

Be Worthy of the Trust Given You

This marble statue by the baroque sculptor Gian Lorenzo Bernini commemorates the life of Pope Alexander VII. It sits above the *porta della preghiera*—the side door of St. Peter's Basilica—and it shows the Pope kneeling in prayer. The Pope was known to prayerfully reflect on his death, and supported many beautification projects in Rome.

Civil or religious authority should be a service. Public authority is conferred upon a person by election or appointment in order to promote the common good. Far from a career of self-aggrandizement, it's a call to place the good of others before one's own.

When speaking of this, Jesus places the emphasis on trustworthiness. Those delegated authority are there to serve and to honor the confidence given them. That's why financial or political corruption is so grievous. People who first win the trust of others only to misuse it by taking advantage of them violate their mandate. And when trust is lost in public life and personal relationships, life becomes a walk through a valley of fear where we are governed by self-preservation. Truly then, we become what the Latins wrote: "Man is a wolf to man."

So be worthy of the trust your family, clients, and others place in you. Be worthy of the confidence God has bestowed with all the talents he has given to use for the good of others. Make your life a responsible gift to others and rejoice in their flourishing more than your own!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Am I a trustworthy servant with the authority and gifts I have received?

Do I look more for my own progress and protection, or that of others?



Piece: *Tomb of Pope Alexander VII*, 1671-78

Artist: Gian Lorenzo Bernini

Location: St. Peter's Basilica

[Jesus said,] "The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones."

Luke 16:10



St. Joseph's Church

was consecrated on the 29th January 1928;
it is the oldest standing Roman Catholic Church on the island.
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Sunday Mass: 9.00 a.m.

Portuguese Mass: Resumes in September

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Anthony's - Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. or by appointment
St. Joseph's at 8.30 a.m. Sunday morning " "
St. Anthony's Mass times: Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m.
Sunday morning at 11.15 a.m.

BAPTISMS by appointment - one month in advance

WEDDINGS by appointment - one year in advance (approx.)

CCD - Resumes 22nd September - 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Pastoral & Finance Council Meeting -

Stewardship Team -

Coffee Social after Mass - 29th September - Host: Team 1

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Most Reverend Bishop, Wiesław (Wes) Śpiwak
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Parish Team Leaders

Mrs. Elizabeth Card – Pastoral Council Chairperson	Mrs. Annette Barclay St. Vincent de Paul Society representative
Walette Cross Stewardship Representative	Mrs. Elizabeth Card Parish Catechetical Leader
Mrs. Mary Harvey Parish Administrator & Finance Committee Team Leader	Mr. Tony Bari Music Ministry
Mrs. Liberia Aguiar – Portuguese Representative on Pastoral Council	St. Vincent de Paul Society (contact Annette)



Today's Hymns

Entrance:	Amazing Grace	#680
Offertory:	How Can I Keep From Singing	#686
Communion:	Let Us Break Bread Together	#800
Recessional:	Love Diving, All Love Excelling	#709

Leader of Song: Justin Tavares



We are pleased to have our visitors celebrate the Mass with us this morning, and we hope that their stay in Bermuda will be a pleasant one.



– 29th September, 2019

Greeters	Lucille Dixon & Iliene Bremar
Proclaimer of God's Word	Jane Bermingham
Collection	Louie & Sheelah Hassell
Gifts	Volunteers
Eucharistic Minister	Eucharistic Minister
Collection Counters	Joanne Smith & Jane Bermingham
Opening/Closing of Church	Kathie Ausenda
Music	Tony Bari

If you would like to participate in one of the above-mentioned ministries please see Annette Barclay.

Mass Intentions – 22nd September, 2019

9.00 a.m. – +Michael Oliveira

15th September, 2019

Attendance: 52 (approx.)

Collection

\$613.00 Regular

Thank you so very much for your kindness and generosity, it is greatly appreciated. Banking information: Name: St. Josephs Parish - Account Number: 20006060757062100 at Bank of NT Butterfield and Son

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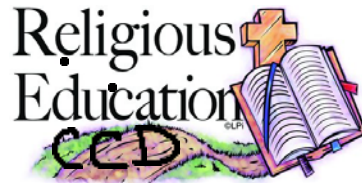
Prayers:

Please keep our parishioners who are sick or shut-in, in your prayers, especially Manuel Arruda. Iliene Bremar, Sally Muso and Val Correia. Please also continue to pray for Fr. Attilio's Father.

