

# *Church Bulletin for January 8th, 2023*



***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  
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**ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>January 7</b>
4:30PM	<b>Edward Laakso</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>January 8</b>
8:00AM	<b>Pro Populo</b>
10:00AM	<b>Special Intention for Erica Frances Noonan</b> <i>By Paul and Clorinda Noonan</i>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>January 9</b>
8:00AM	<b>Special Intention for Fr. Mosher on His 70th Birthday</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>January 10</b>
5:30PM	<b>Deceased Relatives of the Noonan and Bannon Families</b> <i>By Paul and Clorinda Noonan</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>January 11</b>
8:00AM	<b>Special Intention for Myrna Parker</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>January 12</b>
NO MASS	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>January 13</b>
8:00AM	<b>Tom Naclerio</b> <i>By the HNM Altar Society</i>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>January 14</b>
4:30PM	<b>Raymond Libuda</b> <i>By the family</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>January 15</b>
8:00AM	<b>Joseph Cobb</b> <i>By Loran and Marilyn Greenslet</i>
10:00AM	<b>Rita and Michael Langello and Michele Langello Hughes</b> <i>By Marianne Langello</i>

**Lectors**

**This weekend:** J. McLaughlin, W. Denker, D. Dunseith

**Next weekend:** T. Kelly, R. Gyls, I. Montgomery

**Ushers**

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

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**Eucharistic Ministers**

**This weekend:** S. Bixby, M. Barton, C. Hudgings

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**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, 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, Nancy Joyce

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

**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.

**REQUIESCAT IN PACE**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Nancy Joyce of Annunciation Parish, who passed away on December 28th. Her Funeral Mass and Burial will take place in the Spring.

**A New Year's Prayer**

Lord, You make all things new  
You bring hope alive in our hearts  
And cause our Spirits to be born again  
Thank you for this new year  
For all the potential it holds.  
Come and kindle in us  
A mighty flame  
So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God  
And live forever to praise Your glorious name.

- Author Unknown



**Parish Support—January 1st, 2023**

	<b>ABVM</b>	<b>HNM</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>\$3,574</b>	<b>\$751</b>

**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

Turning 30 was more traumatic than the Birthday looming before me now. Middle Age seemed to have caught me by surprise: receding hairline, proceeding waistline, and a few silver hairs along the temples. I still thought of myself as young, of course, and indeed I was one of the younger Priests in the diocese then. But thirty just sounded *so mature, so sensible, so serious.*

And now I'm turning 70. I don't know how this happened; it seems I was just 44 a few years ago. My Dad had turned 70 just two weeks before my Ordination. He seemed so old to me then. His hair was pure white, like his father's, his gait had slowed, and he had difficulty breathing, suffering from emphysema, having smoked three packs a day through much of his adult life. He had retired at 65 and was not real happy in his retirement, looking for things to do, creating havoc for my Mother around the house. Mom bought a bumper sticker for her car which read: "Retirement: twice as much husband... half as much money."

Reaching the age of 70 makes me eligible for retirement, but I'm not planning to do so. I'd rather continue as long as my health is good and my mind is clear. (You'll let me know about the latter, won't you?) But just as the onset of Middle Age surprised me those many years ago, I find myself surprised a bit by becoming a septuagenarian. I thought I'd simply be a slower, grayer version of my youthful self, but was unprepared for the health issues that accompany those who reach this milestone. When I last spoke with my Doctor, he asked me what he should know. I said there's nothing outstanding, except that every day *something hurts*. I try my best, however, to avoid the pain meds and attempt, instead, to soldier on, maintaining a certain equilibrium that will allow for an honest smile when I greet people.

Life was certainly different back in 1953 when I was born. My recollections of growing up in the 50's and 60's call to mind a solid formation and education, as well as a sense of belonging in the family, the parochial school, the Church, and the neighborhood. My parents made many of the mistakes that parents make when raising children, but they got the faith across in a way that formed me in my eventual vocation to the priesthood, and led all my siblings to be devout, practicing Catholics these many tumultuous years later.

Looking forward, I don't know how many years lay ahead of me, perhaps fifteen, if my Father's genes dominate, or twenty or more, if I follow my Mother's life passage. I hope that these years will bring me wisdom, grace and some serenity, and allow me to focus on the Ministry to which Our Lord called me. And I hope I spend all these years here among you, so that we might grow together into the fullness of the personhood which God intended for us. Holiness can be ours, and I hope to lead us all in that direction.

*Ad multos annos* is what we Priests say to one another on occasions such as these, meaning "here's to many more years." Sounds good to me.



### 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.

### 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.

