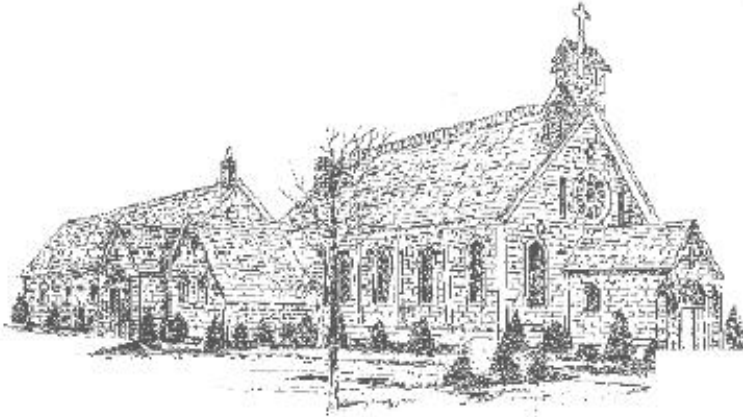


Church Bulletin for February 7th, 2021

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
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
8:00 am—Noon

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**ANNOUNCED MASSES
FOR THE WEEK**

SATURDAY **February 6**
4:30 PM **Pro Populo**

SUNDAY **February 7**
8:00 AM **Robert R. Kirkbride**
 By the family

10:00 AM **Ellen Parrish**
 By Nancy Joyce

MONDAY **February 8**
8:00 AM **Timothy Clouart**

TUESDAY **February 9**
5:30 PM **Gerard Snyder**

WEDNESDAY **February 10**
8:00 AM **Winifred Merritt**

THURSDAY **February 11**
NO MASS

FRIDAY **February 12**
8:00 AM **Lynn Smith**

SATURDAY **February 13**
4:30 PM **Maurice Doucette**
 By Nancy Joyce

SUNDAY **February 14**
8:00AM **Howard Barton, Jr.**

10:00AM **Pro Populo**



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, Jack Miller, Mike Ahern, Mary Pat Mulholland, Daniel Adler, Bill Rodd, 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, Keith Miile, Colleen Fitzgerald, Maurice Doucette, Tim Reilly.

Lectors at Annunciation Church

This weekend: I. Montgomery, K of C, B. Martin
Next weekend: T. Kelly, A. Cherico, J. McLaughlin

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

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

Our monthly Food Collection for the Black River Good Neighbor Food Shelf will take place this weekend. Non-Perishable items may be placed in the baskets at the church doors. Especially needed are coffee, tuna, canned fruits and veggies, pasta and pasta sauce.



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".

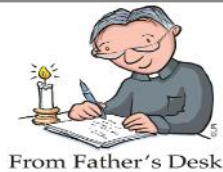
A bequest can be a specific amount, a specific piece of property, a percentage of an estate, or all or part of the residue of an estate. You can also name the Parish as a contingency beneficiary in the event someone named in your will is no longer living. It is recommended that a lawyer help in drafting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

Parish Support—January 31st

	<u>ABVM</u>	<u>HNM</u>
Offering	\$1,055	\$366



This Thursday, February 11th, is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. This feast commemorates the apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Saint Bernadette Soubirous on this date in 1858. The reason for the apparition was to affirm the proclamation of the dogma of her Immaculate Conception. This article of our faith was proclaimed just three years earlier (December 8, 1854) by Pope Pius IX. The acceptance of this title and devotion for the Blessed Mother predates the encyclical affirming it by more than 1,500 years. This is an example of the *sensus fidelium*, or the faith of the people, making its way from popular devotion upwards to a final papal proclamation.



From Father's Desk

On that day in February, 1858, Bernadette and her sister went gathering firewood at Massabielle, a large grotto along the River Gave near the village of Lourdes. This is when Our Lady made the first of several appearances. On her fourth visit, when Bernadette asked "the beautiful lady" (she didn't realize it was the Blessed Mother) who she was, Mary answered in the local dialect, "Que soy era immaculada concepciou." (I am the Immaculate Conception). Bernadette, who was illiterate and lived in that small, remote village in the south of France, would not yet have heard of this proclamation, which astounded those to whom she revealed it. It took two years for Church authorities to authenticate Bernadette's testimony.

Our Lady instructed Bernadette to dig in the dirt floor of the grotto, and as she did, water began to flow forth. This spring, believed to have healing qualities, continues to run today. More than six million pilgrims per year go to Lourdes to "take the waters" in bath houses near the grotto. My brother Michael and I went there about 15 years ago on pilgrimage. I have a devotion to Our Lady of Lourdes and he to Our Lady of Fatima so we visited both sites on that trip. Michael "took the waters" which he found freezing cold. I chose not to, since my visit was not one looking for healing, but a visit of thanksgiving for a personal gift attained through intercession to Our Lady.

There are many places around the world where the Blessed Mother has appeared. I have visited the above shrines as well as the sites of her apparitions at Guadalupe, in Mexico City, Walsingham in England, and Knock in Ireland. While there, one can truly sense the presence of the Blessed Mother. And then there is the devotion and piety evident among the other pilgrims. Five years ago I visited the ruins of Mary's home in Nazareth, where the Annunciation took place, as well as the site of Our Lord's birth in Bethlehem, and the Upper Room in Jerusalem where the Holy Spirit was manifest at Pentecost to Mary and the Apostles. There are no tourists in these locations; they would have no interest in the presence, appearance or miracles performed by Our Lady here. I don't know when or even if I will ever be able to make another pilgrimage, but the very thought of the possibility brings me quiet joy. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.



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.

