

Catholic Communities of Waterbury, Waitsfield, and Moretown

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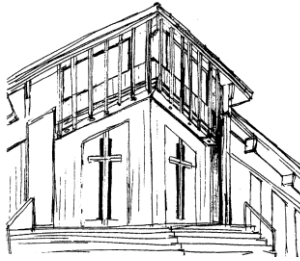
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St. Andrew's Church, Waterbury



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 23, 2021 – Pentecost Sunday

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, May 22, 4:00 pm, St. Andrew's: The Intentions of the Bisceglia Family

Saturday, May 22, 6:00 pm, Our Lady of the Snows: All Parishioners and Visitors

Sunday, May 23, 9:00 am, St. Andrew's: Rolland Dagenais by the Family

Sunday, May 23, 11:00 am, St. Patrick's: John Basile by Kathleen Basile

Monday, May 24, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: Bruno and Anna Tassone by Gio Susini

Tuesday, May 25: NO MASS

Wednesday, May 26, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: Al Gardner by Patty Gardner

Thursday, May 27, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: Jane Lefebvre by Pat and Dianne Murray

Friday, May 28, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: Francis Miller by the Miller/McVeigh Family

Saturday, May 29, 4:00 pm, St. Andrew's: All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, May 29, 6:00 pm, Our Lady of the Snows: Paul Marble

Sunday, May 30, 9:00 am, St. Andrew's: Bernadette Dagenais

Sunday, May 30, 11:00 am, St. Patrick's: Jean Koch by Kathleen Basile

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11 / Psalm 104 / 1 Corinthians 12:3-13 / John 10:19-23

Pentecost Sunday

Monday: Genesis 3:19-20 / Psalm 87 / John 19:25-34

Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Tuesday: Sirach 35:1-12 / Psalm 50 / Mark 10:28-31

Saint Bede the Venerable

Wednesday: Sirach 36:1-17 / Psalm 79 / Mark 10:32-45

Saint Philip Neri

Thursday: Sirach 42:15-25 / Psalm 33 / Mark 10:46-52

Saint Augustine of Canterbury

Friday: Sirach 44:1-13 / Psalm 149 / Mark 11:11-26

Venerable Pierre Toussaint

Saturday: Sirach 51:12-20 / Psalm 19 / Mark 11:27-33

Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat

Next Sunday: Deuteronomy 4:32-40 / Psalm 33 / Romans 8:14-17 / Matthew 28:16-20

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Weekly Offertory Donations: May 10-16, 2021

St. Andrew's: Offertory \$1,503; Insurance \$30; Catholic Communications Campaign \$171; Catholic Home Missions \$50; Online Giving \$310. *OLS/St. Patrick's:* Offertory \$623; 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, Holly LeClair, Grace Lee, Bernard Mahan, Patrick McNamara, Frank Miller, Scott Miller, Sidnia Orton, Joan Potter, Jim Pratt, Rob Scharges, Annette Schultz, Robert Shortridge, Bernard Sweet and Jim Vachris. If you know of anyone who would like a Communion visit, please let us know.

Save the Date

Please save the date for a celebration of Fr. Matthew's 5th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination on Friday, June 18th at 5:00 pm in St. Leo's Hall. More details to follow! Thank you!

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 pm, praying a rosary for our priests. Bishop Christopher Coyne will lead the rosary, which will be livestreamed from St. Joseph Cathedral in Burlington. See our website for more details in how you can participate.

Memorial Day Weekend Plant Sale

On Saturday, May 29th from 8:30 – 11:00 am, *A River Runs Through It* Garden Club will be selling perennial plants and vegetable starts (one-gallon pots are \$5) at Rusty Parker Memorial Park in Waterbury. The proceeds from the sales are donated to local community organizations. Please note that masks will be required. For more information, please contact Denise Badowski at (802) 371-9427.

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 out more.

Wisdom of the Saints

“In the Acts of the Apostles, St. Luke describes the extraordinary manifestation of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost as a communication of the very vitality of God who gives himself to men. This divine gift is also *light and power*: *light*, to proclaim the Gospel, the Truth revealed by God; *power*, to infuse the courage of witnessing to the faith, which the Apostles begin at that very moment.” ~ *St. John Paul II*

Dear Parishioners,

First of all, a big thank you to Fr. Bernie Gaudreau for filling in for me this weekend. In our diocese, even the retired priests work hard! Perhaps harder than anyone else...

Nine days ago, we celebrated the Ascension, marking Jesus' enthronement at the right hand of God the Father. "It is better for you if I go away," Jesus tells the Apostles, because He will send them the Holy Spirit. Pentecost celebrates that arrival of the Holy Spirit, and so the birthday of the Church! The Holy Spirit is the inner unitive and vivifying source inside the Church. He binds it together and makes it live. A sign of this unitive binding is the miraculous communication at Pentecost. The Apostles speak, yet those gathered from far and wide hear their own native languages. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, the division of language is overcome. The miracle of communication establishes communion, a common union.

The other impact of the Holy Spirit is new life. The enthusiastic outburst of the Apostles was certainly a sign of life. It was so vivacious it took the onlookers off-guard. To them, the Apostles seemed to be having an outrageously raucous party! The Apostles were gripped by something impossible to contain or bottle up – the Holy Spirit. And this is a crucial insight about Pentecost, that the Holy Spirit comes as a source of *life*. So often we experience religion as a restriction on desire; here, it is the very source of desire. Instead of clamping down desire, it unleashes the full power of it.

A learned spiritual guide put it this way: "the voice of the Spirit says, I am you; I am the ground of your heart, the fountain of your true desire. I ask nothing of you but to be yourself. You profess with your lips that Christ has redeemed you and by baptism made you his; has regenerated you, stamped on you a mark that can never be effaced. But you don't believe it; you don't believe that the mark of baptism has sunk into your very soul, and so printed Christ there that his Spirit is the soul of your soul. But now listen and see whether it is not so. Stop asking, 'What ought I to do, what do they expect me to do, what will they admire me for doing, what will it amuse me to do, what am I greedy to do, what is it pious to do?' and ask, 'What do I want with all my heart and mind?'" You see the point? The indwelling of the Holy Spirit makes God's will the deepest desire, the only thing desirable with one's whole heart and mind.

Here again is Bishop Coyne's update on mask wearing: "In keeping with CDC and local guidelines, the Diocese of Burlington is lifting the mask requirement in our churches for those fully vaccinated. We encourage continuation of face coverings for those that are unvaccinated, at-risk, or feel uncomfortable. Social distancing in every other pew will continue for the time being. A written update to the full policies will be sent out next week."

God bless,
Fr. Matthew