

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 3:00 to 3:45 PM at St. Andrew's or by appointment.

Last Saturday of the month from 7:00 to 7:30 pm at Our Lady of the Snows

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 30, 2021 – Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Liturgy Schedule

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
Monday, May 31, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: Jason Fowler
Tuesday, June 1: NO MASS
Wednesday, June 2, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: Richard Izor by Rena Izor
Thursday, June 3, 8:00 am, St. A: Pauline Hodgdon and Family by Brenda Caforia-Weeber
Friday, June 4, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: Duane Earle and Andrew Harnett by Gio Susini
Saturday, June 5, 4:00 pm, St. Andrew's: Marie Koster by Bob Koster
Saturday, June 5, 6:00 pm, Our Lady of the Snows: Shirley McLeod by Campanelli Family
Sunday, June 6, 9:00 am, St. Andrew's: Phyllis S. Rensch by Bill and Midge Rensch
Sunday, June 6, 11:00 am, St. Patrick's: Ben Norman by Betsy Norman

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Deuteronomy 4:32-40 / Psalm 33 / Romans 8:14-17 / Matthew 28:16-20
The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Monday: Zephaniah 3:14-18 / Isaiah 12:2-6 / Luke 1:39-56
Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday: Tobit 2:9-14 / Psalm 112 / Mark 12:13-17
Saint Justin Martyr

Wednesday: Tobit 3:1-17 / Psalm 25 / Mark 12:18-27
Saints Marcellinus and Peter

Thursday: Tobit 6:10-8:9 / Psalm 128 / Mark 12:28-34
Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Friday: Tobit 11:5-17 / Psalm 146 / Mark 12:35-37
Blessed Angelina of Marsciano

Saturday: Tobit 12:1-20 / Tobit 13 / Mark 12:38-44
Saint Boniface

Next Sunday: Exodus 24:3-8 / Psalm 116 / Hebrews 9:11-15 / Mark 14:12-26
The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Weekly Offertory Donations: May 17-23, 2021

St. Andrew's: Offertory \$966; Catholic Communications Campaign \$15; Online Giving \$185.
OLS/St. Patrick's: Offertory \$341; Catholic Communications Campaign \$10; Online Giving \$375. *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.

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 parish website for more details on how you can participate.

Mass Protocols

Because of the recent changes in COVID protocols issued by the State of Vermont, the Diocese has loosened the COVID-19 protocols for our parishes, with the exception of the requirement for physical distancing, which will remain in place for now. They include:

- Masks are no longer mandatory.
- Holy water fonts (and the holy water in them) may return.
- Sanitizing after each Mass no longer needs to take place.
- Collection and gifts procession may resume at discretion of the pastor.

2021 Bishop's Appeal

During the height of the pandemic, when our churches were closed, the Diocese was able to livestream more than 200 faith activities to keep us all connected, including daily and Sunday Mass, daily rosary and Adoration, bible study, book club, retreats and so much more. This was possible because of your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. During the month of June we will be asking you to make a gift or pledge to help us reach our goal of \$19,867 for St. Andrew's, and towards the goal of \$15,436 for Our Lady of the Snows/St. Patrick's. To learn more or to make a gift online, please visit: www.bishopsappealvt.org

Save the Date!

We will be celebrating Fr. Matthew Rensch's 5th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination on Friday, June 18th at 5:00 pm in St. Leo's Hall (or weather permitting, outside). For food and beverage tallies, please let Marie know if you plan to attend by calling the office at (802) 244-7734 or by email at rcc.office@vermontcatholic.org. Thank you so much!

Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate Trinity Sunday, known in some circles as “the preacher’s nightmare.” The mystery is no simple task to tackle. The mystery is sublime, its theological explication extremely subtle, and its applicability unclear and remote. A preacher’s nightmare indeed: a hard idea with little application. A good sermon to catch up on some sleep!

Here’s one way to see the point about the inapplicability. Most of our moral life remains untouched by the doctrine of the Trinity. The Jews, knowing nothing of the Trinity, received the 10 Commandments and the other moral laws of the Old Testament. They did not know that God was a Trinity, but still had the law. The fact that the one God is three Persons – the Trinity – does not shift the content of the moral life in any obvious concrete way. Knowing of the Trinity does not make an obvious difference.

We could push the case further, as well. In addition to the difficulty in its applicability to us, one might wonder why God’s being three Persons matters in itself? The reason it’s so hard to grasp the significance is that the two usual ways we do so are unavailable. One way we understand something is by knowing that someone chose to make it. We understand why a Church is blue, because we know that Fr. Bernie choose to remove the yellow siding. We understand the choice, and so know where the thing came from. But in God (the theologians tell us) the Trinity of persons does not result from the choice of, say, God the Father. Rather the reason is something deeper, more hidden, more necessary. And that brings us to the second way we understand significance: by understanding *why* something must be how it is. But in that way, too, we’re stuck. The inner reason, the underlying necessity why there are three persons is simply hidden from us. I doubt we could understand it at all without understanding the essence of God...and we have to wait for heaven for that.

So that’s where this feast leaves us: with a heavenly vision, but looking at it from the outside or underneath. We know *that* God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, but the significance and reason for that are more hints and suggestions, guesses and apparitions than clear explanations. We get just a mere glimpse of the Divine. “But we must not follow those who advise us, being men, to think of human things, and, being mortal, of mortal things, but must, so far as we can, make ourselves immortal, and strain every nerve to live in accordance with the best thing in us; for even if it be small in bulk, much more does it in power and worth surpass everything.” That’s Aristotle on the possibility, the power, the utter privilege of living with some small knowledge of divine mysteries. We must strain every nerve to live in and by that knowledge now, for we know that then we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

God bless,
Fr. Matthew

PS. If you’re interested, here’s Bishop Barron on the Trinity: <https://tinyurl.com/BarronTrinity>