

Church Bulletin for December 12th, 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 December 11
 4:30PM **Servicemen Killed In Afghanistan**
By a parishioner

SUNDAY December 12
 8:00AM **Helen Gergely**
By Diane and Paul Deegan

10:00AM **Jennie Kolenda**
By Helen Kolenda Pawinski

MONDAY December 13
 8:00AM **A Special Intention for Clorinda Noonan**

TUESDAY December 14
 5:30PM **Joseph, Elizabeth, and Leandro Casario**
By Paul and Clorinda Noonan

WEDNESDAY December 15
 8:00AM **A Special Intention for Kelly Grattan**
By Lindsay Grattan

THURSDAY December 16
 NO MASS

FRIDAY December 17
 8:00AM **For the Conversion of Sinners**

SATURDAY December 18
 4:30PM **Maurice Doucette**
By Annette Doucette

SUNDAY December 19
 8:00AM **Stephen Gergely, Jr.**
By Diane and Paul Deegan

10:00AM **Bernice Aher**
By Charlotte Pluta



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: I. Montgomery, R. Gylys, J. McLaughlin
Next weekend: T. Kelly, W. Denker, R. Dunseith

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

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve
 5:00pm and 9:00pm

Christmas Day
 10:00am
 (No evening Vigil Mass for Sunday)

Sunday, December 26th
 8:00am and 10:00am

New Year's Eve: Holy Day Vigil
 4:30pm

New Year's Day: Holy Day
 10:00am
 (No evening Vigil Mass for Sunday)

Sunday, January 2nd: Epiphany
 8:00am and 10:00am

Those whose hearts
 are pure are temples
 of the Holy Spirit.
 - Saint Lucy



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

It was back in 1970 that the rock band Three Dog Night released their Number One single, "Joy to the World." Not to be confused with the Christmas carol of the same title, this was a silly song meant simply to cheer its listeners, and became a staple at sock hops and wedding receptions. There has been some discussion concerning just who Jeremiah the Bullfrog was, including one suggestion that it was the Old Testament Prophet Jeremiah, whose prophecies were more joyful and hopeful than those of his counterparts in the Bible. You recall the refrain:

Joy to the world
 All the boys and girls
 Joy to the fishes in the deep blue sea,
 Joy to you and me.

This raucous refrain is not what we're talking about when we observe *Gaudete* Sunday today. Not simply more reserved, the joy with which we greet the Mass Readings speaks more to a sense of exultation born of serenity, born, in turn, in the reading from the Prophet Zephaniah which we hear today. Unlike the ultra-merry lyrics above, Zephaniah gives us the reason for our jubilation (here abbreviated):

Shout for joy... sing joyfully!
 Be glad and exult with all your heart:
 The Lord has removed the judgment against you...
 You have no further misfortune to fear.

Zephaniah then leaves us with a joyful image of God meeting us with song of His own:

The Lord God is in your midst...
 He will rejoice over you with gladness,
 and renew you in His love,
 He will sing joyfully because of you,
 as one sings at festivals!

The image of God singing is not one that frequently comes to mind, but the Prophet assures us that the heart of the Christmas message — our redemption — brings a song to God's heart, so much does He love us, and so much does He want us to be with Him forever in Heaven. Doesn't that bring a chant of *Gaudete to the heart!*



2022 ENVELOPES ARE HERE

Collection envelopes for 2022 are ready for you to pick up in the Parish Hall. Some of you may find that you have a new envelope number. Don't fret—numbers will not be changed in our system until January 1st. This was done to streamline our ordering process.

If you have not been assigned a number and do not see your name on a box, please take one of the extra boxes and write the number of the box along with your name on the form provided. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Parish Office.

Parish Support for December 5th, 2021

	ABVM	HNM
Offering	\$1,384	\$380

Second Collection for Next Week: Fuel

Responsorial Psalm

R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

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.