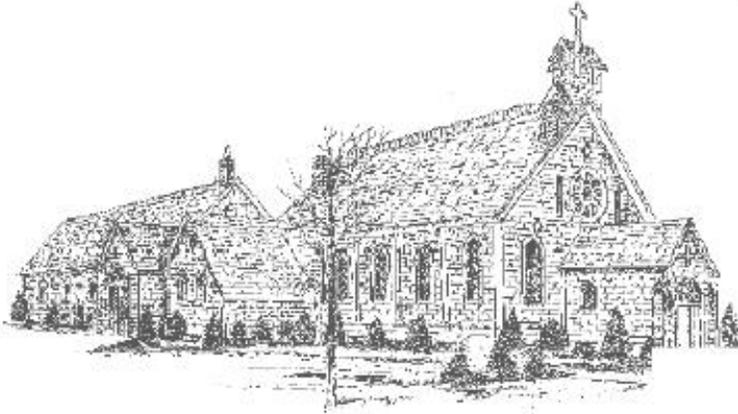


Church Bulletin for March 14th, 2021

*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 **March 13**
4:30 PM **Joan Ciufu**
By the family

SUNDAY **March 14**
8:00AM **James J. Domini**
By Joseph & Susan Casario

10:00AM **James Kelly**
By Paul & Clorinda Noonan

MONDAY **March 15**
8:00AM **Thomas Lovett**
By Bob & Mary Ann Gessner

TUESDAY **March 16**
5:30PM **Mildred Cutrifello**

WEDNESDAY **March 17**
8:00AM **Jack & Jane Parrish**
By Jim Parrish

THURSDAY **March 18**
NO MASS

FRIDAY **March 19**
8:00AM **Robert Kirkbride**
By the family

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

SUNDAY **March 21**
8:00AM **Robert Kirkbride, Sr. (1st Anniv.)**
By the family

10:00AM **Martha Lange**
By the family



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: I. Montgomery, A. Cherico, J. McLaughlin
Next weekend: T. Kelly, D. Simmons, B. Martin

Ushers

This weekend: D. Sheehan, J. Nicoll, T. Gurdak-Carter
Next weekend: D. Sheehan, J. Nicoll, T. Gurdak-Carter

Eucharistic Ministers

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

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.



Parish Support—March 7th

| | <u>ABVM</u> | <u>HNM</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Offering | \$1,069 | \$231 |
| Lenten Alms for the Poor | \$293 | \$50 |

**Second Collection Next Week:
 Catholic Relief Services**

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

Saint Joseph was my mother's favorite Saint. She told me once that she had prayed to Saint Joseph for more than 30 years in the hopes that one of her five sons would become a priest. Perhaps to convince him, she named her final two sons in his honor: my brothers Daniel Joseph and Joseph Anthony. Apparently Joseph chose the unexpected son instead. I was baptized at Saint Joseph's Church in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio before we later moved to the big city and bright lights of Akron, and Saint Sebastian's Parish.

Joseph belongs to a small cadre of Saints who enjoy two feast days, along with Peter, Paul and John the Baptist. On the First of May, we celebrate Saint Joseph the Worker. This feast was inaugurated by Pope Pius XII in 1955 as a counter-celebration to the communist May Day celebrations, which included International Workers' Day. But he is most recognized on March 19th in his title "Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary." He is also, of course, the foster-father of Jesus.

All that we know about Saint Joseph can be found in the Gospels of Saint Luke and Saint Matthew. The original "strong, silent type," he utters not a single word in the Gospels, content to allow the Blessed Virgin Mary to take center stage. He is known as a man who trusts in his dreams and in God's angels. If he had lacked the openness and imagination to believe in God's word to him, Mary would have been stoned to death. So, where would we be without him? Tradition suggests that he died before the Lord's public ministry, surrounded by Jesus and Mary, thus becoming the Patron to whom we pray for a happy death.

Joseph is usually depicted in art holding the Christ Child or a carpenter's square, as well as a lily, the symbol of purity, since his marriage with Our Blessed Mother was one of chastity. For this reason he is often depicted as an older man since his relationship with the Blessed Mother was one of Protector rather than one who would have conjugal rights. The statue in our church depicts him with the Christ Child, but the Child is holding the lily for him. Our diocesan Cathedral is named for Saint Joseph, who is the secondary patron for the diocese, following the Blessed Mother in her title of the Immaculate Conception.

As head of the Holy Family, depicted in artwork in the rear of our church, he is invoked by some for protecting the family home during storms as well as for assistance in selling the home when needed. "*Ite ad Joseph*" meaning "Go to Joseph," is a phrase borrowed from the Old Testament. They are the words of Pharaoh to the people of Egypt during the years of famine. (Genesis 41:55) This, though, is Joseph, the beloved son of the Patriarch Jacob. The phrase, however, was borrowed by St. André Bessette, carved beneath the statue of Saint Joseph at the foot of the hill leading up to Saint Joseph's Oratory in Montréal. These words can become a direction for prayer for us now, especially in this Year of Joseph.

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.

