

# Church Bulletin for November 29th, 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

<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30 PM	<b>November 28</b> <b>John Montgomery</b> <i>By Isabel Montgomery</i>	<b>ABVM</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 8:00 AM	<b>November 29</b> <b>James Ghia</b> <i>By Barbara Ghia</i>	<b>ABVM</b>
<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Stan Firkey</b> <i>By the Family</i>	
<b>MONDAY</b> 8:00 AM	<b>November 30</b> <b>All Souls Intentions</b>	<b>ABVM</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 5:30 PM	<b>December 1</b> <b>Pro Populo</b>	<b>ABVM</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 8:00 AM	<b>December 2</b> <b>Fr. John Valley</b> <i>By Fr. Mosher</i>	<b>ABVM</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> NO MASS	<b>December 3</b>	<b>ABVM</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> 8:00 AM	<b>December 4</b> <b>Emily Chambers</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30 PM	<b>December 5</b> <b>Alan Stretton</b> <i>By Martha Stretton</i>	<b>ABVM</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 8:00 AM	<b>December 6</b> <b>For Peace</b> <i>By the Knights of Columbus</i>	<b>ABVM</b>
<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Pro Populo</b>	



**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, Emily Chambers.

**Lectors at Annunciation Church**

**This weekend:** I. Montgomery, A. Cherico, J. McLaughlin  
**Next weekend:** I. Montgomery, K of C, D. Simmons

**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:** C. Hudgings, M. Barton, S. Bixby  
**Next Weekend:** S. Bixby, C. Hudgings, D. Simmons

**Coronavirus Identity Tracing**

Our Bishop has required that all persons attending Mass should sign in as you enter the church. This will provide identity tracing so that we can notify you if anyone has tested positive for Covid at a Mass you've attended. We need your name, the number of people in your party, and either a phone number or e-mail address. Regular parishioners need only write your name and the number in your party, since we already have the contact information we need. This information will not be used for any other purpose, and will be discarded after thirty days. Thank you for your cheerful cooperation.

**The Giving Tree**

Happily, all the ornaments were taken from the Giving Tree on the first weekend. Here's a reminder: Gifts are due back to the Parish Hall, which is open every day, by December 14th. Please attach the ornament to your gift. Some fortunate young people will be the recipients of your thoughtfulness and generosity.

**Parish Support - November 22, 2020**

	<b>ABVM</b>	<b>HNМ</b>
Offering	\$802	\$400

**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.



From Father's Desk

I have always thought it bad form to put up Christmas decorations before Thanksgiving, but I think that this year will prove the exception to my judgment.

With the observance of Thanksgiving crushed for most people by Covid protocols, one can hardly blame anyone else for forging ahead to a bit of Christmas cheer in the form of lights on the house and displays in the yard. It has become expected for merchants to set the tone early in hopes of expanding the shopping season, yet I have seen, before the customary Thanksgiving threshold, some homes decked out, with even a Christmas tree in one house, and have thought, "Go for it. Overcome the restrictions and the disappointments, rejoice and be glad!"

The lights we see here and there reflect the tradition of placing a candle in the window on Christmas Eve in order to guide the Christ Child to our homes, in case He "finds no room at the Inn" elsewhere. This tradition is expanded wonderfully in Mexico in the *Las Posadas* tradition of lining the streets with *luminarias* (paper lamps) providing a path to the church so that Christ as well as the Faithful will find their way for Christmas Mass. My Mother always lit a single candle in the living room window on Christmas Eve, a tradition which seems to have expanded into my personal custom of placing a light in every window of the house. (I think it just looks a bit more festive.)

Light is, of course, increasingly important to us as we make our way into the increasing darkness of Winter. At least putting up Christmas lights early can be a way of expressing a desire for light rather than dark. Our Lord spoke of people who "loved the dark rather than the light" (John 3:19) and we see that today in those who would ban any mention of Christmas at all. In creating the cosmos, God the Father's first words were, "Let there be light." Beyond the illumination of the sun for the earth, we speak of the light as Jesus Himself in the Creed, describing Him as "light from light."

A few Christmas hymns come to mind here: "Break Forth O Beauteous, Heavenly Light... and usher in the morning." The morning of which we speak in this lustrous hymn harmonized by J. S. Bach, is the New Covenant, begun in Our Lord Jesus Christ. In one of my favorites, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," we speak back through time to our ancestors who lived in that holy city as we sing to them, "... yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light. The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight." That is to say Christ Himself, humanity's great hope, is met tonight. In the fourth verse of "See Amid the Winter's Snow" the shepherds take their turn now to speak to us, saying, "As we watched at dead of night... lo, we saw a wondrous light... angels singing 'Peace on earth'... told us of the Saviour's birth."

So, decorate when you feel the time is right in this most curious year. Take for your direction a line from the hymn "People, Look East:" "...make you house fair as you are able... trim the hearth and set the table... Love, the Guest is on the way."

### 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.

