

Church Bulletin for July 4th, 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

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| SATURDAY | July 3 |
| 4:30PM | Pro Populo |
| SUNDAY | July 4 |
| 8:00AM | The Paige Family By the family |
| 10:00AM | Henry and Cecelia Soleski and Cecelia Jack <i>By Henry and Carol Soleski</i> |
| MONDAY | July 5 |
| 8:00AM | Mary Anne Leclercq <i>By Paul and Clorinda Noonan</i> |
| TUESDAY | July 6 |
| 5:30PM | Richard Walker <i>By Lindsay Grattan</i> |
| WEDNESDAY | July 7 |
| 8:00AM | James Casey, Jr. <i>By Mr. and Mrs. James Casey, Sr.</i> |
| THURSDAY | July 8 |
| NO MASS | |
| FRIDAY | July 9 |
| 8:00AM | Healing for John Huffstedler |
| SATURDAY | July 10 |
| 4:30PM | Georgianna Marro |
| SUNDAY | July 11 |
| 8:00AM | Pro Populo |
| 10:00AM | Maurice Doucette <i>By Annette Doucette</i> |

Lectors

This weekend: J. McLaughlin, Knights, D. Dunseith
Next weekend: T. Kelly, D. Simmons, J. McLaughlin

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

Parish Support

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| June 27th | ABVM | HNM |
| Offering | \$1,422 | \$466 |
| Peter's Pence | \$445 | \$116 |

**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, Bessie Centini, Gene Tofferi, John Huffstedler

**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, Virginia Gurdak, Nancy Martel, Mildred Cutrufello

*If you would like a name added or removed from the above lists, please let the Parish Office know via email or phone.

**Our Annual Parish Picnic!**

Our Annual Parish Picnic will take place on Sunday July 25th, beginning at 12:00 noon at Camp Plymouth State Park. The Knights of Columbus will be barbecuing hamburgers and hot dogs. People attending are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. There will be some games available for the younger set. This being our first post-pandemic gathering, let's make it a grand celebration of togetherness.

Congratulations

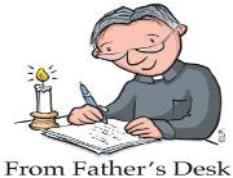
... and best wishes to Marian Macarat of Ludlow and Brian Goodale of Glover, who were married in our Church this week.

**MEMORIAL MASS FOR ELLEN PARRISH**

There will be a Memorial Mass for Ellen Parrish on Saturday, July 17th at 11:00 a.m. at Church of the Annunciation.

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.



My British friend Father Benedict Kiely will be visiting over Independence Day. He frequently bemoans, tongue-in-cheek, that this is a day of mourning for a Brit: loss of the Colonies, and so forth. And to think he scheduled himself to be here in the Colonies for this Holiday makes it all the more delectable for me, finding vicarious pleasure in his suffering. (I'll go to Confession soon.) He'll have a front-row seat for the fireworks from our back yard. And although I'll be preparing an All-American barbecue for our supper, I'll be certain to have plenty of Gin and Tonic on hand to ease the poor bloke's pain.

Independence Day is foremost among our American holidays, with Thanksgiving, in my opinion, coming in second place. Freedom and independence are at the core of our democracy, and Freedom of Religion is certainly at the core of our practice of the Faith. Our nation was founded by those who were seeking religious freedom. This desire never waned from the Landing at Plymouth Rock in 1620, to the penning of the Constitution in 1787, and the addition of the Bill of Rights in 1791. The First Amendment of the Constitution, known as the Establishment, or Free Exercise Clause, proclaimed that the government would not establish a state religion, would maintain an attitude of neutrality toward religion, and, indeed, guarantee the free exercise of any and all religions in our nation.

The First Amendment of the Constitution says nothing of a separation of Church and State. This idea finds its first usage by then-President Thomas Jefferson in a letter written to a Baptist Church in 1802. While the First Amendment separates Church from State, it doesn't necessarily separate religion from public life. One would expect an elected representative to follow his/her conscience, not solely any party line, when considering various bills and positions. And one would also expect the electorate to keep one's own conscience in mind when casting their vote.



Further, the very idea of separation of Church and State does not suggest that we become a Godless, irreligious society. It means searching for the common good in a manner that doesn't send society off the rails into false notions of personal freedom. In our desire to protect freedom, we as people of Faith, should never wander from the Truth, by which I mean divinely-revealed Truth as proclaimed when Christ Our Lord said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." (John 14:6) Freedom is not to be understood as mere license; it involves responsibility and personal sacrifice, perhaps the sacrifices engendered when speaking of eternal and universal Truth when confronted by what Pope Benedict XVI described as the "Dictatorship of Relativism".

So, let's celebrate our freedom and independence today, and enjoy the parades, the speeches, the picnics and the fireworks. It's a time to be grateful for the great nation we call the land of the free, and the home of the brave.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

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.



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.