

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



[FACEBOOK – St. Anthony's Church](#)

Follow our Church's on Facebook page
[@stanthonybermuda](#) or our Pastor Fr. Allilio on
Facebook at www.facebook.com/fattiliom for updates
and to remain connected with us.



St. Anthony's Church



26 Middle Road -Warwick WK03, Bermuda
Phone: (Office Direct Line) 441-238-1784
Pastor's Mobile: 441-777-2166 also Whats app
and Telegram
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 (PCG):
Fridays @ 8:15pm – TV Room, in the Cottage
Neocatechumenal Community (NCW):
Wednesdays & Saturdays 8:00 PM in the Hall

Masses at St. Anthony's - Fr. Attilio will say Private Mass everyday

Sat	Mar 21	+Manuel Moura
Sun	Mar 22	Mass for all Parishioners
Tue	Mar 24	+Ian Mackie
Wed	Mar 25	+Alan Power
Thu	Mar 26	+Roland White
Fri	Mar 27	+Nancy Gibney
Sat	Mar 28	+Manuel Moura and Family
Sun	Mar 29	Mass for all Parishioners

Sunday morning the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

St. Anthony's Church will be open daily for Private Prayer from 8:00 am – 8:00 pm

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.*

Collections - (St. Anthony's)

	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Mar 14/15	\$ 1,001.00	\$ 2,500.00
To Date	\$ 16,156.00	\$ 32,500.00

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.

PARISH

Pastors Note

Dear friends,

The past week the theme of the readings was the living water, image of the Holy Spirit, principle of the inner life of the Christian. Today the readings speak about light and sight. There is a direct reference to Baptism (washing in the Pool of Siloam). All the readings of these Sundays leading to Easter have a Baptismal reference. They are used by the Church to prepare the Catechumens for the reception of the sacrament during the Easter Vigil. Catechumens were the Adults who were preparing for Baptism. The whole Easter Vigil goes around Christ as the light of the world. Together with it there is the theme of light versus darkness, day versus night, blindness and sight. This man was blind. Jesus passes by. Notice that the blind man did not ask anything to Jesus. For what he is concerned he might not have noticed even that he was there. Jesus throws mud on his eyes, he feels dirty so he goes to wash and he sees! Then he cannot stop telling the story. Notice the parallel with the story of the Samaritan of the past week. She too did not look for Jesus, no idea of who he was. Jesus makes her feel dirty so to say, exposing the filth of her private life, but then kind of washes her not making her feel judged, allowing her to feel the forgiveness of God, so that she goes back to the village and tells everybody: there is a man who told me everything I have done. But note the difference: the Samaritans go to Jesus and want to find out for themselves, while the Judaeans have a hard time accepting the evidence and antepose their theological knowledge and prejudice to the hard facts. These pharisees thought that they already know the answer to

everything and did not allow the reality around them question their position. That is why Jesus said that the fact that they were blind was not the problem. The Samaritans in a sense were blind too. The problem was that they said that they were seeing. Frankly, at times this may be the problem that we may have too. If we feel Christ too far away from us, that may be it seems that he has not delivered the promises that were made to us, rather than thinking that maybe this Faith thing is all fake..... isn't it rather that there may be some area where we think that we see clear and we may not be willing to accept that we are blind? **God Bless Fr. Attilio**

DIOCESE

THE BISHOP'S CORNER

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

In 1957 the Nobel Prize in Literature was won by Albert Camus. He was 44 at the time which made him the second youngest recipient in history. Actually, the youngest was Rudyard Kipling. Camus can be described as a French Algerian philosopher, author and journalist.

One of his principal novels is entitled "The Plague" which was published in 1947 in Paris. Realistically, this book is about an epidemic plague in the city of Oran, Algeria. However, it is a universal work as it was created from the author's personal experience in relation to war, exclusion, death, mass destruction and a constant sense of danger. It is also a story about the growth of evil and various human attitudes. "The Plague" is a parabolic novel that uses a generalization to present issues that are current in every era. The reflections of the narrator, dialogues, doubts, views, observations, are an expression of the struggle with evil that must be clarified, interpreted and qualified. It is a story about basic human dilemmas, matters of conscience, interpersonal contacts, faith and honour.

