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Ss. PETER AND PAUL SCHOOL INVESTS IN RENOVATIONS



Most Rev. George V. Murry, SJ, Bishop of the Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands, and Mary Beth Arceneaux, Chancellor, examined the painting and renovations of Ss. Peter and Paul School on St. Thomas.

Bishop Murry blessed the newly-renovated school on August 29.

Sunny yellow paint shows new life at Ss. Peter and Paul School on St. Thomas. The bright new coat of paint is the finishing touch to major repairs at the school this summer. These repairs included reinforcement of steel beams, replacement of plaster ceilings, updating of plumbing, and improving classroom lighting. Ongoing projects include a new library with computer capabilities and a virtual science lab.

Safety and an enhanced educational environment are priorities for the upcoming year. A black spiked-metal fence and courtyard landscaping are planned when funds are available.

SCHOOL STAFF IS READY TO SERVE



A small staff prepared for the opening of the academic year at Ss. Peter and Paul School. Pictured left to right: Marlene Hendricks, Secretary; Barbara Kenny, Vice Principal for Student Services; Maria Daniel, Chief Information Officer; and Dr. Gwen Moolenaar, Vice Principal for Academic Affairs. Rev. Dr. George Franklin, President/Principal, was off-island.



By the time school opened, the customary blue at Ss. Peter and Paul School was replaced by yellow.



Notes from the Bishop's Calendar

*The Most Reverend George V. Murry, SJ
Bishop of the Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands*

BISHOP MURRY'S PUBLIC SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 11, 11:00 a.m.
Patronal Feast
Holy Cross Church, St. Croix

Tuesday, September 13, 10:00 a.m.
St. Thomas/St. John Deanery
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
St. Thomas

Wednesday, September 14, 10:00 a.m.
St. Croix Deanery
Marian Hall, St. Ann Church
St. Croix

September 15-16
Catholic Relief Services Board of
Directors Meeting and Retreat
Baltimore, Maryland

Sunday, September 18, 10:30 a.m.
Anniversary Mass for the
Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth
Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral
St. Thomas

Tuesday, September 20, 7:30 p.m.
College of Evangelization talk
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church
St. John

Saturday, September 24, 6:00 p.m.
Installation Mass of New Pastor
Holy Family Church, St. Thomas

Sunday, September 25, 10:00 a.m.
Installation Mass of New Pastor
St. Patrick Church, St. Croix

Tuesday, September 27, 10:00 a.m.
Presbyteral Council
Holy Cross Church, St. Croix

TWO NEW PASTORS TO BE INSTALLED

Bishop George Murry, SJ, will install new pastors for Holy Family Church and St. Patrick Church this month.

Bishop Murry will install Msgr. Jerome Feudjio as Pastor of Holy Family Church on St. Thomas on Saturday, September 24, at 6:00 p.m. The bishop will also install Fr. John McLoughlin, CSsR, as the New Pastor of St. Patrick Church on St. Croix on Sunday, September 25, at 10:00 a.m.

DEACON ACOSTA ORDAINED

Family and friends cheered as Deacon Wilfredo Acosta was ordained by Bishop George Murry, SJ, at Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral on St. Thomas on August 20.

Bishop Murry has assigned Deacon Acosta to serve at the Cathedral.

HOLY CROSS HAS PATRONAL FEAST

Holy Cross Church on St. Croix will celebrate its patronal feast with a multicultural Mass on Sunday, September 11, at 11:00 a.m. Bishop George Murry, SJ, will celebrate the Mass.

A Fun Day with food, games and music will follow at St. Mary School.

SISTERS OF CHARITY TO BE HONORED

The Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth will celebrate their 145th anniversary as a religious community at Sunday Mass at Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral on St. Thomas on September 18 at 10:30 a.m. This Mass will honor the community that has provided teaching sisters for Ss. Peter and Paul School since 1933.

Bishop George Murry, SJ, will celebrate the Mass.



