

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.

June 27, 2021 – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, June 26, 4:00 pm, St. Andrew's: Felix Callan by Gerry Callan
Saturday, June 26, 6:00 pm, Our Lady of the Snows: Eugene Scarpato by Virginia Scarpato
Sunday, June 27, 9:00 am, St. Andrew's: Alice Howland
Sunday, June 27, 11:00 am, St. Patrick's: All Souls in Purgatory
Monday, June 28, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: Pauline Hodgson by Mary Miller
Tuesday, June 29: NO MASS
Wednesday, June 30, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: Al Gardner by Patty Gardner
Thursday, July 1, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: Wayne and Patricia Donaldson by Gerry Callan
Friday, July 2, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: Conversion of Sinners to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday, July 3, 4:00 pm, St. Andrew's: Paul Koster by Diane Bilodeau
Saturday, July 3, 6:00 pm, Our Lady of the Snows: Donato D'Orazio by Gio Susini
Sunday, July 4, 9:00 am, St. Andrew's: Pauline Hodgson by the Magnus Family
Sunday, July 4, 11:00 am, St. Patrick's: Estrella Valdez by Gloria Valdez

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Wisdom 1:13-24 / Psalm 30 / 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 / Mark 5:21-43
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Genesis 18:16-33 / Psalm 103 / Matthew 8:18-22
Saint Irenaeus

Tuesday: Acts 3:1-10 / Psalm 19 / Galatians 1:11-20 / John 21:15-19
Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

Wednesday: Genesis 21:5-20 / Psalm 34 / Matthew 8:28-34
First Martyrs of the Church of Rome

Thursday: Genesis 22:1-19 / Psalm 115 / Matthew 9:1-8
Saint Junípero Serra

Friday: Genesis 23:1-67 / Psalm 106 / Matthew 9:9-13
Saint Oliver Plunkett

Saturday: Ephesians 2:19-22 / Psalm 117 / John 20:24-29
Saint Thomas the Apostle

Next Sunday: Ezra 2:2-5 / Psalm 123 / 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 / Mark 6:1-6
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekly Offertory Donations: June 14-20, 2021

St. Andrew's: Offertory \$1,385; Music \$25; Peter's Pence \$10; Online Giving \$300. Our Lady of the Snows/St. Patrick's: Offertory \$1,073; Online Giving \$275. 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.

Faith Series

This Thursday, July 1st we will begin the next faith series watching *The Chosen*, the TV series on the life of Christ. Come share what you think, what you love, or what you hate! We'll show the episode(s) from 6:30 - 7:30 or so at St. Leo's Hall here in Waterbury.

Totus Tuus

Totus Tuus is a week-long camp offered at local parishes for grade-school children during the day and high schoolers during the evening. Blessed Sacrament in Stowe is hosting Totus Tuus during the week of June 27 - July 1 (High School), June 28 - July 2 (Grade School). Registration is open, and today is the last day to sign up! Check out the link on our website.

2021 Bishop's Appeal

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in...” Matthew 35:25. Central to the mission of the Catholic Church is caring for the most vulnerable among us. The Bishop's Appeal supports emergency aid to members of our parish and the larger community who are in financial crisis. People like John and Maggie who have five children under the age of 16. During Covid, Maggie had to quit her job to stay home with the children when the schools shut down and John's hours were cut back. The emergency aid program was able to help pay back rent during this temporary crisis. Please consider a gift to the Bishop's Appeal so we can continue to help families like John and Maggie. To learn more visit: bishopsappealvt.org.

Blessing of the Crucifix at Our Lady of the Snows

Join your fellow parishioners at Our Lady of the Snows for a blessing of the new crucifix at the conclusion of the 6:00 pm Mass on July 17th. BYOB: Bring your own Beverage (it can be alcoholic, as well) to sip or share on the piazza outside of OLS. Rainout date will be the 24th.

Our Lady of the Snows Volunteer Project Day

Save the date! On July 24th at Our Lady of the Snows we'll have a parish project day. (Weather backup: July 31st) We will be working on yard clean-up, painting projects, and beautifying the grounds. If you have special skills, or even if you have no skills to contribute to these projects, please contact Jim Tabor at jamesmtabor@gmail.com

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you've had a chance to enjoy the glorious weather we've had these past few days. I've been soaking it in when I can and enjoying it together with some of the rec program students, who are using St. Leo's Hall and providing some fun opportunities for hoops!

I had one of those moments the other day when an idea strikes with unusual force. It was an idea about showing God's existence. It stopped me in its clarity and simplicity. Not that I have any illusions or pretensions about its probable impact on others. Arguments or considerations leading to God's existence usually have almost no influence on unbelieving and skeptical minds. Even among believers, many wave off thoughts as "philosophical." I've never understood why a thought being philosophical would count against it, but so it goes. And in at least a few cases, I think these sorts of philosophical thoughts are very valuable. Through them, a believer can discover that the faith coincides with ice cold logic. Anyway, enough intro. Here's the thought:

I was musing about the world, all of us in it, and where the world comes from. A good strong philosophical start! Then the clear thought rang out like a struck bell: if at any point in time there was nothing, then there would always be nothing. If you went back to a billion years BC, and there was nothing, then there would be nothing ever after. There is no way to get something beyond the nothing-hump. Well, it's a subtle thought, I suppose, but pretty simple and intuitive, as long as you turn it over a few times. And then the parallel thought hit, making a one-two punch: obviously, the world and we exist now. But you cannot get to something through nothing; so, something *always* existed. Something eternally exists. In order to see that something is eternal, that's all you need to know: 1) if there was ever nothing, there would be nothing now, but 2) the world exists now. So no matter how far back we go, something must exist. We would not exist without something eternal.

Well, perhaps that's still a step or two away from showing that eternity points towards God, but it seems like a darn good first step. And I also like its simplicity and darn-tooting scientific-ness. It can't be too complicated if it can fit on the back of a bulletin, and leave room for a few updates below!

Those updates include the fact that the bishop's annual appeal is at 20%; thank you to those who have pledged or donated! Also, be sure to check out the info about *The Chosen* TV show faith series starting this Thursday! Additionally, see inside for the details for the blessing of the new crucifix at OLS with a reception to follow BYO beverage. Finally, note the save the date on a volunteer project day at OLS.

God bless,
Fr. Matthew