

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 28, 2021 – Passion (Palm) Sunday

Liturgy Schedule

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 28, 11:00 am, St. Patrick's: All Parishioners and Visitors
Monday, March 29, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: Margaret Walsh by Bill and Midge Rensch
Tuesday, March 30: NO MASS
Wednesday, March 31, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: Fr. Louis Logue by Dianne Murray
Thursday, April 1, 8:00 pm, St. Andrew's: Stanley Pietryka by Mary and Sam Miller
Friday, April 2, 5:00 pm, Our Lady of the Snows
Friday, April 2, 7:00 pm, St. Andrew's
Saturday, April 3, 8:00 pm, St. A: Sr. Mary Monica Archambault by Roy and Fran Raymond
Sunday, April 4, 9:00 am, St. Andrew's: Gwendolyn Rose by Bill and Midge Rensch
Sunday, April 4, 11:15 am, Our Lady of the Snows: All Parishioners and Visitors

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Mark 11:1-10 / Isaiah 50:4-7 / Psalm 22 / Philippians 2:6-11 / Mark 14:1-15:47
Passion (Palm) Sunday

Monday: Isaiah 42:1-7 / Psalm 27 / John 12:1-11
Saint Ludovico of Casoria

Tuesday: Isaiah 49:1-6 / Psalm 71 / John 13:21-38
Saint Peter Regalado

Wednesday: Isaiah 50:4-9 / Psalm 69 / Matthew 26:14-25
Saint Stephen of Mar Saba

Thursday: Exodus 12:1-14 / Psalm 116 / 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 / John 13:1-15
Holy Thursday

Friday: Isaiah 52:13-53:12 / Psalm 31 / Hebrews 4:14-5:9 / John 18:1-19:42
Good Friday

Saturday: Genesis 1:1-2:22 / Genesis 22:1-18 / Psalm 16 / Exodus 14:15-15:1 /
Exodus 15 / Isaiah 54:5-14 / Psalm 30 / Ezekiel 36:16-28 / Psalm 42 /
Romans 6:3-11 / Psalm 118 / Mark 16:1-7
Easter Vigil

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34-43 / Psalm 118 / Colossians 3:1-4 / John 20:1-9
Easter Sunday

Rest in Peace

Please offer a prayer for Pauline Hodgdon and Phyllis Conti, as well as their families. May their souls 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, 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.

Lenten Confessions:

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>

Weekly Offertory Donations: March 15-21, 2021

St. Andrew's: Offertory \$894; Insurance \$30; Fuel \$40; Catholic Relief Services \$995; Online Giving \$625; *OLS/St. Patrick's:* Offertory \$407; Flowers \$55; Fuel \$10; Catholic Relief Services \$255; Online Giving \$250. *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.

Dear Parishioners,

A few months ago, the former secretary and longtime estate manager for C. S. Lewis (What a job!) passed away. His name was Walter Hooper. In an interview about his work with Lewis, Hooper recounts a story connected to almsgiving. One time, he and Lewis were strolling along, when they saw a beggar. Lewis opened his wallet and gave the man some money. Hooper objected, "Aren't you worried that he's just going to buy drink with it?" Lewis' response: "If he doesn't, I will!" The intention for the money was exactly the same!

The breviary (the priest psalm / prayer book) contains the following petition for today, which reminded me of that story: It says, "Help us to deny ourselves today, and not deny those in need." The prayer highlights a connection that I have never focused on before in those terms, namely, the connection between (not) denying others and denying oneself, self-denial. To deny another's request may very well result from my unwillingness to deny myself. Someone, in many cases, must be denied. Someone will be told, "No." The only question is who. Will it be myself or someone else? The thrust of the prayer is that the No to ourselves can free us to say Yes to someone else.

Our teacher and model in self-denial is, of course, Our Lord. He teaches us, "If anyone will come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily, and follow me." True Christian self-denial is not simply refraining from sin, but refraining from something perfectly permissible. St. John Henry Newman comments that not only does Our Lord instruct us in this matter, but he also models it. He notes that "this was the peculiar character in which Christ came on earth... He who was one with God, took upon Him[self] our nature, and suffered death – and why? To save us whom He needed not save. Thus He denied Himself and took up His cross." In other words, Christ departs His heavenly state, a perfectly legitimate state of enjoyment and bliss. He does so in order to accomplish something beyond strict duty. He denies himself an enjoyment to benefit another. "He became poor, that we might become rich."

Today we begin the memorial of that work. We celebrate His great self-denial wrought for our sake. This we acclaim: the greatest act of generosity the world has ever known. The holiest week of the year begins today. May we enter in with grateful hearts and purified minds, cleansed by our own self-denial!

Be sure to consult the bulletin for times and places for the services and take advantage of the extra Confession times. Also, don't forget to sign up for the Easter Mass that you plan to attend. Also, a reminder that the Holy Week services at St. Andrew's will be livestreamed, and available at our Facebook page: <https://tinyurl.com/parish-facebook>

In His Heart,
Fr. Matthew