Bishop George Murry, SJ, prepared for Sunday Mass with members of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church on St. Thomas on August 14.

CHILD SAFETY SEMINAR

Child Protection Seminars are offered at Holy Family Church on St. Thomas on Thursday, September 8, at 6:00 p.m., and Friday, September 10, at 9:00 a.m., and at Holy Cross Church's McAlpin Hall on St. Croix on Friday, September 16, at 6:00 p.m. for those who missed earlier sessions.

All priests, deacons, employees, teachers, staff, and volunteers at all Catholic schools, churches and agencies must attend one training session and commit to reading and responding to ongoing bulletins.

Register at www.virtusonline.org.

V.I. SISTER TAKES NATIONAL POSITION

Sr. Louise Marie Bryan, SC, was elected to the Board of Directors of the National Black Sisters Conference (NBSC) at their annual meeting in Memphis, Tennessee, July 23-30. This is the third time she is serving on the board.

The Board of Directors sets policy and meets three times a year to direct the work of the NBSC. The conference promotes the education of the black family, the black women's project and vocations to the religious life from black families. The conference's committees plan and host workshops and presentations on these topics in black communities throughout the United States.

ALPHA EXPLORES THE FAITH

Alpha debuts on St. Croix for ten Tuesdays at Holy Cross Church beginning September 6 at 6:00 p.m..

Alpha provides adults with an opportunity to explore Christianity in an informal setting. The evenings begin with a fellowship supper, followed by a video presentation, small group discussion and prayer. The basics of the faith touched on in the video are expanded upon in the small group discussions.

Advance registration is advised.

PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE

The Blue Army of Fatima will host a Prayer Vigil for Life at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church at October 2 after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. The Vigil will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and will close with benediction at 5:00 p.m.

The Prayer Vigil is in conjunction with a national campaign by the World Apostolate of Fatima, USA, to send 100,000,000 prayer to heaven on that day in support of the sanctity of life.

FIRE DAMAGES CATHEDRAL RECTORY



"Getting up early to pray may have saved our lives," Fr. John Mark, Parochial Vicar at Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral on St. Thomas, told *The Catholic Islander*.

Very Rev. Neil Scantlebury, Rector of the Cathedral, and Fr. Mark were rising for their 5:30 a.m. holy hour on August 9 when they discovered smoke in their hallway. After searching the compound, they found that an upstairs office area was filled with smoke. Firefighters quickly responded to a call and extinguished the fire.

Pictured above, Fr. Scantlebury shows the closet in which the fire started. The fire was contained in that closet.

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MODELS FOR AIDING THE NEEDY

In an effort to improve services to the needy in the Virgin Islands, a representative of Catholic Charities of the Virgin Islands (CCVI) visited the Fatima Family Center in Cleveland, Ohio, on July 18-19. The national Catholic Charities provided the site visit in order to stimulate similar models in the Virgin Islands.

Elouise Benjamin, Assistant to the Executive Director of CCVI, was particularly impressed with the Shared Family Care model, in which client families were placed in the homes of mentoring families in order to learn parenting and other skills.

The Family Center began as a social outreach at Our Lady of Fatima Church in 1973 and was initially funded by the Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

All parish councils, plus leadership of all parish groups such as the Catholic Daughters, Knights of Columbus, and St. Vincent de Paul Society, should plan to attend a special seminar to be held on each island during the last week of September.

Tom Burnford, Secretary for Parish Life of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., will teach on the relationships between lay leadership, the parish, and the diocese. The seminar on St. Croix will be on Tuesday, September 27, at 6:00 p.m., on St. Thomas on Wednesday, September 28, at 6:00 p.m., and on St. John on Friday, September 30, at 7:00 p.m. Locations will be announced at the parishes.

Mr. Burnford's workshops will cover the nature, purpose and effective operation of a parish council, and development of core elements of parish life including stewardship, service, community, worship and evangelization.

