

Church Bulletin for December 20th, 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 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	
MONDAY 8:00 AM	December 21 Bernard, Dolorita & Edna Noonan <i>By Paul and Clorinda Noonan</i>	ABVM
TUESDAY 5:30 PM	December 22 Leandra and Filomena Casario Cristina and Michael DiFiore <i>By Paul and Clorinda Noonan</i>	ABVM
WEDNESDAY NO MASS	December 23	
THURSDAY 5:00 PM	December 24 Michael and Rita Langello Michelle Hughes <i>By Marianne Langello</i>	ABVM
7:00 PM	90th Birthday for Joe Leary	
FRIDAY 10:00 AM	December 25 Deceased Members of Paige Family <i>By the Family</i>	ABVM
SATURDAY 4:30 PM	December 26 T. Frank Kennedy <i>By Isabel Montgomery</i>	ABVM
SUNDAY 8:00 AM	December 27 Jeannette Conderino <i>By Phil Conderino and Family</i>	ABVM
10:00 AM	Wanda Wierzbicki <i>By Kamelia Wierzbicki</i>	

Parish Support for December 13th

ABVM \$1,387 HNM \$215

CHRISTMAS CAKE AND BAKE SALE

Ladies of the Parish will be holding a Christmas Cake & Bake Sale after all the Masses this 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!



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, Mary Ellen Ahern, Rita Higgins, Jeannie Findling, Mike Mineo, Tim Reilly.

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, J. McLaughlin, R. Dunseith

Next weekend: I. Montgomery, A. Cherico, J. Corrigan

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

Next Weekend: S. Bixby, D. Simmons, M. Barton

Coronavirus Identity Tracing

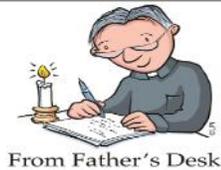
Our Bishop has required that all persons attending Mass should sign in as you enter the church. This will provide identity tracing so that we can notify you if anyone has tested positive for Covid at a Mass you've attended. We need your name, the number of people in your party, and either a phone number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

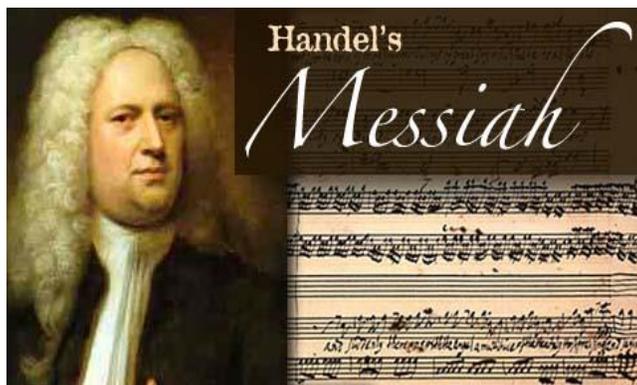
Boston's Handel & Haydn Society was founded in 1815 and has performed non-stop since then. That is, of course, until this year: the entire season was canceled. This is unprecedented, since the Society continued through the the Civil War, the Spanish Flu, the Great Depression and two World Wars. In 2015 my brother and I attended their bicentennial performance of Handel's "Messiah" and had planned to make this an annual event. Instead, the Oratorio will be performed live on Boston's WGBH, Channel 2, this Sunday, at 7:00 pm. I'm not sure I get this channel, but I'm going to give it a try.



George Frideric Handel (1685-1759) composed "The Messiah," his most famous choral work, in 1741, completing it in an astonishing three weeks. While Christmas-y tunes are being played in shops and on the car radio, my preference is for this work during Advent. I rarely listen to it all the way through, as it is performed annually by H&H; I just listen to the Christmas section. This first part of the work begins with the prophecies of Isaiah, with one or two passages from Haggai and Malachi, and continues to the Gospel of Saint Luke, ending with the angels singing "Glory to God" above the shepherds in the fields.

Everyone has their favorite parts in this section of the work; mine are two: "And the Glory of the Lord" along with "For Unto Us a Child is Born." The music is joyful, yet contains Scriptural lyrics which maintain a profundity that keeps it from becoming toe-tapping. I like to sing along, but have trouble with all the runs. At Our Lady of the Snows in Woodstock, my former parish, the performance of the Messiah was the crowning event of Wassail Weekend, which celebrated the coming of Christmas in manners both sacred and profane. Soloists and a small orchestra were hired, but anyone who showed up with a libretto could sing along in the loosely-organized Chorus. Some years I joined the Chorus, but rarely attempted the more difficult parts.. or the really high notes... or the really low notes.

The singing always concluded with the "Hallelujah Chorus," which is actually not part of the Christmas section; it comes in the Easter segment, celebrating the Lord's Resurrection. This spectacular piece was always sung in the parish of my youth as the Recessional Hymn at Midnight Mass by our Choir of fifty or so voices and a marvelous pipe organ. There are few Midnight Masses now, and even fewer choirs who could attempt a feat such as the Hallelujah Chorus. So, for our Christmas Masses, we will sing together some familiar Carols, muffled as they will be, through face masks. Let's sing heartily, offering praise to the Lord. He will be most pleased with our efforts.



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.