

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 14, 2021 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgy Schedule

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
Monday, February 15, 8:00 am/St. A – Francis Miller by the Miller/McVeigh Family
Tuesday, February 16: NO MASS
Wednesday, February 17, 8:00 am/St. A – Greg and Jamie Blair by Gio Susini
Wednesday, February 17, 12:15 pm/St. P – All Parishioners and Visitors
Wednesday, February 17, 6:00 pm/OLS – All Parishioners and Visitors
Thursday, February 18, 8:00 am/St. A – Henry Harder and John Martens by Gio Susini
Friday, February 19, 8:00 am/St. A – Andrew Mays by the Family
Saturday, February 20, 4:00 pm/St. A – Joey Webber & Linda Campbell Hyslop by Gio Susini
Saturday, February 20, 6:00 pm/OLS – All Parishioners and Visitors
Sunday, February 21, 9:00 am/St. A – Bernadette Dagenais by Family
Sunday, February 21, 11:00 am/St. P – All Souls in Purgatory

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Leviticus 13:1-46 / Psalm 32 / 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 / Mark 1:40-45
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Genesis 4:1-25 / Psalm 50 / Mark 8:11-13
Saint Claude de la Colombière

Tuesday: Genesis 6:5-10 / Psalm 29 / Mark 8:14-21
Saint Gilbert of Sempringham

Wednesday: Joel 2:12-18 / Psalm 51 / 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2 / Matthew 6:1-18
Ash Wednesday

Thursday: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 / Psalm 1 / Luke 9:22-25
Blessed John of Fiesole

Friday: Isaiah 58:1-9 / Psalm 51 / Matthew 9:14-15
Saint Conrad of Piacenza

Saturday: Isaiah 58:9-14 / Psalm 86 / Luke 5:27-32
Saints Jacinta and Francisco Marto

Next Sunday: Genesis 9:8-15 / Psalm 25 / 1 Peter 3:18-22 / Mark 1:12-15
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekly Offertory Donations: February 1-7, 2021

St. Andrew's: Offertory \$827; Insurance \$115; Online Giving \$580

Our Lady of the Snows/St. Patrick's: Offertory \$1059; Online Giving \$722

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

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.

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

This schedule has been updated since the Wednesday email communiqué:

8:00 am – St. Andrew's Church in Waterbury

12:15 pm – St. Patrick's Church in Moretown

6:00 pm – Our Lady of the Snows in Waitsfield

Rosary During Lent

One way we can increase our life of prayer during Lent 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. For more information, please email Valerie Parzyck at vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org

Wisdom of the Saints

“You don’t know how to pray? Put yourself in the presence of God, and as soon as you have said, ‘Lord, I don’t know how to pray!’ you can be sure you’ve already begun.”

~ *St. Josemaría Escrivá*

“Remember that you have only one soul; that you have only one life, which is short and has to be lived by you alone; and there is only one glory, which is eternal.” ~ *St. Teresa of Avila*

“If the lungs of prayer and the Word of God do not nourish the breath of spiritual life, we risk suffocating in the midst of a thousand daily cares. Prayer is the breath of the soul and of life.”

~ *Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI*

“My beloved Jesus, Your face was beautiful before You began this journey; but, now, it no longer appears beautiful and is disfigured with wounds and blood. Alas, my soul also was once beautiful when it received Your grace in Baptism; but I have since disfigured it with my sins. You alone, my Redeemer, can restore it to its former beauty. Do this by the merits of Your passion; and then do with me as You will.” ~ *St. Alphonsus Liguori*

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

Dear Parishioners,

Three days until Ash Wednesday! Lent is upon us. As I mentioned last week, “The time of Lent is to be observed by Catholics as a special season of prayer, penance and works of charity.” Typically people speak of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Last week we spoke about fasting. This week I’d like to speak a bit about all three in general, and then specifically about prayer and almsgiving.

All these practices are recommended and commanded by Jesus and his Church as actions ordered to the supernatural. They are all ways of denying ourselves in this life and storing up treasure for the next. In this way, they are all practices of *faith*. They only make sense if the unseen world is real. From the perspective of this world, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving seem pointless. But to one who sees things by the light of faith, they are the most sensible and reasonable courses of action. They trade the time and things of this passing world for the eternal things of heaven! In this way, these Lenten practices are a measure of faith. Our practice of them measure how deeply we realize in ourselves the truth and reality of what is unseen.

Prayer is the most directly supernatural of the three practices. In prayer we lift up our hearts and minds to God, speaking to Him and listening to His voice. We can identify two main obstacles to prayer – the first is simply a weak faith. A weak faith questions how important prayer really is, compared with the practical and concrete tasks we can accomplish every day. We want to get stuff done! And yet the life of Jesus shows us that the truly influential one, the true mover and shaker, is the one who prays. Jesus runs away from the crowds in order to be alone with His heavenly Father. Lent is the perfect time to follow his example.

Another obstacle we face in prayer sometimes is thinking we need to have something new: discover something new, realize some new insight, etc. And certainly there are times when a new insight or new connection knocks us off our feet. But I would stress that the way to prayer is by returning to those same points of revelation that God has already revealed, and reflecting on them in our hearts. Meditation does exactly that. It aims to consider what God has revealed and ponder it more deeply, and appreciate its truth more truly. For example, can we ever adequately feel the fact that we were born into a world in which a man has risen from the dead? Or one in which God is a community of three persons? Or where the souls we have been given are everlasting? Prayer returns to these truths over and over again.

Well, shucks, I guess I’ll have to postpone looking at almsgiving ‘til next time. Quick reminder to check out the updated schedule for Ash Wednesday. Finally, another quick reminder that the Faith Series on Salvation continues. In the upcoming section we’ll continue to examine the Council of Trent. Feel free to join, Thursdays, 7pm – 8pm; <https://tinyurl.com/fides-series>.

In His Heart,
Fr. Matthew