PARISHIONERS BID FAREWELL TO FR. HOUSTON



The Hispanic community at Holy Cross Church on St. Croix presented Fr. Michael Houston, CSsR, with a recognition plaque at the parish farewell reception at McAlpin Hall on July 31. The plaque was offered in appreciation for his six years of service to them (1999 - 2005).

He is now serving at St. Joseph Church in St. Joseph, Dominica.

La comunidad hispana de la Iglesia Holy Cross en Sta. Cruz presentó una placa al P. Michael Houston, CSsR, durante la recepción de despedida en el McAlpin Hall el 31 de julio. La placa fue ofrecida como reconocimiento por los seis años de servicio a la comunidad (1999 - 2005).

Ahora sirve en la Iglesia San José en San José, Dominica.

LAY LEADERSHIP FORMATION PROGRAM OFFERS TWO FALL COURSES

The Mt. Carmel College of Evangelization moves into its third trimester this fall with courses in The Sacraments of the Church and the Old Testament book of Exodus. All classes are held at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church on St. John and are free to the public. No advance registration is required.

The Sacraments classes will be taught by Bishop George Murry, SJ, and numerous priests on eight consecutive Tuesdays following the 7:00 p.m. Mass.

September 20	Baptism	Bishop George Murry, SJ
September 27	Confirmation	Fr. John Mark
October 4	Reconciliation	Fr. Charles Crespo
October 11	Eucharist, Part 1	Fr. Simon Peter Opira
October 18	Eucharist, Part 2	Fr. Simon Peter Opira
October 25	Matrimony	Fr. Simon Peter Opira
November 1	Holy Orders	Bishop George Murry, SJ
November 8	Sacrament of the Sick	Fr. Mark Stetz
The Bible class will be taught by		Fr. Charles Crespo over ten
consecutive Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.		
September 21	Exodus 1-4	The Call of Moses
September 28	Exodus 5-7	Moses before Pharaoh
October 5	Exodus 7-11	The Plagues
October 12	Exodus 12-15	The Passover Ritual
October 19	Exodus 16-18	In the Wilderness
October 26	Exodus 19-24	Mount Sinai
November 2	Exodus 25-27	The Dwellings
November 9	Exodus 28-31	The Priests
November 16	Exodus 32-35	The Golden Calf
November 23	Exodus 35-40	Rebuilding the Tents

¡BUENAS NOTICIAS!

NOTICIAS DE LAS ESCUELAS

Tres colegios católicos en Sto. Tomás y Sta. Cruz tendrán nuevas autoridades cuando comiencen el año académico durante éste mes.

El Rvdo. Dr. George Franklin es el nuevo Presidente y Director del Colegio San Pedro y San Pablo en Sto. Tomás. Dr. Gwen Moolenaar se desempeñará como la nueva Sub-Directora para Asuntos Académicos, después que deje su cargo en Septiembre como Vice-Presidente de la Universidad de las Islas Vírgenes. Barbara Kenny continuará como SubDirectora para los Servicios Estudiantiles.

Marla Matthew asumirá el cargo de Directora del Colegio San José en Sta. Cruz. Actualmente, las matriculas del alumnado han sobrepasado las estimaciones. La Sra. Matthew viene al colegio después de cumplir su labor por doce años como Directora del Colegio Ricardo Richards.

También en Sta. Cruz, Pamela Tinsley Moors es la nueva Directora del Colegio San Patricio. La Sra. Moors, nacida en Mobile, Alabama, fue hasta la fecha Sub-Directora del Colegio San Patricio en Sacramento, California. Ella viene a Sta. Cruz con diecinueve años de experiencia en educación católica.

El P. Pat Lynch y Elizabeth Hering continuarán con sus labores exitosas como Director y Administradora del Colegio Sta. Maria. Ellos sostienen que las matriculas siguen “en marcha” tomando como referencia los años anteriores.