Birthdays

Laurel Hudlin	22nd September
Aiden Stones	25th September

May God, our loving heavenly Father, bless you with many more special days



CCD will resume today and follow directly after the 9:00 a.m., Mass in the form of a "Meet & Greet." We welcome our children and their parents, and, as we work together to impart the faith to our youngsters, let this be a really good CCD year.

If anyone would like to help with this "ministry" we would really appreciate it, as we could do with two people to act as substitute (call-in) catechists to help during the times of holidays and illness. If you can help, please contact Fr. Attilio or Liz Card, PCL.



Our Annual Church Pot-Luck Picnic scheduled for this afternoon has been **cancelled** due to the aftermath of Hurricane Humberto.



The next Coffee Social will be held on Sunday, 29th September; this will be hosted by Team 1 (Liz, Sally, Andrea, Sue, Barbara, Jackie & Dennis, Liberia and Chloe).

Pastor's Note

Dear friends,

The Gospel reading this Sunday is inviting us to be smart with the goods of spiritual life in the same way we are smart with the goods of this world. If we run the risk to be left without money, for instance, or without a job, we know what to do, we act, and we are smart and resourceful, and we put all our energies and capacities in trying to resolve the situation. However when it comes to the goods of the spirit, our relationship with God and Jesus Christ, our salvation and the duty to transmit faith to others often we do not apply ourselves in the same way: definitively we do not invest our time and energy in the things that have to do with our inner life (and that of others) as we do with the things of our external life (work, money, goods, social life). Yet spiritual goods are the goods that are really ours, and if we have traded well with them we will enjoy them forever in the kingdom of the Father, while the external goods first they do not really belong to us: they belong to this world, and this world will pass away. This is why Jesus calls richness "dishonest": because the good of this world will betray us, and the person who has invested his own life in the richness of this world, even if he gained them with honest work, will in the end be disappointed and it may end up discovering that having wasted all the energy in the things of this world, he did not have time to accumulate the true riches, which are the riches of the soul! **The Lord so tells us: BE SMART! Invest your time and energy in the true goods that really belong to you! Fr. Attilio.**

SECOND COLLECTION - BAHAMAS

There will be a Second Collection today for the DISASTER RELIEF FOR THE BAHAMAS. Envelopes are at back of the church. To help bolster this collection two parishioners have come forward and offered to hold further fund-raising to go towards these funds, see the following: -

Grace Smith and her Group have offered to make egg rolls – \$15 for a package for \$20. These can be ordered by calling Grace at 537-1254. They will be packaged and ready for distribution next Sunday, 29th September, at the Coffee Social.

Barbara Jaques would also like to do a mini "bring and buy" that day on the parish lawn from 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon, so bring along any nice items that you might have for sale, and who knows what you might take home in return ☺ You can call Barbara on 519-2974 to let her know what might be available. This could turn into a "fun morning" ☺

If you are suffering, if you are afraid, if you search for meaning **THERE IS AN ANSWER FOR YOU - COME AND LISTEN!**

Every Monday and Thursday @7:30pm - St. Joseph's R.C. Church, Somerset



Every Tuesday and Friday @ 8 pm - St. Anthony's R.C. Church Hall,

This is a fantastic way to invest time and energy to acquire the true goods which will not be taken away from you!!

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Liturgical Activities of Bishop Wes - Please review our website:

www.romancatholicbermuda.bm and click on: **Bishop Wes Spiewak, CR Schedule**; this will advise where and when Bishop Wes will be celebrating various liturgical events throughout the Diocese. Also visit us on [Facebook](#)

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

During the first six months of 2019, approximately seven million people were forced to migrate within their own countries as a result of extreme weather and natural disasters. This information is based on research presented by the Internal Displacement Monitoring Center (IDMC) in Geneva. According to experts, this phenomenon has reached a historic level. The worst effects of natural disasters up until June of this year, in addition to other disasters, were cyclone "Fani" in India and Bangladesh and cyclone "Idai", which struck mainly Mozambique, but also Malawi, Zimbabwe and Madagascar. Flooding in areas such as Iran, Ethiopia, Bolivia and the Philippines had similar devastating effects. According to experts, extreme phenomena such as storms, floods and droughts are the result of climate change due to global warming. Jan Egeland, Secretary General of the Norwegian Council for Refugees, describes the results presented by IDMC as "shocking". Additionally, 3.8 million people fled to other parts of their countries in the first half of this year due to conflicts and violence. A particularly large internal migration has been recorded in Syria, Yemen, Afghanistan, Libya and the Democratic Republic of Congo. By the end of this year, the number of people migrating due to weather could increase to more than threefold; twenty-two million, as stated in the IDMC report. The reason for this is more susceptibility to violent weather phenomena that occur usually in the second half of the year. Thus, 2019 may be one of the most historic years for disasters since the beginning of analysis by IDMC. "The fact that most escapes are associated with hurricanes and floods leads to the conclusion that mass migration due to extreme natural disasters will become the norm" the Geneva body predicts. Do I want to scare you? No. Right now Christians around the world celebrate the Season of Creation. It began on the 1st of September, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends on the 4th of October, the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. Have a wonderful, restful Sunday and a blessed and productive week! Bishop Wes

