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**The Easter Candle (Paul Turner)**

The first sound of the Easter season is the crackling of new fire. Even before the presider greets the people, the Easter flame burns to warm the hearts of believers and to fascinate our eyes which long to behold the glory of God.

The Easter candle that leads the procession into the church at the Easter Vigil becomes a dominant symbol for the season. Tall, bright, decorative, stately, it creates the first light for the faithful and dispels the darkness which belies our sins. The Easter candle first announces the news of the resurrection, followed by the Glory to God, the Alleluia, the Gospel, the homily, and, of course, the Eucharist. All join to make the same proclamation. Christ is risen!

So big is this message that it takes fifty days to celebrate. That Easter candle burns in our churches every day during those seven weeks, proclaiming: Christ is risen, and we too may rise!

The Easter candle appears in our liturgy on two other very significant occasions: baptisms and funerals.

Whenever infants are baptized, we light the Easter candle. The resurrection of Christ foreshadows our own resurrection. Baptism incorporates us into the body of Christ and gives us a share in his resurrection. Whenever the baptismal waters are poured, the Easter candle burns bright. Parents and godparents light a baptismal candle from the Easter candle. They accept the responsibility of keeping the flame of faith alive in the heart of the newly baptized. Parents carry this candle home, where it may shine on baptismal anniversaries to symbolize the first news of the risen Christ.

We also light the Easter candle at funerals. In the midst of our grief, we call upon the symbols which enliven our faith. Several images of baptism reappear at the funeral: the sprinkling with holy water, the placing of a white pall (like a white garment) over the casket and the lighting of the Easter candle. Christ rose from the dead so that we too might pass from death to life. Every death reminds us of Easter. And every Easter gives us hope that death is not the end, but the passage from darkness to eternal light.

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April 2017

Saint Michael's College



CHAPEL OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

**Edmundite Campus Ministry Events**

**MASSES**

**Sunday**  
11:00 a.m. & 7:00 pm  
(no 7:00 p.m. Mass on 4/16)

**Mondays**  
11:30 am & 4:30 pm  
**Tuesday-Friday**  
11:30 am

**MORNING PRAYER**  
Monday-Friday  
7:40 am

**SPANISH MASS**  
April 10, 2017  
7:30 pm

**RECONCILIATION**  
Sunday, April 23rd  
after each Mass  
*or by appointment any time*

**ASCENSION OF OUR LORD**  
Thursday, May 25th  
11:30 a.m.

**TRIDUUM LITURGIES** Sunday, April 9th.

**Holy Thursday** "Mass of the Last Supper", Chapel of Saint Michael the Archangel; **April 13th; 7:00 p.m.**

**Good Friday** Passion of the Lord, "Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion", St. Pius X Church, Essex Junction; **April 14th; 7:00 p.m.**

**Holy Saturday** Easter Vigil, St. Lawrence Church, Essex Junction; **April 15th; 8:00 p.m.**

**Easter:** Chapel of Saint Michael the Archangel, **April 16th; 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.** Please join us after the 11:00 a.m. Mass for an Easter Brunch in the Green Mtn. Dining Hall. RSVP by April 11th to Laurie Sabens (Lsabens@smcvt.edu) or call (802) 654-2333.

**Rice Bowls:** Collection of Rice Bowls after each Mass on Palm

**Rosary for Peace: Mondays, April 3rd and 10th at 5:00 pm** at the back altar space of the Chapel.

**Evening Prayer in the manner of Taizé** will be held on **Monday, April 10, 2017 at 7 p.m.** at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 2 Cherry Street, Burlington, VT. This service includes Scripture readings, times of silence, spoken prayer, and music from the Taizé Community. The Rt. Rev. Thomas Ely, Bishop of the Episcopal Church in VT and The Most Rev. Christopher Coyne, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington will co-officiate. Parking will be free at St. Paul's that evening. Please join us as we commemorate 10 years of Taizé prayer at St. Paul's.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Please join us for some quiet time be-

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fore the Blessed Sacrament— **Tuesday\*** afternoons at **4:00 p.m.** in the Back Altar space of the Chapel. \*Note: this event will be cancelled when students are not in session.

