

Church Bulletin for September 27th, 2020



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

Tuesday 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM; Friday 8 AM - 12:00 PM

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ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK		
		
SATURDAY 4:30 PM	September 26 Landon Palatino <i>By his Grandfather</i>	ABVM
SUNDAY 8:00 AM	September 27 Patrick and Sara Hanley <i>By Bill and Anne Cherico</i>	ABVM
10:00 AM	Wanda Wierzbicki <i>By Kamelia Wierzbicki</i>	
MONDAY 8:00 AM	September 28 Speedy Recovery for Mary Ellen Ahern	ABVM
TUESDAY 5:30 PM	September 29 Pro Populo	ABVM
WEDNESDAY 8:00 AM	September 30 Dan Sullivan <i>By Lenny and Rita Lawson</i>	ABVM
THURSDAY NO MASS	October 1	
FRIDAY 8:00 AM	October 2 Healing for Dan Adler	ABVM
SATURDAY 4:30 PM	October 3 John Montgomery <i>By Isabel Montgomery</i>	ABVM
SUNDAY 8:00 AM	October 4 For Religious Ed Students <i>By the Knights of Columbus</i>	ABVM
10:00 AM	Mary, Tony, Arthur Antoniewicz <i>By Kamelia Wierzbicki</i>	



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, Maurice Doucette, Jack Miller, Mike Ahern, Mary Pat Mulholland, Cheryl Gurdak, Daniel Adler, Bill Roddy, Lou Ann Leary, Mary Ellen Ahern, Rita Higgins.

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.

Lectors at Annunciation Church

This weekend: J. McLaughlin, A. Cherico, I. Montgomery
Next weekend: I. Montgomery, K of C, R. Dunseith

Ushers at Annunciation

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: TBA



NEW CHURCH SIGN

Perhaps you've noticed that the sign outside the church has been replaced. The previous sign was not only showing symptoms of age, but had begun to rot, as all things do in our climate and therefore could not be repaired. So a new sign has replaced it. It will allow us to make any future changes to the Mass schedule that might be necessary. The cost of the sign will be drawn from the funds of the upcoming Diocesan Capital Campaign. You might have also noticed the re-planting in the small garden that surrounds the sign. I pulled out some dying Spirea and replaced them with some Russian Sage, Lavender and pink Veronica (which some call Speedwell.) These are complemented by Hydrangeas in the back. Take a good look next time you pass.

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.

Parish Support Offering

	<u>ABVM</u>	<u>HNM</u>
September 20, 2020	\$1,026	\$426

MONTHLY FOOD SHELF COLLECTION

Black River Good Neighbors is once again collecting food for our local Food Shelf. So, next weekend, October 3 & 4, we will be accepting donations of non-perishable items. You may place your donations in the baskets by the doors of our church. Our needy neighbors will be most grateful.

Monday of this week is the Feast of Saint Wenceslaus of Christmas Carol fame. However, the Good King really is not connected with Christmas, as we learn when we examine the lyrics of the carol more closely; the event of which the carol sings merely took place on the Feast of Stephen: December the 26th.



When I was young, we tried to sing this Carol as fast as we could, laughing as we stumbled over the arcane language found therein: all the “hithers and thithers” as the page and Monarch trekked “though the rude winds wild lament” to assist a poor man gathering firewood to heat his home. This young silliness missed the message of the Carol, which is more than mere folklore. It is a story of one of our Church’s early saints. I changed my tune, so to speak, after visiting Hradčany Castle in Prague while on pilgrimage in the Czech Republic several years ago. In addition, I’ve listened frequently to a rendition of this carol done by Elisabeth von Trapp who sings of the Saint with profound respect. While visiting the castle I wandered away from the guide to have a look out of a great window that presented a lovely view of the Vltava River and the city of Prague below. As I gazed, I overheard the guide approach and tell the others that this is the very window through which “Good King Wenceslaus Looked Out.” I felt shivers run up my spine to think that I was standing in the very spot where one of our Saints had stood... a thousand years earlier.

Saint Wenceslaus was born in 905, ascending the throne of Bohemia (the original name of the present-day Czech Republic) at the age of 17, following the death of his father and the assassination of his grandmother, Saint Ludmilla. She had introduced Christianity to this pagan territory and paid for it with her life. It was Wenceslaus who oversaw the spread of the Faith in his brief life. His biographer describes him thus: “He was the honor of the clergy, the joy of the poor, the father of orphans, the defender of widows, the visitor of prisoners, and the pious consol-er of all in need. For in the heart of the blessed man, there burned the glorious fire of Charity.” While he was king he brought an end to the death penalty in his realm, so great was his understanding of the sanctity of human life.

He went to celebrate the Feast of Saints Cosmas and Damien, September 26th, 929 at the palace of his brother Boleslaus. Boleslaus resented the strictures of Christianity and looked to succeed his brother on the throne. The day after the Feast Day, while Wenceslaus was on the way to morning Mass, Boleslaus saw his opportunity: he ran the Good King through with this sword, leaving him to die on the steps of the church at the age of 24. Wenceslaus was proclaimed a Martyr immediately by his subjects.

The carol that bears his name tells the story of helping a poor man gathering winter fuel, a windfall of branches near the castle. All trees in the kingdom belonged to the king, but fallen branches could be harvested by anyone. This is why we call a stroke of good luck a windfall. Moved with compassion, the King himself, with the assistance of his page, helped the poor man to gather the fuel needed to heat his home. For those listening closely, the carol closes with this instruction: >>>>

*Therefore, Christian Men, be sure,
Wealth or rank possessing,
Ye who now will bless the poor,
Shall yourselves find blessing.*

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 BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Our annual Blessing of the Animals in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi will take place next Sunday, October 4th, at 11:00 a.m. in the parking lot near the Shrine of the Blessed Mother. The outdoor venue, coupled with social distancing, will make this event safe for all participants. Masks are optional for both Man and Beast.

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