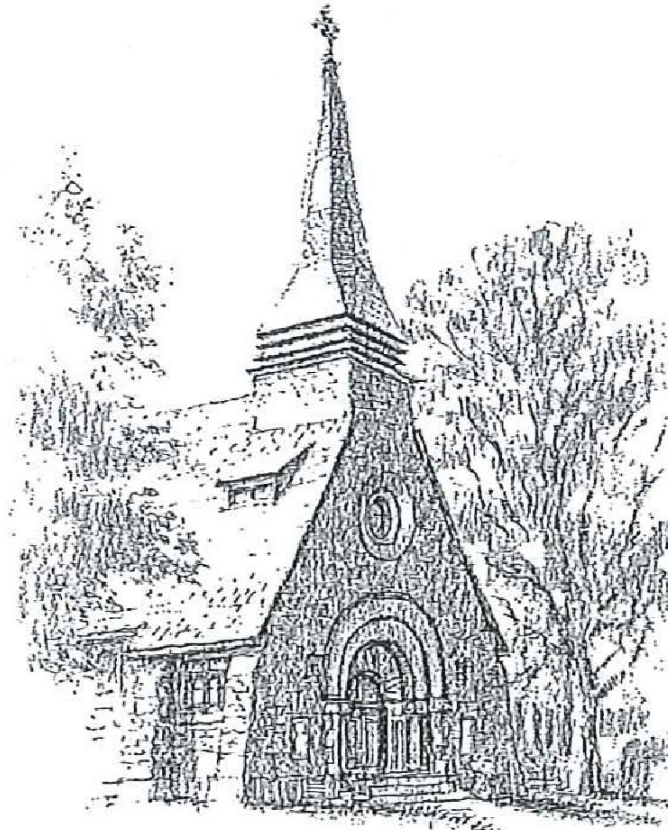


Our Lady of the Snows Parish in Woodstock
Our Lady of the Mountains Church in Killington
December 8, 2019, Second Sunday of Advent



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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. at OLM and 6:00 p.m. at OLS

Sunday: 10:30 a.m. at OLS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 9:00 a.m., at OLS (Check weekly bulletin.)

Confessions: OLS: Friday, 9:30 a.m. & Saturday 7:00 p.m. OLM: Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Dec. 7

Our Lady of the Mountains 4:30 p.m. Mary Wilcox. by Jerry & Arline Drugonis
Our Lady of the Snows 6:00 p.m. For the people of the parish

Sunday, Dec. 8

Our Lady of the Snows 10:30 a.m. Sr. Gemma & Frank Romano

Monday, Dec. 9

Immaculate Conception

Our Lady of the Snows 9:00 a.m. Jim Ryan, by Lucille & Mike McCarthy
6:00 p.m. For the Catholic Church in the USA

Tuesday, Dec. 10

Our Lady of the Snows 9:00 a.m. Ruger Hayes

Wednesday, Dec. 11

Our Lady of the Snows 9:00 a.m. Fr. Andy Houle

Thursday, Dec. 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Our Lady of the Snows 9:00 a.m. Dan Sargent

Friday, Dec. 13

Our Lady of the Snows 9:00 a.m. Sr. Marion Joseph

Saturday, Dec. 14

Our Lady of the Mountains 4:30 p.m. Harry Fiorillo
Our Lady of the Snows 6:00 p.m. For the people of the parish

Sunday, Dec. 15

Our Lady of the Snows 10:30 a.m. Frank & Bea Gyra

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

It is Father Mike's ardent desire to bring the Sacraments to the Sick and the Dying. If you are aware of anyone in need of the Sacraments, be they homebound, hospitalized, in nursing homes or in prison, please notify the parish office and Father will respond as soon as possible.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE SICK

Please remember the following in your prayers this week: Philippe and Therese Rottner, Ted Wills, Anne Marie Bohn, Toby Dube, Alex Booth, Mike Fenn, Melissa Kiely, Greg Flitner, Bob Burke, Brigid Cooke, Frank Gado, Isabella Brosio Lauzon, Sergio Brosio, Fr. John Ahearn, Michael Smith, Peter Daily, Eileen Hayden, Richard Avicolti, Matthew Drugonis, Wyman Rolph, Elinor Anderson, Denise Fullerton Schulz and Brooke Herter James.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Friday,
9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Woodstock

Email: ourladyofthesnows@comcast.net

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

November 30 and December 1
Amount needed weekly: \$2,500

Our Lady of the Snows: \$1,985

Our Lady of the Mountains: \$605

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Frank Joseph Romano who died recently. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus Christ, shepherd of souls, who called the Apostles to be fishers of men, raise up new Apostles in your Holy Church.

