

Church Bulletin for April 18th, 2021



***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 4:15 P.M.
Tuesday 6:00 to 7:00 P.M.

Sacraments of Baptism and Marriage: By appointment

Sacrament of the Sick: Please call the Parish Priest 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
8:00 am—Noon

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ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**SATURDAY
4:30PM**

**April 17
John Montgomery**
By Isabel Montgomery

**SUNDAY
8:00AM**

**April 18
Pro Populo**

10:00AM

Carole de Knipp
By family

**MONDAY
8:00AM**

**April 19
For the conversion of sinners**

**TUESDAY
5:30PM**

**April 20
For the healing of
Charles Robinson & family**
By Paul & Clorinda Noonan

**WEDNESDAY
8:00AM**

**April 21
Vincenzo Pallotta**

**THURSDAY
NO MASS**

April 22

**FRIDAY
8:00AM**

**April 23
Pro Populo**

**SATURDAY
4:30PM**

**April 24
Jeannette Conderino**
By Phil C. and family

**SUNDAY
8:00AM**

**April 25
Leta Hudgings**
By Clay Hudgings

10:00AM

Renette Racicot
By the Schmidt family

Pray For...

Please pray for our Sick Members*

Robert Martin, Jack Miller, Mike Ahern, Mary Pat Mulholland, Daniel Adler, Bill Rodd, Rita Higgins, Jeannie Findling, Mike Mineo

Please remember our Faithful Departed

John Montgomery, Patricia O'Connell, Ellen Parrish, Seamus Armstrong, John O'Neil, Elizabeth McPartland, Emily Chambers, Colleen Fitzgerald, Maurice Doucette, Tim Reilly, Fran Milo, Clark Johnson

*If you are wanting a name added or removed from the sick list, please let the Parish Office know via email or phone.

Lectors

This weekend: T. Kelly, D. Simmons, B. Martin

Next weekend: I. Montgomery, A. Cherico, D. Dunseith

Ushers

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

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Eucharistic Ministers

TBD



These nail-prints, this pierced side were the unmistakable battle scars against evil and sin.

As many a soldier looks upon
the wounds he suffered in battle
not as a disfigurement,
but as a badge of honor
so Our Lord wore His wounds
to prove that love is stronger than death.

His scars remained,
even in His glorified Body after the Resurrection
so that there would be no doubt for his Apostles
--and, as well for us—
of the sacrificial purpose of His coming.

-Venerable Fulton J. Sheen

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.

Parish Support—April 11th

	<u>ABVM</u>	<u>HNM</u>
Offering	\$1,119	\$491
Fuel	\$620	\$284



From Father's Desk

The Crocuses near the parking lot door of the Church have already come and gone. And now, there are six Daffodils in full bloom on the sunny side of the Rectory. I love these Daffodils, but they have the antagonizing effect of making my longing for Spring intensify. I enjoy a certain anticipation for all of the seasons, but Spring is the only one for which I become impatient. Now that the snow is gone (and we can never be certain that there will be no further snow in this "cruellest month," as per T.S. Eliot) I want to get out in the yard and get going, though the yard is a little bigger than I can handle. We hire the Spring cleanup done by professionals who make it look easy and go quickly in their youth.

Thirty years ago I had the opportunity to visit Holland in the Spring. I happened to be there on the Queen's Birthday, so there were crowds everywhere. Staying in Haarlem, outside Amsterdam, I got up quite early one morning in order to make my way to the famous Keukenhof Gardens the minute they opened, in order to avoid the crowds. I arrived nearly an hour early, expecting to wait in my car, but the ticket seller took pity on me and let me in before anyone else had arrived. So there I was in a garden of *eight million* Tulips in bloom along with fields filled with Rhododendrons and Azaleas.

I was transfixed by the beauty of it. Everywhere I turned the scene was more beautiful than the previous. Flowers were all tidily arranged in undulating, curving beds between lagoons and manicured lawns. I took 300 photographs and wondered why everyone on the globe hasn't been to this bit of Eden.

Man was created for Paradise. The original Eden was the location that God intended for us in to live in union with Him, though separate from the Heavenly Paradise. Banished by the sin of Adam, Paradise has been restored by the Sacrifice of the New Adam: Our Lord Jesus Christ... also in a garden: Gethsemane, where Our Lord prayed. "Not my will, but Thine be done." Sharing in His Resurrection as we especially consider in this Eastertide, the Lord raises us to the New Eden. No garden of earthly delights, this is the Paradise hoped for and longed for since the day of the Fall of Man.

At Easter we create a Resurrection Garden, as it were, inside the Church. My hope is that, while enjoying the beauty of the decorations, your desire for Paradise will deepen, and the small moments of joy we experience now and in the Spring to come will be for us a foreshadowing of the beauty of Heaven above. I close with that brief, beloved poem of Dorothy Gurney:

The kiss of the sun for pardon,
The song of the birds for mirth;
One is nearer God's heart in a garden
Than anywhere else on earth.



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.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Nancy Martel and Virginia Gurdak, parishioners who have passed away recently.

Prayer to St. Joseph

Oh St. Joseph whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the Throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

Oh St. Joseph do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord; so that having engaged here below your Heavenly power I may offer my Thanksgiving and Homage to the most Loving of Fathers.

Oh St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine Head for me, and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath.



St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls, pray for us. Amen.

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