

# Church Bulletin for January 30th, 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**

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>January 29</b>
4:30PM	<b>A Special Intention for Donna Rae Grant</b> <i>By Lindsay Grattan</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>January 30</b>
8:00AM	<b>Brenda Bean</b> <i>By Loran &amp; Marilyn Greenslet</i>
10:00AM	<b>Thomas Kirkland Boyd</b> <i>By E. Lange</i>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>January 31</b>
8:00AM	<b>Robert Martin</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>February 1</b>
5:30PM	<b>Mieczyslaw Kita and Mark Kita</b> <i>By family and friends</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>February 2</b>
8:00AM	<b>A Special Intention</b> <i>By a parishioner</i>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>February 3</b>
NO MASS	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>February 4</b>
8:00AM	<b>Healing for Abigail Jackson</b> <i>By Suzanne Wooten</i>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>February 5</b>
4:30PM	<b>Pro Populo</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>February 6</b>
8:00AM	<b>Robert R. Kirkbride</b> <i>By the family</i>
10:00AM	<b>Sophie Dragan</b> <i>By Suzanne Wooten</i>

**ANNUAL BLESSING OF THROATS**

Our annual Blessing of Throats in honor of Saint Blaise will take place during the 8:00am Mass this Friday, February 4th.

<u>Parish Support—January 16th</u>		
	ABVM	HNM
Sunday	\$1,273	\$395
Fuel	\$418	\$141
<u>Parish Support—January 23rd</u>		
	ABVM	HNM
Sunday	\$1,477	\$347
Church in Latin America	\$471	\$140

**Please pray for our Sick Members\***  
Jack Miller, Mike Ahern, Mary Pat Mulholland, Bill Rodd, Mike Mineo, Gene Tofferi, John Huffstedler, Mary Margaret Hyland, Ron Bixby, Bob Higgins



**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.

**Lectors**

**This weekend:** R. Gylys, 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, D. Simmons, C. Hudgings  
**Next weekend:** S. Bixby, C. Hudgings, 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.

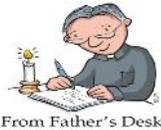


**ANNUAL BLESSING OF CANDLES**

It is an ancient custom to bless candles for use in the Church and in our homes on the Feast of The Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas Day, on February 2nd. If you would like to have candles blessed at the 8:00am Mass, bring them either to Mass that day, or drop them off in the Parish Hall before Wednesday, clearly marked as to whom they belong, and the candles will be blessed for you to pick up later, at your convenience. It is a traditional practice to light a blessed candle during storms while interceding for the protection of Saint Joseph, Guardian of Families.

**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've been experiencing a most unusual and difficult winter so far: a dearth of snow in December, ice, ice, ice at Christmas, arctic temperatures in January. I'm afraid to ask what's next! In the midst of it all, poor Emma has been getting abbreviated walks as I feel the air freezing the bridge of my nose. It's snowing out there as I compose this (last Sunday afternoon), but the above-zero temperatures are more conducive to a walk outdoors.

Odd as it may sound, and truly counter-intuitive, in Dante's "Inferno" the devil is portrayed as a demon frozen mid-breast in ice at the center of hell. Lake Cocytus was the frozen lake of the ninth circle of hell where those who committed treachery against God are punished. The lake is formed from the frozen tears of Lucifer flapping his demonic wings, keeping the water glacially solid. Differing from Our Lord's teaching of the fires of hell, Dante uses some poetic license here, describing ice as a metaphor for hatred, hatred being understood as the coldest of human emotions, thus creating hell for the one trapped in a life of hatred and unforgiveness. Who'd have thought of this? Have you ever heard anyone say, "It's colder than hell out there.?"

Growing up in Ohio, the winters seemed a bit milder than what we experience here in our little corner of Siberia. Lake Erie, thirty-five miles to the north, created something of a micro-climate lacking the lake-effect snow that Buffalo, at the far eastern end of the lake would get. Not all of the Great Lakes freeze over in the winter, but Lake Erie does about 90% of the time being the shallowest of them. I have a sister who lives year-round in Ohio, who complains of the cold and snow, but I think we all feel it more as we age. Four of my siblings spend the winter in the South, and are encouraging me to join them when I retire. Winters like this one get me thinking about it.

In our youth, my brothers and I spent considerable time outdoors in the winter. There was a city park less than a block away that flooded a low-lying depression for winter skating. There was a stone lodge there with a huge fireplace, sporting a roaring fire to warm oneself when needed (um, that was pretty often for me). Hot cocoa and popcorn were available for five cents each, a princely sum in those days. About a mile away was another park with a terrific hill for sledding. We walked there, towing our sleds behind us. There was an outdoor fire there, but no other amenities. We were allowed to go skating on weeknights, after proving that homework had been completed. This was, of course, in the days before the internet, cell phones, and for many, even television.

There was a large drawer in the back hall of our house that contained various winter togs: gloves, hats, mittens, scarves, etc. These belonged to no one in particular, you just grabbed whatever came close to fitting and made your way outside. This included the ice skates that hung on nails in the garage. They were generally too large, so you had to wear several pairs of socks to make them fit. We went skiing in high school, since the ski hill was in the next town and you had to drive there. It was small, about the size of Suicide Six in Woodstock, and mostly icy. We skied with wooden skis, leather boots and blue jeans that froze solid by your third run. We didn't take lessons, we just tried to copy the better skiers as we made our way down the hill. Falling was considered a major part of the sport, whether downhill or uphill along the rope tow. I think I spent as much time flat as upright. >>>

I skied frequently when I lived in Colorado, and did some when I first moved Back East, but have given it up, partly because of the cost, and more-so because I'm now afraid I'm going to break something. I watch skiers up on Okemo from my kitchen window, little specks in the distance, and I am looking forward to watching the Winter Olympics at the end of this week... from the comfort of my sitting room with a fire in the fireplace and a dog at my feet. Ahhh... that's how to spend the winter.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**R. I will sing of your salvation.**

**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.