Las matrículas siguen abiertas en todas las escuelas católicas.

FUEGO EN LA CATEDRAL

“Levantarnos temprano para orar salvó nuestras vidas” P. John Mark, Vicario Parroquial de la Catedral San Pedro y San Pablo en Sto. Tomás, mencionó al *Catholic Islander*.

El 9 de agosto, el P. Neil Scantlebury, Rector de la Catedral, y el P. John Mark se levantaron para orar su hora santa de las 5.30 a.m. cuando descubrieron humo en los pasadizos. Después de buscar el origen, encontraron que una oficina estaba llena de humo. Bomberos respondieron rápidamente y apagaron el incendio.

INTRODUCCIÓN A LA BIBLIA



Ernesto Rodríguez, Asistente del Párroco en la Iglesia Nuestra Señora del Carmen en St. John, invitó a la feligresía hispana a tomar un curso de seis clases para instrucciones básicas sobre la Biblia.

DIÁCONO ACOSTA ES ORDENADO

La familia y amistades del Diácono Wilfredo Acosta festejaron cuando el Obispo George Murry, S.J., lo ordenó en la Catedral San Pedro y San Pablo en Sto. Tomás el 20 de agosto. Con la recomendación del Msgr. Michael Kosak, Director del Diaconado, el Obispo ha asignado al nuevo diácono a la catedral.

DESAYUNO CON EL PÁRROCO

El 2 de septiembre y el primer viernes de cada mes se comparte un desayuno en la Iglesia Nuestra Señora del Carmen en St. John después de la Misa de las 7.00 a.m.

HORA SANTA

El 2 de septiembre y el primer viernes de cada mes hay Misa y Hora Santa bilingüe con Exposición y Bendición del Santísimo Sacramento en la Iglesia Nuestra Señora del Carmen en St. John, comenzando con Misa a las 7.00 p.m.

CLASES DE IDIOMAS

Clases en español e inglés se ofrecen simultáneamente en la Iglesia Nuestra Señora del Carmen en St. John los miércoles y viernes a las 5.00 p.m.

MISAS DE SANACIÓN

Un sacerdote impone las manos por la sanación en la Iglesia Nuestra Señora del Carmen en St. John cada viernes en la Misa de las 8.30 a.m.

RADIO CATÓLICA

La Oficina de Evangelización del Obispo presenta cada fin de semana *Tu Compañero Católico*, un premiado programa radial en español con una duración de media hora. A manera de revista, *Tu Compañero Católico* incluye segmentos de entrevistas con invitados especiales, catecismo, consejos espirituales, música y más.

Tu Compañero Católico, se oye en la radio WIUJ 102.9 FM los sábados a las 3.30 p.m.

SEVEN VIRGIN ISLANDERS ATTEND AFRICAN SYNOD

A team of seven clergy and parishioners from St. Ann Church on St. Croix accepted an invitation by Peter Cardinal Turkson to participate in the first Synod of the Archdiocese of Cape Coast in Ghana on July 11-18.

Msgr. Michael Kosak, Pastor, spoke on "Priests and the Mission of the New Evangelization." Deacon Joseph Mark spoke about the broader dimensions of the evangelizing mission of the Church.



Top photograph: Msgr. Kosak celebrated a private Mass on the shores of Elmina, Ghana. Pictured left to right are Deacon Joseph Mark, Deacon Arnold Helenese, Eastlyn Helenese, Msgr. Michael Kosak, Kathleen Mark, Rita Schuster, and Lucy Bough.



Middle photograph: The pilgrims visited Peter Cardinal Turkson in his residence; Cardinal Turkson is standing, wearing white.

Bottom photograph: Msgr. Kosak celebrated Sunday Mass at Christ the King Church in Accra, Ghana, on July 17.



