

Church Bulletin for August 28th, 2022



Church of the Annunciation

Ludlow, 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
8:30am—12:30pm

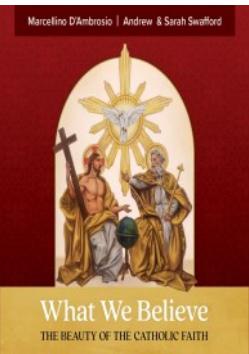
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ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY	August 27
4:30PM	Pro Populo
SUNDAY	August 28
8:00AM	Joyce MacDougal <i>By the Hughes Family</i>
10:00AM	Seamus Timothy Armstrong <i>By Tara O'Neil</i>
MONDAY	August 29
8:00AM	Francis Edden <i>By Joanne Edden</i>
TUESDAY	August 30
5:30PM	Lois DePino
WEDNESDAY	August 31
8:00AM	Special Intention for the McHugh Family
THURSDAY	September 1
NO MASS	
FRIDAY	September 2
8:00AM	Sister Mary Francis
SATURDAY	September 3
4:30PM	Pro Populo
SUNDAY	September 4
8:00AM	Robert and Patricia Kirkbride <i>By the family</i>
10:00AM	Howard Barton, Jr. <i>By Howard and Mary Barton</i>

What We Believe: The Beauty of the Catholic Faith Bible Study

The Catholic Church is extraordinary. It is where we encounter God in his Word, his sacraments, and his saints. It proclaims the fullness of life, leaving no person out. It calls all to repent and to believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the source of all life and salvation. Maybe you've been Catholic your entire life. Maybe you're just beginning to explore the Catholic Faith. Wherever you may be in your journey, you will be profoundly moved by the beauty and the richness of the Catholic Church.

Join us for What We Believe: The Beauty of the Catholic Faith at Church of the Annunciation in Ludlow beginning September 12th from 6:00-7:00pm and continuing every Monday for ten weeks. For more information or to register for the study, contact Dick Dunseith at (802) 228-4185 or by email at rduinseith@comcast.net.

Please pray for our Sick Members*

Jack Miller, Mike Ahern, Mary Pat Mulholland, Bill Rodd, Mike Mineo, Gene Tofferi, John Huffstedler, Ron Bixby, Bob Higgins, Mary Riley



Please remember our Faithful Departed

Mildred Cutrufello, Lawrence Noonan, Jim Hasson, Rita Higgins, B.J. Stewart, Jeannie Findling, Jennie Kolenda, Daniel Adler, Robert Martin, Jack Collins, Connie Choiniere, Izolina Gylys, Frank Edden, Benjamin Troxell III

*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: W. Denker, D. Simmons, J. McLaughlin

Next weekend: W. Denker, D. Dunseith

Ushers

This weekend: B. Brzoza, D. Sheehan, J. Nicoll, T. Gurdak-Carter

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OUR NEIGHBORS NEED YOU

Our local food shelf needs your help. Black River Good Neighbors works hard to keep those in need in our local community fed, and they are asking for donations of non-perishable items to keep their shelves stocked. These items may be left in the basket at the church doors. Our neighbors in need will be most appreciative.



"We work very hard to offer variety and balance to what we distribute to food shelf clients. Many live on a fixed income and could possibly go hungry if we did not make supplemental foods available to them. From our food shelf we distribute food through the USDA's Emergency Food Assistance Program, which provides food items to qualified applicants each month. We distribute this food twice a month and add a substantial amount of a balanced variety of shelf stable canned and packaged food, meats or fish, and fresh produce. We also distribute food from USDA's Commodity Supplemental Food Program."

Black River Good Neighbors, Ludlow

The following items are especially needed:
Cereal, soup, stuffing, rice, coffee, tuna fish, baked beans, hot chocolate, mayonnaise



"Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains forever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end. God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end; no one can under any circumstance claim for himself the right directly to destroy an innocent human being" (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2258).

*Spread the word...
Vote "NO" on Article 22
On the general election ballot in November*



From Father's Desk

In her column in the recent issue of *Latin Mass Magazine*, Susie Lloyd wrote of her brother-in-law, describing him as an “Apatheist,” a clever word, combining the two words: apathetic and atheist. She continues, that it’s not simply that he doesn’t know if there is a God; it’s that he just doesn’t care.

I fear that there might be a few “apatheists” among the next generation of my family. Certainly they were all formed in the Faith, taken to Sunday Mass, prayed together as a family, and some attended Catholic School. But it seems that they just don’t care about Religion anymore. They appear apathetic, lazy and even angry when it comes to the practice of the Faith, but I don’t see how any of them could have possibly become atheistic. No God? No Faith? Really?

Feeling somewhat superior to the religiously-minded, one would fairly often hear apatheists quote the contemporary creed: “Well, I’m spiritual, just not religious.” Apatheists, as Ms. Lloyd suggests further, would like us to believe that they have no sense of urgency about eternal things. Their urgency is all for this life: how to get ahead, how to avoid suffering, how to experience that elusive joy. No concern for Heaven, and an absolute rejection of anything like Hell.

But distancing oneself from God never means that God distances Himself from His Beloved. He is always attempting to break into our consciousness, even if we don’t recognize this as such, or simply believe that we, ourselves, are the source of all our insights, intuitions and wisdom. Rather than credit a religious upbringing and the Grace of the Sacraments, the apatheist accepts the placebo effect offered by a therapeutic culture that attempts to convince us that “I’m okay; you’re okay.” No need for Confession, absolution, or the restorative Grace of the Holy Eucharist.

We all know that we’re not entirely “okay.” In every human life there is continual need for self-examination and room for growth in the personal and spiritual spheres. Recognizing our unholiness should not lead us to despair, thinking that holiness is unattainable or even non-existent. Our examination of conscience should drive us back to God and to all that is holy, for His love and mercy exceed our sin, and He wishes us to join Him in Heaven for all eternity. Unless, of course, you have difficulty believing in an Entity so benign, or just don’t care.

So, we’ll have to believe in the place of non-belief, and to care in the absence of caring about God, for the apatheists in our midst, praying for their awakening, and through our own constant struggle against sin, give good example, showing that holiness is desirable and is not beyond human attainment, and that God is our first hope and our ultimate end.



Due to early submission of the bulletin, Parish Support for August 21st will be printed next week.



Responsorial Psalm

R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

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.

