

Church Bulletin for November 28th, 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 Father Mosher 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 November 27
 4:30PM **John Montgomery**
By Isabel Montgomery

SUNDAY November 28
 8:00AM **Howard Barton, Jr.**
By the family

10:00AM **Michael Beauchamp**
By Suzanne Wooten

MONDAY November 29
 8:00AM **For a Special Intention for**
Clorinda Noonan

TUESDAY November 30
 5:30PM **Pro Populo**

WEDNESDAY December 1
 8:00AM **Leandro and Filomena Casario &**
Cristina and Michael Di Fiore
By Paul and Clorinda Noonan

THURSDAY December 2
 NO MASS

FRIDAY December 3
 8:00AM **Bernard Noonan and Families**
in Ireland
By Paul and Clorinda Noonan

SATURDAY December 4
 4:30PM **Pro Populo**

SUNDAY December 5
 8:00AM **Howard Barton, Jr.**
By the family

10:00AM **James Ghia**
By Barbara Ghia

Please pray for our Sick Members*

Robert Martin, Jack Miller, Mike Ahern, Mary Pat Mulholland, Bill Rodd, Mike Mineo, Gene Tofferi, John Huffstedler, Mary Margaret Hyland



Please remember our Faithful Departed

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, Jeannie Findling, Jennie Kolenda, Daniel Adler

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

Lectors

This weekend: R. Gyls, D. Simmons, J. McLaughlin
Next weekend: T. Kelly, Knights, I. Montgomery

Ushers

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

Eucharistic Ministers

This weekend: S. Bixby, M. Barton, S. Bixby
Next weekend: S. Bixby, M. Barton, D. Simmons

Monthly Food Collection

Next weekend is our monthly collection of food for our local Foodshelf. Non-perishable items may be left in the basket at the church doors. Our neighbors in need will be most appreciative.



Parish Support for November 14th, 2021

| | ABVM | HNM |
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| Offering | \$896 | \$409 |
| Fuel | \$505 | \$312 |

Due to early submission of the bulletin, Parish Support for November 21st will be printed next week.

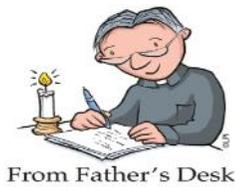
HOW TO PUT OUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL

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.

“At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern.”

– Saint Teresa of Calcutta





From Father's Desk

The First Sunday of Advent often comes up as a bit of a surprise, couched, as it usually is, in Thanksgiving weekend. We're barely finished with the leftovers and whoosh! we're onto the next liturgical season. Christmas ads have filled the airwaves for weeks already, but one never hears anything of Advent as a lead-in to the holy season of Christmastide. It's a penitential season, but lacking the fasts and abstinences of Lent. So, we'll have a Deanery-wide Reconciliation Service this Sunday (see elsewhere in this Bulletin) as a means of kicking off this season of quiet preparation in the midst of the secular mad dash to "the holidays."

Here is a brief passage from what the future Pope Benedict XVI wrote of Advent back in 1986: "Advent is concerned with that very connection between memory and hope which is so necessary to Man. Advent's intention is to awaken the most profound and basic emotional memory within us, namely: the memory of God who became a little Child. This is a healing memory; it brings hope. The purpose of the Church's year is continually to rehearse her great history of memories, to awaken the heart's memory so that it can discern the star of hope. It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness, and thus to open doors of hope."

Observing Advent in my youth was quite simple: we had an Advent Wreath in the living room, where we gathered after supper to pray the Rosary. My Mother insisted that the Christmas decorations not go up too soon before Christmas in order that the observance of Advent not be trampled upon. Downtown, the sizable German community in my hometown sponsored a *Christkindlmarkt* (Christ Child market) on the weekends in which people could purchase Advent wreaths and candles, handmade gifts, homemade baked goods, and paper-woven Moravian stars, among other ethnic lovelies... all while noshing on schnitzel, bratwurst, pretzels, spiced cider, pastries, cocoa and more, along with joyful choir singing, all in the German/Austrian tradition.

The two competing downtown department stores, as well as other, smaller businesses, decorated their windows, revealing them on the day after Thanksgiving, a much-anticipated event. Both department stores were owned by Catholic families, the O'Neil's and the Polsky's, so there was always a religious theme included amongst the displays. There didn't seem to be the stress that people now experience with the lead-up to Christmas, or at least it didn't filter down to us younger ones, whose only stress would be that Santa somehow didn't get the message of what we wanted for Christmas.

If you can, make an observance of Advent in your home, with a wreath, some family prayer, a candle in the window, conversation about the Giving Tree and other charities that are brought to mind at this time of year, and center gift-giving thoughts in the Greatest Gift ever given to mankind, the Infant Jesus, the fulfillment of ancient hope and our cause for present joy.



ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Our annual Deanery-wide Advent Reconciliation Service will take place this Sunday, November 28th, at 3:00 in the afternoon at Saint Mary's in Springfield. There will be multiple priests available to hear Confessions. This is a great way to begin Advent and our other preparations for the Christmas season.

Responsorial Psalm

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

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.

