

Catholic Communities of Waterbury, Waitsfield, and Moretown

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St. Andrew's Church, Waterbury
109 S. Main Street



Our Lady of the Snows, Waitsfield
6305 Main Street



St. Patrick's Church, Moretown
1000 VT-100B

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.

August 1, 2021 - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, July 31, 4:00 pm, St. Andrew's: All Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, July 31, 6:00 pm, OLS: Living & Deceased of the Frank & Minnie McGinnis Family
Sunday, August 1, 9:00 am, St. Andrew's: Mary Breen
Sunday, August 1, 11:00 am, St. Patrick's: All Parishioners and Visitors
Monday, August 2, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: Teri Leiker and Kevin Mahoney by Gio Susini
Tuesday, August 3: NO MASS
Wednesday, August 4, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: Mike Benevento by Kathleen Mooradian
Thursday, August 5, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: Living and Deceased of the Don Rensch Family
Friday, August 6, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: Living and Deceased of the Charles Liffri Family
Saturday, August 7, 4:00 pm, St. Andrew's: Pauline Hodgdon by Diane Murray
Saturday, August 7, 6:00 pm, Our Lady of the Snows: Lynn Murray and Jody Waters
Sunday, August 8, 9:00 am, St. Andrew's: Rosie Palermo by Bill and Midge Rensch
Sunday, August 8, 11:00 am, St. Patrick's: Conversion of Sinners to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Exodus 16:2-15 / Psalm 78 / Ephesians 4:17-24 / John 6:24-35
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Numbers 11:4-15 / Psalm 81 / Matthew 14:13-21
Saint Eusebius of Vercelli

Tuesday: Numbers 12:1-13 / Psalm 51 / Matthew 14:22-36
Saint Peter Julian Eymard

Wednesday: Numbers 13:1-14:35 / Psalm 106 / Matthew 15:21-28
Saint John Vianney

Thursday: Numbers 20:1-13 / Psalm 95 / Matthew 16:13-23
The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major

Friday: Daniel 7:9-14 / Psalm 97 / 1 Peter 1:16-19 / Mark 9:2-10
Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Saturday: Deuteronomy 6:4-13 / Psalm 18 / Matthew 17:14-20
Saint Cajetan

Next Sunday: 1 Kings 19:4-8 / Psalm 34 / Ephesians 4:30-5:2 / John 6:41-51
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekly Offertory Donations: July 19-25, 2021

St. Andrew's: Offertory \$1,000; Insurance \$11; Fuel \$10; Online Giving \$225. Our Lady of the Snows/St. Patrick's: Offertory \$739.92; Online Giving \$255. 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, Fran Raymond, 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 will be watching the season finale of *The Chosen* faith series. If you'd like to catch up, episodes 1 through 7 are available online at Chosen.tv. Dinner is provided at 6:00 pm, and the episodes run from 6:30-7:30 or so at St. Leo's Hall here in Waterbury.

2021 Bishop's Appeal

As an update, St. Andrew Parish has pledged \$9,186 out of its goal of \$19,867 coming in at 46%. OLS/St. Patrick's has pledged \$11,360 out of its goal of \$15,436 coming in at 74%. Please consider a gift or pledge by visiting vermontcatholic.org/giveonline

Donation Envelopes

Donations envelopes for all three churches will be available after Mass next weekend. St. Andrew's parishioners: your weekly donation envelopes will be available for pick-up in the back of the Church. Our Lady of the Snows/St. Patrick's parishioners: please see Fr. Matthew after Mass to pick up your envelopes. Thank you again for your generosity to the Church!

Wisdom of the Saints

“May no adversity paralyze you. Be afraid neither of the world nor of the future nor of your weakness. The Lord has allowed you to live in this moment of history so that by your faith His name will continue to resound throughout the world.” ~ *Pope Benedict XVI*

“If we but paused for a moment to consider attentively what takes place in this Sacrament, I am sure that the thought of Christ's love for us would transform the coldness of our hearts into a fire of love and gratitude.” ~ *St. Angela of Foligno*

“Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration.”
~ *St. Teresa of Calcutta*

“All the good works in the world are not equal to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass because they are the works of men; but the Mass is the work of God. Martyrdom is nothing in comparison for it is but the sacrifice of man to God; but the Mass is the sacrifice of God for man.”
~ *St. John Vianney*

Dear Parishioners,

First off, a huge thank you to the big crowd of helpers at Our Lady of the Snows last weekend. The work went off splendidly, and we accomplished a ton. I've never seen the church, the grounds, the trees, or the sacristy looking so good. A special thanks to Jim Tabor for the extra work he put in coordinating the projects, to Sharon Conti for catering lunch, and to Kathleen Cosentino for leading a spearhead effort in the choir loft!

This week the participants are here for the training in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS). Our parish hosts this regional CGS training, and the participants come from around Vermont and from out of state. Thanks to all who are hosting them in your homes! This particular catechism approach relies deeply on the pedagogy of the Montessori method, and combines the delicate sensitivity of child spirituality from Sofia Cavaletti. (Both Italians, as you may have guessed, so you know that's a good sign.) Overall the focus is on the virtue of faith more than the content. By the virtue of faith I mean the quality of heart that trusts in and relies on God and believes in His word. By the content I mean what is believed. Of course you can never have one entirely without the other; one's virtue of faith must always be *about* something. Yet overall CGS focuses on forming and inculcating the virtue of faith more than the content.

They're on to something there. Of the two, the virtue of faith is the inner life. No matter how much content one agrees with, that content is lifeless without the virtue of faith. The virtue, after all, gets at the *reason* or *motivation* for believing the content; namely, because God has revealed it. The content of faith could be accepted for other reasons, but only when accepted on faith is it an act of trust in God. Which brings me to an astonishing insight – and harrowing test! – that St. Thomas Aquinas proposes. He says that if we believe 99% of the content of the faith, but disagree with 1%, then we have 0% of the virtue of faith. How can this be? Well, Aquinas explains, if the reason you believe the 99% is the virtue of faith, then for the same reason you would believe the last 1%. But if you don't believe the last 1%, it's clear you have some *other* reason for believing the 99%. QED. When I encountered his reasoning for the first time, it dropped me to the ground. He's right, no way around it. Ever since then it has operated as a strong test (and as I said, sometimes harrowing!) of the virtue of faith. What has God revealed in His word, in his Church? Do I just happen to agree, or do I believe because He has revealed it?

May God give us all an increase in the childlike virtue of faith, that we may depend upon Him more fully and believe in Him more deeply.

God bless,
Fr. Matthew