**Mass on Sunday, May 14th will be at 8:00 a.m. due to Commencement exercises.**

### Worshipping Community Program

**One-in-Christ Weekend** for engaged couples sponsored by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington is open to any couple preparing for marriage in the Catholic Church. Through presentations by trained married couples and a Catholic priest, each couple is invited to deepen their faith and to better understand the Christ-centered nature of Sacramental marriage. Held at beautiful St. Anne's Shrine in Isle La Motte. **April 28—30, 2017.** Contact Lori Daudelin at the Diocese (802.658.6110, ext. 1131) or email at [Ldaudelin@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:Ldaudelin@vermontcatholic.org).

### Faculty & Staff Programs

**Pontigny Society:** We will continue to read *The End of the Affair* by Graham Greene. Session

begins at **12:00 pm, Monday, April 10th**, in the Upper Room of the Chapel, lunch served. **RSVP is required.** All faculty and staff are welcome. Please RSVP to Fr. Marcel Rainville, SSE at 654.2848. To receive notices, please subscribe to the TPS mailing list on the portal page.

**Partners in Ministry: Thursday, April 13th, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** (Vermont Room, 2nd Floor Alliot Hall). We will be finishing Chapters 12/13 in Michael Crosby's book "*Do You Love Me?: Jesus Questions the Church*" and discussing possible new books. Please have some suggestions in mind. Light pot luck/snacks are welcome. Contact Stephanie Noakes, [snoakes@smcvt.edu](mailto:snoakes@smcvt.edu) or 881-5131 All are welcome!

### M.O.V.E. Activities

**MOVE Spring International Market: Friday, April 7th; 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Saturday, April 8th, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm;** Alliot Lobby. Shop for unique items-- crafts, jewelry, artwork, clothing and more. All profits benefit families served by the organization that MOVE students partner with in Guatemala.

### Year of Creation Event



In honor of Globan Catholic Climate Movement's Mercy2Earth Weekend, Holy Family/Saint Lawrence Parish will host a roundtable discussion on parish initiatives for creation sustainability. Topics will include renewable energy, energy efficiency, waste management, clean water, living simply, impacts on communities, and eco-spirituality. Evening prayer, focused on Pope Francis' 2016 statement "Show Mercy to our Common Home" will accompany the discussion. **April 23, 2017, 5:00—7:00 p.m.** at Holy Family Parish Center, Essex Junction.



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! **Wednesday, April 5, 12 and 19; 8:00 to 9:00 pm** in the Upper Room of the Chapel.
- **Dessert & the Divine:** Enjoy food and fellowship with other Christians! **Our next gathering will be April 26th; 8:00 pm** in the Upper Room, Chapel. Please contact Anna Lester for more information at 654.2897 or [alester@smcvt.edu](mailto:alester@smcvt.edu).
- **Connections:** Come join us for weekly small faith-based discussion with an emphasis on Scripture and reflections on your faith life in college. **Thursdays at 8:30 p.m.** Alliot 125 (Anna Lester's office).

## Retreat Opportunities

**BUSY STUDENT RETREAT: *Walking with the Risen Christ* - April 23rd through April 27th.** This is a free, on campus, guided retreat, designed to fit into everyone's schedule. During the course of the week, you are invited to schedule a half hour of prayer or quiet time on your own each day using the prayer booklets we provide for you, up to a half hour of one-on-one spiritual direction with a spiritual director each day, and you're also always welcome to participate in daily liturgies and prayer opportunities. It's up to you! For more info, please contact Anna Lester ([Alester@smcvt.edu](mailto:Alester@smcvt.edu)) (654.2897) : [Alester@smcvt.edu](mailto:Alester@smcvt.edu).



**SAINT ANNE'S SHRINE 5-DAY SILENT RETREAT** in the Ignatian tradition: **June 18-23, 2017** at St. Anne's Shrine in Isle La Motte. Using principles from the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, retreatants will be invited to contemplate scripture passages, celebrate daily Eucharist and meet with a Spiritual Director each day. Spiritual Directors are specifically trained for this type of retreat and will serve as companions and co-discerners of the Spirit during the retreat. Applicants should be comfortable maintaining an atmosphere of silence and be able to share their prayer experience with a Spiritual Director in a daily meeting of about 45 mins. The retreat begins at 7:00 pm on Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> and concludes with lunch on Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. The cost is \$500. Applications and further information can be obtained by calling the Shrine at (802) 928-3362 or via email at [fstanne@pshift.com](mailto:fstanne@pshift.com). Space is limited due to single room accommodations.