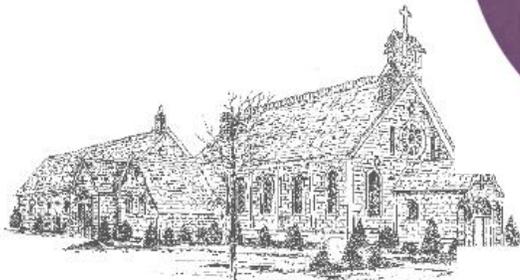


# Church Bulletin for February 13th, 2022



***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>February 12</b>
4:30PM	<b>Pro Populo</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>February 13</b>
8:00AM	<b>Carmen Castillo</b> <i>By the Petrycki Family</i>
10:00AM	<b>Maurice Doucette</b> <i>By Annette Doucette</i>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>February 14</b>
8:00AM	<b>William and Virginia Shaver</b> <i>By Martha Stretton</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>February 15</b>
5:30PM	<b>Louisa Neissa</b> <i>By Marjorie Carey</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>February 16</b>
8:00AM	<b>Mieczyslaw Kita and Mark Kita</b> <i>By family and friends</i>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>February 17</b>
NO MASS	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>February 18</b>
8:00AM	<b>Helen Buckley</b> <i>By Marjorie Carey</i>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>February 19</b>
4:30PM	<b>Pro Populo</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>February 20</b>
8:00AM	<b>Fran Milo (First Anniversary)</b> <i>By a friend</i>
10:00AM	<b>Albert and Evelyn Stretton</b> <i>By Martha Stretton</i>

**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, Tim Reilly, Fran Milo, Clark Johnson, Nancy Martel, Mildred Cutrufello, Lawrence Noonan, Jim Hasson, Rita Higgins, B.J. Stewart, Jeannie Findling, Jennie Kolenda, Daniel Adler, Robert Martin, Jack Collins

\*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. Gyls, 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:** C. Hudgings, M. Barton, S. Bixby  
**Next weekend:** S. Bixby, D. Simmons, C. Hudgings

**2022 ENVELOPES ARE HERE**

Collection envelopes for 2022 are ready for you to pick up in the Parish Hall. 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.

**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—January 30th

	ABVM	HNM
Sunday	\$1,474	\$237
Catholic Education	\$586	\$144

Parish Support—February 6th

	ABVM	HNM
Sunday	\$1,581	\$333



"Do not forget that true love sets no conditions; it does not calculate or complain, it simply loves."

St. John Paul II





From Father's Desk



So, it all sounds like health food to me. I'm glad that Saint Valentine got things going way back when, and that his Feast Day this year falls two weeks before Ash Wednesday, giving me enough time to work my way through an ample amount of this healthy bean before the disciplines and penances of Lent kick in.

Saint Valentine was a Roman priest who lived in the 3rd century who ministered primarily to persecuted Christians. Little is known of his life other than this, except that he was martyred by beheading around the year 270. He is buried in two places: as gruesome as it sounds, his head is enshrined in the Church of Santa Maria in Cosmedin, while the rest of his body is entombed in the Church of Santa Maria Ara Coeli, across the piazza from the Capitol, a place of great honor. I visited both of these locations while in Rome on sabbatical.

He shares his Feast Day with Saints Cyril and Methodius, Greek brothers of the 9th century, known as "The Apostles to the Slavs." They took the faith northward from Greece into what was known as Great Moravia (present-day Czech Republic and Slovakia) and into Pannonia (later known as the Austro-Hungarian Empire) as well as into present-day Bulgaria, Macedonia and Russia. Saint Cyril devised an alphabet for these mostly illiterate peoples, which is known today as the Cyrillic alphabet, the basis for modern the Russian language.

But how did this Feast of Saint Valentine become associated with the romance celebrated on this day? Indeed, try to find a card that wishes a happy **Saint Valentine's Day**. It is said that Valentine was known for his courtly manner, and would sign notes to prisoners and others, "your loving Valentine." Nothing romantic in that, but from antiquity, the 14th of February is thought to be the day when birds choose their mates, what with Rome enjoying a much milder Winter than we have.

Saint Valentine's Day is important in that it's the only candy holiday between Christmas and Easter. The candy dish in the front hallway is running perilously low, making this Feast Day quite timely. A box of chocolates is the most popular gift given on this day, with bouquets of roses coming in second place. Why is chocolate so popular?

The chocolate bean contains Theobromine, a stimulant that works alongside caffeine to produce that characteristic energy boost that many people experience with their chocolate fix. Also present is Tryptophan, an amino acid used by the brain to make Serotonin, that produces feelings of happiness. Dark chocolate, especially, contains antioxidants as well as Dopamine and Endorphins. It is said that women show a marked preference for dark chocolate, as did my Mother. In women, Estrogen and Progesterone may be responsible for women craving chocolate more than men do, therefore it's mostly marketed to women. My German nephew-in-law once told me that in Germany, dark chocolate is known as "Frauen Schokolade," or "Lady's Chocolate."

The movie "Chocolat" which appeared in the year 2000, had Juliette Binoche playing the rôle of Vianne, a mysterious woman who arrives in a small French town in 1959, and opens a chocolate shop across the village green from the Church. Nothing unusual about that, but the townsfolk thought of her as evil because she opened shop on Ash Wednesday, when in 1959, no one would have imagined eating sweets in Lent. A fine comedy, worth watching before Ash Wednesday, with a mug of cocoa.  
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**Responsorial Psalm**

**R. Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.**

**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.

