

# 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 28, 2021 – Second Sunday of Lent***

## ***Liturgy Schedule***

Saturday, February 27, 4:00 pm/St. Andrew's – All Parishioners and Visitors  
Saturday, February 27, 6:00 pm/Our Lady of the Snows – Vittorio and Anna Susini  
Sunday, February 28, 9:00 am/ St. Andrew's – Paul & Marilyn Whitney  
Sunday, February 28, 11:00 am/St. Patrick's – Angelino Grazzini  
Monday, March 1, 8:00 am/St. Andrew's – Robert Lain  
Tuesday, March 2: NO MASS  
Wednesday, March 3: NO MASS (Fr. Matthew at Bishop Marshall School)  
Thursday, March 4, 8:00 am/St. Andrew's – Marc Hovingh  
Friday, March 5, 8:00 am/St. Andrew's – Henry Harder and John Martens  
Saturday, March 6, 4:00 pm/St. Andrew's – Lauro Custodio  
Saturday, March 6, 6:00 pm/Our Lady of the Snows – All Parishioners and Visitors  
Sunday, March 7, 9:00 am/St. Andrew's – Everett Coffey by Agnes Milne  
Sunday, March 7, 11:00 am/St. Patrick's – All Parishioners and Visitors

### ***Readings for the Week***

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

Monday: Dan 9:4-10 / Psalm 79 / Luke 6:36-38  
*Saint David of Wales*

Tuesday: Isaiah 1:10-20 / Psalm 50 / Matthew 23:1-12  
*Saint Agnes of Bohemia*

Wednesday: Jeremiah 18:18-20 / Psalm 31 / Matthew 20:17-28  
*Saint Katharine Drexel*

Thursday: Jeremiah 17:5-10 / Psalm 1:1-6 / Luke 16:19-31  
*Saint Casimir*

Friday: Genesis 37:3-28 / Psalm 105 / Matthew 21:33-46  
*Saint John of the Cross*

Saturday: Micah 7:14-20 Psalm 103 / Luke 15:1-32  
*Saint Rose of Viterbo*

Next Sunday: Exodus 20:1-17 / Psalm 19 / 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 / John 2:13-25  
*Third Sunday of Lent*

### ***Weekly Offertory Donations: February 15-21, 2021***

St. Andrew's: Offertory \$664; B&I Mission \$175; Ash Wednesday \$121; Online Giving \$395  
OLS/St. Patrick's: Offertory \$775; C&E Europe \$60; B&I Mission \$30; Online Giving \$200

*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, Phyllis Conti, 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, and Bernard Sweet. 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, 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

### ***Knights of Columbus Meat Pie / Pea Soup Sale***

A Homemade French-Canadian Meat Pie / Pea Soup Sale will be offered Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> by the Knight of Columbus Rosary Council. Advanced orders are required: 9 inch meat pies for \$15 each and 1 quart of pea soup for \$5 each. Items will be available for pick-up at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish Hall in Richmond, VT from 5:00PM - 6:30PM. Quantities are limited, so order early. Please call Paul at (802) 316-8791 to place an order, or order online at <https://tinyurl.com/KnightsFrenchCanadian>. Proceeds to benefit the Rosary Council Seminarian Scholarship Fund.

### ***Sisters of Life Retreat***

Mark your calendars! The Sisters of Life are hosting a retreat at Blessed Sacrament in Stowe next week, Tuesday – Wednesday, March 9-10, 2021. Details TBD.

### ***Wisdom of the Saints***

“At his Transfiguration Christ showed his disciples the splendor of His beauty, to which He will shape and color those who are His: ‘He will reform our lowliness configured to the body of his glory.’” ~ *St. Thomas Aquinas*

“Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring.” ~*St. Catherine of Siena*

“Have patience with all things, but first of all with yourself.” ~ *St. Francis de Sales*

***Remember to check out the parish website ([rccwwm.org](http://rccwwm.org)) for additional items of interest.***

Dear Parishioners,

What a glorious day today! I hit the slopes of Sugarbush with several of the Confirmation students. Most (or probably all) of them are vastly superior to my skiing prowess, but it was an amazing day nonetheless. It was my first time in over 20 years, so there was a lot to learn. But it was the perfect day for it. A big thanks to Killian Leese for organizing the outing, and to him and Liz Harris for making sure I got up after each fall. Can't wait for next time. (Skiing, not falling).

In the past three weeks, we've considered the three traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Again, all these practices are directly ordered to the supernatural. They are expressions of *faith*, the consequence of taking stock of the unseen realm of God and the soul. They do not aim at goals in this world, but the next.

But oftentimes, Lent gets off to a bumpy start. High hopes are dashed, eager plans unfulfilled. Naturally enough, discouragement looms as time passes without progress. I looked up what one of my favorite saints – St. Francis de Sales – would say to someone in this situation. Turns out he's a treasure trove, as he usually is, in patient, peaceful encouragement. Here's what he says: "God takes pleasure to see you take your little steps; and like a good father who holds his child by the hand, he will accommodate his steps to yours and will be content to go no faster than you. Why do you worry?" Then he makes it so simple: "You learn to speak by speaking, to study by studying, to run by running, to work by working; and just so, you learn to love by loving. All those who think to learn in any other way deceive themselves." We advance little by little by doing the very things that we need practice doing. And, of course little by little: "Never be hurried in anything. Do all things calmly and in a spirit of repose. Do not lose your inward peace, even if everything seems to be going wrong. What is anything in life compared to peace of soul?"

In other news, Fr. Lance Harlow asked the priests to share information on the St. Nicholas Project, a special Lenten fundraiser for the Kurn Hattin Homes for Children. Ryan Tremblay, Catholic singer/songwriter, is performing a virtual concert on Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM to benefit the children's home. Concert tickets are \$10. This is a great way to make a Lenten sacrifice and help the children's home with this work of mercy. To register, use this link: <https://www.thestnicholasproject.com/>

Also, in case you missed it, you can find a little reflection on Noah and Lent on the parish Facebook page, Catholic Community of Waterbury and the Valley. Finally, just in case anyone missed the news, the new Stations of the Cross at OLS are from St. Sylvester's in Graniteville. So a big thank you to them for their generosity in allowing OLS to be their new home.

In His Heart,  
Fr. Matthew