

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 21, 2021 – First Sunday of Lent

Liturgy Schedule

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
Monday, February 22, 8:00 am/St. A– Danella & Edward McVeigh by Miller/McVeigh Family
Tuesday, February 23: NO MASS
Wednesday, February 24, 8:00 am/St. A – Tyler and Alice Cormier by Paul Cormier
Thursday, February 25, 8:00 am/St. A – Pauline Hodgdon by Kathy Magnus
Friday, February 26, 8:00 am/St. A – Jimmie Wayne Wylie by Gio Susini
Saturday, February 27, 4:00 pm/St. A – All Parishioners and Visitors
Saturday, February 27, 6:00 pm/OLS – Vittorio and Anna Susini by Gio Susini
Sunday, February 28, 9:00 am/St. A – Paul and Marilyn Whitney by Jim and Diana Whitney
Sunday, February 28, 11:00 am/St. P – Angelino Grazzini by Gio Susini

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Genesis 9:8-15 / Psalm 25 / 1 Peter 3:18-22 / Mark 1:12-15
First Sunday of Lent

Monday: 1 Peter 5:1-4 / Psalm 23 / Matthew 16:13-19
Chair of Saint Peter

Tuesday: Isaiah 55:10-11 / Psalm 34 / Matthew 6:7-15
Saint Polycarp

Wednesday: Jonah 3:1-20 / Psalm 51 / Luke 11:29-32
Blessed Luke Belludi

Thursday: Esther 12:14-25 / Psalm 138 / Matthew 7:7-12
Blessed Sebastian of Aparicio

Friday: Ezra 18:21-28 / Psalm 130 / Matthew 5:20-26
Saint Maria Bertilla Boscardin

Saturday: Deuteronomy 26:16-19 / Psalm 119 / Matthew 5:43-48
Saint Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows

Next Sunday: Genesis 22:1-18 / Psalm 116 / Romans 8:31-34 / Mark 9:2-10
Second Sunday of Lent

Weekly Offertory Donations: February 8-14, 2021

St. Andrew's: Offertory \$1,211; Insurance \$55; Central & Eastern Europe \$201; Online \$235
OLS/St. Patrick's: Offertory \$457; Central & Eastern Europe \$65; Online \$205

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, Patricia Gardner, 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.

Stations of the Cross

We are doing Stations of the Cross every Friday at 5:30 pm during Lent, alternating between St. Andrew's and Our Lady of the Snows. The dates are below:

Friday, February 26 - St. Andrew's

Friday, March 5 - Our Lady of the Snows

Friday, March 12 - St. Andrew's

Friday, March 19 - Our Lady of the Snows

Friday, March 26 - St. Andrew's

New Website!

We have an updated website through the Diocese, still at the same domain name (www.rccwvm.org) and a new office email address (rcc.office@vermontcatholic.org) as well. Rest assured, if you send emails to the old address, they will continue to be received for the foreseeable future. If anyone has any beautiful pictures of our churches or community, please feel free to share them, and they can be placed on the website! For formatting, the landscape orientation is best.

Wisdom of the Saints

“To bear my exile now, within this world of tears, the holy tender glance of Christ, my Lord, I need. That glance, surcharged with love, consoles me through the years. His loveliness displays foretaste of heaven indeed.” ~ *St. Therese of Lisieux*

“In the moment of temptation, think of the Love that awaits you in heaven: foster the virtue of hope.” ~ *St. Josemaría Escrivá*

“Let us have charity and humility, and give alms, for almsgiving cleanses our soul from the filth of sin. At death we lose all that we have in this world, but we take with us charity and the alms deeds we have done, and for these we shall receive a great reward from God.”

~ *St. Francis of Assisi*

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

Dear Parishioners,

We have entered the holy season of Lent. On Wednesday we were signed with ashes, and told, “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” Oftentimes people are startled by the starkness of the message. They consider it morbid and depressing. I must confess that the reaction always surprises me. The alternative – to pretend as though death is not real – always seems to me the impractical, deluded, depressing route. To remember death isn’t depressing, it’s just facing the facts. And beyond that, Christianity proclaims the good news that our Savior has won the victory over death. Christianity does not calm our fear by *ignoring* death, but by reminding us that Christ *conquers* death.

In the previous two weeks, I’ve written about the first two of the three traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. As I’ve mentioned, all these practices are directly ordered to the supernatural. They are all practices of *faith*. They are pointless in this world, powerful for the next. Today we’ll consider the last of the three, almsgiving.

Almsgiving has two facets. First and most obviously, there is the benefit provided for the recipient. Second and more importantly, there is the sacrifice on the part of the donor. I say this second facet is more important because Jesus teaches us this very lesson. In the case of the widow contributing to the Temple, she puts in two pennies. Jesus notes that her contribution is worth more, because she gives out of her necessity. He compares her gift with those giving much more money out of their abundance of their wealth, and ranks hers as more valuable. So, for Jesus, the amount given is not the main criterion. Rather, the generosity and sacrifice of the giver is most important. C.S. Lewis echoes this thought in *Mere Christianity*. He writes of almsgiving, “The only safe rule is to give more than we can spare. Our charities should pinch and hamper us. If we live at the same level of affluence as other people who have our level of income, we are probably giving away too little.” And yet again we come to the supernatural quality of these Lenten practices. Why would we give away more than we can spare? Only because we are “storing up treasure in heaven.”

You will have noticed the change to the opening prayer that now concludes: we make this prayer through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, **God** for ever and ever. Notice that the prayer says “with you” addressing (as it always has) God the Father. We pray to him *through* our Lord Jesus Christ ... God for ever and ever. We specify that Jesus is God for ever and ever. Before the switch, I was afraid it would feel stilted and awkward. I have been *very* struck at how well it flows. In a way elusive to explain, it somehow ties the invocation all together; it flows really well.

The Faith Series on Salvation finishes Thursday. **7pm - 8pm**; <https://tinyurl.com/fides-series>.

In His Heart,
Fr. Matthew