

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 3:15 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 16, 2021 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, May 15, 4:00 pm, St. Andrew's: Phyllis "Gigi" Powers by Sile and Sergio Torres
Saturday, May 15, 6:00 pm, Our Lady of the Snows: All Souls in Purgatory
Sunday, May 16, 9:00 am, St. A: Charles & Blanche Podhajski by Ken & Blanche Kreiling
Sunday, May 16, 11:00 am, St. Patrick's: Michael Yacavoni by Mary Lynn Percy
Monday, May 17, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: Conversion of Sinners for the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Tuesday, May 18: NO MASS
Wednesday, May 19: NO MASS (Fr. Matthew at Bishop Marshall School)
Thursday, May 20, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: Leonard Vecchione
Friday, May 21, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: Mike Wood by Marsha Wood
Saturday, May 22, 4:00 pm, St. Andrew's: The Intentions of the Bisceglgio 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

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Acts 1:15-26 / Psalm 103 / 1 John 4:11-16 / John 17:11-19
Seventh Sunday of Easter

Monday: Acts 19:1-8 / Psalm 68 / John 16:29-33
Saint Paschal Baylon

Tuesday: Acts 10:17-27 / Psalm 68 / John 17:1-11
Saint John I

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38 / Psalm 68 / John 17:11-19
Saint Theophilus of Corte

Thursday: Acts 22:30-23:11 / Psalm 16 / John 17:20-26
Saint Bernadine of Siena

Friday: Acts 25:13-21 / Psalm 103 / John 21:15-19
Saint Cristóbal Magallanes and Companions

Saturday: Acts 28:16-31 / Psalm 11 / John 21:20-25
Saint Rita of Cascia

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

Weekly Offertory Donations: May 3-9, 2021

St. Andrew's: Offertory \$1,142; Insurance \$6; Online \$285.

OLS/St. Patrick's: Offertory \$435; Online Giving \$205.

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 p.m., praying a rosary for our priests. See our website for more details on 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.

Wisdom of the Saints

“As the prophet says, *ascending on high he led captivity captive; he gave gifts to men*. The undoubted meaning of these words is this: that since the devil led the human race captive, our Lord, by wresting it from him, took it captive himself, and as the prophet tells us, led that very captivity to the heights of heaven. Both captivities do indeed bear the same name, but they differ one from the other. The devil's captivity means enslavement; Christ's, on the contrary, means restoration to freedom.” ~ *St. Maximus of Turin*

“Moses brought out of Egypt a timid nation, and in the space of forty years trained it to be full of valor for the task of conquering the promised land; Christ in forty days trains his apostles to be bold and patient instead of cowards. *They mourned and wept* at the beginning of the season, but at the end they are full of courage for the good fight; their spirits mount high with their Lord, and when he is received out of their sight, and their own trial begins, *they return to Jerusalem with great joy, and are continually in the temple, praising and blessing God.*”
~ *St. John Henry Newman*

“Gladden us with holy joys, Almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and where the head has gone before in glory, the body is called to follow in hope.” ~ *Collect Prayer II, Ascension of the Lord*

Dear Parishioners,

We've just passed the 40-day mark since the Resurrection. Ascension Thursday marked the 40th day itself. We now have 9 days until the feast of Pentecost, in which the Holy Spirit descends upon the Apostles. Those nine days, between the Ascension and Pentecost, are the original novena! The very word novena comes from the word for nine, and in Christian usage it refers to a time of dedicated prayer. Our novenas follow the pattern set by the Apostles as they prayed, fasted, and prepared for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Before leaving the Ascension behind us, I wanted to mention an important aspect of the feast. In addition to celebrating Christ's kingship and enthronement in power, it also celebrates the triumph of *humanity*. Pope St. Leo comments on the Apostle's joy in the Ascension: "Indeed that blessed company [of the Apostles] had a great and inexpressible cause for joy when it saw man's nature rising above the dignity of the whole heavenly creation, above the ranks of angels, above the exalted status of archangels. Nor would there be any limit to its upward course until humanity was admitted to a seat at the right hand of the eternal Father, to be enthroned at last in the glory of him to whose nature it was wedded in the person of the Son." The idea is that the humanity of Jesus, a real instance of our humanity, has gone into heaven. If a real man can go to heaven, then we can follow. If a real man can reign in heaven, then we can rejoice. If a real man can see God, then we too can hope for the beatific vision.

The early saints had a favorite line about salvation. They said, "what is not assumed, is not redeemed." That is, what is "assumed" upwards and united to God, is redeemed and saved. Humanity needs to be brought up into unity with God. And so humanity is saved by there being a real human, Jesus, who is united to God, because He is God. That is St. Leo's point. In the Ascension of Jesus, we see the path being blazed for ourselves, too. We see a real human going where we can now go. We see salvation being brought to completion for the first time.

Also, a reminder that the email address rccoffice@gmavt.net will soon be *defunct*. No more. Gone. The only email will be rcc.office@vermontcatholic.org Also, just a heads up that I'll be off next weekend, but don't worry, I will return in the same manner in which you saw me go.

Finally, we have a Project Point Person lined up for OLS: Jim Tabor. A big thank you to Jim for his willingness to step up! For St. Pat's, we had some "soft" volunteers, so if you're really hankering to do it, and you've been holding back, now's your last chance to step up! Again, the idea is that the point person will help coordinate volunteers, track which projects are at what stage, and track costs / collect receipts.

God bless,
Fr. Matthew