

Church Bulletin for October 18th, 2020



Church of the Annunciation

Ludlow, VT

Holy Name Of Mary

Proctorsville, VT



Father Thomas Mosher, Pastor

Lord's Day Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:30 P.M.

Sunday 8:00 A.M. & 10:00 A.M.

Holy Days and Daily Masses: As scheduled in the bulletin

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45 to 4:15 P.M.

Tuesday 6:00 to 7:00 P.M.

Sacraments of Baptism and Marriage: By appointment

Sacrament of the Sick: Please call the Parish Priest at 802-228-3451

New Parishioners: Welcome! *Please pick up the registration forms
at the Church entry ways, fill in your information and mail to the Parish office.*

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM; Friday 8 AM - 12:00 PM

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**ANNOUNCED MASSES
FOR THE WEEK**

SATURDAY 4:30 PM	October 17 Margaret Rock Libuda <i>By the Family</i>	ABVM
SUNDAY 8:00 AM	October 18 Leta Hudgings <i>By Clay Hudgings</i>	ABVM
10:00 AM	Mary Singleton <i>By the Schmidt Family</i>	
MONDAY 8:00 AM	October 19 Richard and Bunny Strong <i>By the Family</i>	ABVM
TUESDAY 5:30 PM	October 20 Pro Populo	ABVM
WEDNESDAY 8:00 AM	October 21 John Libuda <i>By the Family</i>	ABVM
THURSDAY NO MASS	October 22	
FRIDAY 8:00 AM	For the Conversion of Sinners	ABVM
SATURDAY 4:30 PM	October 24 Jan and Janina Sliwinski <i>By Family and Friends</i>	ABVM
SUNDAY 8:00 AM	October 25 Theresa and William Garrow, III <i>By the Mike Tuomisto Family</i>	ABVM
10:00 AM	Wanda Wierzbicki <i>By Kamelia Wierzbicki</i>	



Please pray for our Sick Members (Note: If you are wanting a name added or removed from the sick list, please let the Parish Office know via email or phone).

Robert Martin, Maurice Doucette, Jack Miller, Mike Ahern, Mary Pat Mulholland, Daniel Adler, Bill Roddy, Lou Ann Leary, Mary Ellen Ahern, Rita Higgins, Jeannie Findling.

Please remember our Faithful Departed

Charlene Kolenda, Patricia Kirkbride, Michael Pember, Frank Romano, John Montgomery, Patricia O'Connell, Robert Kirkbride, Ellen Parrish, Seamus Armstrong, John O'Neil, Daniel Sullivan, Elizabeth McPartland.

Lectors at Annunciation Church

This weekend: I. Montgomery, A. Cherico, R. Dunseith
Next weekend: J. McLaughlin, D. Simmons, A. Cherico

Ushers at Annunciation

This weekend: D. Sheehan, J. Nicoll, T. Gurdak-Carter
Next weekend: D. Sheehan, J. Nicoll, T. Gurdak-Carter

Eucharistic Ministers

This weekend: TBA
Next Weekend: TBA



ALL SOULS' DAY COMMEMORATION

It is the ancient tradition of the Church to offer prayers for the deceased, especially on All Souls' Day, November the 2nd. The positioning of this day is providential in that it immediately follows All Saints' Day. This gives us an opportunity to honor and pray for those who, as we pray in the Eucharistic Prayer, "have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith," but who have not been canonized, that is, named saints by the Church. To assist in this, envelopes have been placed in your Bulletin. Fill out the envelope with the names of the persons you would like us to remember, and then either drop it in the Collection or mail it to the Rectory. Names given to us will be inscribed in the Book of the Dead, which will remain in the Church throughout the month of November. Mass on all Souls Day and on varying days in November will be offered for these intentions.

HOW TO PUT OUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL :

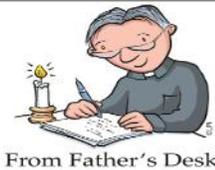
After providing for your families and loved ones, parishioners may want to include the Parish in your wills, thus helping to assure the long-term future of the Parish and the work that must continue in generations to come. Bequests are free of estate tax and can substantially reduce the amount of your assets claimed by the government. You can give needed support to either of our Parishes by simply including the following words in your will: "I give, devise and bequeath to Church of the Annunciation Parish Charitable Trust in Ludlow, Vermont... or... Holy Name of Mary Parish Charitable Trust in Proctorsville, Vermont (insert amount being given here) to be used to support the ministry of the Parish".

