

Catholic Communities of Waterbury, Waitsfield, and Moretown

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



Our Lady of the Snows
6305 Main Street, Waitsfield



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

October 30, 2022 – Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, October 29, 4:00 pm, St. Andrew's: Erik Wells, by Marie Antunes

Saturday, October 29, 6:00 pm, Our Lady of the Snows: All parishioners and visitors

Sunday, October 30, 9:00 am, St. Andrew's: John Koster, by Bob Koster

Sunday, October 30, 11:00 am, St. Patrick's: All the souls in purgatory, by Gio Susini

Monday, Oct 31, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: Living and deceased of the Joe Rensch family

Tuesday, Nov 1, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: Living and deceased of the Don Rensch family

Tuesday, Nov 1, 5:30 pm, St. Patrick's: All parishioners and visitors

Wednesday, Nov 2, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: Larry Deason, by Bill & Sherry Bean

Thursday, Nov 3, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: Giuseppina Susini

Friday, Nov 4, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: Joe Murphy

Saturday, November 5, 4:00 pm, St. Andrew's: Grace King, by Pat and Diane Murray

Saturday, November 5, 6:00 pm, Our Lady of the Snows: Conversion of Sinners

Sunday, November 6, 9:00 am, St. Andrew's: All parishioners and visitors

Sunday, November 6, 11:00 am, St. Patrick's: Living and deceased of the Lin family

Liturgy Schedule for the Week

Sunday: *31st Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Monday: *Weekday*

Tuesday: ***All Saints Day – Holy Day of Obligation***

Wednesday: *All Souls Day – The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed*

Thursday: *St. Martin de Porres*

Friday: *St. Charles Borromeo*

Saturday: *Weekday*

Next Sunday: *32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Weekly Offertory Donations: October 21-22, 2022

St. Andrew's: Offertory \$1,068; Insurance N/A; Online Giving N/A; *Our Lady of the*

Snows/St. Patrick's: Offertory \$387; Online Giving N/A. *Thank you for your generosity!*

Knights of Columbus Breakfast: Sunday, Nov 5

The Knights of Columbus are pleased to invite you all to their Sunday brunch this coming Sunday, November 5th. The brunch runs from 8:30 – 11:00 or so.

Unlocking the Church

A reminder that the front door of St. Andrew's, facing main street, is now unlocked during the day until about sundown. If you'd like to come by and say a prayer, please do!

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for Migdalia Torres Bernal, Isaiah Callan, Daniel Caplinger, Janet Chadwick, Suzie Clark, Janet DiBlasi, Joe Elia, Bob and Sue Ellsasser, Jason Fowler, Raven Fowler, Patricia Gardner, Jan Gendreau, Priscilla Grout, Alison Henry, Brian Kellett, Wayne Lacaillade, Flavia Langan, Noah Langan, Ann Lamarch, Grace Lee, John Lynch, Ryan Manning, Patrick McNamara, Frank Miller, Scott Miller, Michelle Nolin, Sidnia Orton, Fran Raymond, Rob Scharges, Annette Schultz, Robert Shortridge, Justina Torres, Jim Vachris, Quinn Viola, and Charlotte Mae Voyer. If you would like a Communion visit, please let us know.

Walking with Moms in Need

Pregnant and parenting moms in need are in our parishes and our neighborhoods. As Pope Francis reminds us, our parishes need to be “islands of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference.” In order to assess, expand, and better communicate resources to local pregnant moms and families in need, our parish is joining a nationwide effort entitled: “Walking with Moms in Need.” To begin our efforts, we are holding a diaper drive for the month of October to benefit Carenet Pregnancy Center in Barre. You may place donated diapers and wipes in the basket at the back of the church. All sizes are needed and welcomed. For more information, and to ensure you receive news and updates, please contact Mary Kelly, mkellyvt@gmail.com, or by phone at 802-793-6111.

A Reflection of St. John Henry Newman on the Assumption

Mary is the "*Stella Matutina*," the Morning Star—after the Dark Night, but always Heralding the Sun. What is the nearest approach in the way of symbols, in this world of sight and sense, to represent to us the glories of that higher world which is beyond our bodily perceptions? What are the truest tokens and promises here, poor though they may be, of what one day we hope to see hereafter, as being beautiful and rare? Whatever they may be, surely the Blessed Mother of God may claim them as her own. And so it is; two of them are ascribed to her as her titles, in her Litany—the stars above, and flowers below. She is at once the *Rosa Mystica* and the *Stella Matutina*. And of these two, both of them well suited to her, the Morning Star becomes her best, and that for three reasons.

First, the rose belongs to this earth, but the star is placed in high heaven. Mary now has no part in this nether world. No change, no violence from fire, water, earth, or air, affects the stars above; and they show themselves, ever bright and marvellous, in all regions of this globe, and to all the tribes of men. *Next*, the rose has but a short life; its decay is as sure as it was graceful and fragrant in its noon. But Mary, like the stars, abides for ever, as lustrous now as she was on the day of her Assumption; as pure and perfect, when her Son comes to judgment, as she is now. *Lastly*, it is Mary's prerogative to be the *Morning Star*, which heralds in the sun. She does not shine for herself, or from herself, but she is the reflection of her and our Redeemer, and she glorifies Him. When she appears in the darkness, we know that He is close at hand. He is Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Behold He comes quickly, and His reward is with Him, to render to everyone according to his works. "Surely I come quickly. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus."

Dear Parishioners,

Where is the front of the church? I believe I've mentioned this question before, but someone brought up the topic again recently, so I've been considering it anew. Imagine St. Patrick's. You're approaching the church from the parking lot. You approach, that is, from the back. You have to loop around to the road side to see the front of the church, and enter into the front. But now, think again. You've walked inside. All the pews nearest you are filled, the "back" pews. You look forward to the pews near the altar, the pews in "front." The front and back have been swapped.

This is an interesting fact in its own right, but we can also consider its connections with the whole Christian vision. The Bible is full of reversals: the eldest son loses the birthright to the younger, the first shall be last, the exalted shall be humbled, the humble shall be exalted. It seems quite fitting that the very act of entering the building of the church involves you in this topsy-turvy tumbling we experience when the human and divine worlds collide. For that is what entering a church is: we go from a merely earthly existence into the overlapping point of earth and heaven: into the curling, swirling waves of grace crashing about the sands of earth.

The other topsy-turvy image of a church is to picture it as a ship, upside down. I suppose this can apply to most buildings, but I would argue it applies most easily to a Church, with its long, central roof, and a steeple as a motor, or oversized rudder. And here too it suggests parallels with the Christian vision: that the gravitation center of our world is above us, not beneath us; that the Church sails on the waves of heaven, not of earth; that the spire – think inspiration – hearkens to the Spirit-driven motor of the weighty vessel.

Alright, that should do. With Marie gone, I hope all the info inside is accurate!

God bless,
Fr. Matthew

Adoration Times

Below are the adoration times, asking for God's assistance and intervention in our state, especially in recognizing and valuing the sanctity of all human life.

Thursday, November 3, 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Friday, November 4, 8:40 am – 10:00 am