

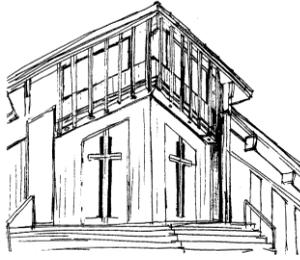
Catholic Communities of Waterbury, Waitsfield, and Moretown

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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.

September 12, 2021 - Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, September 11, 4:00 pm, St. Andrew's: Francis Miller by the Miller/McVeigh Family
Saturday, September 11, 6:00 pm, Our Lady of the Snows: All Parishioners and Visitors
Sunday, September 12, 9:00 am, St. Andrew's: Helen Lawson by Ken and Blanche Kreiling
Sunday, September 12, 11:00 am, St. Patrick's: Michael and Ryan Yacavoni by Mary Lynn Percy
Monday, September 13, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: Martha Lewis by Shawnee Pezzy
Tuesday, September 14: NO MASS
Wednesday, September 15, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: Patrick Raymond by Roy and Fran Raymond
Thursday, September 16, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: Garry Sulham and Family by Gio Susini
Friday, September 17, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: The Intentions of the Holmes Family by Gio Susini
Saturday, September 18, 4:00 pm, St. Andrew's: All Parishioners and Visitors
Saturday, September 18, 6:00 pm, Our Lady of the Snows: All Souls in Purgatory
Sunday, September 19, 9:00 am, St. Andrew's: Haupt Family by Marie Antunes
Sunday, September 19, 11:00 am, St. Patrick's: All Parishioners and Visitors

Weekly Offertory Donations: August 30 – September 5, 2021

St. Andrew's: Offertory \$1,247; Catholic University of America \$46; Insurance \$183; Online Giving \$225. *Our Lady of the Snows/St. Patrick's*: Offertory \$594; Insurance \$35; Online Giving \$955. *Thank you for your support through online giving, the mail, or at Mass!*

Rest in Peace

Please offer a prayer for Jim Pratt, and for his family. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for Isaiah Callan, Daniel Caplinger, Janet Chadwick, Heidi Cervantes, Suzie Clark, Aiden Custodio, 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, 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.

RCIA Classes

RCIA, which stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is a process through which non-baptized men and women enter the Catholic Church, or those who are already baptized enter into full communion with the Church. Classes will be held on Sundays in the mid-afternoon (the exact time TBD) and will begin in late September. Please email or call the office for more information.

Remember to check out the parish website (rccwwm.org) for additional items of interest.

Faith Series

Mark your calendar for the next faith series, on prayer. We'll be focusing on the wisdom of the saints about prayer, focusing especially on the meditations of St. Francis de Sales. Thursdays at 6:30 at St. Leo's Hall starting Thursday, September 16th.

A Life Symposium: October 2, 2021

Constitutional Law professor and pro-life champion Helen Alvare, co-founder of Women Speak for Themselves, will provide the keynote address at this day-long conference at the Doubletree by Hilton in Burlington, focusing on issues related to Proposal 5, a dangerous amendment aimed at enshrining the right to abortion in Vermont's Constitution, and expected to be put before voters in November 2022. Workshops will feature Melissa Ohden, Catherine Glenn Foster, Maureen Curley and youth activist Savannah Dudzik. Tickets \$50; youth scholarships available. Space is limited. For more information and to register go to vrlc.net.

Assistance for OLS Project

Jim Tabor, the project volunteer coordinator for Our Lady of the Snows, is looking for some help to back-fill a low area around the bulkhead of the church, which has experienced some troublesome leakage. If you're able to help out, you can reach out to him at (802) 279-4990 or by email at jamesmtabor@gmail.com

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) and Confirmation Classes

Registration is now open to enroll your children in our religious education program, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Classes will be held on Wednesdays, 3:00 – 5:00 pm at St. Leo's Hall in Waterbury. The cost is \$75 for a child, or \$100 for two or more, with scholarships available. This program follows the public-school schedule for vacations and runs through mid-June.

- Level 1 is for children ages 3 – 5
- Level 2 is for children ages 6 – 8
- Level 3 is for children ages 9 – 12

Confirmation Classes will also be on Wednesday afternoons from 4:00-5:00. Contact the office for more information or register online via our parish website.

Annual Bishop's Appeal

As an update for the bishop's fund, St. Andrew's Parish has given \$12,459 towards the goal of \$19,867.35 for 63%. Our Lady of Snows/St. Patrick's has given \$14,793 towards the goal of \$15,123 for 98%. If you have not yet given, you can donate online via the link found on our parish website. Thank you for your generosity!

Newman Night 2021

Join us for a celebration in honor of St. John Henry Newman! Held at the beautiful parish hall at Holy Family in Essex, from 4:00-8:00 pm on Sunday, October 10, 2021. For more info or to RSVP, please email vermontnewman@gmail.com

Dear Parishioners,

First of all, a big thank you to Fr. Bernie Gaudreau for filling in for me this weekend. In our diocese, our retired priests make themselves available to cover Masses all over the state, and are much beloved for it! Thank you Fr. Bernie!

On Tuesday we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. What is this feast, you ask? Here's a quick history lesson on how the feast came to be:

“Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the newly converted Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places and relics of Christ's life. She razed the pagan Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over our Lord's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher on that spot. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus was crucified was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

To this day we celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The feast was officially solidified in our calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off during one of their raids. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and crown and became a barefoot pilgrim.”

There you have it! To close, here is an excerpt from Pope Benedict on the feast:

“But what does exalting the Cross mean? Is it not maybe scandalous to venerate a shameful form of execution? The Apostle Paul says: ‘We proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles’ (1 Corinthians 1: 23). Christians, however, do not exalt just any cross but the Cross which Jesus sanctified with His sacrifice, the fruit and testimony of immense love. Christ on the Cross pours out His Blood to set humanity free from the slavery of sin and death. Therefore, from being a sign of malediction, the Cross was transformed into a sign of blessing, from a symbol of death into a symbol *par excellence* of the Love that overcomes hatred and violence and generates immortal life. *O Crux, ave spes unica! O Cross, our only hope!* Thus sings the liturgy.”

To echo what we say at the Stations of the Cross during Lent, *We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.*

God bless,
Fr. Matthew