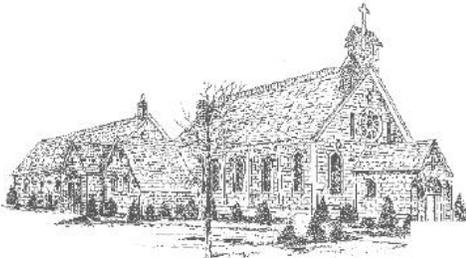


# Church Bulletin for July 11th, 2021



***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**  
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8:00 am—Noon

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## ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>July 10</b>
4:30PM	<b>Georgianna Marro</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>July 11</b>
8:00AM	<b>Pro Populo</b>
10:00AM	<b>Maurice Doucette</b>
	<i>By Annette Doucette</i>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>July 12</b>
8:00AM	<b>Gerard Snyder</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>July 13</b>
5:30PM	<b>Dean Kauppinen</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>July 14</b>
8:00AM	<b>Edward Zienowicz</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>July 15</b>
NO MASS	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>July 16</b>
8:00AM	<b>Harley and Mary Parrish</b>
	<i>By Jim Parrish</i>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>July 17</b>
4:30PM	<b>Mildred Cutrufello</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>July 18</b>
8:00AM	<b>Virginia Gurdak</b>
10:00AM	<b>Pro Populo</b>

**Lectors****This weekend:** T. Kelly, D. Simmons, J. McLaughlin**Next weekend:** I. Montgomery, 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:** C. Hudgings, M. Barton, S. Bixby**Next weekend:** S. Bixby, D. Simmons, C. Hudgings

Due to early submission of the bulletin, parish support for July 4th will be printed next week.

**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, Lawrence Noonan

\*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.

**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.

**SPECIAL REQUEST**

Dayspring Pregnancy Center is looking for donations of brand new baby clothes for both boys and girls, but especially girls, sizes newborn to 24 months. Items can be brought to the church at your convenience.

**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

There was a priest in the Diocese whose preaching style was the stuff of legend. He is probably best known for once delivering a two-sentence sermon that was as effective as it was brief. He stepped into the pulpit one 95-degree Sunday morning and roared to the people (he never needed a microphone), "Well... if you think this is hot... Hell is hotter! You don't want to go there." Upon completion of these mighty words he turned and began the recitation of the Creed as he walked down the pulpit steps.

This particular style of preaching is known as a *ferverino*, meant to convey a message briefly, but usually longer than a mere two-sentence warning. Over the years, I've learned to pare down the Sunday Sermon when temperatures warrant it, into what I call simply my "Hot-weather homilies." You can decide for yourself which brings greater suffering: the summer heat, or my full-length preaching.

With the recent heat wave we've been dealing with, a column on the Fires of Hell seems warranted. There are some who believe that God's mercy is so great that no one has gone to Hell, but the Lord Himself has said otherwise. He speaks not of Hell in the Gospels, but uses the epithet "Gehenna." Gehenna was and is a shallow valley outside of Jerusalem that served as the city dump. There was a perpetual fire burning there, which gave the Lord's listeners a local point of reference for His image. He speaks of Gehenna in reference to the foreboding threat of "should your eye cause your downfall, better to gouge it out and enter Life blind than risk the fires of Gehenna." (Matt. 18:9) When considering the Fires of Hell, we hear Him warn of "unquenchable fire" (Matt 3:12)... of "fire prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matt. 25:41)... of "where the worm dies not and the fire is never extinguished" (Mark 9:48). Need I go on? My palms are sweating as I type this!



There is no direct mention of Purgatory in the Bible, but Catholics look to the Old Testament Book of Maccabees and its enjoiner to pray for the souls of the Dead as a clue to its existence. Dante speaks extensively of this place of purgation and purification in *Purgatorio*, the second book of his Divine Comedy. Fire is mentioned here, but only briefly, toward the end of this passage, where Dante must walk through a wall of flames before re-ascending to "the Earthly Paradise" and eventually make his way to *Paradiso*, or Heaven as we would call it.

Well, I hope this little *ferverino* on hellfire might scare the hell out of us and point us toward the cool breezes of Paradise (Genesis 3:8). In the meantime, let us thank God for His mercy... and for air conditioning.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

**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.