

Church Bulletin for February 19th, 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 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>
MONDAY	February 20
8:00AM	Marilyn Greenslet <i>By Carol Hastings</i>
TUESDAY	February 21
5:30PM	B.J. Stewart
WEDNESDAY	February 22—ASH WEDNESDAY
8:00AM	For the Conversion of Sinners
5:30PM	(No Intention—Liturgy of the Word)
THURSDAY	February 23
NO MASS	
FRIDAY	February 24
8:00AM	Vincenzo Pallotta
SATURDAY	February 25
4:30PM	Nancy Joyce <i>By Bessie and Angelo Centini</i>
SUNDAY	February 26
8:00AM	Marilyn Greenslet <i>By Jim Parrish</i>
10:00AM	Pro Populo



ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Wednesday of this week is Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent. Though not a Holy Day, many people choose to attend Mass in order to get a good start for the season. We will have Mass in the morning, and a simple Liturgy of the Word in the evening. Masses will be blessed and distributed at both times. Here is our schedule:

8:00AM Mass
5:30PM Simple Service



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This traditional Lenten Service will take place on Fridays in Lent (except not on Good Friday) at 3:00PM.

Parish Support—February 12th

	ABVM	HNM
Sunday	\$2,154	\$473



Second Collection for Next Week: Home Missions

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, W. Denker, I. Montgomery

Ash Wednesday: R. Gyls

Next weekend: T. Kelly, P. Daddona, R. 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

Ash Wednesday: S. Bixby

Next weekend: S. Bixby, M. Barton, C. Hudgings



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 Season of Lent is upon us, beginning with Ash Wednesday this week. As a child I always faced this Season with real dread, trying to think of what I'd be giving up, and worrying if I would do it well. Preparation for the season began both at home and at school,

where we would go into high gear, thinking of penitence and hoping to have attained holiness by the time Easter would finally come. The Sisters at school would help us to come up with ideas for giving-up this or that, and we would discuss them in the classroom. Particular items would be written on the chalkboard for your perusal, and it seemed that most of the other kids were writing down lists of potential penances that were far more extensive than mine. Holiness has seemed always to be just around the next curve from me.

At home, my Mother was something of an expert at all things Lenten. She suggested a more limited list, knowing that we would be more likely to accomplish fewer, if more pointed penances. However, she wanted to know our list before Shrove Tuesday, and if you hadn't prepared your list, or your spirit of penitence seemed lacking, she would suggest a few penances for you. You didn't want her suggestions, so it would behoove you to come up with something respectable. There were the obvious ones: giving up candy, giving up television, going without deserts, etc. However, Mom would generally suggest things like finishing your homework without being nagged, doing chores without complaining, being nice to the crabby old lady who lived behind us, all of which seemed far more penitential than giving up candy. Once the agreement was made, we knew that she'd be keeping a watchful eye, and would swiftly point out any failures. One year when we asked her what she'd be giving up for Lent, she responded, "Being a Mother is penance enough for anyone." Yet she made her own quiet way through the season.

She added a bit of motherly wisdom which I wondered about as a youth, but have come to understand in adulthood. She would say, "Once you've told God what you're going to do, it's just between you and Him, and don't talk about it with anyone, lest it sound like bragging. And if you voice any complaints, you've just spent half the Grace." We attended Mass every school day, and were expected to go to Mass on Saturdays as well. For this we first went to our classrooms where Sister would take attendance and then march us into the church two-by-two in straight, if wobbly, lines. By the time I made my First Communion, the Eucharistic Fast had been relaxed from Midnight the night before, to just three hours, so we had a School Mass at 11:00, followed by lunch and recess on school days, or a mad dash home on Saturdays.

I always thought of Lent as more challenging than regimented, because everyone, including elderly Grandparents, were making various sacrifices. I felt a bit sorry for Bobby, my Protestant friend, because his family did nothing out of the ordinary for Lent, and rarely went to church on Sunday either. Lenten observances had a way of bringing the practice of the Faith away from the church, into the home, indeed to the supper table, so that our Catholicism was an all-encompassing reality. Were there sacrifices to be made? >>>>



Well, both Mom and Sister would remind us of the sacrifice that Jesus made for us on the Cross. Did we dislike eating fish on Fridays? Well, there were starving children in China who would be happy to eat what we turned up our noses at. Lent had a way of integrating the Faith, reminding us of who we are, not only in church, school and home, but everywhere we went. Lent is good for us, not in an "eating kale/taking cod liver oil" sort of way, but in a way that builds character, identity and gratitude for the simple things in life. Growing in the Faith, like growing up, can sometimes be hard to do. So, get in there and suffer... you'll be better for it, and the Easter candy will taste all the sweeter.

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

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.