

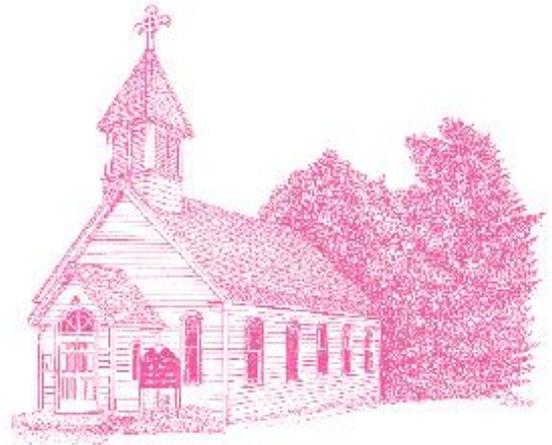
Church Bulletin for December 13th, 2020

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	December 12 William and Virginia Shaver <i>By Martha Stretton</i>	ABVM
SUNDAY 8:00 AM	December 13 Jan and Janina Sliwinski <i>By Family and Friends</i>	ABVM
10:00 AM	Pro Populo	
MONDAY 8:00 AM	December 14 Healing for Dan Adler <i>By His Family</i>	ABVM
TUESDAY 5:30 PM	December 15 Frank Romano	ABVM
WEDNESDAY 8:00 AM	December 16 Gerard Snyder	ABVM
THURSDAY NO MASS	December 17	ABVM
FRIDAY 8:00 AM	December 18 John Wheeler	
SATURDAY 4:30 PM	December 19 John Montgomery <i>By Isabel Montgomery</i>	ABVM
SUNDAY 8:00 AM	December 20 Jan and Janina Sliwinski <i>By Family and Friends</i>	ABVM
10:00 AM	Pro Populo	

CHRISTMAS CAKE AND BAKE SALE

Ladies of the Parish will be holding a Christmas Cake & Bake Sale after all the Masses next weekend. This will provide an excellent opportunity to store up goodies for the forthcoming Holidays without having to do the baking yourself. Come and make a purchase; Yule be happy you did!

Parish Support

	ABVM	HNM
November 29th	\$1,037	\$160
December 6th	\$891	\$215



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, Mike Mineo.

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: J. McLaughlin, A. Cherico, J. Corrigan

Next weekend: I. Montgomery, J. McLaughlin, R. Dunseith

Ushers at Annunciation

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

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Eucharistic Ministers

This weekend: C. Hudgings, M. Barton, S. Bixby

Next Weekend: S. Bixby, D. Simmons, C. Hudgings

Coronavirus Identity Tracing

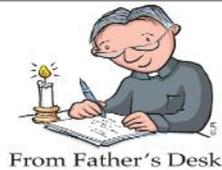
Our Bishop has required that all persons attending Mass should sign in as you enter the church. This will provide identity tracing so that we can notify you if anyone has tested positive for Covid at a Mass you've attended. We need your name, the number of people in your party, and either a phone number 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.

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.

I haven't read Gabriel García Márquez's 1985 novel "Love in the Time of Cholera," but the title has seemed to speak to me when thinking of "Christmas in the Time of Coronavirus."



From Father's Desk

We will have a very different observance this year, with fewer people, less travel, no parties, and a mostly empty church. Christmas this year will come amidst some truly difficult circumstances, not unlike the original story as we read it in the Gospels. Found only in two of the Gospels: Saint Matthew and Saint Luke, the Infancy Narratives, as they're known, have all the best elements of storytelling: a homeless family, an innocent Babe, an evil king, a star in the sky, exotic visitors from distant lands, an escape to a foreign country... Yet in the telling, we must think about how extremely difficult that first Christmas was for the Holy Family.

My family history relates stories of Christmas during the Great Depression, when my Mother and her siblings each got an orange in their stocking, and little else. And of Christmases during World War II when all the men in our family were away at war. I'm certain that every family has a few stories of un-met hopes and expectations, and of Christmases that have gone awry. And now we will end the disastrous year of 2020 with all kinds of regulations, suggestions, and even arguments about the best way to share the joy without sharing the virus.

To this end, we have prepared for our Christmas Masses in a manner that should help everyone who wishes to attend Mass, to do so without worry. We have added a second Mass on Christmas Eve in order to give people an expanded choice for attendance. In addition, we will have closed-circuit television extended into the Parish Hall for any overflow. This will allow for social distancing in an otherwise crowded situation.

Masses will be at 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. It would be a gesture of kindness and hospitality for us "Regulars" to plan to attend the later Mass in order to make room for those irregular attendees whom we cannot contact, to attend the earlier Mass which is always overcrowded. Or perhaps a change of tradition in which your family might choose to attend Mass on Christmas Day instead. Mass that day will be at 10:00 a.m. It's important to remember the centrality of Holy Mass on the Feast of Christmas, whether we attend on the 24th or the 25th. Everything else adds to this, but can never replace it. There will be some, if not many, who will choose to absent themselves, wisely, from attending Mass. But let's not allow this to become a new norm nor form for our celebrating this Feast so important to our lives of faith.

The lighthearted 1963 Christmas-y tune, "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year," can lead us to good cheer, but beyond this, we should hold onto the opening words of the 12th century Wexford Carol: "Good Christians all, this wintertime... consider well, and bear in mind... what our good God for us has done... in sending His Beloved Son."



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.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve: 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Day: 10:00 a.m.



New Year's Eve: 4:30 p.m.
New Year's Day: 10:00 a.m.

Please Note:

In order to avoid crowding and maintain social distancing:

+Masses will be broadcast live to the Parish Hall via closed-circuit television.

+As many local parishioners as possible are requested to avoid the 5:00 Mass in order to allow space for visitors whom we cannot warn about distancing.