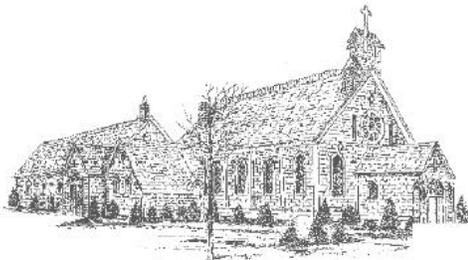


Church Bulletin for January 29th, 2023



***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 28**
 4:30PM **Nancy Joyce**
 By Lindsay Grattan

SUNDAY **January 29**
 8:00AM **Pro Populo**

10:00AM **For a Special Intention**
 By Suzanne Wooten

MONDAY **January 30**
 8:00AM **Jack Collins**

TUESDAY **January 31**
 5:30PM **Jim Hasson**

WEDNESDAY **February 1**
 8:00AM **Tom Naclerio**
 By Jennie Sydorowich

THURSDAY **February 2**
 NO MASS

FRIDAY **February 3**
 8:00AM **Special Intention for**
 Nancy Grattan
 By Lindsay Grattan

SATURDAY **February 4**
 4:30PM **Pro Populo**

SUNDAY **February 5**
 8:00AM **Robert Raymond Kirkbride**
 By Martha Chessie

10:00AM **Virginia Gurdak**

Lectors

This weekend: T. Kelly, W. Denker, I. Montgomery
Next weekend: I. Montgomery, D. Dunseith, R. Gyls

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 Gyls, Frank Edden, Benjamin Troxell III, Mary Pat
 Mulholland, Tom Naclerio, Nancy Joyce

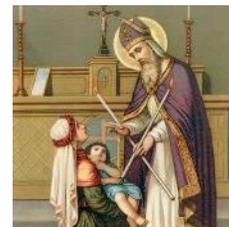
*If you would like a name added or removed from the above lists, please let the Parish Office know via email or phone.

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.

Blessing of Throats

Friday of this week is the Feast of Saint Blaise. In his honor we will have the Blessing of Throats during the 8:00 Mass that day.



Parish Support—January 22nd

	ABVM	HNM
Sunday	\$1,326	\$354
Latin American	\$420	\$104

Thank you ❤️

Monthly Food Collection

Next 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.



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



Responsorial Psalm

R. (Mt 5:3) Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

The Palmetto Tree in my brother's back yard on Hilton Head Island is quite different from other palm trees, such as the Date Palm in the Middle East and the Coconut Palm along tropical seacoasts. It's short and straight, with fuller branches than the others. It's the State Tree of South Carolina, not because of its marketable value, but because Colonel William Moultrie built and defended a fort built from palmetto logs against the British in 1776. For this reason the Palmetto appears on the State Flag.

In addition to the Palmetto, there are three Magnolias, tall, and graceful, whose blooms I missed, arriving three months too early. It differs from the Northern Magnolia, which we have either side of the front door of our church; the southern variety has shiny leaves and is bedecked with stunningly beautiful flowers. The Sea Pine, for which this area of the Island is named, grows tall and straight, putting out its branches high above the canopy of all the surrounding lower trees, and provides the needed shade for the more delicate undergrowth. These long-needled trees can grow as high as 150 feet, but those that I saw were about one-third that height.

The Crêpe Myrtle differs from the others in that it grows in clumps, like the Birch tree near the Rectory. It has a light-colored bark which peels, also like the Birch. The blooms of the Crêpe are a lovely magenta in color, with lacy edges. I missed these blooms as well. My favorite of them all, however, is the Live Oak, so named because, while it drops a few leaves in the Fall, it retains most of its green leaves all through the mild Winters down there. The leaves are differently-shaped from our northern Oaks. These trees are massive, fifty feet high, but often three times as wide as that, with huge branches extending upward and outward in undulating curves. Its presence in the yard seems to invite tree-climbing for people of any age (I resisted the call, but could imagine a tree fort of immense dimensions).



Hanging from the branches of almost all the trees in this heavily-wooded area is Spanish Moss, not actually a moss, nor Spanish in origin. It is an epiphytic plant, meaning that it is a non-parasitic plant supported by another plant or tree, (Orchids are epiphytic, as well) with aerial roots that absorb water from the air. It has rarely-appearing flowers. It is actually a Bromeliad, a member of the Pineapple family, though you wouldn't guess that from seeing it. And it's not Spanish, either. Early French explorers saw the plants dangling from the tree branches, which reminded the clean-shaven French of the beards of the Spanish soldiers they had met in battle. I use Spanish Moss in planters in our Church to give potted plants a more finished look. It lasts several months before needing replacement.

I enjoyed my little botanical vacation, but in the end I wouldn't want to trade our Oaks, Maples, Redbuds, Lilacs, and Rhododendrons, among others, which we enjoy up north, for anything the South provides.

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.