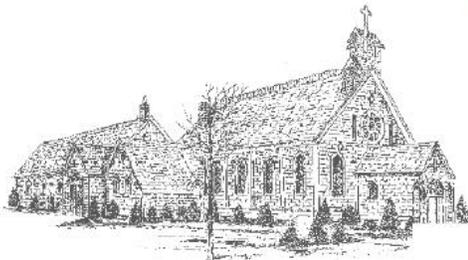


Church Bulletin for December 5th, 2021



***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.*

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8:00 am—Noon

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ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY	December 4	
4:30PM	Pro Populo	
SUNDAY	December 5	
8:00AM	Howard Barton, Jr.	
	<i>By the family</i>	
10:00AM	James Ghia	
	<i>By Barbara Ghia</i>	
MONDAY	December 6	
8:00AM	Vito A. & Rose Palmisano and Fred & Santo Palmisano Families	
	<i>By Paul and Clorinda Noonan</i>	
TUESDAY	December 7	
8:00AM	In Thanksgiving to Our Blessed Mother	
	<i>By Lindsay Grattan</i>	
WEDNESDAY	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	
8:00AM	Harley and Marion Parrish	
	<i>By Jim Parrish</i>	
5:30PM	Alba and Jesús Lopez	
	<i>By Kelly Grattan</i>	
THURSDAY	December 9	
NO MASS		
FRIDAY	December 10	
8:00AM	Bernard, Dolorita, & Edna Noonan	
	<i>By Paul and Clorinda Noonan</i>	
SATURDAY	December 11	
4:30PM	Servicemen Killed In Afghanistan	
	<i>By a parishioner</i>	
SUNDAY	December 12	
8:00AM	Helen Gergely	
	<i>By Diane and Paul Deegan</i>	
10:00AM	Jennie Kolenda	
	<i>By Helen Kolenda Pawinski</i>	

ANNOUNCEMENT OF RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations are extended to the winners of our recent Raffle drawing. Here are the winners:

First Prize, Diamond Pendant: Barb Relihan of Springfield, VT
 Second Prize, Quilted Wall Hanging: Pat Callahan of Springfield, VT
 Third Prize, Shaw's Gift Certificate: James Ronan of New York City

We thank all who purchased chances; all funds go directly to the Parish. Special thanks are extended to Nancy Joyce and her team of helpers for organizing and working ceaselessly toward the success of this fundraiser.

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: T. Kelly, Knights, I. Montgomery

Immaculate Conception: W. Denker, D. Simmons

Next weekend: I. Montgomery, R. Gylys, J. McLaughlin

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, C. Hudgings, D. Simmons

Immaculate Conception: D. Simmons

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

Monthly Food Collection

This 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 21st, 2021**

	ABVM	HNM
Offering	\$1,337	\$456
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$190	\$234

Parish Support for November 28th, 2021

	ABVM	HNM
Offering	\$3,039	\$475

Special Collection for next week:

Retirement Fund for Religious

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

We have a most unusual week ahead of us: there are three Feasts of the Blessed Mother in just five days. The first, and best-known, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th; this is followed by the Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto on the 10th, and then by the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on the 12th.

The dogma of the Immaculate Conception was formally proclaimed by the Church in 1854. This is an example of the *sensus fidelium*, the Faith of the people as believed and celebrated since the 5th century, and finally codified in the 19th century. This dogma teaches us that Our Blessed Mother was conceived without the stain of Original Sin, spared by God for all eternity, so that she would become the sinless Mother of Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Second Person of the Holy Trinity.

This was not a form of predestination, for Mary had the same Free Will that God had extended to all of humanity, the Free Will that brought sin into the world through Adam and Eve. This would be reversed through the "Fiat," the "Let it be" that Mary spoke to the Archangel Gabriel at the Annunciation, thereby becoming "the New Eve," the Mother of God, the Mother of the Church. There were, of course, no witnesses to this event, taking place silently in the womb of Mary's mother, Saint Anne. Depictions of this wondrous event do not demonstrate a child in the womb, but generally an adult Mary, surrounded by Cherubim, crushing the head of the serpent (who tempted Eve in the Garden of Eden). Our Lady, in her title, The Immaculate Conception, is the patroness of the United States.



Concerning the Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto, tied to the above Feast: tradition holds that a small house in Loreto, Italy, originated in Nazareth, is the actual home of the Blessed Virgin Mary, transported here by angels (or as is often suggested, by the wealthy Angeli family: "angeli" being the plural of "angel" in Italian). This was thought to be the home of Saint Anne and Joachim, Mary's parents. The Immaculate Conception would have occurred in this house. It is here that the Archangel Gabriel appeared to Mary, and with her "Fiat" the Incarnation happened in this very house. The Holy Family would have lived here after their return from the Flight Into Egypt. Jesus would have grown up here, learning both His faith and the carpenter's trade from Saint Joseph, who died here. This is not dogma; one is free to reject this theory, especially after visiting Nazareth, where similar claims are made of the structure beneath the Basilica of the Annunciation, first erected by the Emperor Constantine in AD 313.

Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared just outside of Mexico City beginning on December 9, 1531 to the Indian convert, Saint Juan Diego, asking him to request the Bishop to build a church there in her honor. The Bishop was unconvinced and asked for a sign. The Blessed Mother instructed St. Juan to pick some roses (unknown in Mexico in December) to take to the Bishop. When, on December 12th, the Saint opened his *tilma*, much like a contemporary serape, the roses fell to the ground, and the image of the Blessed Mother which is known as Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared. The Bishop believed, and had the first Basilica built. The significance of this appearance cannot be overstated. Our Lady of Guadalupe convinced the *Mixteca* people of Mexico to bring an end to human sacrifices to their gods. In the next ten years more than eight million people converted and were baptized Catholic. She is now the patroness of the pro-life movement in all the Americas. >>>

These are all thumbnail sketches, and much more can be learned about Our Lady in these three titles, but this is all that could be fitted into a brief column for our use. Next Sunday is Gaudete Sunday, which outranks Our Lady of Guadalupe, though we can certainly honor her on this day. This is the day we light the rose-colored candle on our Advent Wreath. Wear something pink next week for Gaudete Sunday, and for Our Lady.



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

This Wednesday, December the 8th, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses that day will be at 8:00 in the morning and at 5:30 in the evening, both at Church of the Annunciation. Please note: there will not be Mass on Tuesday evening of this week; Tuesday's Mass has been moved to 8:00 in the morning so as to avoid confusion with the Holy Day.

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

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.