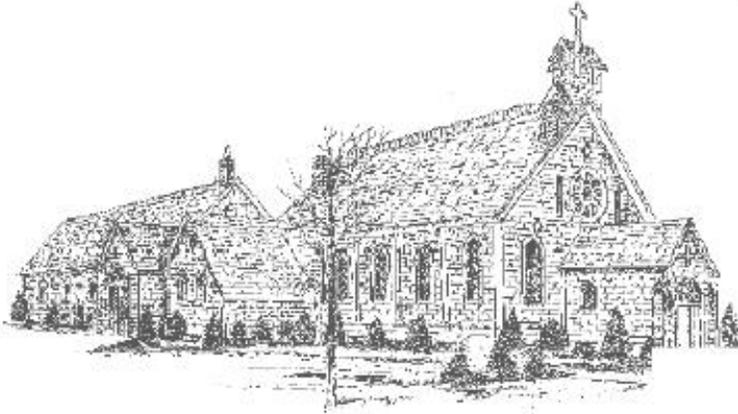


# Church Bulletin for March 7th, 2021

## *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

<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30PM	<b>March 6</b> <b>Pro Populo</b>	<b>ABVM</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 8:00AM	<b>March 7</b> <b>Howard Barton, Jr.</b>	<b>ABVM</b>
<b>10:00AM</b>	<b>Maurice Doucette</b> <i>By the LeClaire family</i>	
<b>MONDAY</b> 8:00AM	<b>March 8</b> <b>Timothy Clouart</b>	<b>ABVM</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 5:30PM	<b>March 9</b> <b>Scott Pierce</b>	<b>ABVM</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 8:00AM	<b>March 10</b> <b>Tim Reilly</b>	<b>ABVM</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> NO MASS	<b>March 11</b>	
<b>FRIDAY</b> 8:00AM	<b>March 12</b> <b>Michael Letourneau</b>	<b>ABVM</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30 PM	<b>March 13</b> <b>Joan Ciuffo</b> <i>By the family</i>	<b>ABVM</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 8:00AM	<b>March 14</b> <b>James J. Domini</b> <i>By Joseph &amp; Susan Casario</i>	<b>ABVM</b>
<b>10:00AM</b>	<b>James Kelly</b> <i>By Paul &amp; Clorinda Noonan</i>	

### LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Our annual Deanery-wide Lenten Reconciliation Service will take place **today, Sunday, March 7th at 3:00 p.m. at Saint Mary's Church in Springfield.** There will be several priests available to hear Confessions. Protocols for safety will be maintained.



### Parish Support—February 28th

	<u>ABVM</u>	<u>HNM</u>
<b>Offering</b>	<b>\$1,691</b>	<b>\$263</b>
<b>Lenten Alms for the Poor</b>	<b>\$371</b>	<b>\$61</b>

**Second Collection Next Week:**  
**Fuel**



**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, 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, Fran Milo

### **Lectors**

**This weekend:** T. Kelly, Knights of Columbus, B. Martin  
**Next weekend:** I. Montgomery, A. Cherico, J. McLaughlin

### **Ushers**

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

### Prayer to St. Joseph

Oh St. Joseph whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the Throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

Oh St. Joseph do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord; so that having engaged here below your Heavenly power I may offer my Thanksgiving and Homage to the most Loving of Fathers.

Oh St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine Head for me, and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath.



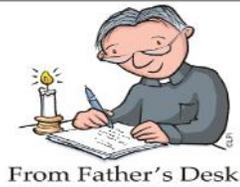
St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls, pray for us. Amen.

### 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.

In the daily Readings from the Holy Office which I read and pray every morning, we have come, in this second week of Lent, to the Book of Exodus. By now, the plagues have convinced Pharaoh to release the Hebrews into the desert, not knowing that they will one day reach The Promised Land. Moses and the Chosen People have just begun their foray into the desert, unaware that this trek will take forty years.



From Father's Desk

Forty years would span two generations, meaning that the people who entered the desert will not be the people who come out the other side; it will be their grandchildren. This younger generation will not have experienced slavery in Egypt, but will have been formed by their wanderings in the desert, trusting God to show them the way. As we know the story, God provided for their needs, though the people were dissatisfied and complained constantly. However, it was during this exodus that God gave them the Ten Commandments, instructing them in how to live the Covenant first entrusted to Abraham of ancient memory. Freed from slavery, the Commandments would form their identity as freemen. Now, the faith would be their own, formed by God in the desert, fighting their way into the Promised Land.

While on pilgrimage to the Holy Land five years ago, our Director had us stop at a particular passage on the road to Jericho where we had an extensive overlook. One could see for miles across low mountain ranges, desert expanses and narrow valleys with dry river beds. As I took it all in, all I could think of was the Hebrew people finally arriving here in Judea, looking at nothing but rocks and sand, wondering to themselves, "So this is the Promised Land?"

I see the ancient exodus as a euphemism for our passage through this season of Lent. While we already know the length of the journey (forty days) as well as the ending point (Easter), the desert we experience consists of the disciplines outlined for us on Ash Wednesday: praying, fasting and almsgiving. Our hope is that, like the ancient Hebrews, we who enter the desert might not be the same persons who come out the other end: transformed by our observance into a deepened identity as the People of God, formed by the Commandments and renewed in the sacraments.

It will take patience, so we must avoid grumbling or complaining. What is needed is trust in the Providence of God, who will provide what we need for the journey and lead us, not by a cloud or a pillar of fire, but by the desire of our hearts to a more profound identity based in Lenten renewal. The Promised Land will provide the "new and improved" version of ourselves: people who have grown in holiness, an Easter people.

**MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION**

This weekend, March 6/7, we are having our monthly collection of food for our local Food Bank. Non-perishable items may be placed in the baskets at the church doors. They especially request canned tuna, coffee, pasta and pasta sauce among other items. Our needy neighbors will be most appreciative of your thoughtfulness.

**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.

