

St. Joseph's Church

43 Somerset Road – Sandys, MA 03, Bermuda
(Direct Line) 441-238-1784
(Located between Arnold's Supermarket & Somerset Cricket Field)
Parish Email: stjosephs@northrock.bm
Pastor: Fr. Attilio Morelli
Reconciliation: By appointment
Baptisms: By Appointment – One month in advance
Weddings: By Appointment – usually about a year in advance
Sunday Mass: 9:00 am

St. Anthony's Church



26 Middle Road - Warwick WK03, Bermuda
Phone: (Office Direct Line) 441-238-1784
Pastor's Mobile: 441-777-2166
Pastor: Fr. Attilio Morelli

Parish Email: stanthonybermuda@gmail.com
Reconciliation: Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. or by appointment
Baptisms: By Appointment – One month in advance
Weddings: By Appointment – A year in advance
CCD: Sundays at 9:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Coordinator: Anna Daniel 441-236-2438
Email: stanthonycdd@yahoo.com
Organist: Tony Bari: tbari@northrock.bm 441-236-1314
St. Vincent de Paul Rep.: Pat Rodrigues
Portuguese Charismatic Group: Meets on Fridays @ 8:15pm

Masses at St. Anthony's

Sat	Dec	7	6:00 pm	+Pamela Pimenta
Sun	Dec	8	11:15 am	Baptism of Baby Maria Brojan
Tues	Dec	10	8:00 am	
Wed.	Dec	11	8:00 am	
Thu.	Dec	12	8:00 am	
Fri.	Dec	13	8:00 am	
			7:30 pm	Portuguese Mass
Sat	Dec	14	6:00 pm	Manual and Delia Mendonca
Sun	Dec	15	11:15 am	Jim and Donna Squires

*Prayer to St. Michael: St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into
hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking
the ruin of souls. Amen.*

Liturgical Ministries St. Anthony's

Dec 7/8	6:00 pm	11:15 am
Ministers of	D. Mendonca	J. Looby
Communion	A. Boyle	L. Vizien
Proclaimer of	J. Taildord	D. Thornhill
God's Word	E. Bagabaldo	M. DeSa
Dec 14/15	6:00 pm	11:15 am
Ministers of	D. Mendonca	G. Pitman
Communion	M. Mendonca	H. Prevendido
Proclaimer of	P. Rodrigues	S. White
God's Word	J. Tailford	R. Tannock

Cantor Schedule

	6:00 pm	11:15
Dec 7/8	Ruth	Franz
Dec 14/15	Debbie	Debbie



Hymns for Weekend Mass

This weekend Dec. 7/8

Entrance: Every Valley – CBW308

Offertory: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel – W386

Communion: I receive the Living God – W923

Recessional: On Jordan's Bank – W392

Collections - (St. Anthony's)

	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Dec 1	\$ 1,151.00	\$ 2,500.00
To Date	\$82,329.00	\$105,500.00

Online payments can be made directly into the Bank account of St. Anthony's – Butterfield Bank - BD\$ Current A/c – 20006060061567100 and US \$ Current A/c - 20006840061567100. Please make sure to indicate what the donation is for in the memo field when making the payment i.e. Gen collection; Maintenance; Mission Sunday, etc. Multiple payments can be made for those times that you are away or on vacation. Please note, that we are charged \$ 20 for US checks drawn on a US Bank.

Collection Counters

This Weekend Dec 8, Jackie and Delia

Next Weekend Dec 15, Cindy and Wendy

PARISH

Pastors Note

Dear Friends,

The liturgy of this Sunday brings to us John the Baptist who is inviting the people to CONVERT, repent from sins and prepare to meet with the coming Messiah. What does it mean “to convert”? In the language of the Gospel it has nothing to do with changing religion or church. It is about a change of mentality; it is to change the way we look at life and we understand it, to change the direction in which our life is going; going from “A” to “B”. “A” is to think that we are good with our life and that the source of our problems and suffering is something external to us, somebody or some situation that is not what it is supposed to be. When we are in the position “A” we may either be religious and pray to God to change the reality or the people, or believe that there is no God or it does not care about us otherwise he would have done things better. The position “B” instead is to believe that if things are not going well with us or if we are experiencing some suffering it is because that is something that is not right within ourselves, in our heart, in our way to see things. Even if we do not understand yet what it is, I can accept that at the end the problem is within me and not outside. If I embrace the position “B”, then the Kingdom of God is at hand, because Messiah is coming to fix the

problem of our heart and soul: there is a new hope for my life. The Baptism of John the Baptist was an exterior sign that one recognizes that our problem is with me and I need the coming Messiah to change my heart and feelings and the way I look at life. Then the Kingdom of God is really at hand, because I will discover that there is a God there who loves me and that everything that is happening to me is good for me, provided that I can look at life with the right eyes, the eyes of God and of Jesus Christ. God bless you all.

