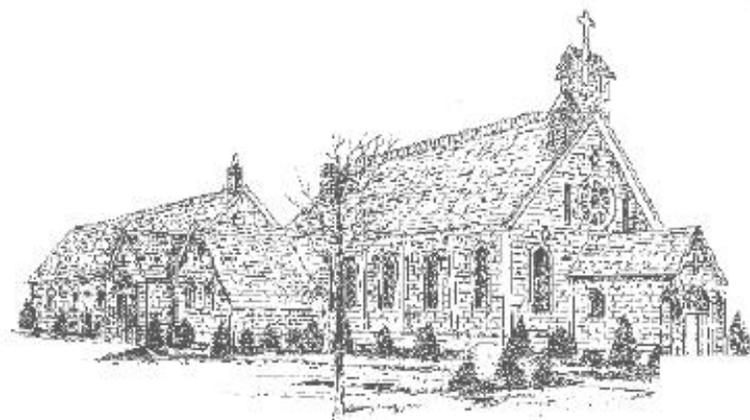


Church Bulletin for March 21st, 2021

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 4:30PM	March 20 John Montgomery <i>By Isabel Montgomery</i>
SUNDAY 8:00AM	March 21 Robert Kirkbride, Sr. (1st Anniv.) <i>By the family</i>
10:00AM	Martha Lange <i>By the family</i>
MONDAY 8:00AM	March 22 For the conversion of sinners
TUESDAY 5:30PM	March 23 Lawrence Kirchoff <i>By Bob & Mary Ann Gessner</i>
WEDNESDAY 8:00AM	March 24 Fran Milo
THURSDAY 8:00AM	March 25 Peter Mercier
FRIDAY NO MASS	March 26
SATURDAY 4:30 PM	March 27 Pro Populo
SUNDAY 8:00AM	March 28 James Ghia
10:00AM	Herve Racicot <i>By the Schmidt family</i>



Feast of the Annunciation

This Thursday, March 25th, is the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord, our parish feast day. There will be Mass at 8:00 in the morning, but Covid restrictions preclude anything further. Since there is Mass on Thursday, Father Mosher will be taking Friday off this week, meaning that there will be no Mass on Friday.

Parish Support—March 14th

	<u>ABVM</u>	<u>HNM</u>
Offering	\$1,045	\$311
Fuel	\$539	\$226

Second Collection Next Week:
Lenten Alms for the Poor



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, D. Simmons, B. Martin

Next weekend: J. McLaughlin, A. Cherico, D. Dunseith

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, D. Simmons, C. Hudgings

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.



From Father's Desk

With Holy Week and Easter having become victims of last year's Church closures, it means that we haven't observed these sacred days for two years now. Long-lived customs can go by the way-side surprisingly quickly when suspended, especially by edict. It's up to us to keep our traditions vibrant and continuous, even though we may have gotten out of practice. Although we were permitted to celebrate Christmas openly this year, people stayed away in droves, fearing the Church might be overcrowded as in former years, leaving us with a mostly empty space for Christmas Masses, despite our lengthy and involved preparations.

Will the same thing take place this Easter? I fear that it's likely. With the pandemic continuing, vaccinations slow in coming, and the Bishops' retaining the abrogation of the Sunday Mass Obligation, many will feel justified to remain at home. Holy Week Masses and Services have never been crowded, with the richness of the sacred liturgies appealing to fewer people. We will continue, of course, but with a few slight modifications: The Palm Sunday Procession will be optional; Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday eliminated and Adoration abbreviated; Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday reimagined. These adaptations will feel strange, but the essence of the holy days will remain. We've known them for too many years to allow temporary changes to devoid these practices of their meaning.

The Death and Resurrection of the Lord are at the center of our Catholic belief in Redemption. Although many people feel a closer or more sentimental link to Christmas, this event is not even mentioned in two of the four Gospels. This is because, as my Scripture Professor at Seminary explained it, the Gospels were likely written "backwards," meaning that the Evangelists began with the Resurrection and worked their way back through the teaching, ministry and miracles of the Lord's public life. Matthew and Luke went back to the Lord's Nativity; John went all the way back to "the beginning." Mark, the first of the Gospels to be written, takes the reader back only to the preaching of John the Baptist and the Lord's Baptism. My prof even described the Gospel of John as "a Passion Narrative with a very long introduction."

We cover the length of the Lord's life each year, with a change of emphasis depending upon which year in the three-year cycle of Readings we happen to find ourselves. In Holy Week, the Passion of Saint John is always read on Good Friday, but the Passion read on Palm Sunday rotates. This year we will hear Saint Mark's version. Lacking our missalettes, we will be unable to read the Passion in the "Reader's Theater" approach of the past fifty years. Instead, on both Palm Sunday and Good Friday the Celebrant will proclaim the Passion as the people in the pews listen.

Pope Benedict famously predicted, way back in 1969, that we would become a "smaller, but purer Church." The smallness has become visible; the purification must take place in order that the Faith might be handed down to the next generations. It's up to us, pandemic or not, to maintain the Faith as that Faithful Remnant on whom the Lord will continue to build His Church.

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.

Annual Vermont Catholic Men's Conference:

Saturday, March 27th, 2021 9:00AM – Noon via Zoom.

The Keynote speaker is retired Air Force Captain Guy Gruters. Guy is a decorated Vietnam War veteran who spent 5 ½ years as a POW in Vietnam, and a lifetime Catholic. Other speakers will include Bishop Coyne & Msgr. John McDermott.

The cost is free, but registration is necessary.

Registration and more info at: www.vermontcatholic.org/men

Call John Morin for more info (802) 885-3946

