporting him in his decision to pursue his studies to the priesthood. Later, he was introduced to another Redemptorist, Father Carlyle Blake, whose friendship and mentorship continues today. Interestingly, all three Redemptorists ministered at both Father Gaddy's home parish and at St. Patrick Church on St. Croix.

After ordination in 1988, Father Gaddy was assigned to a church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. His second assignment was to St. Patrick Church on St. Croix in 1990. Father Gaddy spent more than 15 years there, as associate pastor for six years and pastor for nine years.

Father Gaddy was in charge of Redemptorist Formation for the Caribbean region from 2006 until 2008. In that position, he worked with entry-level students from different islands in the Caribbean who had not been to seminary but were contemplating priesthood. Typically, a new student thinking about a Redemptorist vocation will help out in a certain ministry in a parish. If he is recommended to continue, he attends St. John University in New York, which has a program for candidates for religious life. Upon graduation, the candidate goes on to the seminary.

Father Gaddy is very involved at St. Mary School, a Redemptorist-operated elementary school across the street from the church which enrolls students from pre-kindergarten through grade 8. Enrollment at this point is strong for the 2010–11 school year, and Father Gaddy hopes to surpass last year's enrollment figures. He explained that St. Mary School does not wish to



## Priest of the Month: Father Kenneth Gaddy, CSsR



Father Kenneth Gaddy has been a Redemptorist priest for 22 years. 06/

turn down students who cannot afford the tuition. Between the Tuition Assistance Committee at Holy Cross Church and the Bishop's Scholarship Fund, assistance is given to those families who might have a difficult time with tuition. Father Gaddy stressed that Bishop Herbert Bevard has been very generous with the Scholarship Fund and that it has helped many Catholic families to afford a Catholic education for their children.

Father Gaddy concluded that he believes that "we stand on the shoulders of those who preceded us and that those who came before laid the foundation for us. Our responsibility is to honor what we have inherited; we are charged with making things better with what we have been given." ☪

### Our Blessed Mother's Message from Medjugorje

July 25, 2010

"Dear children! Anew I call you to follow me with joy. I desire to lead all of you to my Son, your Savior. You are not aware that without Him you do not have joy and peace, nor a future or eternal life. Therefore, little children, make good use of this time of joyful prayer and surrender. Thank you for having responded to my call."

— Courtesy of John and Claire Foster

Pride of the Parish Stephen Richardson rings the bell at St. Anne Chapel on St. Thomas a half hour before Mass begins each Sunday. The bell is heard throughout Frenchtown.



## Feast Day: September 29

**>> Leader of heavenly forces:** Michael, who shares his September 29 feast day with fellow archangels Gabriel and Raphael, is the leader of the heavenly forces in the eternal fight against Satan and the other fallen angels. Angels are mentioned throughout both the Old and New Testaments, but Michael is the one most frequently called by name. In the Book of Daniel, Michael is called "the great prince." The Book of Revelation describes the great battle in heaven when Michael and his angels fought with the dragon. The Epistle of St. Jude describes Michael guarding the body of Moses from the devil.

**>> St. Michael and his two co-workers:** Michael's importance as the leader of the heavenly army has given him a special place in the traditions of Roman Catholics, Orthodox Christians, Jews and Muslims. For Catholics, he is the protector of the Church, champion in the fight against Satan and escort of souls from earthly life to heavenly judgment. He is also the patron of the sick. Many Eastern churches and shrines to St. Michael are found near healing springs. Egyptian Christians place the Nile under St. Michael's protection and celebrate a feast commemorating the archangel on the 12th day of every month.

September 29 is also the feast day of the archangels Gabriel and Raphael. Gabriel, whose name means "power of God," is the patron of communications workers because he announced to Mary that she would bear the Son of God, and appeared to Zachariah to foretell the birth of John the Baptist.

Raphael, whose name means "God has healed," appears in the Book of Tobit, where he identified himself as one of seven angels who stand before God, and he restored Tobit's sight. The archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are a trio of heavenly heroes who deliver God's power, good news and healing touch to humanity.

