Catholic Communities of Waterbury, Waitsfield, and Moretown

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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, 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

Mondays, Wednesday, Thursdays, and Fridays at 8:00 am.

Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays from 8:45 to 10:00 am

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.

February 26, 2023 – First Sunday of Lent

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, February 25, 4:00 pm, St. Andrew's: Sandra Webb by Amy Miller
Saturday, February 25, 6:00 pm, Our Lady of the Snows: All Parishioners and Visitors
Sunday, February 26, 9:00 am, St. Andrew's: O'Brien, Magee and Lumbra Families
Sunday, February 26, 11:00 am, St. Patrick's: William Cooper by Bonnie Cooper
Monday, February 27, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: Gerry Larabie by Gio Susini
Tuesday, February 28: No Public Mass
Wednesday, March 1, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: Dave Lawrence by Gio Susini
Thursday, March 2, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: Stanley Pietryka by Mary Miller
Friday, March 3, 8:00 am, St. Andrew's: Sam Miller by Mary Miller
Saturday, March 4, 4:00 pm, St. Andrew's: Bobby LaFountain by Debbie and Mike Kirby
Saturday, March 4, 6:00 pm, Our Lady of the Snows: All Parishioners and Visitors
Sunday, March 5, 9:00 am, St. Andrew's: Eastman and Putvain Family by Patty Gardner
Sunday, March 5, 11:00 am, St. Patrick's: Thomas Manhardt by the Family

Readings for the Week

Sunday:	Genesis 2:7-3:7 / Psalm 51 / Romans 5:12-19 / Matthew 4:1-11 *First Sunday of Lent*
Monday:	Leviticus 19:1-18 / Psalm 19 / Matthew 25:31-46 *Saint Gregory of Narek*
Tuesday:	Isaiah 55:10-11 / Psalm 34 / Matthew 6:7-15 *Saint Auguste Chapdelaine**
Wednesday:	Jonah 3:1-10 / Psalm 51 / Luke 11:29-32 *Saint David of Wales**
Thursday:	Esther 1:12-25 / Psalm 138 / Matthew 7:7-12 *Saint Basileus the Martyr**
Friday:	Ezekiel 18:21-28 / Psalm 130 / Matthew 5:20-26 *Saint Katharine Drexel*
Saturday:	Deuteronomy 6:16-19 / Psalm 119 / Matthew 5:43-48 *Saint Casimir*
Next Sunday:	Genesis 12:1-4 / Psalm 33 / 1 Timothy 1:8-10 / Matthew 17:1-9 *Second Sunday of Lent*

**Feast day as listed in former calendars*

Weekly Offertory Donations: February 13-19, 2023

St. Andrew's: Offertory $969; Insurance $39; Vermont Catholic Charities Almsgiving $6; Online $105. *OLS/St. Patrick's:* Offertory $878; Church in Central and Eastern Europe $5; Online $360. *Thank you for your generosity!*

Extra (Lenten) Confession Times

Every Sunday during Lent from 8:15 - 8:45 am at St. Andrew's, in addition to normal times (see the front page of the bulletin).

Prayers for the Sick

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

Religious Education

There will be a meeting for parents and their child preparing for First Holy Communion in St. Leo's Hall on Sunday, March 5 at 10:15 am. If you have any questions, please contact Audrey Walko at audreycgsvt@gmail.com or Kathleen Cosentino at kcosentino@madriver.com

Walking with Moms in Need: Into Life Series

Please join us for the series, "Into Life: Love Changes Everything" Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 8:00 pm at St. Leo's Hall. Rooted in the wisdom of the Sisters of Life, this series introduces participants to new ideas for building a culture of life and solidarity, offers the opportunity for prayer and reflection, and develops and refines skills for accompanying women through an unexpected pregnancy. For more information or to register, please contact Mary Kelly at mkellyvt@gmail.com or call 802-793-6111.

Volunteers Needed to Help Plan Fundraising Event

We are planning a St. Patty's & St. Joseph's Irish Afternoon Celebration in St Leo's Hall from 3:00 - 7:00 pm on Sunday, March 19th. There will be Irish music with Father Matthew leading the songs and accompanied by Sergio Torres and Eric Weeber. Please contact Brenda Caforia-Weeber at bcafweeb@gmail.com if you are interested in helping to organize this parish event. As details become final, they will be published in the bulletin; stay tuned!

Adoration and Stations of the Cross, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

(Adoration at 6:00, Stations beginning at 6:30)
Friday, March 3 – Our Lady of the Snows
*Friday, March 10 – St. Andrew's (with Knights of Columbus Fish Fry)
Friday, March 17 – Our Lady of the Snows
Friday, March 24 – St. Andrew's (with Knights of Columbus Fish Fry)
Friday, March 31 – Our Lady of the Snows

*In lieu of Stations of the Cross, the Sisters of Mary, Mother of Healing Love will offer a guided meditation during the holy hour.

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

Dear Parishioners,

This week the Church presents, on this first Sunday of Lent, the passage of Jesus' penances and temptation in the desert. Its account should stir us in our own Lenten efforts, knowing that Jesus has led the way in sacrifice as well as triumph over temptation. Dom Prosper Gueranger writes this marvelous reflection upon the event:

"Satan has had his eye upon Jesus; he is troubled at beholding such matchless virtue. The wonderful circumstances of his Birth—the Shepherds called by Angels to his Crib, and the Magi guided by the Star; the Infant's escape from Herod's plot; the testimony rendered to this new Prophet by John the Baptist—all these things which seem so out of keeping with the thirty years spent in obscurity at Nazareth are a mystery to the infernal serpent, and fill him with apprehension. The ineffable mystery of the Incarnation has been accomplished unknown to him; he never once suspects that the humble Virgin, Mary, is she who was foretold by the Prophet Isaias, as having to bring forth the Emmanuel; … He is afraid of this Jesus; he resolves to speak with him, and elicit from him some expression which will show him whether he be or not the Son of God; he will tempt him to some imperfection, or sin, which, should he commit, will prove that the object of so much fear is, after all, but a mortal and sinful Man.

"The enemy of God and men was, of course, disappointed. He approached Jesus; but all his efforts only turn to his own confusion. Our Redeemer, with all the self-possession and easy majesty of a God-Man, repels the attacks of Satan; but He reveals not His heavenly origin. The wicked spirit retires, without having made any discovery beyond this, – that Jesus is a prophet, faithful to God. Later on, when he sees the Son of God treated with contempt, calumniated, and persecuted; when he finds, that his own attempts to have him put to death, are so successful;- his pride and his blindness will be at their height: and not till Jesus expires on the Cross, will he learn, that his victim was not merely Man, but Man and God. Then will he discover, how all his plots against Jesus have but served to manifest, in all their beauty, the Mercy and Justice of God;- His *Mercy*, because He saved mankind: and His *Justice*, because He broke the power of hell forever."

It's fascinating to consider the uneasy apprehension with which the devil would approach a figure such as Jesus. Unsure of who He is, he puts Jesus to the test, trying to discern His. And then the final twist: that the final victory of evil at the crucifixion is the very event that splinters all the hopes and plans of the devil, and is the beginning of his undoing. Christ's willing submission to the final test unleashes the power of grace, of forgiveness, of the Resurrection. May our own Lenten journey follow Jesus in his obedience and sacrifice, and so share in His glorious grace and power.

God bless,
Fr. Matthew