BISHOP MURRY ORDAINS THREE JESUITS IN NIGERIA

Over 1,500 people, many dressed in traditional costume, packed St. Joseph Church in Benin City, Nigeria, when Bishop George Murry, SJ, ordained three Jesuit seminarians to the priesthood on July 23. The three new priests will minister to the growing Catholic population in West Africa.

The ceremony lasted three hours and included music in English, Ebo and Swahili.

Fr. George Quickley, SJ, the Provincial of the Nigeria-Ghana Province of the Jesuits, and a classmate of Bishop Murry, invited him to the ordination.

In appreciation of his visit, the Nigerian Jesuits presented Bishop Murry with a locally-made crosier.

The Nigerian province of the Jesuits comprises West Nigeria and Ghana. In both countries, Jesuits are involved in education, retreat ministry, campus ministry and social services.



Top left: Just before the ordination, Bishop Murry posed with those about to be ordained to the priesthood, Jamesylvester Urama, SJ, Thomas Ejoor Oguagaua, SJ, and Ugo Nweke, SJ.



Top right: After the ordination, Bishop Murry knelt to receive the first blessings from the three new priests.

Below: The three new priests prostrated as the congregation sang the Litany of the Saints.





From the Bishop's Desk

*The Most Reverend George V. Murry, SJ
Bishop of the Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands*

THE BISHOP'S APPEAL 2005

I am profoundly grateful to you for your generous response to the Bishop's Appeal 2005. Our goal this year was \$337,880, a \$112,880 increase over 2004's contributions of \$225,000. To date, we have raised \$367,000 and experience shows that gifts will continue to arrive until December. Your gifts are making a difference as we have been able to touch so many more lives because of your kindness.

This year our Catholic Schools will benefit from the Bishop's Appeal through funds for text books, classroom supplies, building maintenance and financial aid for tuition. Also, because of your generosity, we are able to provide a wider safety net for some of the neediest in our territory. Catholic Charities and its important programs of shelters for the homeless, personal and employment counseling, soup kitchens, and clothing distribution centers, mean the difference between hope and despair for those Virgin Islanders who have no other place to turn.

The needs of the vulnerable among us will continue to grow. As St. Paul wrote, "we are God's co-workers" (1 Cor 3:9). That is why the Bishop's Appeal is so important. With your kindness, we are building the kingdom of God.

Again, thank you for your generous support. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your family. I will give you another report midway through the fall and then a final report before Christmas.

God bless you.

<u>Bishop's Appeal Totals as of August 2</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Percentage of Goal Achieved</u>
Holy Cross Church, St. Croix	\$ 48,175	\$ 33,000	145.98 %
Holy Family Church, St. Thomas	\$ 36,389	\$ 34,200	106.40 %
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, St. John	\$ 16,173	\$ 17,200	94.05 %
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Thomas	\$ 26,710	\$ 25,000	106.84 %
St. Ann Church, St. Croix	\$ 32,846	\$ 28,880	113.81 %
St. Anne Chapel, St. Thomas	\$ 10,202	\$ 9,600	106.27 %
St. Joseph Church, St. Croix	\$ 7,907	\$ 15,000	52.71 %
St. Patrick Church, St. Croix	\$ 19,795	\$ 15,000	131.97 %
Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral, St. Thomas	\$ 54,434	\$ 60,000	90.72 %
Bishop George Murry, SJ	\$111,290	\$100,000	112.99 %
<u>Mixed</u>	<u>\$ 3,084</u>		
Total	\$367,005		



The kindergarten class at St. Mary School on St. Croix is among the beneficiaries of the Bishop's Appeal.



Over fifty children on St. Thomas enjoyed a summer camp sponsored by Catholic Charities of the Virgin Islands.

CATHOLIC RADIO IN SEPTEMBER

The Bishop's Office of Evangelization presents ninety minutes of Catholic radio on weekends.

