

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 14, 2021 – Laetare (Fourth) Sunday of Lent

Liturgy Schedule

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
Monday, March 15, 8:00 am/St A – Walt Geleta by Lisa and Frank Koncewicz and sons
Tuesday, March 16: NO MASS
Wednesday, March 17, 8:00 am/St A – Danella & Edward McVeigh
Thursday, March 18, 8:00 am/St A – Patrick Raymond by Roy and Fran Raymond
Friday, March 19, 8:00 am/St A – Living and Deceased Members of the Jerry Rensch Family
Saturday, March 20, 4:00 pm/St A – Michael Francis Callan by Gerry Callan
Saturday, March 20, 6:00 pm/OLS – All Parishioners and Visitors
Sunday, March 21, 9:00 am/St A – All Parishioners and Visitors
Sunday, March 21, 11:00 am/St. P – John Kirk by Kathleen Basile

Readings for the Week

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

Monday: Isaiah 65:17-21 / Psalm 30 / John 4:43-54
Saint Louise de Marillac

Tuesday: Ezekiel 47:1-12 / Psalm 46 / John 5:1-16
Saint Clement Mary Hofbauer

Wednesday: Isaiah 49:8-15 / Psalm 145 / John 5:17-30
Saint Patrick

Thursday: Exodus 32:7-14 / Psalm 106 / John 5:31-47
Saint Cyril of Jerusalem

Friday: 2 Samuel 7:4-16 / Psalm 89 / Romans 4:13-22 / Matthew 1:16-24
Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: Jeremiah 11:18-20 / Psalm 7 / John 7:40-53
Saint Salvator of Horta

Next Sunday: Jeremiah 31:31-34 / Psalm 51 / Hebrews 5:7-9 / John 12:20-33
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Weekly Offertory Donations: March 1-7, 2021

St. Andrew's: Offertory \$982; Insurance \$60; Fuel \$140; Online Giving \$325
OLS/St. Patrick's: Offertory \$1,146; Fuel \$50; Insurance \$10; Online Giving \$680
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, Suzie Clark, Phyllis Conti, Janet DiBlasi, Sue Ellsasser, Jason Fowler, Raven Fowler, Patricia Gardner, Jan Gendreau, Alison Henry, 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 p.m. during Lent, alternating between St. Andrew's and Our Lady of the Snows. The dates are below:

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 20th 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 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM. 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 will go to benefit the Rosary Council Seminarian Scholarship Fund.

Wisdom of the Saints

“While the world changes, the Cross stands firm.” ~ *St. Bruno*

“Lent offers us the practical and effective weapons of fasting and almsgiving as a means of combating an excessive attachment to money. Giving not only from our abundance, but sacrificing something more in order to give to the needy, fosters that self-denial which is essential to authentic Christian living.” ~ *Pope St. John Paul II*

“We must trust in the mighty power of God's mercy. We are all sinners, but His grace transforms us and makes us new.” ~ *Pope Benedict XVI*

“We have been called to heal wounds, to unite what has fallen away, and to bring home those who have lost their way. Many who seem to us to be the children of the devil will still become Christ's disciples.” ~ *St. Francis of Assisi*

“A spiritual father, like a signpost, merely indicates the way; you yourself must follow the path.” ~ *St. Nikon of Optina*

Dear Parishioners,

Who is loving this weather?! The warmth itself carries hope and lifts the spirit. At least it does for me. I even made it over to the Waterbury park and got some shots up. (Basketball shots). And right now I'm sitting on the three-season porch, which is warmed to 80 degrees by the sun! God has certainly orchestrated a marvelous design, which satisfies our desire for consistency and novelty. The seasons repeat year after year, ever consistently, and yet they always change one after another, new every time. They reflect God himself in the way St. Augustine describes Him: ever ancient, ever new.

Another uplifting experience of the past week was the retreat or mission given by the Sisters of Life in Morrisville and Stowe. I made it on Monday and Tuesday to hear them speak and participate in the retreat. The sisters were wonderful: full of joy, full of peace. I'll have to arrange to bring them here at some point! On Tuesday, I had dinner with Fr. Schnobrich and the sisters, and Sister Eden described her vocation story with a riveting image. She compared her life before entering the convent to climbing a ladder. Step after step, effort after effort to reach the top. Then, at the top, you look around and realize that the ladder is leaning against the wrong wall. All that effort for an accomplishment that does not satisfy! "It is at the best moments of life that I am most dissatisfied." That experience of her life kept her searching for true fulfillment, ultimately guiding her into the Sisters of Life.

The offertory prayer from Thursday expressed the same point in a poignant way. It said, "Do not let [your people] cling to false joys, for you promise them the rewards of truth." I love the enjambed meanings of true and false. False joys are false in the sense that those joys are hollow and empty, a counterfeit. They are not real. But they are also false in the sense that they lie. They overpromise and underdeliver. The promise satisfaction but do not bring it. Then, the prayer contrasts those joys not just with true joy but with "the rewards of truth," reminding us that truth itself leads us to true joys.

Oh boy, running out of room. I wanted to note a worthy cause: Amy's Armoire is coming soon! A non-profit clothing store run by Amy Anderson is collecting clothing donations. All profits will go to help kids in foster/adoptive homes as well as programs that help fill in the gaps for parents in recovery. It will be run by volunteers and based out of Barre. They are especially in need of children's clothes but will take clothes for all ages and bins with covers. Clothes must be in good condition: no stains or holes. When donating, indicated the gender and age range on the bag/bin/box. Amy Anderson (Foster Anderson on Facebook) 279-6534
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/329056197575102>

And our own Facebook page link, for live streams, etc.: <https://tinyurl.com/parish-facebook>

In His Heart,
Fr. Matthew