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**EXTRAORDINARY
JUBILEE OF MERCY**

DEC. 8, 2015 - NOV. 20, 2016



“His mercy endures forever!” (Psalm 136)

Preparations are being made for the celebration of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, which His Holiness Pope Francis has proclaimed. This celebration will begin with the opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome on December 8, 2015.

In dioceses throughout the world, Holy Doors will open on December 13, 2015, the Third Sunday of Advent.

St. Joseph Co-Cathedral in Burlington has been chosen as the site of the Holy Door. There were several reasons for this choice: its status as a co-cathedral, its architectural suitability for the construction of a Holy Door, and its capacity to receive large groups of pilgrims.

Jubilee prayer cards are available at each entrance of the Chapel of St. Michael the Archangel.



Saint Michael’s College



December 2015



CHAPEL OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Edmundite Campus Ministry Events

MASSES

Sunday

11:00 am & 7:00 pm

No 7 pm Masses Dec. 20 thru Jan. 10 due to academic break; will resume January 17)

Mondays

4:30 pm

Tuesday-Friday

11:30 am



MORNING PRAYER

Monday-Friday

7:40 am

MASS IN SPANISH

Will resume in February

RECONCILIATION

Sunday, November 29th
offered after both Masses
or by appointment any time

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Monday, December 7th, Vigil at 4:30 pm and Tuesday, December 8th, 11:30 am in the Chapel of Saint Michael the Archangel.

LOW (Liturgy of the Word) Lunch: An opportunity to reflect and discuss the Scripture readings for each Sunday. We meet in the Campus Ministry office at 12:00 noon on Fridays. Contact Jerome Monachino at 654.2254 for more information.

December 6th: A second collection will be taken up for “Retirement Fund for Religious.” Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, etc. – often for little pay. Their sacrifices leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift helps pro-

vide prescription medications, nursing care, and more. Thank you for your support!

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Vigil, Wednesday, December 24th at 8:00 pm.

Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25th at 11:00 am.

New Year’s Day (Mary, the Holy Mother of God), Thursday, January 1st at 11:00 am.

Worshipping Community Programs

Saturday, December 5: Advent Evening of Reflection. 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Edmundite Dining Hall. All are welcome to join us for a simple meal and reflection on the readings throughout the season of Advent. RSVP is required; please contact Anna Lester at 654.2897.

Edmundite Campus Ministry Events *(Continued)*

Friday, December 11, Lessons & Carols; 7:00 pm, Chapel of Saint Michael the Archangel – The Saint Michael's College Chorale under the direction of Nathaniel G. Lew offers its annual service of lessons and carols. This year's service features carols in Czech, Welsh, and Rumanian, familiar carols sung by the congregation, and a special guest appearance by the Vermont Boy-choir. College Organist Susan Summerfield accompanies.

December 20: Saint Michael's College presents **A Festival of Gregorian Chant: Seasonal and Organ Music** by the **VT Gregorian Chant Schola** under the direction **Professor Emeritus William Tortolano**, at **3:00 pm** in the **Chapel of Saint Michael the Archangel**. The Schola's repertoire will include the Gregorian setting of the Missa cum Jubilo, as well as liturgical rounds from France, Jacques Clement, and a Jewish folk melody. Free and open to the public.

29th Annual Twelfth Night Celebration: **Saturday, January 9, 2016 at 6:30 pm**, featuring the Essex Children's Choir. Twelfth Night is a collaboration between the choir and adult artists, a holiday tradition of song, dance, instruments, and narrative. This joyous occasion, enhanced by the beauty of the chapel, artistry of the musicians, and audience participation, brings to close the celebration of Christmas. Donations requested. Snow date: January 10th at 4:30 pm. This event is held in the Chapel. For more information, call 863-9161.

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. The cost for the entire weekend is \$200; this includes separate overnight accommodations for men and women at the beautiful St. Anne's Shrine in Isle La Motte. **April 29—May 1, 2016.** Contact Lori Daudelin at 802.658.6110 for more information or email at catholicformation@vermontcatholic.org.

A *Rachel's Vineyard Retreat* will take place **April 10-12, 2015**, in Northern Vermont. *Rachel's Vineyard* offers an opportunity for healing to anyone struggling with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion -- mother, father, sibling or grandparent. The format focuses on God's forgiveness, compassion, and mercy to help participants work through complicated grief, anger, emotional numbness, and other spiritual and psychological effects of abortion. Retreats are guided by a priest and counselors trained in post-abortion healing to help participants grieve, receive forgiveness and find peace. For more information, call 802-658-4118 or email at projectrachel@vermontcatholic.org.

Faculty & Staff Programs

Partners in Ministry: Thursday, December 4th; 5:30 to 7:30 pm, VT Room, Alliot Hall. We will continue reading *Reflections on the Psalms* by CS Lewis and *Do You Love Me?: Jesus Questions the Church* by Michael Crosby. Pot luck/snacks are appreciated. Contact Stephanie Noakes, snoakes@smcvt.edu; 881-5131. All are welcome!

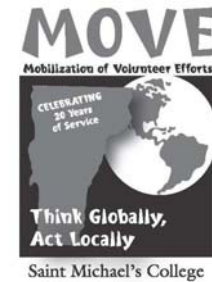


VITA is a group of students who are committed to ministering to other students through practicing our faith and leading many of the liturgical, retreat, and service programs. Student-led programs include:

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, December 9th; 8:00 to 9:00 pm** in the Upper Room of the Chapel.

Dessert & the Divine: Enjoy food and fellowship with other Christians! **Wednesday, December 2nd; 8:00 pm** in the Upper Room, Chapel. Please contact Anna Lester for more information at 654.2897 or 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. Contact Anna Lester for more information on dates/time. 654.2897 or alester@smcvt.edu.



Saint Michael's College presents an **International Market—Wednesday, December 9th thru Saturday, December 12th**, from **10 am to 5 pm** each day in the **Alliot Hall Lobby**. Please help support our International Extended Service programs by purchasing gifts from around the world. MOVE International programs bring handmade gifts and items from their service trips back to campus to sell as a fundraiser. Donations for the trips are welcome. Information: Allison Cleary, 654-2901 or Lara Scott at 654.2674.

Advent Prayer to Jesus

You are our eternal salvation, The unfailing light of the world. Light everlasting, You are truly our redemption. Grieving that the human race was perishing through the tempter's power, without leaving the heights You came to the depths in your loving kindness. Readily taking our humanity by Your gracious will, You saved all earthly creatures, long since lost, Restoring joy to the world. Redeem our souls and bodies, O Christ, and so possess us as Your shining dwellings. By Your first coming, make us righteous; At your second coming, set us free: So that, when the world is filled with light and you judge all things, We may be clad in spotless robes and follow in Your steps, O King, Into the heavenly hall.

Advent Focus 2015

*Rejoice and strengthen your hearts,
for the Lord our justice is near.*