In conjunction with the Sacred Heart Program in St. Louis, Missouri, *Contact* broadcasts on WIUJ 102.9 FM on Saturdays at 3:00 p.m. *Tu Compañero Católico* follows *Contact* on WIUJ 102.9 FM on Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. *Tu Compañero Católico*, an award-winning half-hour Spanish-language program, is produced by the Redemptorist Hispanic Radio Ministry.

The Catholic Voice airs half-hour programs on WSTA 1340 AM on Sundays at 8:30 p.m. The programs are courtesy of EWTN TV & AM/FM Radio. The September programs feature four episodes of a thirteen-part series by Fr. Frank Perricone entitled "Understanding the Mass."

PARISH TAKES A HIKE



Parishioners of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church on St. John enjoyed a community fun day that included a hike, a picnic and a swim at Cinnamon Bay on July 31.

The Pride of Our Parishes



Rita King, parishioner at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church on St. Thomas, was one of two volunteer secretaries at the Catholic Chancery this summer.

PRAYER CHAIN FOR VOCATIONS



Parishioners and visitors at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church on St. John are cooperating in a prayer chain for vocations. At every Sunday Mass, one family is invited to take home a chalice and prayer booklet for seven days. Those families agree to pray daily that vocations to the priesthood, religious life and diaconate soon will arise from the parish.

Pictured above, Madeleine Green receives the chalice from her pastor, Fr. Charles Crespo.

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Our Blessed Mother's Message from Medjugorje
July 25, 2005

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ST. CROIX CALENDAR

HOLY HOURS/EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Holy Cross Church has Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction on September 2 and all First Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Church has a bilingual Holy Hour with Exposition and Benediction on September 2 and all First Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

St. Patrick Church has a Holy Hour with Exposition and Benediction on Fridays after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

St. Ann Church has a Holy Hour with Exposition and Benediction on Fridays at 5:30 p.m.

HEALING MASS

St. Patrick Church has a healing Mass on September 2 and all First Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

SANTO NIÑO DEVOTION/RECONCILIATION

St. Joseph Church hosts devotions to El Santo Niño on September 3 and all First Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered simultaneously.

ALPHA

Alpha meets at Holy Cross Church for ten Tuesdays beginning September 6 at 6:00 p.m. Supper is included at no charge.

PATRONAL FEAST AND FUN DAY

Holy Cross Church celebrates its patronal Feast with a multicultural Mass on Sunday, September 11, at 11:00 a.m. Bishop George Murry, SJ, will celebrate the Mass. A Fun Day with food, games and music follows at St. Mary School.

SECULAR FRANCISCANS

The Our Lady of the Angels Fraternity shares Franciscan spirituality at the Franciscan House on September 11 and the second Sunday of each month at 3:00 p.m.

EVENINGS OF CHARISMATIC PRAYER

St. Patrick Church has an evening of charismatic prayer on September 16 and the third Friday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

St. Ann Church holds charismatic prayer meetings on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Church has charismatic evenings on Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Jim and Centelia Matthews lead a cancer support group at St. Ann Church on September 21 and the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

SECULAR ORDER DISCALCED CARMELITES

Secular Order Discalced Carmelites share Carmelite spirituality at St. Ann Church on September 25 and every fourth Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

LEGION OF MARY

Praesidium Our Lady of Grace meets at the Holy Cross Church rectory on Sundays at 4:00 p.m.

CURSILLO ULTREYA MEETINGS

Cursillo members meet at St. Joseph Church on Mondays after the 7:00 p.m. Mass. Meetings are in Spanish.

