

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 18, 2021 – Third Sunday of Easter

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, April 17, 4:00 pm, St. Andrew's: All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, April 17, 6:00 pm, OLS: Phyllis Conti and Nicholas Joseph Elia by Sharon Conti

Sunday, April 18, 9:00 am, St. Andrew's: Lillian Kreiling by Ken and Blanche Kreiling

Sunday, April 18, 11:00 am, St. Andrew's: Joe Maloney by Kathleen Basile

Monday, April 19, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's Ann Goot by Michael and Kristin Geoghegan

Tuesday, April 20: NO MASS

Wednesday, April 21, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: Duane Earle and Andrew Harnett by Gio Susini

Thursday, April 22, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: Conversion of Sinners to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Friday, April 23, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: John Persons by Georgeanne Baker

Saturday, April 24, 4:00 pm, St. Andrew's: Kyle Magnus by the Magnus Family

Saturday, April 24, 6:00 pm, Our Lady of the Snows: All Parishioners and Visitors

Sunday, April 25, 9:00 am, St. Andrew's: Ruby Dalley

Sunday, April 25, 11:00 am, St. Patrick's: All Parishioners and Visitors

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Acts 3:13-19 / Psalm 4 / 1 John 2:1-5 / Luke 24:35-48

Third Sunday of Easter

Monday: Acts 6:8-15 / Psalm 119 / John 6:22-29

Saint Gianna Beretta Molla

Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1 / Psalm 31 / John 6:30-35

Saint Conrad of Parzham

Wednesday: Acts 8:1-8 / Psalm 66 / John 6:35-40

Saint Anselm

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40 / Psalm 66 / John 6:44-51

Saint Adalbert of Prague

Friday: Acts 9:1-20 / Psalm 117 / John 6:52-59

Saint George

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42 / Psalm 116 / John 6:60-69

Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen

Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12 / Psalm 118 / 1 John 3:1-2 / John 10:11-18

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Weekly Offertory Donations: April 5-11, 2021

St. Andrew's: Offertory \$945; Catholic Relief Services \$60; Easter Collection \$240; Flowers \$15; Fuel \$50; Insurance \$91; Holy Land \$20; Online Giving \$405. *OLS/St. Patrick's:* Offertory \$803; Insurance \$10; Online Giving \$230. *Thank you for your support 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, 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.

St. John Vianney Parish May Crowning

You are invited to an outdoor Mass and May crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary that will be held on the front lawn of St. John Vianney Parish in South Burlington on Saturday, May 1st at 9:30am. They will also be dedicating their new outdoor statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The rosary will be prayed at 9:10 am, prior to Mass. All are welcome to attend.

Totus Tuus 2021

The Diocese of Burlington is excited to bring Totus Tuus back to our parishes this summer! This week-long catechetical program for youth will be at 12 parishes throughout the Diocese. For more information, please visit our parish website or contact Michael Hagan at mhagan@vermontcatholic.org

Christ our Hope Campaign and 2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal Updates

As an update on our current pledged totals for the Christ our Hope Campaign: St. Andrew's has pledged \$28,902.00, which is 25% of the goal of \$114,054.00. Our Lady of the Snows/St. Patrick's has pledged \$27,500, which is 33% of the goal of \$83,209.00. For the 2020 Annual Bishop's Appeal, St. Andrew's gave \$15,348.00, which is 74% of the \$20,913.00 goal, and Our Lady of the Snows/St. Patrick's Parish also gave \$20,834.75, which is 132% of their \$16,249.00 goal. Thank you to all who donated!

May 1st-2nd Food Donations

Over the weekend of May 1-2, in honor of the Solemnity of St. Joseph the Worker, we will be collecting food donations for the Waterbury Food Shelf and the Mad River Valley Community Pantry. Please bring non-perishable food items to the parish that weekend, and we will deliver them to their respective locations. If you would like to see a more detailed list of current needs in the community, the organizations are linked under the "Giving" tab on our parish website.

Wisdom of the Saints

"The Cross had asked the questions; the Resurrection had answered them...the Cross had asked: 'Why does God permit evil and sin to nail Justice to a tree?' The Resurrection answered: 'That sin, having done its worst, might exhaust itself and this be overcome by Love that is stronger than either sin or death.'" ~ *Archbishop Fulton Sheen*

Dear Parishioners,

One of the marvelous things about the Easter Season is the readings in the breviary. They include breathtaking reflections from the Saints on the Paschal mystery of Christ crucified and resurrected. Here is an excerpt from St. Leo the Great (Sermon 12 on the Passion):

“My dear brethren, there is no doubt that the Son of God took our human nature into so close a union with himself that one and the same Christ is present, not only in the firstborn of all creation, but in all his saints as well. The head cannot be separated from the members, nor the members from the head. Not in this life, it is true, but only in eternity will God be all in all, yet even now he dwells, whole and undivided, in his temple the Church. Such was his promise to us when he said: *See, I am with you always, even to the end of the world.*”

“And so all that the Son of God did and taught for the world’s reconciliation is not for us simply a matter of past history. Here and now we experience his power at work among us. Born of a virgin mother by the action of the Holy Spirit, Christ keeps his Church spotless and makes her fruitful by the inspiration of the same Spirit. In baptismal regeneration she brings forth children for God beyond all numbering. These are the sons of whom it is written: *They are born not of blood, nor of the desire of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*”

The sermon struck me not only in its beauty and profundity, but also its timeliness. Last week, you recall, I spoke about the mistake of the “spiritual, but not religious” approach. And then two days later I spoke with someone advocating exactly that idea! St. Leo articulates the beautiful gift God gives to those seeking spiritual life: it fills and flows through the Church! “The head cannot be divided from the members, nor members from the head.” “God dwells in his temple, the Church.” There is no spirituality without the Holy Spirit. No life without baptismal regeneration. No spirit without the body. The body of Christ is the Church!

On Thursday we had the first meeting of the **Faith Series** on St. Joseph. It was a fun introductory meeting on this silent, somewhat mysterious saint. If you’d like to jump on board, now is the time to do it. After another class of setting the stage we’ll follow a close sequence of preparation for a consecration to St. Joseph, which is hard to enter in part-way. If you’re considering, go here for the book: <https://www.consecrationtostjoseph.org/introduction.html>. We meet on **Thursdays at 6:30 pm**, either in person at St. Leo's Hall, or on Zoom.

Finally, the diocese has asked the churches of the diocese to take a food collection on the weekend of May 1st and 2nd, which coincides with the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. Just wanted to put that on your radar screens. (After that, we’ll go back to the regular collection times, which I know have been somewhat irregular and in hiatus. We’ll organize henceforth.)

God bless,
Fr. Matthew