

# 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.

**July 4, 2021 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## ***Liturgy Schedule***

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 Hodgdon by the Magnus Family  
Sunday, July 4, 11:00 am, St. Patrick's: Estrella Valdez by Gloria Valdez  
Monday, July 5, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: Pauline Hodgdon by Marsha Wood  
Tuesday, July 6: NO MASS  
Wednesday, July 7, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: Donato D'Orazio by Gio Susini  
Thursday, July 8, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: Jeanne Bacote by Marie Antunes  
Friday, July 9, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: Neven Stanisic and Rikky Olds by Gio Susini  
Saturday, July 10, 4:00 pm, ST. PATRICK'S: All Parishioners and Visitors  
Saturday, July 10, 6:00 pm, Our Lady of the Snows: Estrella Valdez by Gloria Valdez  
Sunday, July 11, 9:00 am, St. Andrew's: Emmett Luc by Bill and Midge Rensch  
Sunday, July 11, 11:00 am, St. Patrick's: All Parishioners and Visitors

## ***Readings for the Week***

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

Monday: Genesis 28:10-22 / Psalm 91 / Matthew 9:18-26  
*Saint Anthony Zaccaria*

Tuesday: Genesis 32:23-33 / Psalm 17 / Matthew 9:32-38  
*Saint Maria Goretti*

Wednesday: Genesis 41:55-42:24 / Psalm 33 / Matthew 10:1-7  
*Blessed Emmanuel Ruiz and Companions*

Thursday: Genesis 44:18-45:5 / Psalm 105 / Matthew 10:7-15  
*Saint Gregory Grassi and Companions*

Friday: Genesis 46:1-30 / Psalm 37 / Matthew 10:16-23  
*Saint Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions*

Saturday: Genesis 49:29-50:26 / Psalm 105 / Matthew 10:24-33  
*Saint Veronica Giuliani*

Next Sunday: Amos 7:12-15 / Psalm 85 / Ephesians 1:3-14 / Mark 6:7-13  
*15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## ***Weekly Offertory Donations: June 21-27, 2021***

*St. Andrew's*: Offertory \$1,848; Peter's Pence \$207; Catholic Communications Campaign \$5; Insurance \$30; Online Giving \$725. *Our Lady of the Snows/St. Patrick's*: Offertory \$657; Online Giving \$607. *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***

On Thursday we had the first installment of the current faith series. It was a blast! We started with dinner at 6 pm, and then watched episode one of the first season of *The Chosen*, a show based on the Gospel of John. If you'd like to join in, don't hesitate. You can catch up by watching episode one online at [chosen.tv](http://chosen.tv). Same schedule this Thursday: dinner at 6:00, episode starts at 6:30. And if you're up for hoops afterwards, I always am! Let us know if you plan to come so we can plan well for food: [rcc.office@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:rcc.office@vermontcatholic.org)

### ***July 29 - Aug 1 / Aug 5 - 8: CGS Training***

Willing to open your home? The Catechism of the Good Shepherd catechism program is running 2 trainings in late July and early August, and the participants come for 4 days to do the training. If you're willing to offer them a place to stay, please reach out to Amy Miller for details: [amymillernp@yahoo.com](mailto:amymillernp@yahoo.com) or 802-249-8888.

### ***Cleaning Position***

Our long-time staff member responsible for cleaning the church, hall, and rectory is leaving this summer. A big thanks to her for all her faithful work! If you have any leads for a good candidate, please let me know!

### ***Mass Obligation***

The bishop reinstated the regular obligation to attend Sunday Mass this weekend. As always, the obligation allows dispensation for those who cannot attend for serious reasons; this point of this reinstatement is that just as shopping, eating out, etc., have more or less returned to normal and do not involve great risk, generally speaking, so too our devotion and worship of God must resume its incarnational, human, and necessary expression! Read his letter here:

[www.vermontcatholic.org/vermont/bishop-coyne-re-establishes-sunday-obligation/](http://www.vermontcatholic.org/vermont/bishop-coyne-re-establishes-sunday-obligation/)

### ***2021 Bishop's Appeal***

As an update, St. Andrew Parish has pledged \$4,481 out of its goal of \$19,867 coming in at 22.55%. OLS/St. Patrick's has pledged \$8,214 out of its goal of \$15,436 coming in at 53.21%. Thank you for all those who have made a gift or pledge! Your gift aids the most vulnerable. To learn more or to donate online, visit: [bishopsappealvt.org](http://bishopsappealvt.org).

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Fourth of July! I hope you have a wonderful holiday weekend!

Please note the adjusted Mass schedule for next weekend. On Saturday, July 10, the 4 pm Mass will be at St. Patrick's in Moretown. Make sure you get out of Waterbury before they close the road for the parade! Also, please consult the inside of the bulletin for details on the bishop's letter about the Sunday obligation, which is back in effect today, for a request for hosting out-of-state adult students for one of two catechism trainings at the end of the month / beginning of next, and to give me any leads for a cleaning position for the church and hall. Thanks!

On this holiday celebrating our national freedoms, I'd like to consider briefly the rich and ancient wisdom of the Church on the topic. The Fathers of the Church distinguish between two levels of freedom: free choice, on the one hand, and a deeper, more fundamental second level. Free choice, the first level, is the more familiar concept and the usual meaning of freedom. We're free to do this or that, and our choice brings it about.

Now, here's the cool, insightful thing that the theologians and philosophers noticed. They realized that there is a deeper way to be free even when you do *not* have a choice. They noticed that in some cases you are not choosing between this and that, and yet are still fundamentally free. They saw that when a being can *recognize and appreciate goodness*, then that makes him free in the second, deeper way. Enjoying goodness is freedom. Why? Well, here's the idea. If something *cannot* recognize and appreciate goodness, then that thing remains an instrument or slave for something else to enjoy. A plant, for example, can be good, strong, and healthy, but it does not enjoy its own goodness. You see the point? Its goodness is an instrument, a tool, a "slave" to beautify *your* house, *your* garden, *your* windowsill. It is for you, not for itself. It is used; it's a tool. A person, on the other hand, *can* recognize and appreciate the goodness of things. He is not just for other things to enjoy. He's not just a tool or an instrument or a slave ... he is free.

Still with me? Well, you're probably wondering why this insight matters at all. Well, I think it helps us see two really important things. First, it gives us some light into the glory of heaven. In heaven, we cannot sin, and in that sense are "less free." Sounds like a problem. Heaven takes away our freedom? Uh oh. But in fact there's no problem at all. In heaven we enjoy goodness in a most perfect and profound way. We are blissfully consumed in appreciating the goodness of God. And that means that we are most free, and the deepest level of freedom. Second, the insight into freedom and heaven allows us to see marriage and priestly vows as a foretaste of heaven. Vows bind us; they make us "less free." But at the deeper level they bind us to the good that we have recognized, and so stake out a place to enjoy communion.

God bless,  
Fr. Matthew