

# Church Bulletin for December 27th, 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>December 26</b> <b>T. Frank Kennedy</b> <i>By Isabel Montgomery</i>	<b>ABVM</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 8:00 AM	<b>December 27</b> <b>Jeannette Conderino</b> <i>By Phil Conderino and Family</i>	<b>ABVM</b>
<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Wanda Wierzbicki</b> <i>By Kamelia Wierzbicki</i>	
<b>MONDAY</b> 8:00 AM	<b>December 28</b> <b>Special Intention for the Parrish Family</b> <i>By Jim Parrish</i>	<b>ABVM</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 5:30 PM	<b>December 29</b> <b>Helen Rock</b> <i>By the Libuda Family</i>	<b>ABVM</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> NO MASS	<b>December 30</b>	
<b>THURSDAY</b> 4:30 PM	<b>December 31</b> <b>Joseph, Elizabeth and Leandro Casarino</b> <i>By Paul and Clorinda Noonan</i>	<b>ABVM</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> 10:00 AM	<b>January 1</b> <b>Charles and Margaret Mosher</b> <i>By the Family</i>	<b>ABVM</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30 PM	<b>January 2</b> <b>Vito and Rose Palmisano</b> <i>By Paul and Clorinda Noonan</i>	<b>ABVM</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 8:00 AM	<b>January 3</b> <b>Jerry Dodd</b> <i>By Suzanne Wooten</i>	<b>ABVM</b>
<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Pro Populo</b>	

**DUE TO EARLY SUBMISSION OF THE BULLETIN, PARISH SUPPORT WILL BE PRINTED AT A LATER DATE.**

**MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE**

Next weekend we will have our monthly food drive for Black River Good Neighbors' Food Shelf. At this time, there is a specific need for the following items:

- \* Pasta and Pasta Sauce
- \* Coffee
- \* Tuna and Canned Meat
- \* Canned Fruit and Vegetables

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity.



**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 Rodd, 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, A. Cherico, J. Corrigan  
**Next weekend:** TBA

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

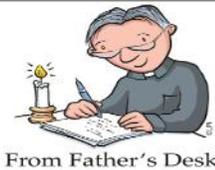
**Coronavirus Identity Tracing**

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.



From Father's Desk

One seldom hears anyone wishing you a Merry Christmas since it became somewhat politically incorrect, beginning in the late 1960's, bowing to the pressures of non-Christians, atheists and myriad non-believers. Some have been attempting, for more than half a century, to replace the religious meaning of the Holy Day with something of a culturally-defined, values-neutral holiday. This being said, however, our present Covid status seems to be bringing out a softer side to the prevailing ill winds of anti-Christianity, and I receive this greeting here and there where once it was mostly absent.

The word "holiday" is, of course a contraction of the words "Holy Day." This sort of linguistic laziness began in England where they're still learning to speak proper English. Instead, they often drop letters and entire syllables in their unruly pronunciation. During the Protestant revolt, there were so many Catholic Holy Days on the calendar that the newly-minted Church of England had to replace them with something to keep the newly-minted Protestants from revolting further. Hence "holidays" were born of former Holy Days, and some new ones were invented while many Holy Days were eliminated.

The Christmas greeting varies from one culture to the next, differing especially in northern and southern Europe. The Mediterranean cultures in Italy, Spain and Portugal employ the word referring to the Lord's Nativity in their greeting: the Portuguese *Feliz Natal*... the Spanish *Feliz Navidad*... the Italian *Buon Natale*, all the aforementioned deriving from the Latin *Natalis*, meaning "Birth." The greeting differs as one ventures farther north. In Germany one says, *Frohe Weihnachten*, meaning "happy Holy Night," coming from a combination of Nordic and Middle German wording. In France, the *Joyeux Noël* is a little more complex in its history and translation. One school of thought suggests that it goes as far back as the Hebrew *Nolad El*, meaning roughly "God is born." Others think it resembles the Norman-Saxon *Nowell*, meaning something close to "shouts of joy!"

In Poland, the greeting is *Wesołych Świąt* which translates into "Happy Holy Day," since this greeting is used for both Christmas and Easter. In Finland, the greeting is *hyvää joulus*, which translates directly to "Merry Christmas." In England, however, the emphasis differs. Our greeting of "Merry Christmas" dates back to the 11th century "*Cristes messe*" speaking to Christ's Mass celebrated on the Feast of the Lord's Nativity.

Ever wonder what is meant when seeing the abbreviated greeting "Merry Xmas?" Although some may have co-opted this phrasing in order to dumb down the religiosity of this Holy Day, it actually derives from the Greek name for Christ *Xp̄istoç*, using only His first initial: X. So, be sure to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, *Joyeux Noël* or *hyvää joulus*, whichever applies, until the Epiphany, which is January 3rd this year.

### 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.

### NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

**New Year's Eve: 4:30 p.m.**

**New Year's Day: 10:00 a.m.**

