

Catholic Communities of Waterbury, Waitsfield, and Moretown

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St. Andrew's Church, Waterbury



Our Lady of the Snows, Waitsfield



St. Patrick's Church, Moretown

Saturday Masses

4:00 PM, St. Andrew's Church, Waterbury

6:00 PM, Our Lady of the Snows Church, Waitsfield

Sunday Masses

9:00 AM, St. Andrew's Church, Waterbury • 11:00 AM, St. Patrick's Church, Moretown

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays from 3:15 to 3:45 PM at St. Andrew's Church or by appointment.

Weekday Masses

Consult the Liturgy Schedule inside this bulletin for this week's daily Masses.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact the rectory to schedule baptisms.

Sacrament of Marriage

Those intending to marry are asked to contact the Pastor at least six months in advance.

February 7, 2021 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, February 6, 4:00 pm/St A – Alice Marie & Joseph David Bishop
Saturday, February 6, 6:00 pm/OLS – Myron Bartlett by Curt and Cathy Schibli
Sunday, February 7, 9:00 am/St A – Steve Rensch by Bill and Midge Rensch
Sunday, February 7, 11:00 am/St. P – All Parishioners and Visitors
Monday, February 8, 8:00 am/St. A – Constable Heidi Stevenson & Lisa McCully
Tuesday, February 9: NO MASS
Wednesday, February 10, 8:00 am/St. A – Mary Myers by Bill and Midge Rensch
Thursday, February 11, 8:00 am/St. A – Mary Claire Bisceglia by Gerry Callan
Friday, February 12, 8:00 am/St. A – Heather O’Brien and Kristin Beaton by Gio Susini
Saturday, February 13, 4:00 pm/St. A – All Parishioners and Visitors
Saturday, February 13, 6:00 pm/OLS – All Souls in Purgatory
Sunday, February 14, 9:00 am/St. A – Mike Wood by Marsha Wood
Sunday, February 14, 11:00 am/St. P – Michael Yacavoni by Mary Lynn Percy

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Job 7:1-7 / Psalm 147 / 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 / Mark 1:29-39
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Genesis 1:1-19 / Psalm / 104 / Mark 6:53-56
Saint Josephine Bakhita
Tuesday: Genesis 1:20-2:4 / Psalm 8 / Mark 7:1-13
Saint Jerome Emiliani
Wednesday: Genesis 2:4-17 / Psalm 104 / Mark 7:14-23
Saint Scholastica
Thursday: Genesis 2:18-25 / Psalm 128 / Mark 7:24-30
Our Lady of Lourdes
Friday: Genesis 3:1-8 / Psalm 32 / Mark 7:31-37
Saint Apollonia
Saturday: Genesis 3:9-24 / Psalm 90 / Mark 8:1-10
Saint Jordan of Saxony
Next Sunday: Leviticus 13:1-46 / Psalm 32 / 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 / Mark 1:40-45
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekly Offertory Donations: January 25-31, 2021

St. Andrew's: Offertory \$919; Catholic Education \$40; Church in Latin America \$138;
Insurance \$10; Fuel \$10; B&I Missions \$2; Online Giving \$560
OLS/St. Patrick's: Offertory \$375; Online Giving \$717

Thank you for your support, whether it be through online giving, the mail, or at Mass!

Remember to check out the parish website (rccwwm.org) for additional items of interest.

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for Isaiah Callan, Daniel Caplinger, Heidi Cervantes, Chandler, Suzie Clark, Janet DiBlasi, Sue Ellsasser, Jason Fowler, Raven Fowler, Jan Gendreau, Alison Henry, Pauline Hodgdon, John Hofmann, Brian Kellett, Wayne Lacaillade, Ann Lamarch, Grace Lee, Bernard Mahan, Patrick McNamara, Frank Miller, Scott Miller, Sidnia Orton, Joan Potter, Jim Pratt, Rob Scharges, Annette Schultz, Robert Shortridge, Bernard Sweet, and Nasaiah Torres. If you know of anyone who would like a Communion visit, please let us know.

NOW HIRING Totus Tuus Summer Missionaries!