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## Protection of children

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# St. John Calendar

## Healing Mass

**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church** has a healing Mass on September 1 and the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

## Legion of Mary

Presidium Mary, Queen of Angels, meets in the **Guadalupe Hall of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church** on Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.

## Eucharistic Adoration

**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church** has a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction on Thursdays at 6 p.m.

## Evenings of Charismatic Prayer

Charismatic prayer meetings are held at **Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church** on Thursdays at 7 p.m.

# St. Thomas Calendar

## Holy Hours/ Eucharistic Adoration

- **Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral** has Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction on September 3 and the first Friday of each month at 12:45 p.m. and on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.
- **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church** has Exposition and Benediction on Tuesdays from 7:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. and on Fridays from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Holy Family Church** and **St. Anne Chapel** have Exposition and Benediction on Fridays at 6 p.m., followed by Mass at 7 p.m.

## Bingo

**Holy Family Church** has bingo in **Columban Hall** on two Fridays, September 3 and 17, at 8 p.m.

## Rosary Walk

**Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral** hosts a rosary walk on September 4 and the first Saturday of every month at 7 a.m., followed by Mass at 7:30 a.m.

## Magnificat

Magnificat, an international ministry to Catholic women, meets at **Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral's Hospitality Lounge** on September 4 and the first Saturday of every month at 8 a.m.

## Our Lady of Fatima Devotion

The Children of Mary lead a devotion to Our Lady of Fatima at **Holy Family Church** on September 4 and the first Saturday of every month at 4 p.m.

## Evenings of Charismatic Prayer

Charismatic prayer meetings are held at **Holy Family Church** on Mondays at 7 p.m.

## Franciscan Spirituality

The Lady Clare of Assisi Fraternity shares Franciscan spirituality at **Holy Family Church's Columban Hall** on September 11 and the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m.

## St. Joseph Workers

The St. Joseph Workers meet at **Holy Family Church's Columban Hall** on September 12 and the second Sunday of every month at 9:30 a.m.

## Holy Name Society

Catholic men meet at **Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral's Hospitality Lounge** on September 13 and the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m.

## Catholic Daughters of America

Court 2049 meets at **Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral's Hospitality Lounge** on September 18 and the third Saturday of every month at 3 p.m.

## St. Vincent de Paul Society

Share Vincentian spirituality at **Holy Family Church**. The Young Vincentians meet September 19 and the third Sunday of every month at 11:30 a.m. The adult members meet on September 25 and the fourth Saturday of every month at 3:30 p.m. Both groups meet in the church's classroom.

## Knights of Columbus

Council 6187 meets at **Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral's Yellow Room** on the first and third Sunday of every month at 10 a.m.

## Divine Mercy Chaplet

The St. Thomas altar servers lead the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at **Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral** on Mondays at 3 p.m.

## Legion of Mary

- Presidium María, Arca de la Alianza, holds meetings in Spanish at **Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral's Hospitality Lounge** on Sundays at 2 p.m.
- Presidium Mary, Mystical Rose, meets in **Holy Family Church's classroom** on Sundays at 3 p.m.
- Presidium Mary, Mediatrix of All Graces, meets at the **St. Anne Chapel Hall** on Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

## Men's Prayer Group

The Sons of Joseph and Mary meet at **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church** on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

## Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions

Prayers are on Wednesdays at **Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral** at 6:45 a.m. and noon, at **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church** at 5:45 p.m., at **Holy Family Church** at 6:50 p.m. and at **St. Anne Chapel** at 7:15 p.m.

## Pro-Life Rosary

A pro-life rosary will be prayed at **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church** on Wednesdays after the 6:30 p.m. Mass.

## Intercessory Prayer Group

A team is prepared to pray for the needs of all who ask at **Holy Family Church** on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

## World Apostolate of Fatima

The World Apostolate of Fatima meets at **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church** on Thursdays at 10 a.m.

