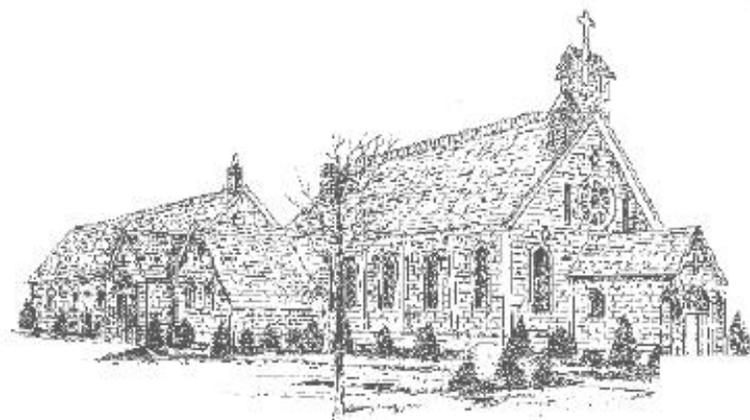


# Church Bulletin for February 14th, 2021

## *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 13**  
**4:30 PM**      **Maurice Doucette**  
*By Nancy Joyce*

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

**10:00AM**      **Pro Populo**

**MONDAY**      **February 15**  
**8:00AM**      **Roselle Friend**  
*By Paul & Clorinda Noonan*

**TUESDAY**      **February 16**  
**5:30PM**      **Margaret Jaird**

**WEDNESDAY**      **February 17**  
**8:00AM**      **James Dunseith**  
*By the Dunseith family*

**THURSDAY**      **February 18**  
**NO MASS**

**FRIDAY**      **February 19**  
**8:00AM**      **For the conversion of sinners**

**SATURDAY**      **February 20**  
**4:30PM**      **John Montgomery**  
*By Isabel Montgomery*

**SUNDAY**      **February 21**  
**8:00AM**      **Theresa and William Garrow III**  
*By the Tuomisto family*

**10:00AM**      **Colleen Fitzgerald**  
*By Anne & Bill Cherico*

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday, February 17th. This is a day of strict fast and abstinence. We abstain from meat on this day, and on all the Fridays of Lent; and on Ash Wednesday we maintain a fast (one main meal and two smaller meals). This includes persons older than 14 years of age and adults whose work or school performance or whose health will not be adversely affected.

Our schedule of Services includes:  
 8:00 a.m. Mass  
 5:30 p.m. Scripture Service

Ashes will be blessed and distributed at both times.

**Parish Support—February 7th**

	<u>ABVM</u>	<u>HNM</u>
Offering	\$1,743	\$670



**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:** T. Kelly, A. Cherico, J. McLaughlin

**Next weekend:** I. Montgomery, D. Simmons, B. Martin

**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, D. Simmons, S. Bixby

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

**A FOND FAREWELL**

After working for seven years as Parish Secretary, Irene has chosen to retire. We'll miss her and wish her well in her retirement. Because of covid restrictions, we can't have a farewell party, but if you would like to send a card with best wishes, you may do so to:

Irene Pearson  
 185 Buttermilk Falls Road  
 Ludlow, VT 05149

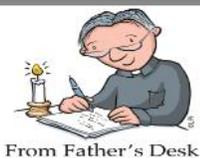


**HOW TO PUT OUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL :**

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.

Saint Valentine's Day has been observed by the Catholic Church since late in the 4th century. Only recently has the "Saint" part of today's holiday been omitted as the celebration has passed into cultural oblivion. I fear that one day the same could happen to Saint Patrick, as the secular world seeks means of getting through the winter with some frivolity.



From Father's Desk

Saint Valentine was unceremoniously dropped from the universal liturgical calendar in the revisions of 1969, replaced by the brothers, Saints Cyril and Methodius, known as "The Apostles to the Slavs." Bringing the Gospel to Eastern Europe in the 9th century, these missionaries found the natives to be mostly illiterate, so St. Cyril developed an alphabet for them, still known today as the Cyrillic Alphabet, the basis for the modern Russian language.

Why did Saint Valentine disappear from the liturgical calendar while remaining on the secular one? Here's a hint from Butler's "Lives of the Saints," published in 1926: "The commemoration of St. Valentine on February 14 affords an interesting example of the peculiar difficulties which beset the student of early hagiography [study of the Saints] and of the mixture of truth and fiction which is commonly to be found in such abstracts of traditional belief as in the Roman Martyrology." This means that, while the church is certain that St. Valentine really existed and lived a holy life, so little is known about him that some folklore shrouds accuracy in his study.

What we do know is that Valentine was a priest who lived in Rome in the 3rd century, who was apprehended by the Emperor Claudius II himself, who tried to force Valentine into renouncing his Christian faith. To no avail. The Emperor personally witnessed Valentine's martyrdom, first being beaten with clubs and then finished off by beheading in the year 269. Pope Julius built a church in St. Valentine's honor near Rome's recently renamed *Porta del Popolo* (the people's gate), originally known as the *Porta Valentini*. It is thought that this particular date was chosen to counteract the pagan practice of sending love notes on the 14th of February in honor of the goddess Februata Juno. This is based further on nature studies which suggest that birds, in that warmer climate, choose their mates on this day for the coming nesting year.

While on sabbatical in Rome in 2016, I visited the Church of *Santa Maria in Cosmedin* (Cosmedin is the name of the neighborhood where this ancient church is located). There, to my surprise, I found the Reliquary which holds the remains of Saint Valentine. I checked with one of my Professors as to the veracity of these relics, and he said that they were most certainly valid, having been venerated there since the earliest days of the Church. This church with its relics of Saint Valentine has become, over the many years, a place of pilgrimage for those seeking a suitable religious partner in marriage.

The earliest reference of sending a love note on St. Valentine's Day is found in a letter written in 1477 by one Margery Drews, looking for a match for her marriageable daughter. While attending Catholic grade school, we exchanged Valentines with all our classmates along with a party at the end of the school day. We were required to give a Valentine to every classmate, not just the ones we liked the most... a lesson in charity overcoming romance.

**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.

