

Church Bulletin for February 12th, 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	February 11
4:30PM	Pro Populo
SUNDAY	February 12
8:00AM	Howard Barton, Jr.
	<i>By Howard and Mary Barton</i>
10:00AM	Nancy Joyce
	<i>Love, Gerri and Dan Schnobrich</i>
MONDAY	February 13
8:00AM	Jennie Kolenda
TUESDAY	February 14
5:30PM	Peggy Stratman
WEDNESDAY	February 15
8:00AM	Robert and Jessie Walker
	<i>By Carol Baranowski</i>
THURSDAY	February 16
NO MASS	
FRIDAY	February 17
8:00AM	Nancy Joyce
	<i>By Jim Parrish</i>
SATURDAY	February 18
4:30PM	Marilyn Greenslet
	<i>By friends</i>
SUNDAY	February 19
8:00AM	Pro Populo
10:00AM	Dan Robert Zimmerman
	<i>By the family</i>

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Marilyn Greenslet and Geraldine Miller, parishioners who passed away last week.

You Yourself, O Christ, are my all. For you I keep myself chaste, and holding aloft my shining lamp I run to meet You, my Spouse.

Saint Methodius

**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, Geraldine Miller, Marilyn Greenslet

*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: T. Kelly, P. Daddona, J. McLaughlin

Next weekend: T. Kelly, W. Denker, I. Montgomery

Ushers

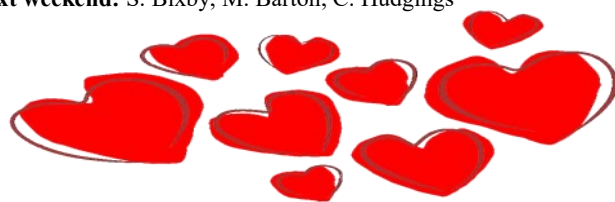
This weekend: B. Brzoza, D. Sheehan, J. Nicoll, T. Gurdak-Carter

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



February 22 to April 2
40 DAYS FOR LIFE

You're invited to participate in the 40 Days for Life campaign, 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion, February 22 – April 2. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way on the sidewalk across from Planned Parenthood, 11 Burnham Ave, Rutland, and to help spread the word about this important community outreach. Visit 40daysforlife.com/rutland or contact Kerri Polli at klpolli@comcast.net, (802) 345-8775 for more information.

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

The Valentine's Day cards, candy and decorations appeared on the shelves at Hobby Lobby on December 27th. We live in a culture of anticipation when it comes to holidays, so the retail world likes to capitalize on our impatience, selling Valentine's candy six weeks in advance, as well as Hallows' candy in late August, likely hoping that we'll purchase it, consume it and then return for more when the holiday eventually arrives. I didn't fall for it this time, and left it there. I hope I can find those little conversation hearts when I get to the drug-store.

Anyway, the holiday coming up this week is actually *Saint* Valentine's Day, though much of society is unaware of the life of this early Christian Martyr. So, who was this mostly-overlooked Saint? There is more than one Saint who bears this name. Our man, however, was a third-century Priest who lived in Rome, and was martyred on February 14, 270. As is true of many of our early martyrs, little is known of his life, except that he was highly regarded in the early Church. He was called upon by the emperor Claudius II to renounce his faith, but when he refused to do so, he was clubbed to death and then beheaded, a grisly thought to bring to mind on Saint Valentine's Day.

His relics are reserved in the Basilica of Saint Praxedes at the Porta del Popolo, formerly known as the Porta Valentini, one of Rome's major gates from antiquity until today. I had the opportunity to visit his relics on Saint Valentine's Day in 2016, waiting in a long line of pilgrims for this privilege. Because of the obscurity of his life, his name was dropped from the Liturgical Calendar in the changes of 1969, and replaced with the 9th-century brothers, Saints Cyril and Methodius.

Cyril (826-869) and his older brother Methodius (815-885) were born in Thessalonica (present-day Greece) and served as missionaries to Moravia (present-day Czech Republic) as well as Slavic areas in Eastern Europe. They are venerated, therefore, as the Apostles to the Slavs. They were given Papal permission to teach and to celebrate Mass in the local language, instead of using Latin, the universal language of the Church. Because of this, they enjoyed great success.

Since the people had no written language, Saint Cyril devised an alphabet for them, which bears his name: the Cyrillic alphabet, the source for the modern-day Russian language.

Our first Slavic Pope, Saint John Paul II, named them co-patrons of Europe (that is, of the European continent, not the present European Union) along with Saint Benedict, Saint Bridget of Sweden, Saint Catherine of Siena, and Saint Teresa Benedict of the Cross. It will be difficult to find a religious Saint Valentine's Day card at the drug store, but I've found a few at a Catholic website. So, with all the hearts and cupids of Valentine's Day, I'll celebrate in my own quiet way, important as this feast day is, being the only candy holiday between Christmas and Easter.



Parish Support—February 5th

	ABVM	HNM
Sunday	\$1,762	\$643

Second Collection for Next Week: Fuel



Responsorial Psalm

R. Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

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.