

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 21, 2021 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, March 20, 4:00 pm/St. Andrew's: Michael Francis Callan by Gerry Callan
Saturday, March 20, 6:00 pm/Our Lady of the Snows: All Parishioners and Visitors
Sunday, March 21, 9:00 am/ St. Andrew's: All Parishioners and Visitors
Sunday, March 21, 11:00 am/St. Patrick's: John Kirk by Kathleen Basile
Monday, March 22, 8:00 am/ St. Andrew's: Angelino Grazzini by Gio Susini
Tuesday, March 23: NO MASS
Wednesday, March 24: NO MASS (Fr. Matthew at Bishop Marshall School)
Thursday, March 25, 8:00 am/ St. Andrew's: Living and Deceased of the Patti Glende Family
Friday, March 26, 8:00 am/ St. Andrew's: Living and Deceased of the Gene Rensch Family
Saturday, March 27, 4:00 pm/ St. Andrew's: Felix Callan by Roy and Fran Raymond
Saturday, March 27, 6:00 pm/Our Lady of the Snows: Margaret LaBorne by Barbara King
Sunday, March 28, 9:00 am/ St. Andrew's: Reverend Donald E. Ritchie
Sunday, March 29, 11:00 am/St. Patrick's: All Parishioners and Visitors

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Jeremiah 31:31-34 / Psalm 51 / Hebrews 5:7-9 / John 12:20-33
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Monday: Daniel 13:41-62 / Psalm 23 / John 8:1-11
Saint Nicholas Owen
Tuesday: Numbers 21:4-9 / Psalm 102 / John 8:21-30
Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo
Wednesday: Daniel 3:14-95 / Daniel 3 / John 8:31-42
Saint Oscar Arnulfo Romero
Thursday: Isaiah 7:10-8:10 / Psalm 40 / Hebrews Luke 1:26-38/10:4-10 /
Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
Friday: Jeremiah 20:10-13 / Psalm 18 / John 10:31-42
Saint Catherine of Genoa
Saturday: Ezekiel 37:21-28 / Jeremiah 31:20-13 / John 11:45-56
Lazarus Saturday
Next Sunday: Mark 11:1-10 / Isaiah 50:4-7 / Psalm 22 / Philippians 2:6-11 / Mark 14:1-15:47
Palm Sunday

Weekly Offertory Donations: March 8-14, 2021

St. Andrew's: Offertory \$1,230; Insurance \$10; Fuel \$80; Flowers \$25; Online Giving \$735
OLS/St. Patrick's: Offertory \$595; Online Giving \$630

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.

Rest in Peace

Please offer a prayer for Pauline Hodgdon, as well as her family. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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

The final Stations of the Cross is this Friday, March 26 at 5:30 pm at St. Andrew's.

Lenten Confessions:

Friday, March 26th – 6:15 - 7:00 pm St. Andrew's (after Stations of the Cross)

Saturday, March 27th – 7:00 - 8:00 pm at Our Lady of the Snows (after Mass)

Sunday, March 28th – 12:00 - 1:00 pm at St. Patrick's (after Mass)

Monday, March 29th – 7:00 - 8:00 pm at St. Andrew's

Wednesday, March 31st – 8:45 - 9:45 am at St. Andrew's (after morning Mass)

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday: 8:00 pm at St. Andrew's

Good Friday: 5:00 pm at Our Lady of the Snows
7:00 pm at St. Andrew's

Easter Vigil: 8:00 pm at St. Andrew's

Easter Sunday: 9:00 am at St. Andrew's
11:15 am at Our Lady of the Snows

Donations to the Mad River Valley Community Pantry

You may be aware the Mad River Valley Community Pantry (funded and operated by the Interfaith council) recently underwent a name change, website face lift and physical space improvements (due to COVID). The traditional Rice Bowl during Lent reminds us of the local need also. Our Lady of the Snows/St. Patrick's has previously requested food donations to support the Pantry, and alternatively, Mehuron's and Shaw's makes it very easy for "in kind donations" with drop-off bins at their locations. For more information on what items are needed, you can find out here: <https://www.mrvcommunitypantry.org/product-donation>

Dear Parishioners,

Feast days come in three levels in the ranking of the Church: memorial, feast, and solemnity. The solemnity is the grandest and most important type of feast. And today we celebrate the solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In calling today's feast a *solemnity*, the Church intends nothing of the usual connotations. She does not mean a sad and solemn occasion of dreary faces and gloomy songs. She does not mean solemn as a funeral is solemn. Rather, the feast of St. Joseph is solemn in the way that an inauguration, or a coronation, or the exchange of wedding vows is solemn. It's that solemnity which is at the intersection of joyfulness, formality, and significance.

In 1870, Blessed Pope Pius IX named St. Joseph Patron of the Universal Church. 150 years later, Pope Francis dedicated this year (December 8, 2020 - December 8, 2021) to St. Joseph with his Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde* (which you can find here: <http://tiny.cc/PatrisCorde>). The Pope offers a detailed reflection on this great saint. Stay tuned for a faith series on him this year! Also worth noting is that Pope Francis also issued a decree offering special indulgences for this year of St. Joseph. For a refresher on what an indulgence is and how to obtain one, have a look at the recently added page to the website <https://rccwwm.org/indulgences-101>

The saints speak of St. Joseph as honored by God the Father by being entrusted with three great gifts. The first is the Virgin Mary. St. Joseph's sacred duty was to protect and provide for the Blessed Virgin. In addition, God entrusted St. Joseph with his only begotten Son. The humanity of Christ, our Lord, was under the special care of St. Joseph. When we consider the flight to Egypt, we see this was no trifling task. Worth contemplating, too, is the fact that the work of St. Joseph provided the sustenance on which Jesus grew and developed. Finally, God the Father entrusted to St. Joseph the secret of the Incarnation. For the entire childhood and early adulthood of Jesus, the only souls to know the secret were Mary and Joseph. Consider the circumspection with which Jesus himself slowly disclosed the secret of his identity to the world. This was not a secret to be shared quickly, even with close confidants. Yet God the Father entrusts the secret to Joseph, who faithfully guards it through the years.

Just a reminder, in closing, to consult the inside of the bulletin for the Holy Week schedule, fast approaching. In addition, you'll find info on the extra Confession times and on the Stations of the Cross. All the Holy Week services at St. Andrew's will be livestreamed, and available at our Facebook page, available here: <https://tinyurl.com/parish-facebook>

Finally, be sure to sign up for the Holy Week services, especially Easter. I'm not too concerned about Holy Thursday and Good Friday, but would like a count for the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. Thanks much!

In His Heart,
Fr. Matthew