

Church Bulletin for March 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 **March 18**
 4:30PM **Pro Populo**

SUNDAY **March 19**
 8:00AM **Robert William**
 By Martha Chessie

10:00AM **Seamus Armstrong**

MONDAY **March 20**
 8:00AM **Jack and Jane Parrish**
 By Jim Parrish

TUESDAY **March 21**
 5:30PM **Gerome Clair**
 By Dorothy Clair

WEDNESDAY **March 22**
 8:00AM **William Garrow III**
 By the family

THURSDAY **March 23**
 NO MASS

FRIDAY **March 24**
 8:00AM **Pro Populo**

SATURDAY **March 25**
 4:30PM **Joan Ciufo**
 By Sal Ciufo and family

SUNDAY **March 26**
 8:00AM **Harley and Mary Parrish**
 By Jim Parrish

10:00AM **Nancy Joyce**
 By Patrick Sexton

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, 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: J. McLaughlin, P. Daddona, D. Dunseith
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

LENTEN FISH FRY AT SAINT MARY'S



Holy Family Parish Lenten Fish Frys are back! Please join us from 5-7pm in the Nolin-Murray Center following Stations of the Cross at 10 Pleasant Street in Springfield, VT every Friday night during Lent. This is a served meal though take out is available. The meal is Baked or Fried Fish, French Fries or Baked Potato, Cole-slaw, Lemonade or Coffee & Dessert. Dine-in meals are \$14, Take-out are \$15. If you would like to reserve a meal to go, you can call the rectory at 802-885-3400 before 2pm on Fridays and leave a message. Please leave your name, time for pick up and whether you would like baked or fried fish, french fries or baked potato.



Glorious Saint Joseph, spouse of the Immaculate Virgin, obtain for me a pure, humble, charitable mind, and perfect resignation to the Divine Will. Be my guide, my father, and my model through life that I may merit to die as you did in the arms of Jesus and Mary. Amen.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This traditional Lenten Service will take place on Fridays in Lent (except not on Good Friday) at 4:00PM.



Parish Support—March 12th

	ABVM	HNM
Sunday	\$1,709	\$531
Fuel	\$778	\$150



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

It's early Sunday morning (March 12th... you'll be reading this on the 19th, upon my return) and, following a light breakfast, I'm pondering where I might attend Mass today. I have my choice of several churches within walking distance. Variety being the spice of life, this daily option makes for an enjoyable quandary.

Having arrived nearly two weeks ago, I was up early, and ready for the 7:30 Mass; then as the days moved along, I found myself at the 8:30... then the 9:30... and today I'll be going to the 10:30. The Mexican government decided to do away with Daylight Savings Time, so I'm now two hours behind you in New England. Today I've decided to attend Mass at *San Francisco*, the Franciscan church, which is my favorite architecturally. Many of the churches here were built 300 years ago in the Spanish Baroque style, but *San Francisco* is less decorative, with fewer curlicues, and seems to feel more masculine.

The churches here were founded by various religious orders with the exception of *San Miguel Arcangelo*, from which the town derives its name. This is the parochial parish, staffed by Diocesan Priests (Diocese of Guanajuato) and is referred to simply as *La Parroquia*. I sometimes go to the church directly next to it, the original church, built in the 1550's, for Stations of the Cross, because it's overlooked by the tourists, and, therefore, pretty quiet. I've also been to *San Antonio*, *Santa Ana*, *Immaculata Concepcion*, (referred to locally as *Las Monjas*, meaning "the nuns" because the cloistered Sisters of the Immaculate Conception live here). There is also the *Oratorio de San Felipe Neri*, and *Nuestra Señora de Bon Salud* (Our Lady of Good Health.)

The stone structure and high ceilings keep the interior of the churches cool while temperatures in the afternoon go up to the mid-80's. There aren't many stained-glass windows, indeed there aren't many windows at all, since their perennial challenge is the opposite of ours — too much light.

There is usually a dome above the Altar, which also serves as a cupola, letting in essential light. Acoustics are good, since these buildings were erected centuries before our modern sound systems, with the pulpit about one-third of the way into the congregation. However, modern technology has crept into use here, so the priest's voice booms through the building. One thing I've found especially beautiful during Mass at *La Parroquia* is that, while the Server is ringing the bell at the Consecration of the Mass, all four of the bells in the church tower ring as well, allowing the people in the plaza to know that the Consecration is taking place.



Most of the priests here are young, and, I must say, all have good voices. They attempt to lead the singing, but the congregation generally resists his leadership, not intentionally, but that's just the Mexican way. The ladies, especially, sing from the heart. And what they lack in pitch and timing, they make up for in volume. I find it amusing and enchanting at the same time. Although we eschew the use of flowers in Lent (with the exception of the Feasts of Saint Joseph and the Annunciation) flowers are found here in abundance. And, while we don't generally have Weddings in Lent, they do so here. I marvel at how the bridesmaids can walk on cobblestones in six-inch heels. I'm looking forward to my reunion with you in our small church, in late-winter weather: it's just too hot down here.

Lenten Reconciliation Service

Our annual Deanery-wide Lenten Reconciliation Service will take place **Sunday, March 26th at 3:00 p.m. at Saint Mary's Church in Springfield**. There will be several priests available to hear Confessions.

In addition to the Service, Confessions can be heard Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday afternoons from 3:45 to 4:15 p.m. here at Church of Annunciation. Plan to attend and take advantage of this Sacrament.

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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.

