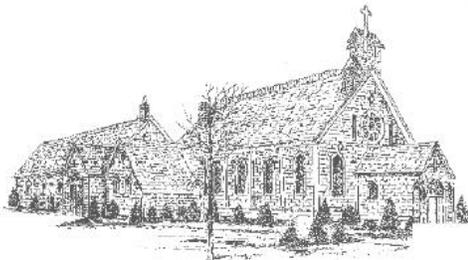


Church Bulletin for Divine Mercy Sunday 2021



***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	April 10 Maurice Doucette <i>By Annette Doucette</i>
SUNDAY 8:00AM	April 11 Gabriel Kahn <i>By the Dunseith family</i>
10:00AM	Pro Populo
MONDAY 8:00AM	April 12 For a special intention <i>By Paul & Clorinda Noonan</i>
TUESDAY 5:30PM	April 13 Virginia Gurdak
WEDNESDAY 8:00AM	April 14 Robert Parrish <i>By Jim Parrish</i>
THURSDAY NO MASS	April 15
FRIDAY 8:00AM	April 16 Nancy Martel
SATURDAY 4:30PM	April 17 John Montgomery <i>By Isabel Montgomery</i>
SUNDAY 8:00AM	April 18 Pro Populo
10:00AM	Carole de Knipp <i>By family</i>

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

This weekend is our monthly food collection for Black River Good Neighbors Food Shelf. Non-perishable items may be placed in the baskets by the church doors. Our neighbors in need will be most appreciative.

Parish Support—March 28th

	<u>ABVM</u>	<u>HNM</u>
Offering	\$1,628	\$365
Alms for the Poor	\$527	\$197

Parish Support—Easter Sunday

	<u>ABVM</u>	<u>HNM</u>
Offering	\$4,584	\$690
Holy Land	\$486	\$330



Please pray for our Sick Members*

Robert Martin, Jack Miller, Mike Ahern, Mary Pat Mulholland, Daniel Adler, Bill Rodd, Rita Higgins, Jeannie Findling, Mike Mineo

Please remember our Faithful Departed

John Montgomery, Patricia O'Connell, Ellen Parrish, Seamus Armstrong, John O'Neil, Elizabeth McPartland, Emily Chambers, Colleen Fitzgerald, Maurice Doucette, Tim Reilly, Fran Milo, Clark Johnson

*If you are wanting a name added or removed from the sick list, please let the Parish Office know via email or phone.

Lectors

This weekend: J. McLaughlin, A. Cherico, I. Montgomery
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

LENTEN ALMS FOR THE POOR

During Lent we take up Alms for the Poor on the Sundays when there is no mandated Second Collection. Parishioners and Visitors here have always responded with generosity. Below is a report of the funds brought in during this Lent:

Ash Wednesday: \$1,454
Sunday Alms: \$1,500
Baby Bottles: \$3,050
Total: \$6,004

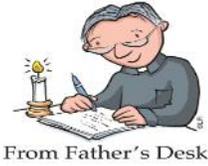
God is never outdone in generosity. He will reward those who are generous toward the poor with special blessings.

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.

Easter in my youth was a greatly anticipated Feast. Not only did we get to give up giving-up, but there were treats galore: Easter baskets well-hidden, candy from one Grandmother and a new white shirt from the other. Easter was also the day when we received new shoes, since no one would buy new shoes for a boy in the winter. My Dad disliked lamb, so Easter Dinner was ham, etc.



From Father's Desk

We attended school all through Holy Week, but it was wonderfully interrupted with visits to church for choir practice, Holy Thursday Mass and Good Friday devotions. Then there were Confessions. Those poor priests: hearing 800 Confessions in this busiest of weeks. The kids in public school had Holy Week off, nodding to the religious needs of pupils and families, back in the days before the government went Godless. We didn't travel at Easter since one set of grandparents and most of our cousins lived within walking distance.

Easter Monday was a special day in our parish. Although we had Easter week off from school, we went to Mass on Monday morning where we were given an Easter egg from Monsignor. They were beautifully colored by the Nuns. Imagine coloring 800 eggs for children who would have preferred a chocolate bunny. Lunch that day, and for much of the Easter Octave, consisted of egg salad sandwiches, in which Mom wisely helped us to use up those and other colored eggs.

But, what of Eastertide now? Since we live in a culture that is more into anticipation than lasting celebration, retailers and florists have already moved on to Mother's Day. The Easter season continues liturgically for fifty days until Pentecost. Lilies and jelly beans will be long gone by then, so how will we maintain the joy of this season? By not considering spiritual joy to be too much like emotional joy. We're not meant to maintain a party spirit, but instead are to keep the beauty and the quiet joy of the Easter story close to us: redemption won for us through the Death and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus.

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday, a recent addition to the Church's liturgical calendar. It makes sense that it would come on the Octave of Easter, because God's Divine Mercy is what

Easter is all about. Our loving God does not want to hold us in our sins, especially having sent His Son for their reparation. His love for us will stack things in favor of overcoming our sins (the purpose of the Lenten season) and living with some measure of peace and joy in a State of Grace. So, while reveling in God's gift of mercy, we don't want to become presumptuous, but instead wish to live as people shriven and grateful for it, endeavoring to move beyond sin to strive for holiness, and joy. This is the joy that describes the Easter season.



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.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Nancy Martel and Virginia Gurdak, parishioners who have passed away recently.

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.