NEO-CATECHUMENAL WAY

The Neo-Catechumenal Way has catechesis for youth and adults at St. Joseph Church on Mondays and Fridays and at Holy Cross Church on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

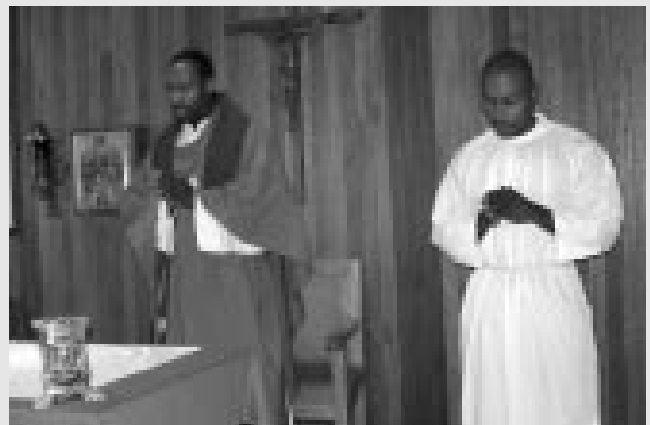
BLUE ARMY OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

The Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima meets in the chapel at Holy Cross Church on Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. Entry is by the gate to the rectory.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Holy Cross Council 6482 meets at the McAlpin Hall of Holy Cross Church on first and third Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

SEMINARIAN RETURNS TO STUDIES



On summer assignment, seminarian Anthony Abraham assisted Fr. Cecil Corneille at Mass, among other duties at St. Joseph Church on St. Croix. He has since returned to studies in Trinidad.

ST. THOMAS CALENDAR

HOLY HOURS/EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Anne Chapel has a Holy Hour with Exposition and Benediction on September 2 and all First Fridays at 6:00 p.m.

Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral has a Holy Hour with Exposition and Benediction on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.

Holy Family Church has a Holy Hour with Exposition and Benediction on Fridays at 6:30 p.m.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church has a Holy Hour with Exposition and Benediction on Fridays at 6:30 p.m., followed by Mass at 7:30 p.m.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA DEVOTION

The Children of Mary lead a devotion to Our Lady of Fatima at Holy Family Church on September 3 and the first Saturday of each month at 4:00 p.m.

SECULAR FRANCISCANS

The Lady Clare of Assisi Fraternity share Franciscan spirituality at Holy Family Church on September 11 and the second Saturday of each month at 1:00 p.m.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The Holy Family Chapter share Vincentian spirituality at Holy Family Church on September 13 and the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA

Court 2049 meets at Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral's Hospitality Lounge on September 17 and the third Saturday of each month at 2:00 p.m.

PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE

The Blue Army of Fatima will host a Prayer Vigil for Life at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church at October 2 after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. The Vigil will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and will close with Benediction at 5:00 p.m.

PARISH ANNIVERSARY

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church will celebrate its 18th anniversary as a parish with a Mass on Tuesday, October 4, at 6:30 p.m. followed by a social in the club house.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Council 6187 meets at Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral's Hospitality Lounge on the first and third Sunday of each month at 10:00 a.m.

LEGION OF MARY

Junior Praesidium Mary, Queen of Archangels meets at the St. Anne Chapel Hall on Sundays at 1:30 p.m.

Praesidium Mary, Mediatrix of All Graces meets at the St. Anne Chapel Hall on Sundays at 2:30 p.m.

Praesidium Mary, Mystical Rose meets at Holy Family Church on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

EVENINGS OF CHARISMATIC PRAYER

Charismatic prayer meetings are held at Holy Family Church on Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

BLUE ARMY OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

The Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima meets at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

ST. JOHN CALENDAR

BREAKFAST WITH THE PASTOR

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church hosts a pot luck breakfast on September 2 and all First Fridays after the 7:00 a.m. Mass.

HOLY HOUR/EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

A bilingual Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction follows the 7:00 p.m. Mass at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church on September 2 and all First Fridays.

LANGUAGE CLASSES

Classes in Spanish and English are offered simultaneously at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church on Wednesdays and Fridays at 5:00 p.m.

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Charismatic prayer meetings are held at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

HEALING MASSES

A priest lays on hands for physical, spiritual, emotional and psychological healing at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church on Fridays at the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

LEGION OF MARY

Praesidium Mary, Queen of Angels meets at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church on Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.