

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.

May 2, 2021 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, May 1, 4:00 pm, St. Andrew's: Madeleine Manahan by Fran and Roy Raymond
Saturday, May 1, 6:00 pm, Our Lady of the Snows: All Souls in Purgatory
Sunday, May 2, 9:00 am, St. Andrew's: Henry Harder and John Martens by Gio Susini
Sunday, May 2, 11:00 am, St. Patrick's: Paul Marble by Kathleen Basile
Monday, May 3, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: Ray Walsh, Jr. by Bill and Midge Rensch
Tuesday, May 4: NO MASS
Wednesday, May 5, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: David Pfannenstin (1st) by Pat & Diane Murray
Thursday, May 6, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: Conversion of Sinners to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Friday, May 7, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: Kathleen Germana by Richard Germana
Saturday, May 8, 4:00 pm, St. Andrew's: Wanda Persons
Saturday, May 8, 6:00 pm, Our Lady of the Snows: All Parishioners and Visitors
Sunday, May 9, 9:00 am, St. Andrew's: Elisa Torres by Sile & Sergio Torres
Sunday, May 9, 11:00 am, St. Patrick's: Duane Earle and Andrew Harnett by Gio Susini

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31 / Psalm 22 / 1 John 3:18-24 / John 15:1-8
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Monday: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 / Psalm 19 / John 14:6-14
Saints Philip and James
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28 / Psalm 145 / John 14:27-31
Saint Florian
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6 / Psalm 122 / John 15:1-8
Saint Hilary of Arles
Thursday: Acts 15:7-12 / Psalm 96 / John 15:9-11
Saint Dominic Savio
Friday: Acts 15:22-31 / Psalm 57 / John 15:12-17
Saint Rose Venerini
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10 / Psalm 100 / John 15:18-21
Saint Peter of Tarentaise
Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-48 / Psalm 98 / 1 John 4:7-10 / John 15:9-17
Sixth Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day

Weekly Offertory Donations: April 19-25, 2021

St. Andrew's: Offertory \$1,226; Catholic Relief Services \$5; Catholic Home Missions \$104; Holy Land \$10; Easter Collection \$35; Insurance \$40; Fuel \$25; Online Giving \$200.
OLS/St. Patrick's: Offertory \$670; Catholic Home Missions \$20; Online Giving \$502.
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.

Parish Catechetical Job Opening at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Williston, VT

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Williston, VT, is hiring a part-time Parish Catechetical Leader. This person will be responsible for planning and implementing the curriculum for the parish's educational programs, including preparation for the sacraments of First Communion, Reconciliation, and Confirmation, and will oversee youth ministry and adult formation programs. For more information, please contact the parish office by emailing IHMChurch@vermontcatholic.org or call 802-878-4513

Confirmation Celebration

The confirmation class of 2021 is being honored by the community at the 6:00 pm Mass on Saturday, May 1st at Our Lady of the Snows. There will be a special blessing, and each recently confirmed student will receive a gift bible. Please congratulate the students as we celebrate the Spirit's confirming them with strength for mission and for resisting the spiritual attacks of the ancient foe. Pray that the Spirit they received in abundance in confirmation will remain with them always, giving them the strength to accomplish God's will.

May 1st-2nd Food Donations

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 at all of the Masses this weekend. 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

"My whole strength lies in prayer and sacrifice, these are my invincible arms; they can move hearts far better than words, I know it by experience." ~ *St. Thérèse of Lisieux*

"Grace and truth will in turn give rise to courage. Following Christ has always demanded courage." ~ *St. John Paul II*

"Christian faith and ethics do not wish to stifle love but to make it *healthy, strong and truly free*: this is the exact meaning of the Ten Commandments, which are not a series of 'noes' but a great 'yes' to love and to life." ~ *Pope Benedict XVI*

Dear Parishioners,

The liturgical calendar at this point in the year is loaded with important saints. This past week commemorated St. Louis de Montfort, apostle of Mary (and my Confirmation saint), St. Catherine of Siena, co-patroness of Europe, and St. Pope Pius V, implementor of the Council of Trent. Tomorrow is the feast of St. Joseph the Worker, the next day is St. Athanasius (although smothered by Sunday), and on Monday the apostles St. Philip and St. James. Let me recall some of the delightful tidbits about a few of these saints, whom the Bible describes as a “great cloud of witnesses” who surround and accompany us in our efforts.

Though little is known about him, St. Joseph is certainly widely known and revered as the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. His feast of May 1st was established in 1955 by Pope Pius XII. The Pope was concerned about the agitation affecting workers, especially the anger fomented by the Communist ideology. He wanted to propose a wholesome model to the working world.

St. Athanasius is the famous saint who combatted the Arian heresy. If you'd like to watch a painfully unprofessional video about him that my sister and I made about a year ago, check it out here: <https://tinyurl.com/SaintAthanasius>. Anyway, my favorite story about him is when he was fleeing for his life by boat, and his pursuers were fast approaching. At a point when his boat was out of sight, he turned the boat around. His pursuers, who did not recognize him, asked whether they knew the whereabouts of the saint. Like the crafty yet virtuous man he was, he told his pursuers that St. Athanasius was quite close, and that they should hurry and continue their pursuit. When they pressed on, St. Athanasius lost no time in escaping in the direction that they had come from.

The James that we celebrate on Monday is James “the lesser.” He was a cousin of Jesus himself, but was known as the lesser because he was younger than the other James, James the Greater. James the Greater is the one who is the brother of John. St. James the lesser, the cousin of Jesus, is the author of the New Testament epistle that bears his name, and was bishop in Jerusalem, serving the primarily Jewish community.

In other news, for those in the Valley, Marie has found a place to land her tiny house, so she will soon be a neighbor to those in Moretown! The tiny house is under construction and Marie is looking forward to lining everything up.

Thank you to all who donated to the food drive honoring St. Joseph the Worker! I touched base with Dani at the Waterbury Food Shelf, and she was very appreciative. Thanks for your dependable generosity.

God bless,
Fr. Matthew