

# Church Bulletin for August 8th, 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 August 7**  
 4:30PM **Richard Whitcomb**  
*By Sal and Alice Campofranco*

**SUNDAY August 8**  
 8:00AM **Howard Barton, Jr.**  
*By the family*  
 10:00AM **Healing for Donna Grant**  
*By Lindsay Grattan*

**MONDAY August 9**  
 NO MASS

**TUESDAY August 10**  
 NO MASS

**WEDNESDAY August 11**  
 8:00AM **Jim Hasson**  
*By Carol Baranowski*

**THURSDAY August 12**  
 NO MASS

**FRIDAY August 13**  
 8:00AM **Ron and Cathy MacNeil**  
*By Jim Parrish*

**SATURDAY August 14**  
 4:30PM **Pro Populo**

**SUNDAY August 15**  
 8:00AM **Patricia Kirkbride**  
 10:00AM **Henry and Cecelia Soleski**



**BISHOP'S FUND UPDATE**

Our donations to the Bishop's Fund enable us to reach out beyond our parish boundaries to participate in the Church's mission throughout the Diocese. In addition to charitable work, the fund provides resources for Parish Religious Education, Catholic Schools, Youth Ministry, Respect for Life Witness and more. Your generous response is vital to the continuation of these ministries.

Here is where we stand in approaching our parish goals:

Annunciation:	\$11,711	62%
Holy Name of Mary:	\$1,100	20%

**Please pray for our Sick Members\***

Robert Martin, Jack Miller, Mike Ahern, Mary Pat Mulholland, Daniel Adler, Bill Rodd, Jeannie Findling, Mike Mineo, Bessie Centini, Gene Tofferi, John Huffstедler



**Please remember our Faithful Departed**

John Montgomery, Patricia O'Connell, 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, Jim Hasson, Rita Higgins, B.J. Stewart

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

**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.

**Lectors**

**This weekend:** I. Montgomery, A. Cherico, J. McLaughlin  
**Next weekend:** J. McLaughlin, D. Simmons, R. Dunseith

**Ushers**

**This weekend:** D. Sheehan, J. Nicoll, T. Gurdak-Carter  
**Next weekend:** D. Sheehan, J. Nicoll, T. Gurdak-Carter

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**This weekend:** TBD  
**Next weekend:** TBD

	<u>Parish Support—August 1st</u>	
	ABVM	HNM
Offering	\$1,283	\$611

This past week we observed the Feast of Saint John Vianney, known also as The Curé of Ars. Ars is the small village in southern France where he served as Pastor most of his priestly life. He is the Patron Saint of Parish Priests.



From Father's Desk

He was born in the French town of Ecully in 1786, and raised during "The Terror," the years following the French Revolution, when the Catholic Faith was outlawed and all churches were closed. He studied his Catechism in the basement of the local Rectory, and made his First Communion in a neighbor's kitchen, where Mass was celebrated secretly, with the windows covered, so that no one could see the candles on the makeshift altar. His education was further interrupted by the Terrors, leaving the young man with a minimal education, insufficient for his eventual admission to the seminary.

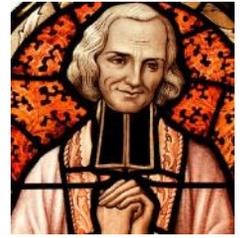
In 1802, Napoleon signed a Concordat with the Vatican, allowing the re-opening of the churches, Catholic schools and seminaries. Vianney then studied with his Pastor to catch up on lost time, and was eventually admitted to the seminary. However, he was twice dismissed because he couldn't master Latin, a requirement that remained in priestly formation until the 1960's. His Pastor was as patient as he was arduous, working with the young Saint, and finally saw him ordained a Priest in 1815. He was assigned to his home parish in Ecully for three years, after which he was given the small parish (230 people) in Ars. When assigning him, his Bishop told him, "There is not much love for God in that town; you will have to bring it to them."

And he did. He immediately cleaned up the neglected church, taught Catechism himself, and encouraged people to return to the Sacraments, especially Sunday Mass and Confession. In a matter of a few years, the people were reawakened to the Faith and the parish was renewed. He became so well loved and admired that people came from all over France to attend Mass and go to Confession. He spent up to sixteen hours a day in the Confessional, stopping only to pray and to fix his supper, which generally consisted of boiled potatoes.

In his preaching and teaching, Vianney was specific about Christ. He knew that great teachers pass on teachings but that Christ passes on Himself. A loving, prayerful relationship with Christ has to be at the center of our faith, even if we're not that well catechized, or find ourselves weak in keeping the church's moral teachings. The universal call to holiness issued in the Second Vatican Council reminds us that we were all created for sainthood, especially in our own time of exaggerated secular influence. As one priest said to me recently, "Saints do not surrender to dissolute moral pathology." In order to hold our own in a rampantly pathological era, we must stay close to the Sacraments.

The Curé once said that "Saints are like so many mirrors in which Christ contemplates Himself." Imagine living a life in which Christ can see Himself! Perfection is not required to begin such a life, but desire for holiness is, as well as the urge to begin, or start anew, an approach to Our Lord. Later receiving an Apparition of the Blessed Mother, she said to him, "What do you ask?" His answer was, "Ah, most loving Mother, I ask for the conversion of sinners, the consolation of the afflicted, and the relief of the sick." Nothing for himself... he was praying for us. >>>

Saint John Vianney died in 1859. He was beatified in 1905 and canonized a saint in 1925. In 2009, the 150th anniversary of his death, Pope Benedict declared a "Year for Priests" whose intention was renewal of the priesthood, so rocked by scandal in recent years. Then, ten years later, his incorrupt heart was sent on an around-the-world pilgrimage for veneration by priests as well as the laity. His relic was brought to Vermont that year, and I was able to make a "pilgrimage" to venerate his heart. While my priesthood seems rather ordinary in comparison to that of this great Saint, visiting and viewing his heart was a source of great peace and renewal.



### Responsorial Psalm

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

### 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.