

Catholic Communities of Waterbury, Waitsfield, and Moretown

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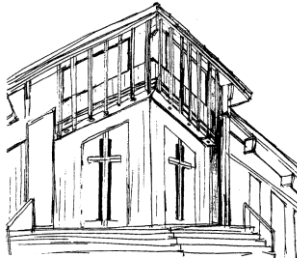
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Parish Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm



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.

January 1, 2023 – The Nativity of the Lord

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, December 31, 4:00 pm, St. A: Albert and Maureen Kelly, Jr. by Amy Miller

Saturday, December 31, 6:00 pm, OLS: Repose of the Soul of Robert Neuberger

Sunday, January 1, 9:00 am, St. A: Sam Miller by Pat and Diane Murray

Sunday, January 1, 11:00 am, St. P: All Parishioners and Visitors

Monday, January 2, 8:00 am, St. A: Dave Lawrence by Gio Susini

Monday, January 2, 1:00 pm, St. A: Funeral Mass for Chuck Morrell, Jr.

Tuesday, January 3: No Public Mass

Wednesday, January 4, 8:00 am, St. A: Anna and Bruno Tassone by Gio Susini

Thursday, January 5, 8:00 am, St. A: Harrie Yandow by Jon and Agnes Milne

Friday, January 6, 8:00 am, St. A: Lawrence Godin by Pat & Diane Murray (17th Anniversary)

Saturday, January 7, 4:00 pm, St. A: Marsha Wood

Saturday, January 7, 6:00 pm, OLS: Theresa Hanson by Jennifer Nadeau

Sunday, January 8, 9:00 am, St. A: Mike and Marsha Wood

Sunday, January 8, 11:00 am, St. P: Eugene Kirk by Kathleen Basile

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Numbers 6:22-27 / Psalm 67 / Galatians 4:4-7 / Luke 2:16-21
Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

Monday: 1 John 2:22-28 / Psalm 98 / John 1:19-28
Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

Tuesday: 1 John 2:29-3:6 / Psalm 98 / John 1:29-34
*Saint Genevieve**

Wednesday: 1 John 3:7-10 / Psalm 98 / John 1:35-42
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

Thursday: 1 John 3:11-21 / Psalm 100 / John 1:43-51
Saint John Neumann

Friday: 1 John 5:5-13 / Psalm 147 / Mark 1:7-11
Saint André Bessette

Saturday: 1 John 5:14-21 / Psalm 149 / John 2:1-11
*Saint Lucian of Antioch**

Next Sunday: Isaiah 60:1-6 / Psalm 72 / Ephesians 3:2-6 / Matthew 2:1-12
The Epiphany of the Lord

**Feast day as listed in former calendars*

Weekly Offertory Donations: December 19-25, 2022

St. Andrew's: Offertory \$230; Retirement Fund for Religious \$10; Christmas \$3,259; Insurance \$10; Online Giving \$105. *OLS/St. Patrick's*: Offertory \$155; Retirement Fund for Religious \$80; Insurance \$5; Flower \$6; Christmas \$2,283; Online Giving \$245. *Thank you for your generosity!*

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

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for Danny Abaya, Migdalia Torres Bernal, Isaiah Callan, Daniel Caplinger, Janet Chadwick, Suzie Clark, Janet DiBlasi, Joe Elia, Bob and Sue Ellsasser, Jason Fowler, Raven Fowler, Priscilla Grout, Alison Henry, Brian Kellett, Wayne Lacaille, Flavia Langan, Noah Langan, Ann Lamarch, John Lynch, Ryan Manning, Patrick McNamara, Frank Miller, Scott Miller, Michelle Nolin, Sidnia Orton, Fran Raymond, Rob Scharges, Annette Schultz, Robert Shortridge, Joanne Teixeira, Justina Torres, Jim Vachris, Brenda Voyer, and Sr. Elaine Voyer, FCSCJ. If you would like a Communion visit, please let us know.

Wisdom of the Saints

“To serve the Queen of Heaven is already to reign there, and to live under her commands is more than to govern.” ~ *Saint John Vianney*

“To succeed in your intentions, entrust yourselves to the Blessed Virgin Mary always, but especially in moments of difficulty and darkness. ‘From Mary we learn to surrender to God’s will in things. From Mary we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone. From Mary we learn to love Christ, her Son and the Son of God...Learn from her to be always faithful, to trust that God’s Word to you will be fulfilled, and that nothing is impossible with God.’”

~ *Saint John Paul II*

“Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did.” ~ *Saint Maximilian Kolbe*

“To give worthy praise to the Lord's mercy, we unite ourselves with Your Immaculate Mother, for then our hymn will be more pleasing to You, because She is chosen from among men and angels. Through Her, as through a pure crystal, Your mercy was passed on to us. Through Her, man became pleasing to God; Through Her, streams of grace flowed down upon us.” ~ *Saint Faustina*

“In trial or difficulty I have recourse to Mother Mary, whose glance alone is enough to dissipate every fear.” ~ *Saint Therese of Lisieux*

“Mary, give me your Heart: so beautiful, so pure, so immaculate; your Heart so full of love and humility that I may be able to receive Jesus in the Bread of Life and love Him as you love Him and serve Him in the distressing guise of the poor.” ~ *Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

“We never give more honor to Jesus than when we honor His Mother, and we honor her simply and solely to honor Him all the more perfectly. We go to her only as a way leading to the goal we seek – Jesus, her Son.” ~ *Saint Louis Marie de Montfort*

“Men do not fear a powerful hostile army as the powers of hell fear the name and protection of Mary.” ~ *Saint Bonaventure*

Dear Parishioners,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I hope you all had a joyous, peaceful, and grace-filled Christmas. I wanted to begin by again thanking everyone who contributed to the festivities at the parish: all the musicians, the readers, the altar servers, Deacon Isaiah Callan, decorators, and also to all of you who simply came to worship and commemorate the season in the right way.

It's interesting that a festive event is augmented simply by being with other people doing the same thing. What would a basketball game, a concert, a movie, and a Mass be without the others to enjoy it with? Certainly, still a game, concert, movie, and Mass, but the presence of the others adds to the experience. You can enjoy something on your own, but you can't enjoy it *together* on your own. And some things are great enough to be enjoyed, and are meant to be enjoyed, together. So, again, to everyone who came simply to celebrate together, it's a good that we accomplish together, by being together.

This week we're traversing the Christmas octave, the eight-day extension of Christmas. It's a somewhat curious week, with the commemoration of the Holy Innocents and St. Stephen. St. Stephen was the first martyr, or "protomartyr," whose story is recounted early in the book of Acts. The Holy Innocents, the young children killed by King Herod after the birth of Jesus, is recounted by St. Matthew. The strong sense of safety and peace communicated at Christmas is contrasted sharply with the stark brutality of the martyrdoms found in the following feasts. It's almost as though the Church doesn't want us to forget that Christ's entrance into the world brought a new way of life, which was not always welcome to those attached to the old order of things, and way of life in this world.

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, as well as welcoming in the new calendar year under her patronage. It's good to note that the two are not unconnected: 2023 is, after all, 2023 *AD*, that is, the 2023rd year counted from the *Anno Domini*, the Year of the Lord. It is, then, the 2023rd year of the Christian era, which is also the era of Mary's motherhood, of the new creation, of the New Adam, of the New Eve, of the new beginning, the 2023rd year of His reign. So, when we wish each other a Happy New Year this weekend, let's remember that that, too, is a Christian greeting, hardly distinct from "Merry Christmas."

When the timeless enters time, all of time revolves around His entry. Happy 2023rd New Year.

God bless,
Fr. Matthew