College students: looking for an amazing, challenging summer job? Spread the Gospel, travel Vermont, and teach children about the Catholic faith! For more information contact Michael Hagan at mhagan@vermontcatholic.org.

Ash Wednesday Almsgiving Collection

There will be a special collection on Ash Wednesday to support Vermont Catholic Charities. This agency provides financial and emotional support to individuals and families throughout Vermont through the programs offered, including Counseling, Emergency Aid, Prison Ministry, and Residential Care Homes. Donations can be made through their website, www.vermontcatholic.org, or by mailing a check to Vermont Catholic Charities, 55 Joy Drive, South Burlington, VT 05403. Thank you for your generosity!

Rosary During Lent

Lent will begin on Wednesday, February 17. Lent is a time for prayer, penance and works of charity. One way we can increase our life of prayer is to incorporate the Rosary into our daily lives. Each day the Diocese of Burlington offers a recitation of the Rosary featuring a member of our Vermont diocesan community. If you are looking for ways to grow in holiness this Lenten season, consider visiting the Diocesan Rosary page on their website at <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/news/communication/rosary> to pray with fellow Vermont Catholics, or to sign up to lend your voice for a recording. Saint Padre Pio has been quoted as saying, “the Rosary is the weapon for these times.” For more information, please email Valerie Parzyck at vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org

Wisdom of the Saints

“Your accumulated offenses do not surpass the multitude of God’s mercies, your wounds do not surpass the great Physician’s skill.” ~ *St. Cyril of Jerusalem*

“Jesus is with you, even when you do not feel His presence. He is never so close to you and He is during your spiritual battles.” ~ *St. Padre Pio*

“To be saints is not the privilege for the few, but the vocation of everyone.” ~ *Pope Francis*

Dear Parishioners,

The time between us and Lent is shrinking rapidly. I thought this would be a good time to review some of the main ways that the Church guides us to live during Lent in preparation for Easter. Helpfully, the diocese recently sent the priests some of the highlights in this regard. “The time of Lent is to be observed by Catholics as a special season of prayer, penance and works of charity.” You can see in this phrase the echo of the typical list of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Fasting is probably the Lenten practice most considered, and perhaps whose rules are most precise (and tricky!). So let’s focus on this for today.

“Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, in particular, are the most important penitential days of the liturgical year. They are days of both fast and abstinence. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence. The rule of fasting states that only one full meal a day can be taken. Two small meals, “sufficient to maintain strength”, are allowed, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals breaks the fast, but drinking liquids does not. The rule of fasting obliges all Catholics from 18 to 59. Abstinence refers to the eating of meat. The common estimation of the community is used to determine what falls under the category of meat. The rule of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years or older. The substantial observance of the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious obligation.”

So, those are the diocese’s formulation of the precise guidelines. For myself, I must confess that fasting seems downright mysterious. We have it on Our Lord’s own authority that it wields tremendous spiritual power. “This kind can only be driven out by prayer and fasting,” he says. “When the bridegroom is taken away from them, then they will fast.” Given the deep emphasis of Christ on denying oneself and self-sacrificial love, perhaps I should not be surprised that a sacrifice is connected with such promises, yet it remains mysterious all the same. Why should a simple material renunciation power such expansive effects in the immaterial realm? And yet there are few points stated more clearly and insistently in the Scripture.

If you’re looking for a way to give alms, a worthy cause recently passed my desk. Amy Anderson, who works closely with foster care, is looking to community members to supply her with storage bins (with covers) of all sizes to organize clothing donations she is receiving. She is opening a thrift shop in April, the proceeds of which will benefit needy foster families. You can reach her at amysarmoire@yahoo.com or by phone at 802-279-6534.

The Faith Series on Salvation continues. Last time we looked at the surprising agreement between Protestant and Catholic teaching on salvation, which sounds diametrically opposed. In the upcoming section we’ll be examining what the Council of Trent teaches about good works. Feel free to join: Thursdays, **7:00 – 8:00 pm**; <https://tinyurl.com/fides-series>.

In His Heart,
Fr. Matthew