Fr. Attilio

Fr. Attilio's Christmas Open House and House Warming will be on Sunday December the 29th at St. Anthony's Rectory from 5:30 PM until 9:30 PM.

Those who wish to help refurbishing our newly renovated rectory can offer gift certificates from International Import (at Parlaville) or some other store that may sell Kitchenware.

St. Anthony's Christmas Fair

Please see insert of all the Raffle Winners. **Thank you to our generous Raffle prize donors, sellers and supporters!**

Eucharistic Minister Training and Certification

If you have not yet registered for the training sessions please do so as soon as possible. Registration forms can be sent to orcc@northrock.bm or given to Fr. Attilio

Volunteers are always needed, for the office and for CCD, to teach faith our children.

If you want to communicate with us via email, use the following address: stanthonybermuda@gmail.com. We are doing our best to make our church accessible for the needs of the people so that we can be at your service more effectively. Thank you for your patience. Fr. Attilio Morelli.

Church Office hours are: 10:00am to 2:00pm - Monday to Friday
Telephone: 238-1784 and also if needed 777-2166 or 524-1026

DIOCESE

THE BISHOP'S CORNER

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

There is a Polish saying that states "gentlemen do not talk about money, they simply have it." I do not want it to seem that I am not being a gentleman but I feel I need to talk to you about money, especially as we are getting closer to the end of 2019, I would like to "sum up" the year.

This year's report on the Bishop's Appeal has been recently presented to me as well as to the Diocesan Finance Council (DFC). It states that an amount of \$143,202.64 has been generously donated by you, the faithful of our Diocese, during this fund raising appeal. All the members of the DFC were very positively surprised with the amount raised. I would like to

express my sincere gratitude to all the donors for their generosity and support. I really appreciate it especially as I am aware that we are going through difficult economic times. I do my shopping regularly so I am very conscious that the cost of living has increased significantly. Despite these factors, you have shown much understanding and generosity. I always hesitate to do this Appeal for I find it is a kind of additional duty for you. It is a wonderful feeling though to know that you do not hesitate to assist our Diocese and its works. **THANK YOU!**

I also wish to advise you that the amount collected in response to the call to help the Bahamas after the devastation of Hurricane Dorian was \$30,808.40. This money has been transferred to the Antilles Episcopal Conference which coordinates relief actions for the Nassau Archdiocese. On behalf of Archbishop Patrick Pinder, our Metropolitan, and the Bahamian people, I express deep gratitude for your generosity and readiness to share what you have with those who have suffered and are in need. Without a doubt it is a visible gesture of a corporal works of mercy and of love towards thy neighbor. Again **THANK YOU!**

Have a beautiful Sunday and a good second week of Advent!
Bishop Wes

Diocesan Reconciliation Service will be held on **Friday December 17th at St. Theresa's Cathedral**. Priests will be available for confessions.

Bermuda Youth Group

Email for the Bermuda Catholic Youth Group is catholicyouthbda@gmail.com or check them out on Facebook at BermudaCatholic YouthGroup and on Instagram @catholicyouthbda for more information.

Caritas House of Prayer (236-5877): Quiet Wednesday, December 11th: The recitation of the Rosary at 10:30am followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:45am. Advent Retreat Afternoon: Sunday, December 15th afternoon: 2 – 5 PM. You are invited to take a break from the shopping and baking to spend some time in prayer as we anticipate Christmas. Advent Prayer helps are also at the doors of the Church. Planning ahead: Mark the dates now: Diocesan Women's retreat will take place at Grotto Bay hotel on February 7th through 9th, Title: "Come to the Feast" presenter will be Sister Cathy Stare. Theme: Each of us is invited to receive the great gift of prayer that the Spirit gives us. The gift of prayer always responds to our need: prayer can be as beautiful as the sunrise, as deep as the ocean, as challenging as a storm, or as hopeful as the sighting of the first longtail in spring. Application forms available in the back of the Church or contact Sister Judith by phone, 236-5877 or email, bcaritas@northrock.bm. With any questions you may have.

Vocations www.vocationculture.ca

John the Baptizer made ready the way of the Lord. Who will make ready the way today? (Luke 3:1-6)

