

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 9, 2021 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Liturgy Schedule

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
Monday, May 10, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: Jay Volpe by Bill and Midge Rensch
Tuesday, May 11: NO MASS
Wednesday, May 12, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: Margaret Coates by Mary and Sam Miller
*Wednesday, May 12, 6:00 pm, St. Patrick's: All Parishioners and Visitors
*Thursday, May 13, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: All Souls in Purgatory
*Thursday, May 13, 6:00 pm, Our Lady of the Snows: All Parishioners and Visitors
Friday, May 14, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: Wanda Persons by Pay and Dianne Murray
Saturday, May 15, 4:00 pm, St. Andrew's: Phyllis "Gigi" Powers by Sile and Sergio Torres
Saturday, May 15, 6:00 pm, Our Lady of the Snows: All Souls in Purgatory
Sunday, May 16, 9:00 am, St. A: Charles & Blanche Podhajski by Ken & Blanche Kreiling
Sunday, May 16, 11:00 am, St. Patrick's: Michael Yacavoni by Mary Lynn Percy

Weekly Offertory Donations: April 26-May 2, 2021

St. Andrew's: Offertory \$1,242; Catholic Home Missions \$65; Insurance \$103; Online \$525.
OLS/St. Patrick's: Offertory \$777; Catholic Home Missions \$20; Insurance \$10; Online \$855.
Thank you for your support through online giving, the mail, or at Mass!

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, Holly LeClair, 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.

Thank you for your generosity!

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.

Annual Global Rosary Relay, Praying for our Priests

In 2002 Pope John Paul II announced the annual World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests to take place on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Beginning at midnight on June 11th, the Annual Global Rosary will begin in various locations in more than 100 countries, and the Diocese of Burlington will participate starting at 2:00 p.m., praying a rosary for our priests. See our website for more details in how you can participate.

Looking for a Volunteer Project Point Person(s) for OLS/St. Patrick's

Now that spring is here, I would like to launch an initiative to address some of the deferred maintenance on our church buildings. We have received our first Christ our Hope Campaign distribution, and have identified a number of projects requiring attention. Many of them, I hope, can be tackled by our own within the parish. Some of you have already mentioned your willingness to help with painting, staining, or smaller projects. Thank you!

So, I'm looking for a "Point Person" for each church to help coordinate the volunteer efforts: keep track of who's doing what, if and when others can help, and keep track of costs/collect receipts. This point person will NOT be expected to do all the work or be involved directly in all projects. The idea is that when volunteers come forward to lead or assist on projects, the point person can coordinate which projects are taken and which need help, and follow up to be sure the projects happen. If you're interested or would like more details, please let me know. My overall goal is to maintain the buildings well within our the budget, to build community – and have fun!

Once we have someone (hopefully one for OLS and one for St. Patrick's), I'll be looking to recruit your help for the projects that are lining up, which include:

OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS/Founder's Hall: Hang new crucifix, repaint doors and white boards below windows, remove dirt and grass from base of building, beautify/brighten wall behind altar, improve parking lot and walkway.

ST PATRICK'S: Refinish front door, maintain / repair pews, check windows and doors - repair any leaks and/or glazing, begin planning for siding repair/renewal.

Ascension Thursday Mass Schedule (Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, May 12th 6:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's (Vigil Mass)

Thursday, May 13th 8:00 am at St. Andrew's
6:00 pm Our Lady of the Snows

Get Out and Move for Waitsfield Children's Center

Waitsfield Children's Center is ready to shift focus to the rejuvenation of their playground, gardens and outdoor classrooms, so every registration dollar raised during this year's spring fundraiser will be used to revamp the outdoor spaces. Grab your friends, your family, your neighbors, your colleagues and *Get Out and Move for WCC*, June 5-12th! Everyone who registers at www.waitsfieldchildrenscenter.org will also be entered to win prizes. Visit their website to find our more.

Remember to check out the parish website (rccwwm.org) for additional items of interest.

Dear Parishioners,

The Gospel in these weeks have recounted details from the Last Supper in which Jesus washes the feet of His disciples, and then calls upon them to imitate Him in their love for one another. Towards the end of the passage Jesus recalls that those who receive someone sent by Him thereby receive Jesus himself. Jesus has representatives in the world. The close connection between service and representatives or deputies reminded me of a passage from a book called *A Faith of Our Own*. It is breathtaking.

“According to his own express words, Christ left two sorts of deputies in the world, two sorts of human substitutes for himself besides that one invisible deputy, the Holy Spirit, who is the soul of all the love we have. But these are deputies of flesh and blood, the deputies of his power and the deputies of his weakness. The deputies of his power are his apostolic ministers, to whom he says, ‘He that receives you receives me, and he that receives me receives him that sent me.’ They speak his word, they pronounce his pardon, they give his body and his blood. The deputies of his weakness are the little and the needy, and of these equally he says, ‘He that receives one such child in my name, receives me.’”

The solemn dignity of the Apostles and their successors is weighty. The fact that Jesus sends them out, saying, "They that receive you, receive me," is such an amazing privilege and responsibility. When we meet a bishop, we meet an Apostle, and meeting an Apostle, we meet Christ himself! I'm not sure that anything on earth could claim a greater reverence, except for the Eucharist itself. But then comes the astonishing topsy-turvy surprise. The author points out that this same power of representing Christ belongs to the poor, the little, the needy, the beggar. A bishop and a beggar – both bring us to Christ and bring Christ to us.

“Neither sort of deputy represents Christ by virtue of their merits. The infirmity of the ministers always hinders the word, and yet faith can hear through all their folly the voice of Jesus. And the weak, the little, are not always amiable... Yet faith can see the passion of Christ in all, and faith is the gift of that greater and better deputy, the Holy Spirit who will not fail us.”

It takes the vision of faith, enabled by the Holy Spirit, to see things as they truly are. And the truth is that God has established these two deputies that communicate His presence in the world. The first are the ministers of his Church, and the second are the weak and poor of the world. May the Holy Spirit fill our hearts to help us see clearly with the light of faith!

Don't forget to look inside the bulletin for the schedule for Ascension Thursday, a Holy Day of Obligation – which basically means that we get to have Sunday during the week! Also, be sure to consider helping out as a project point person at OLS/St. Pat's (details inside). Thanks!

God bless,
Fr. Matthew