

# 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.

***March 7, 2021 – Third Sunday of Lent***

## ***Liturgy Schedule***

Saturday, March 6, 4:00 pm/St. Andrew's – Lauro Custodio by Ruth 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  
Monday, March 8, 8:00 am/St. A – Robert (Bob) Bellerose by Patty Gardner  
Tuesday, March 9: NO MASS  
Wednesday, March 10, 8:00 am/St. A – Chuck Magnus and Family by Pauline Hodgdon  
Thursday, March 11, 8:00 am/St. A – Francis Morrissey by Agnes Milne  
Friday, March 12, 8:00 am/St. A – Lawrence and Noella Godin by Pat and Diane Murray  
Saturday, March 13, 4:00 pm/St. A – All Souls in Purgatory  
Saturday, March 13, 6:00 pm/OLS – Henry Koster by Bob Koster  
Sunday, March 14, 9:00 am/St. A – John Brady, Jr. by Jim and Diana Whitney  
Sunday, March 14, 11:00 am/St. P – Michael Yacavoni by Mary Lynn Percy

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

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

Monday: 2 Kings 5:1-15 / Psalm 42 / Luke 4:24-30  
*Saint John of God*

Tuesday: Dan 3:25-43 / Psalm 25 / Matthew 18:21-35  
*Saint Frances of Rome*

Wednesday: Deuteronomy 4:1-9 / Psalm 147 / Matthew 5:17-19  
*Saint Dominic Savio*

Thursday: Jeremiah 7:23-28 / Psalm 95 / Luke 11:14-23  
*Saint John Ogilvie*

Friday: Hosea 14:2-10 / Psalm 81 / Mark 12:28-34  
*Blessed Angela Salawa*

Saturday: Hosea 6:1-6 / Psalm 51 / Luke 18:9-14  
*Saint Leander of Seville*

Next Sunday: 2 Chronicles 36:14-23 / Psalm 137 / Ephesians 2:4-10 / John 3:14-21  
*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

## ***Weekly Offertory Donations: February 22-28, 2021***

St. Andrew's: Offertory \$990; Ash Wednesday \$65; Insurance \$20; Fuel \$30; Church in Latin America \$5; Catholic Education \$20; Catholic Relief Services/Rice Bowl \$2; B&I Mission \$15; Ash Wednesday \$65; Online Giving \$400. OLS/St. Patrick's: Offertory \$460; B&I Mission \$35; Online Giving \$1,182. *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 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 "Encountering Christ the Healer"***

Join the Sisters of Life for a two-night mission in either Morrisville or Stowe:

*Sunday & Monday* (March 7-8), 6:00-8:00 pm at Most Holy Name of Jesus, Morrisville

*Tuesday & Wednesday* (March 9-10) from 6:00-8:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament, Stowe

“Sin is the cause of division in our lives, in our relationships, in our hearts, minds and memories. Society and culture as a whole being so divided is not the will of our Heavenly Father. “That all may be one” our Lord prayed the night before He died, referring to the great reconciliation and healing that would be made possible through His death and resurrection. Every person is in need of God's grace for healing from the effects of sin in our lives and in our world.”

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

“Everything, even sweeping, scraping vegetables, weeding a garden, and waiting on the sick could be a prayer, if it were offered to God.” ~ *St. Martin de Porres*

Dear Parishioners,

I've been looking a bit at the various Stations of the Cross that are out there, and of course looking at St. John Henry Newman and what he has. One comment he made jumped out at me in particular: "Jesus, when He was nearest to His everlasting triumph, seemed to be farthest from triumphing. When He was nearest upon entering upon His kingdom, and exercising all power in heaven and earth, He was lying dead in a cave of the rock. He was wrapped round in burying-clothes, and confined within a sepulchre of stone, where He was soon to have a glorified spiritual body, which could penetrate all substances, go to and fro quicker than thought, and was about to ascend on high. Make us to trust in Thee, O Jesus, that Thou wilt display in us a similar providence. Make us sure, O Lord, that the greater is our distress, the nearer we are to Thee. The more men scorn us, the more Thou dost honour us. The more men insult over us, the higher Thou wilt exalt us. The more they forget us, the more Thou dost keep us in mind. The more they abandon us, the closer Thou wilt bring us to Thyself."

I love this idea, a paradox of faith. At Christmas we contemplated a similar paradox: the all-powerful God hidden in the body of a newborn baby. Here, again, we contemplate a mystery of greatness concealed in weakness: this time, in the weakness of Our Lord's suffering and death.

The theme of our Lord's suffering is never far removed from our own lives, is it? It reminds me of a time when C. S. Lewis was giving a Q&A session. One pesky participant asked Lewis if the Christian idea is to suffer now so we can be rewarded later. He asked, "Is it true that Christians must be prepared to live a life of personal discomfort and self-sacrifice in order to qualify for 'Pie in the Sky'?" He makes it sound as though Christians sign-up for a double dose of misery. I love Lewis' response. He says, "All people, whether Christian or not, must be prepared to live a life of discomfort." There's just no way around it. We live in a broken world, and the brokenness carries suffering in its train. The difference between Christians and non-Christians is not that we suffer and others don't, but rather that we unite our sufferings with Our Lord. We bear witness to the secret dynamic of suffering, understood from the perspective of an empty tomb.

For all those looking to watch the Mass on the parish Facebook page, you can use this mini-link to get there: <https://tinyurl.com/parish-facebook>. Last week the feed went out entirely (sorry!) so if you were wondering about that, it was *not* your fault. And I've heard that the week before was a bit spotty. I'm working on making it as reliable as possible, with the best sound quality as possible. Unfortunately, sometimes those things battle against each other.

In His Heart,  
Fr. Matthew