Teach them that to serve You is to reign, to possess you is to possess all things.

Kindle in the hearts of our young people the fire of zeal for souls.

Make them eager to spread Your kingdom upon earth.

Grant them the courage to follow You, who are the Way, the Truth, and the Life; who live and reign forever and ever.

Amen.

Our Lady, Mother of Priests, PRAY FOR US.

ADVENT: A SEASON OF JOYFUL PENITENCE

It may sound like a *non-sequitur* to describe the season of Advent as one of “joyful penitence”. However, few things bring more joy to the human soul than living in the Grace of forgiveness, be it human or divine. So, in Advent we give a little more emphasis to the Penitential Rite at the beginning of Mass, moving from “Form B” (Have mercy on us, O Lord...) to “Form A” (the *Confiteor*, “I confess...”) In addition, we will chant the *Kyrie*, while omitting the *Gloria*. In this season we return to the use of Latin for the Sanctus and the Agnus Dei, reflecting the words of “*Sacrosanctum Concilium*”: “The use of the Latin Language is to be preserved in the Latin rites.” and “Gregorian Chant should be given pride of place” (Both from The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of the Documents of the Second Vatican Council: “*Musicam Sacram*”) In these days of constant, rapid change it becomes more and more important for us to conserve the traditions of our Catholic Faith, especially when secular traditions threaten to overrun and re-define the Christmas season. This will be a beautiful season of Grace and Renewal. *Maranatha!* Come, Lord Jesus.

ANNUAL “MESSIAH SING”

On Sunday, December 15, at 4PM, Our Lady of the Snows will host the annual Messiah Sing, our parish’s contribution to Wassail Weekend. There will be a professional orchestra and soloists; but anyone who wishes to sing may join the Chorus. Just bring a libretto. The event is open to the public, and is a truly enjoyable Advent tradition.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Tomorrow, Monday, December 9, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Blessed Mother in her title “The Immaculate Conception” is patroness of both the United States and the Diocese of Burlington. Mass will be at 9am and at 6pm on this day, Monday, December 9. Usually the Feast of the Immaculate Conception is on December 8. This year however December 8 falls on a Sunday. Consequently Mary’s special feast will be celebrated on Monday, December 9.

CHRISTMAS FLORAL TRIBUTES

If you would like to memorialize a loved one with flowers at the altar at Christmas time, simply fill out an envelope for this, and drop it in the Collection over the next few weekends, or mail it to the parish office. Envelopes will be in the pews.

CHRISTMAS WREATH FUNDRAISER

The parish is once again sponsoring our Christmas Wreath fundraiser. We are selling wreaths after Masses and using the funds to offset the cost of Christmas decorations in the church. The wreaths come from a local provider; they cost \$25... \$5 of which is retained by the parish.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR DECEMBER 8-RETIRED RELIGIOUS

The weekend of December 8, the second collection will be for the retired members of the great Religious Orders. Please be as generous as you can.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS

On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, there will be two collections, the first is the regular Christmas Collection. The second collection will be to help pay for the cost of fuel during the cold winter months. Please be as generous as you can.

OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS’ GIVING TREE-2019

Once again, Our Lady of the Snows will be sponsoring the Christmas Giving Tree Project which helps families in need with gifts and food baskets at Thanksgiving/Christmas time.

The “Giving Tree” trees are now up at the back of the church and are filled with gift and food basket requests. We hope that you, as you’ve done for so many years, make this year’s Giving Tree the most successful ever. If you have any questions, please call Bev at 457-4730 or Mary Riley at 457-2183.