

Church Bulletin for December 11th, 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 4:15pm
Tuesday 6:00 to 7:00pm

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	December 10
4:30PM	A Special Intention <i>By Paul and Clorinda Noonan</i>
SUNDAY	December 11
8:00AM	Leta Hudgings <i>By Clay Hudgings</i>
10:00AM	Pro Populo
MONDAY	December 12
8:00AM	Marilyn Peltier
TUESDAY	December 13
5:30PM	Joseph, Elizabeth, and Leandro Casario <i>By Paul and Clorinda Noonan</i>
WEDNESDAY	December 14
8:00AM	For the Conversion of Sinners
THURSDAY	December 15
NO MASS	
FRIDAY	December 16
NO MASS	
SATURDAY	December 17
4:30PM	Joseph Grattan, Sr. <i>By Lindsay Grattan</i>
SUNDAY	December 18
8:00AM	Howard Barton, Jr. <i>By Howard and Mary Barton</i>
10:00AM	Pro Populo

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Since Christmas and the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God (January 1st) both fall on a Sunday this year, we will use our regular Sunday schedule for Masses:



Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve: 4:30 p.m.
 Christmas Day & New Year's Day: 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

2023 ENVELOPES ARE HERE

Collection envelopes for 2023 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.

Parish Support—December 4th

	ABVM	HNM
Sunday	\$1,608	\$529

Please pray for our Sick Members*

Jack Miller, Mike Ahern, Bill Rodd, Mike Mineo, Gene Tofferi, John Huffstedler, 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 Gyls, Frank Edden, Benjamin Troxell III, Mary Pat Mulholland, Tom Naclerio

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

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Tom Naclerio of Holy Name of Mary Parish, who passed away on November 26th. His Funeral Mass and Burial will take place in the Spring.

Lectors

This weekend: T. Kelly, P. Daddona, R. Gyls
Next weekend: J. McLaughlin, W. Denker, D. Dunseith

Ushers

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

"Listen, put it into your heart, most little of my sons: let nothing frighten or grieve you, let not your heart be disturbed, do not fear any sickness or anguish. Am I not here, who am your Mother? Are you not under my protection? Am I not your health? Are you not happily within the folds of my mantle, held safely in my arms? Do you need anything more? Let nothing else worry you or disturb you".



— Our Lady of Guadalupe



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

Here we are today, the Third Sunday of Advent, the midpoint of this season when Mother Church bids us rejoice. We don't always get the full complement of four solid weeks of Advent; it comes once every six years, so this means we have two more weeks still remaining in which to prepare ourselves for the Feast of the Lord's Nativity. It's a daring suggestion for the Church to make: to rejoice and be glad, when there are so many preparations for Christmas hovering over us that bring many people anything but joy. In this, the Church's liturgical calendar is not steeped in naïveté, but offers us something better for the interior life than does the Hallmark Channel, with its romantic escapism, so appreciated by so many. Their movies always have a happy ending, as is the hope for all our lives, though we speak of a more profound ending: the Second Coming of Our Lord at the end of the world.



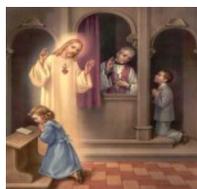
Since this thought might bring more terror than joy, we concentrate on the meaning of the Lord's First Coming, a cause for joy that supersedes anything that is available for purchase at the Mall. In Advent we look at the prophecies of Isaiah, and then see them fulfilled in the life and ministry of Christ. This assures us that the promises of Christ Himself will, indeed, be fulfilled. The central promise for which we hope is the Lord's eventual return. So, our lives are meant to be lived in preparation for that event. Spiritual lethargy might creep in, as we might think that there's plenty of time to get our spiritual act together. Yet Advent reminds us that the Lord comes to us rather frequently in the Sacraments of the Church.

So, with Advent being an essentially penitential season, peppered with joyful reminders of the Feast which is to come, this is a time when we consider the Sacrament of Penance, in order to prepare ourselves to receive the Lord worthily, i.e., secondarily as we gaze at the Babe in the Crèche, but primarily as we approach the Altar to receive Him sacramentally in Holy Communion. The way we feel as we exit the Confessional is distinctly different from the way we felt, entering. We experience a lift in spirits as we recall that God's mercy is greater than our sins, even our grave sins. At this moment we can begin to feel the quiet cry of *Gaudete* that comes to us at this point in Advent.

We will celebrate a Deanery-wide Reconciliation Service next Sunday, December 18th, at 3:00 p.m. at Saint Mary's in Springfield, with several priests available to hear Confessions. Avail yourself of this sacrament, so that you can celebrate Christmas in the State of Grace. It will make the Church's proclamation of joy more immediate, and could possibly bring deeper, truer joy to all the other Christmas preparations and celebrations that still lie ahead.



ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE



Our annual Deanery-wide Advent Reconciliation Service will take place next Sunday, December 18th, at 3:00pm at Saint Mary's in Springfield. There will be multiple priests available to hear Confessions. This is a great way to close Advent and our other preparations for the Christmas season.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, come and save us.

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.