Lent is the season that prepares us to celebrate Easter. The main reason Lent is important is that Easter is our most important feast. On Easter we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, whose passage beyond death into life offers redemption to believers. The resurrection is the cornerstone of Christian faith. The mystery of Christ’s rising from the dead is so deep that the church invites us to six weeks of preparation before we fully celebrate it. We call that period Lent.

For the faithful, Lent is a time of penitential practices and spiritual discipline. During this time we acknowledge our sins and seek God’s help to overcome them. Traditionally, we engage in acts of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Together these actions show our dependence on God, our renunciation of the fascinations of this world and our desire to better the lives of others.

For the elect, those preparing for baptism, Lent is a time of intense spiritual preparation. They will celebrate baptism at Easter because in this sacrament they enter the mystery of Christ’s dying and rising. They die to their former way of life and open their hearts fully to discipleship in Jesus. For the elect, this is a season of purification and enlightenment. The prayers of this season help scrutinize and purify their intentions, removing whatever might block their commitment and strengthening their resolve. They will become fully illumined with the light of Christ when they celebrate initiation at the Easter Vigil.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends before the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday. Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

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EDMUNDOITE CAMPUS MINISTRY
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MASSES
Sunday
11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
(no 7:00 p.m. Mass on 3/13)

MORNING PRAYER
Monday-Friday
7:40 a.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY
Wednesday, March 9th
11:45 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.

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Reconciliation after each Mass

MASS IN SPANISH
Tuesday, March 22nd
7:30 p.m.

RECONCILIATION
Sunday, March 27th
Offered after each Mass or by appointment any time

“Open my eyes, Lord; help me to see Your Love”

Edmundite Campus Ministry Events

Ash Wednesday is March 9th. Pick up a Lenten brochure that includes our devotional activities for the season. Reconciliation will be after each Mass. Rice Bowls and Daily Lenten Reflection booklets written by our students, Faculty/Staff and worshipping community will be available in the main lobby of the Chapel.

Rice Bowls will be collected on Palm Sunday, April 17th.

Eucharistic Adoration: Please join us for some quiet time before the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday, March 31, 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Back Altar space of the Chapel. Benediction beginning at 8:50 p.m., Hosted by Luke Manning ’12.

The Way of the Cross: Please join us in praying the stations of the cross. Friday, March 25 at 5:00 p.m., Chapel.

Worshipping Community Program

Partners in Ministry will meet on Monday, March 7th at 5:30 p.m. in the Vermont Room (Alliot Hall) for the usual Pot Luck dinner, discussion, and prayer. We will be continuing
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with “Bridges to Contemplative Living” based on the writings of Thomas Merton. All are welcome with or without a dish. For more information, please contact Stephanie Noakes at 654.2999.

Easter Baskets: If you are interested in putting together an Easter basket for a child at one of COTS family shelters or if you would like to make a contribution (either monetary or an item such as toys, books, clothing, etc.), see Jacqui Bolster in the front lobby of the Chapel after Mass on both Sundays, March 27th and April 3rd to sign up. You can also call 878.8352, or email jmbolster@gmail.com. This is a wonderful way to share the love at Easter. Thank you for your support.

Saint Anne’s Shrine Spring Social: Rediscovering a Hidden Treasure” Join us to recognize and support the good works of the Edmundites. Saturday, March 26th; Mass at 4:00 p.m., Chapel of St. Michael the Archangel. Donation is $50 per person to benefit the Mission of the Shrine. Appetizers and wine will be served. RSVP to St. Anne’s Shrine (802) 928-3362 or email Fstanne@psuht.com by March 10th. Checks and credit cards accepted.

Pontifex Society: March 7th: We will be discussing two texts by C.S. Lewis: The Screwtape Letters and A Grief Observed. We will finishing The Screwtape Letters, Chapter 18 to the end (pgs. 92-209). Lunch will be provided beginning at 11:45 a.m. which will help us to get started with the reflection promptly at noon. Please RSVP if you plan to attend. Contact Anna Lester at 654.2897 or alester@smcvt.edu for more information.

SCHOOLS LIKE US: Intercollegiate Leadership Retreat at Enders Island, CT. April 1st thru 3rd, 2011. This retreat is for students who serve in various leadership roles with campus ministry programs and activities. Students from other colleges (St. Anselm, Assumption, Sacred Heart, Merrimack, Stonehill and others) gather together for a weekend of prayer and reflection on Jesus’ call to discipleship and service to others. For more information, contact the Campus Ministry office at 654.2333.

VITA WAY OF LIFE

VITA is a group of students who are committed to ministering to other students through practicing our faith and leading many of the liturgical, retreat, and service programs. Student-led programs include:

LINK: A large group that meets weekly and combines discussion, meditation, music and more to help bridge the gap between our college and faith lives. Everyone is welcome to join us! Wednesdays, March 9th and 23rd; 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Upper Room of the Chapel.