Caritas House of Prayer: There will be Mass at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, 25th September. Please join us for this Mass and bring your children. To have Mass around the dining room table is very special as it is how the first Mass took place. Father Vladimir will be the celebrant. All are welcome.

A suggestion that we have Mass twice a month has been received but with our limited number of priests and their commitments, we don't think that will be possible. Also, if you have any ideas as to how we could make evening prayer on Wednesdays more available to you, please let us know, as it is a good way to unwind on your way home from work.



ANCOP International Bermuda is inviting everyone to join its **2019 5K ANCOP Walk** on **Sunday, September 29, 2019** at **8:00 a.m.** with assembly point at Botanical Gardens in

Paget. The event aims to raise funds for its shelter and child sponsorship program. Registration fee is \$35 for adult and \$25 for students (13-18 years of age). The \$5 of the registration fee is automatically allocated to the benefit of St. Vincent de Paul Society – outreach to the poor. To register, call the following Tel nos: 703-2961; 535-8777 or send e-mail to ancopbermuda@gmail.com or register online thru www.racedayworld.com. For more information visit www.ancopbermuda.com.

BERMUDA CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP

We're Back!!! The Bermuda Catholic Youth Group has returned! We invite all of the island's teens 13-18 to join us Thursday nights @ MSA at 7:30 pm. For more info email us at catholicyouthbda@gmail.com. Be sure to follow us on Facebook (BermudaCatholic YouthGroup) and Instagram (@catholicyouthbda). See you Thursday!

Calendar

Monday

SEPTEMBER 23

St. Pius of Pietrelcina,
Priest

Ezr 1:1–6

Lk 8:16–18

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 24

Weekday

Ezr 6:7–8, 12b, 14–20

Lk 8:19–21

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 25

Weekday

Ezr 9:5–9

Lk 9:1–6

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 26

Weekday

Hg 1:1–8

Lk 9:7–9

Friday

SEPTEMBER 27

St. Vincent de Paul,
Priest

Hg 2:1–9

Lk 9:18–22

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 28

Weekday

Zec 2:5–9, 14–15a

Lk 9:43b–45

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 29

Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Am 6:1a, 4–7

1 Tm 6:11–16

Lk 16:19–31

Dear Padre,

Is withholding or withdrawing life support a form of euthanasia?

While it's always morally wrong to kill an innocent person, it can sometimes be morally right to allow someone to die. This implies that it is sometimes morally wrong to allow a person to die. To withhold antibiotics from a person who has every chance of recovering and living a full life if given the medication would be morally wrong.

But there are times when we must accept that our death is inevitable and that additional medical treatment will place an excessive burden on us and

our caretakers, with little benefit. To refuse such treatment is not a form of suicide; rather it's a decision to allow the dying process to take its natural course. The key words here are *excessive burden* and *little benefit*. When is using a ventilator too burdensome to bear and able to be withdrawn? When is the natural care of nutrition and hydration failing to do what it should? Such life-sustaining treatment or care

may be too burdensome for some but not for others.

A young person after a car accident may be left a quadriplegic and unable to breathe without a ventilator. He might consider the ventilator an extraordinary means of preserving life and want to discontinue its use. Any determination that disregards the value of this person's life—by the patient himself or anyone else—must be avoided. Ultimately, such judgments shouldn't be made without a careful review of Catholic moral teaching, medical and spiritual consultation, and a well-formed conscience.

—Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

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A Word from Pope Francis

The level of progress in a society is measured by its capacity to safeguard life....Death from malnutrition is an attack on life. Terrorism, war, violence; so is euthanasia. Loving life means always taking care of the other, wanting the best for him, cultivating and respecting her transcendent dignity.

—Address to Science and Life Association, May 30, 2015