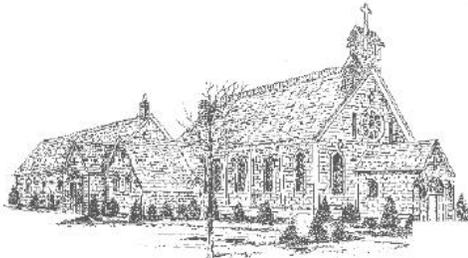


# Church Bulletin for January 2nd, 2022



***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**

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| <b>SATURDAY</b>  | <b>January 1</b>   |
| 10:00AM          | <b>T. Frank Kennedy</b><br><i>By Isabel Montgomery</i>   |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>January 2</b>   |
| 8:00AM           | <b>Stephen Gergely, Sr.</b><br><i>By Diane and Paul Deegan</i>   |
| 10:00AM          | <b>A Special Intention</b><br><i>By Charlotte Pluta</i>  |
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | <b>January 3</b>   |
| 8:00AM           | <b>A Special Intention for</b><br><b>Mark J. Noonan &amp; family</b><br><i>By Paul and Clorinda Noonan</i>           |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | <b>January 4</b>   |
| 5:30PM           | <b>A Special Intention for</b><br><b>Erica Frances Noonan &amp; family</b><br><i>By Paul and Clorinda Noonan</i>     |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | <b>January 5</b>   |
| 8:00AM           | <b>A Special Intention</b><br><i>By a parishioner</i>  |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | <b>January 6</b>   |
| NO MASS          |  |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | <b>January 7</b>   |
| 8:00AM           | <b>A Special Intention for</b><br><b>Dolorita Noonan Robinson &amp; family</b><br><i>By Paul and Clorinda Noonan</i> |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>  | <b>January 8</b>   |
| 4:30PM           | <b>Pro Populo</b>  |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>January 9</b>   |
| 8:00AM           | <b>Elizabeth Gergely</b><br><i>By Diane and Paul Deegan</i>  |
| 10:00AM          | <b>A Special Intention for</b><br><b>Father Thomas Mosher</b><br><i>By a parishioner</i>                             |

**Lectors**

**This weekend:** I. Montgomery, W. Denker, D. Dunseith  
**Next Weekend:** T. Kelly, 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:** TBD  
**Next weekend:** TBD

**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.

**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.



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

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, Robert Martin

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

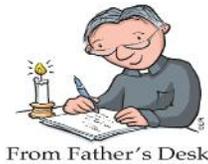
**HOW TO PUT OUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL**

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.

**Parish Support—December 19th**

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|          | ABVM    | HNM   |
| Offering | \$1,429 | \$501 |
| Fuel     | \$549   | \$135 |

Due to early submission of the bulletin, Parish Support for December 26th will be printed next week.



From Father's Desk

The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, which we observe today, presents for many people a denouement, a quieting, or a closing of the Christmas season. Years ago it was called “Little Christmas,” taking something of a backseat to Christmas Day, the Feast of the Lord’s Nativity. The Three Kings replace the shepherds in our Nativity set today, but their stay is brief compared to that of the shepherds, who have been present for nearly two weeks.

However, in the earliest days of the Church’s liturgical year, the Epiphany outranked the Nativity. Beyond the Holy Family and the animals who shared their stall, Jesus the Lord is now being manifest to the world at-large, represented by the Three Kings, or Magi, or Wise Men, as they have been variously named. Beginning with this event, the promised Messiah’s presence in the world would not be limited to the Jewish race, as God’s Chosen People, but now has come for the redemption of the entire world, as introduced by the Gentile Kings. The Lord’s Birth was seen merely as an event that would allow His eventual manifestation in the world to proceed, but the Epiphany maintained pride of place.

While the Epiphany retains favored status in the East, here in the West, we long ago transferred our major celebration to the Lord’s Nativity. Think of how many Christmas Carols speak of the Lord’s Birth, as compared to how many you might know that speak of the Three Kings, their journey and their visit. And, while the Magi came bearing gifts, we give gifts not at Epiphany, as did the Wise Men, but on Christmas Day. It makes sense, though, to give or exchange gifts at this time, since at Christmas we consider the Greatest Gift ever given to mankind: Our Savior Jesus Christ.

In the words of the poem “In the Bleak Midwinter,” by the poet Christina Rossetti (American, 1830-1894) the third verse speaks about a certain “gift exchange” with the Infant Jesus. It is asked:

“What can I give Him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd I’d bring a lamb;  
If I were a Wise Man, I’d do my part,  
Yet, what I can, I give Him: give Him my heart.”

Not gold, frankincense and myrrh, but certainly far more personal. This raises the question as to how one might go about giving one’s heart to the Man who has everything? The parable of the Lost Sheep, wherein the shepherd leaves the ninety-nine other sheep in search of the stray, gives us a clue. The Lord seeks us, and giving Him 99% is not what He seeks. He wants the whole of who we are, and will not give up the search for our hearts and minds until He finds what He’s after. So, other questions arise: Where have I wandered, and why? Do I think that giving the Lord 99% (or perhaps less) should be sufficient for Him? What is the one percent (or perhaps more) that I am holding back? How can I make a return to Him of what He has given me? Perhaps a journey inward, seeking not a star in the sky as the Wise Men of old, but the inner light of the Holy Spirit, will lead me to where Christ can be found. And then, when I come near to Him, or actually find Him, what am I prepared to offer?



**Responsorial Psalm**

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

**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.