A bequest can be a specific amount, a specific piece of property, a percentage of an estate, or all or part of the residue of an estate. You can also name the Parish as a contingency beneficiary in the event someone named in your will is no longer living. It is recommended that a lawyer help in drafting or amending a will.

Parish Support

		<i>ABVM</i>	<i>HNM</i>
October 11, 2020	(Offering)	\$1,450	\$361
	(Fuel)	\$920	\$178





From Father's Desk

The other night I went outside late with the dog, and while she was policing the area for errant squirrels or neighbors' cats my eyes turned skyward.

I saw an astonishing phenomenon: among the stars that usually fill the night sky there was one star that was glowing a brilliant orange. I thought my eyes were deceiving me, but each time I looked up, there was that orange star. I'd never seen this before, so I went indoors and googled "What's the bright orange star up in the sky?"

The answer came; it is a star named Arcturus. I can usually pick out the planet Venus, which is often so bright that you can see it before nightfall, and I saw it almost immediately. I'm not good at defining the constellations, usually only finding Orion and Ursa Major, known commonly as The Big Dipper. I cannot name other constellations, planets or individual stars, which is why this new discovery caught my imagination. I learned from my brief research that when you see a star low above the horizon, you're seeing it through a greater thickness of atmosphere than when it is shining high overhead. The atmosphere refracts or splits the star's light to cause the star to shine in what appears to be various colors. There are three stars visible to us in the Northern Hemisphere that appear in color, but Arcturus is the only one I've seen.

Arcturus is much larger than the sun, but much farther away. The sun is 93 million miles from the earth; Arcturus is 37 light years away. A light year equals roughly 6 trillion miles, which would put Arcturus about 222 trillion miles from the earth. If NASA were to send me up there in the rockets we have available today, the journey there would take around 74 years. Assuming I arrived there, planted a flag and returned immediately, I'd be 215 years old upon my return. Arcturus should be visible in a clear sky for the entire month of October. To find it, first locate the Big Dipper. As you follow the Dipper's curved handle, keep following it in a curve beyond the final star and you'll find Arcturus in an almost straight line from there.

While walking back into the house, I thought I'd recite that little ditty, "Star light, star bright, first star I see to-night..." but I had actually already seen many others. What came to mind instead was the second stanza of the hymn, "Let All Things Now Living." It begins, "[God's] law He enforces... the stars in their courses... the sun in its orbit... obediently shine." What little I know of astronomy is that the heavenly bodies never veer from their courses, all is planned by God. Now and then a meteor might crash into a planet or moon, but otherwise there is perfect order in the Universe.

God's imperfect Creation is Man. Yet He created a perfect place for Man to live, beginning in Eden. Our hope is for Heaven, which is also God's perfect Creation, which thinking in an anthropocentric manner, we imagine as being up above the sky. This is no doubt based in the manner in which Saint Luke describes the Apostles experiencing Our Lord's Ascension: "When [Jesus] had said this, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as He was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen Him going into heaven.'" (Acts, 1:10-11) >>>

Heaven is mentioned only briefly in both the Creed ("Creator of heaven and earth") and the Lord's Prayer ("Our Father who art in heaven.") Heaven is described nearly as briefly in the Catechism as "a communion of life and love with the Holy Trinity, with the Virgin Mary, the angels and all the Blessed. Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness." As Saint Ambrose wrote, "Life is to be with Christ; where Christ is, there is life, there is the Kingdom." Something to keep in mind when stargazing... all the while hoping for eternal life.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through Him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
He came down from heaven,

(Here we bow for the next line.)

... And by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake, He was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
He suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the Prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church,
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen

Prayer to Saint Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle,
be our protection against the wickedness and snares
of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host,
by the power of God, thrust into Hell
Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about
the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.