One of the protagonists of the novel is Fr. Paneloux, for whom the plague becomes a moment of great transformation. First, he preaches that the plague is God's punishment for the sins and godlessness of the people. However, when he witnesses the death of a child, he undergoes a profound change.

The narrator describes it in this way:

Paneloux spoke in a softer tone, more thoughtful than the first time, and the audience noticed several times that he hesitantly chose his words. Interestingly enough, he no longer said "you" but "we." Paneloux said forcefully that there are things that can be explained in relation to God, and others that cannot be explained. Of course, there is good and evil, and in general it is easy to explain what separates them. However, the difficulty begins with evil. For example, there exists evil that can be seen as seemingly necessary but there is also evil that can be seen as seemingly useless. If it is fair that lightning strikes an unbeliever, how can one understand a child's suffering. Indeed, there is nothing more important on earth than a child's suffering, the fear that this suffering brings, and the reasons that must be found for it. Everything else in life is facilitated by God but before we get to this point, religion has no merit. However, in this instance God pushes us against the wall. So we are under the walls of the plague and in their mortal shadow we must find a blessing for ourselves. Father Paneloux refused even the easy ways of getting through this wall. It would be convenient for him to say that the pleasures that are waiting for a child can compensate for their suffering, but he really knows nothing about it. How could a claim for eternal joy make up for a moment of human suffering? Certainly it would not be a Christian whose Lord suffered in body and soul. No, Father Paneloux will remain at the foot of the wall, loyal to this

passion, whose symbol is the cross, face to face with the suffering of a child. He would say without fear to those who listen to him today: "My brothers, the moment has come. We have to believe in everything or deny everything. Who among us would dare to deny everything?"

A few more quotations:

"I know for sure that everyone carries the plague, because nobody, no one in the world is free from it. You have to watch over yourself constantly so that when you are distracted, you do not breathe the plague into the face of another person and infect them."

"Plagues are indeed ordinary, but it is hard to believe when they hit us. There were as much plagues in the world as there were wars. Nevertheless, plagues and wars always find people just as surprised."

"There is always an hour in history when one who dares to say that two and two are four is punishable by death."

"Within an individual there is more that deserves admiration than contempt."

"Nothing in the world is worth turning a man away from that which he loves."

"One should not listen to those moralists who say that you have to get on your knees and give up everything. One just has to go forward in the dark, a bit blindly and try to do good."

I am aware that it is a very long Bishop's Corner but I presume we now have more time for reading. ☺ Stay well and safe! **Bishop Wes**

Caritas House of Prayer:

1) All programs at Caritas have been suspended until further notice as is our ministry to the nursing homes and hospital. 2) You may be interested to know that Bishop Robert Baron has his daily Mass on you tube...the beauty of this is that you can watch it at any time of day/night. 3) **Here is a reflection for this week:** Lent is now half over. Our Lord is calling us to follow Him with renewed energy and enthusiasm. God is constantly searching for us. He is the Hound of Heaven. We cannot let fear keep us from responding to His call. We have His promise that He will be with us always. During this present health crisis in our world let us pray for faith that God is with us, always with us but remember that he expects us to do our part in changing ourselves and situations within our power. Lent is about conversion, a change of heart. One of the outstanding features of the ministry of Jesus was his acceptance of everyone, especially those whom society shunned--- tax collectors, beggars, prostitutes, the poor, sinners. As we travel through these Lenten days, and this world crisis let us examine ourselves on how accepting we are of others who are different from ourselves and how willing are we to comply with what we have been asked to do without complaining or criticizing. Jesus looked with love on those who suffered...let us do likewise and be conscious of those who are and will be experiencing great financial difficulties. Let us ask ourselves if there are any ways we can help. May these days be grace-filled for all. Sisters Dolores and Judith

Vocations www.vocationculture.ca

God so loved the world that he gave us his only Son. What can we give in return? John 3:14-21)