Retreat Opportunities

**EMMAUS - February 26-28, 2016:** This Retreat is a student-led, weekend retreat based on Ignatian spirituality which emphasizes “seeing God in all things.” Emmaus will provide you with the opportunity to meet new people, reflect on your spiritual journey, pray with the Scriptures, share your faith with other students and faculty/staff, and take some time out of your busy life to rest. Best of all, you will become reacquainted with God’s unconditional love revealed by Jesus Christ. This retreat will take place at St. Anne’s Shrine in Isle La Motte, VT. For more information, contact Anna Lester at 654.2897 or alester@smcvt.edu.

**LEAP - March 11-13, 2016:** A unique, communal and deeply personal experience which builds upon talks, activities and group dynamics. The weekend includes a series of presentations that explores the meaning of commitment, peace, prayer and faith in one’s life. It is an opportunity to deepen one’s understanding of self and others within the context of a believing Christian Community centered around the Eucharist. This retreat will take place at St. Anne’s Shrine in Isle La Motte, VT. For more information, contact Rev. Marcel Rainville at 654.2848.

**5-Day Silent Retreat:** Edmundite Campus Ministry will be conducting a 5-Day Silent Retreat in the Ignatian tradition from June 26 to July 1, 2016 at St. Anne’s Shrine. Using the principles of 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 forty-five minutes. The Spiritual Directors are Fr. Brian Cummings, SSE and Bro. Frank Hagerty, SSE. The retreat begins with dinner on Sunday, June 26th and concludes with lunch on Friday, July 1st. The cost is $450. Applications can be obtained by emailing St. Anne’s Shrine at fstaniec@pshift.com. Current students and graduating seniors are eligible for partial/full scholarships by Edmundite Campus Ministry. Space is limited due to single room accommodations.

**MASSES**

- **Sunday:** 11:00 am & 7:00 pm (no 7 pm Mass on February 21st)
- **Mondays:** 11:30 am & 4:30 pm
- **Tuesday-Friday:** 11:30 am
  - MORNING PRAYER: Monday-Friday 7:40 am
  - MASS IN SPANISH: Monday, February 1st; 7:30 pm
  - RECONCILIATION: Wednesday, February 10th (all day)
    - Reconciliation after each Mass
    - Fast for Peace: Ash Wednesday, February 10th (all day)

- **Blessing of Throats:** In memory of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, the Blessing of Throats will take place after 11:30 am Mass on Tuesday, February 2nd.

**Lent 2016**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

- **Wednesday, February 10**
  - 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
  - Reconciliation after each Mass
  - Fast for Peace: Ash Wednesday, February 10th (all day)

- **Rice Bowls:** Please pick up a Rice Bowl at any entrance of the Chapel. These will be collected on Palm Sunday, March 20th.

- **Taize Prayer Services:** Thursday, February 11th; 7:00 pm at the back altar space. Everyone is welcome to join us for some peaceful music, silent reflection and Scripture reading.

- **Worshipping Community Programs**
  - Partners in Ministry will gather Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 5:30 pm in the Vermont Room/Alliot Hall. We will be sharing our thoughts about Chpt. 5, in Michael H. Crosby’s book, “The...
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You Love Me?: Jesus questions the Church
We will also share a light meal, and prayer. All are welcome; books can be ordered if needed. Contact Stephanie Noakes at 881.5131 or email at snoakes@smcvt.edu.

February 25, 2016: “The Encounter with Christ: Pope Francis and the Heart of Catholicism” - a presentation by Phil Lawson, the Director of Catechesis and Evangelization for the Diocese of Burlington to be held in the Robideau Fellowship Hall at Holy Family-St. Lawrence Parish Center- 36 Lincoln St. Essex Junction, VT. 05452. 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm. For more information contact 878-5331.

One in Christ Weekend for engaged couples. Couples are invited to deepen their faith and to better understand the Christ-centered nature of Sacramental marriage. April 29 - May 1, 2016, St. Anne’s Shrine, Isle La Motte. Contact the Office of Catholic Formation for more information; (802) 658-6110.

Faculty & Staff Programs

Pontigny Society: Our Spring semester will begin with discussion of the book “Ending Grace”, a novel by Carol Flinders. Sessions begin at 12:00 pm, Monday, February 1st in the VT Room, 2nd floor, Alliot Hall; a luncheon will be served. RSVP required. All faculty and staff are welcome. Please RSVP to Fr. Marcel Rainville, SSE at 654-2901.

Penguin Plunge: Saturday, February 6th. This fundraiser is for Special Olympics. If you are interested in participating, please sign up on the MOVE bulletin board in the Alliot Lobby. Held at the Burlington Waterfront.

Gently-Used Books Sale: To benefit MOVE international service trips (India & Dominican Republic). February 10th-13th; Alliot Hall. Also accepting book donations until Feb. 8th. (call Allinson Cleary at 654-2901).

FOOD FOR THOUGHT LECTURES

VITA is a group of students who are committed to ministering to other students through practicing their 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, Feb. 3, 10, and 17; 8:00 pm in the Upper Rm/Chapel.

Dessert & the Divine: Enjoy food and fellowship with other Christians! Wednesday, Feb. 24; 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 & reflections on your faith life in college. Every Thursday 8:00 pm., Alliot 125 (Anna Lester’s office).

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