# St. Croix Calendar

## Holy Hours/Eucharistic Adoration

- **Holy Cross Church** has Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction on September 3 and the first Friday of every month from 9 a.m. to noon.
- **St. Patrick Church** has a Holy Hour with Exposition and Benediction on Fridays after the 8 a.m. Mass.
- **St. Ann Church** has a Holy Hour with Exposition and Benediction in the St. Ann Chapel on Fridays at 5:30 p.m.
- **St. Joseph Church** has a Holy Hour with Exposition and Benediction on Fridays at 6:30 p.m.

## Santo Niño

**St. Joseph Church** hosts devotions to Santo Niño (the Holy Child Jesus) on September 4 and the first Saturday of every month at 4:30 p.m. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered during this time.

## Pro-Life Prayer Vigil

The St. Croix Right to Life Committee will hold a prayer vigil outside the abortion clinic at **Barrenspot Mall** on Tuesday, September 14, at 5 p.m.

## Charismatic Prayer Meeting

- **St. Patrick Church** has charismatic prayer in the chapel on September 17 and the third Friday of each month at 5:30 p.m.
- **St. Ann Church** has charismatic prayer in Marian Hall on Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

## Neo-Catechumenal Way

The Neo-Catechumenal Way leads a Celebration of the Word at **St. Joseph Church** on Mondays at 7 p.m.

## Magnificat

Magnificat, an international ministry to Catholic women, meets at **Franciscan House** on September 19 and the third Sunday of each month at 3 p.m.

## Secular Order Discalced Carmelites

The Our Lady Star of the Sea Community shares Carmelite spirituality in the **St. Joseph Church Hospitality Lounge and Learning Center** on September 26 and the fourth Sunday of every month at 1 p.m.

## Franciscan Spirituality

The Our Lady of the Angels fraternity of the Third Order of St. Francis shares Franciscan spirituality at **Franciscan House** on September 26 and the fourth Sunday of every month at 2 p.m.

## Cursillo Prayer Group

The Cursillo Movement hosts a Spanish prayer meeting in the **St. Michael Chapel at St. Joseph Church** on September 27 and the last Monday of every month at 7 p.m.

## Adult Education

The **St. Patrick Learning Center** offers classes in Pre-GED, GED, Computer Literacy, Intermediate Computer and ESL on Monday through Thursday mornings.

## Devotions to St. Gerard Majella

**Holy Cross Church** prays a devotion to St. Gerard Majella on Tuesdays at 8:45 a.m.

## World Apostolate of Fatima

Meetings are in the chapel at **Holy Cross Church** on Tuesdays at 5 p.m.

## Spanish Prayer and Reflection

Pray the rosary and share reflections on the readings of the coming Sunday Mass at **Holy Cross Church** on alternate Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Meetings are in Spanish.

## Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions

Devotions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help are prayed at **St. Patrick Church** on Wednesdays at 6:30 a.m. and 8 a.m. **Holy Cross Church** prays the devotion on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 8:45 a.m. **St. Joseph Church** prays the devotion bilingually on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

## Shepherds of Christ Associates

The Shepherds of Christ Associates meet for prayer in the **St. Michael Chapel of St. Joseph Church** on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. and on the second and fourth Sunday of every month at 5 p.m.

## Knights of Columbus

Holy Cross Council 6482 meets at **Holy Cross Church's McAlpin Hall** on the first and third Thursday of every month at 6 p.m.

## Cursillo Ultreya

Cursillo members meet for the "ultreya" in the Cursillo office at **St. Joseph Church** on Thursdays after the 7 p.m. Mass. Meetings are in Spanish.

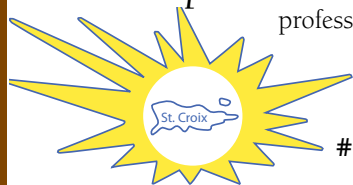
## Legion of Mary

Presidium Mary, Our Lady of Grace, meets in the **Holy Cross Church rectory** on Saturdays at 4:30 p.m.

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