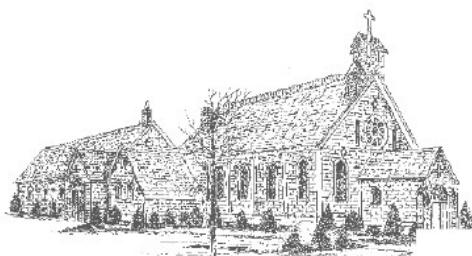


Church Bulletin for January 15th, 2023



***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
8:30am—12:30pm

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ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY **January 14**
 4:30PM **Raymond Libuda**
By the family

SUNDAY **January 15**
 8:00AM **Joseph Cobb**
By Loran and Marilyn Greenslet

10:00AM **Rita and Michael Langello and
Michele Langello Hughes**
By Marianne Langello

MONDAY **January 16**
TUESDAY **January 17**
WEDNESDAY **January 18**
THURSDAY **January 19**
FRIDAY **January 20**

**There will be no Mass
while Father Mosher is
away.**

SATURDAY **January 21**
 4:30PM **Special Intention for
Mark Noonan and family**
By Paul and Clorinda Noonan

SUNDAY **January 22**
 8:00AM **Pro Populo**

 10:00AM **Tom Naclerio**
By Carol Baranowski

Lectors**This weekend:** T. Kelly, R. Gylys, I. Montgomery**Next weekend:** J. McLaughlin, P. Daddona, 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**Eucharistic Ministers****This weekend:** S. Bixby, M. Barton, C. Hudgings**Next weekend:** S. Bixby, M. Barton, C. Hudgings**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 Gylys, 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.



The devil is afraid of us when we pray and make sacrifices. He is also afraid when we are humble and good. He is especially afraid when we love Jesus very much. He runs away when we make the Sign of the Cross.

Saint Anthony the Abbot

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—January 8th, 2023

	ABVM	HNM
Sunday	\$1,199	\$329
Catholic Education	\$350	

Second Collection for Next Week: Church in Latin America

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.



He gives snow like wool;
 he scatters frost like ashes. He
 hurls down hail like crumbs—
 who can stand before his cold?
 He sends out his word, and
 melts them; he makes his wind
 blow, and the waters flow.

Psalm 147:16-18



From Father's Desk

In addition to the Bust of the late Pope Benedict XVI which you saw in front of the altar on New Year's Day and the week following, I have a photo of him on my desk, which I took while attending a General Audience back in 2006. My friend Father Ben was with me, and when we went to the *Casa Santa Maria* to procure tickets for the audience, he piped up that it was my Silver Jubilee (25th anniversary of Ordination). The rector of the seminary, in the next room, overheard this and came out to greet us. He asked to see the tickets we were given, and said, "In light of your Jubilee, and in gratitude for your twenty-five years, I'm going to exchange your tickets for another pair."

We were seated in the preferred-seating section, just twelve rows from the Holy Father. I had my inexpensive little camera, so in order to get a good photo, I stood up on my chair, which prompted a Swiss Guard to address me, in English (how did he know?) that such a thing was not permitted. At that very moment, Pope Benedict looked our way. I gave him a little wave from my elevated perch and he smiled in return. Too slow a shutterbug, I missed his smile, but got a good, close-up photo of him beneath the Crucifix in which the Lord seemed to be gazing upon the Pontiff, saying as we heard on the Feast of the Lord's Baptism, "Behold my son, in whom I am well-pleased." I stepped down from the chair just as the Guard was about to spear me with his halberd.

I had the greatest respect for Saint John Paul II, and even had an opportunity to meet him, and briefly touch his arm. But for Pope Benedict I had a profound fondness. It was his humility that seemed to define him as a person. As a Cardinal in the Vatican's second-highest position behind the Pope, he walked to work, crossing Saint Peter's Square, stopping to give directions to pilgrims and tourists who looked lost. Perhaps it is our shared ancestry that also drew me to him. He was fond of saying that he was Bavarian at heart, even as Pope. My maternal Grandfather also said something similar: "We're not German; we're Bavarian." This is because his parents immigrated from Bavaria in the 1860's before the modern State of Germany was formed.

I had begun reading Cardinal Ratzinger's books while in seminary, captivated by the clarity of his thought and the readability of his presentation. He was then the Prefect for the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, in which he held guard over Church Teaching during his 25-year tenure. Those who opposed his orthodoxy called him "God's Rottweiler," but those who knew him attested that he was anything but that. In a recent article by Patrick Garry, I read that "Pope Benedict was a brilliant theologian, a deeply faithful Christian and an ardent defender of Western Culture."

He wrote further: "During his papacy, he courageously stood up for Western principles at a time when the West had come under great criticism for the faults and shortcomings of its past. He reminded us that Western civilization had produced and fortified the conditions that produced freedom, rational learning and thought, and a respect for individual dignity. In the process, he reminded us that Christian tradition paved the ground for Western Culture." There is no doubt in my mind that Benedict XVI will one day be canonized, and that he, along with his predecessor John Paul II, will be proclaimed Doctors of the Church.

Requiem aeternam dona ei, Domine; et lux perpetua luceat ei. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.



Responsorial Psalm

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

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.