

# 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.

***April 4, 2021 – Easter Sunday***

### ***Liturgy Schedule***

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  
Monday, April 5, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: Living and Deceased of the Steven Rensch Family  
Tuesday, April 6: NO MASS  
Wednesday, April 7, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: Leigh Lacaillad by Marsha Wood  
Thursday, April 8, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: Putvain and Eastman Families by Patty Gardner  
Friday, April 9, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: Helen Sheldon by Mary Vecchione  
Saturday, April 10, 4:00 pm, St. A: The Conversion of Sinners to the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Saturday, April 10, 6:00 pm, Our Lady of the Snows: Ginny Godoy by Ruth Custodio  
Sunday, April 11, 9:00 am, St. Andrew's: Barbara Brady Kaufmann by Jim and Diana Whitney  
Sunday, April 11, 11:00 am, St. Patrick's: Michael Yacavoni by Mary Lynn Percy

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

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*

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

Monday: Acts 2:14-33 / Psalm 16 / Matthew 28:8-15  
*Saint Vincent Ferrer*

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41 / Psalm 33 / John 20:11-18  
*Saint Rufina*

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10 / Psalm 105 / Luke 24:13-35  
*Saint Brynach*

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26 / Psalm 8 / Luke 24:25-48  
*Saint Julie Billiart*

Friday: Acts 4:1-12 / Psalm 118 / John 21:1-14  
*Saint Casilda*

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21 / Psalm 118 / Mark 16:9-15  
*Saint Magdalen of Canossa*

Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35 / Psalm 118 / 1 John 5:1-6 / John 20:19-31  
*Divine Mercy Sunday*

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

*St. Andrew's*: Offertory \$1,230; Insurance \$55; Fuel \$90; Catholic Relief Services \$15;  
Flowers \$121; Easter Giving \$100; B&I Missions \$25; Holy Land \$120; Online Giving \$590;  
*OLS/St. Patrick's*: Offertory \$970; Flowers \$381; Catholic Relief Services \$20; Online \$612.

### ***Prayers for the Sick***

We pray for Isaiah Callan, Daniel Caplinger, Heidi Cervantes, Suzie Clark, Janet DiBlasi, Bob and 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.

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

“Let all pious men and all lovers of God rejoice in the splendor of this feast; let the wise servants blissfully enter into the joy of their Lord; let those who have borne the burden of Lent now receive their pay, and those who have toiled since the first hour, let them now receive their due reward. Let any who came after the third hour be grateful to join in the feast, and those who may have come after the sixth, let them not be afraid of being too late.

For the Lord is gracious and He receives the last even as the first. He gives rest to him who comes on the eleventh hour as well as to him who has toiled since the first. Yes, He has pity on the last and He serves the first. He rewards the one and is generous to the other. He repays the deed and praises the effort. Come you all: enter into the joy of your Lord. You the first and you the last, receive alike your reward. You rich and you poor, dance together. You sober and you weaklings, celebrate the day. You who have kept the fast and you who have not, rejoice today. The table is richly loaded: enjoy its royal banquet. The calf is a fatted one: let no one go away hungry. All of you enjoy the banquet of faith! All of you receive the riches of his goodness!

Let no one grieve over his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed. Let no one weep over his sins, for pardon has shone from the grave. Let no one fear death, for the death of our Savior has set us free. He has destroyed it by enduring it. He has despoiled Hades by going down into its kingdom. He has angered it by allowing it to taste of his flesh.

When Isaiah foresaw all this, he cried out: ‘*O Hades, you have been angered by encountering Him in the nether world.*’ Hades is angered because it is frustrated, it is angered because it has been mocked, it is angered because it has been destroyed, it is angered because it has been reduced to naught, it is angered because it is now captive. It seized a body, and lo! it discovered God. It seized earth, and, behold! it encountered heaven. It seized the visible, and was overcome by the invisible.

O death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory? Christ is risen and life is freed! Christ is risen and the tomb is emptied of the dead! For Christ, being risen from the dead, has become the Leader and Reviver of those who had fallen asleep. To Him be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.” ~ *St. John Chrysostom*

Dear Parishioners,

“Something strange is happening – there is a great silence on earth today, a great silence and stillness. The whole earth keeps silence because the King is asleep. The earth trembled and is still because God has fallen asleep in the flesh and he has raised up all who have slept ever since the world began. God has died in the flesh and hell trembles with fear.” So begins an ancient homily from the Easter Vigil. It proceeds to detail a victorious Christ freeing the good souls of those who have died and leading them to paradise. Christ proclaims his victory to them, and invites them to witness the marks of his passion and crucifixion. It is a glorious sermon all the way through, but I most appreciate the way it begins: with that sense of strangeness, stillness, hushed attention.

Our increased attention began on Holy Thursday with the Last Supper and intensified in witnessing Christ’s passion on Good Friday. We saw him endure every kind of suffering, foreshadowed by those who prefigured him: “In Abel he was slain, in Isaac, bound, in Jacob, exiled, in Joseph, sold, in Moses” condemned by the king. “He was sacrificed in the Passover lamb, persecuted in David, dishonored in the prophets.” He lives out the inner meaning of every Old Testament figure. And thus his death leaves left us in cosmic silence, intent on the completion of the Paschal Mystery.

That alertness allows us to enter the joy of Easter. *Resurrexit, sicut dixit!* “He has risen, as He said.” Various Old Testament passages had confusedly and vaguely hinted at God’s divine power. Isaac was restored to Abraham when it seemed clear he would die. The psalms appeal to the vindicator, who can take revenge even on death. But everything in the Old Testament is a hint, a guess, a hope, a whisper. Today that new life faintly suggested in Old Testament passages is revealed before the eyes of the Apostles as a living, breathing fact.

May the power of the Risen Christ transform us in his grace, courage, joy, and peace.

Next Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. To mark the occasion, we’ll have a holy hour of adoration at St. Andrew’s from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm, commemorating the hour of mercy. I’ll be available for confessions during the middle of the holy hour. We’ll close with evening prayer. There are special indulgences connected with Divine Mercy Sunday, so be sure to brush up on what an indulgence is and how to obtain one: <https://rccwwm.org/indulgences-101>

Lastly, a huge thank you to all who assisted in the Holy Week liturgies! The musicians did an amazing job. Barbara King and Diane Murray helped immensely in coordinating the decorating, so a thank you to them and everyone who helped them execute the plan. And thank you to the lectors for ensuring a proclamation of the word fit for the solemnity.

In His Heart,  
Fr. Matthew