LENTEN Prayer Opportunities and Events

Rosary for Peace: Mondays, February 29th, March 7th, and 14th; 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays, March 1st, 8th, and 15th; 8:00-9:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

The Way of the Cross: Friday, March 4th, 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Please join us as we journey with Jesus during His passion and experience what it might have been like through the eyes of those who were there such as James, Judas, the Chief Priest, Mary, Mary Magdala and others. This presentation was inspired by the scriptural way of the cross that was celebrated in Rome by Pope John Paul II on Good Friday each year.

Palm Sunday Mass: March 20th, 11:00 a.m. Chapel.

Triduum Services

Holy Thursday: March 24th, 7:00 p.m., Chapel.
Good Friday: March 25th, 7:00 p.m., Holy Family Church, Essex Junction.
Holy Saturday: March 26th, 7:00 p.m., St. Lawrence Church, Essex Junction.
Easter Sunday: March 27th, 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Chapel (Easter Brunch to follow the 11:00 a.m. Mass - please RSVP by March 20th to 802-654-2333; email: Lsabens@smcvt.edu)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered after all Masses. Daily Masses on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays throughout Lent (in the Chapel) or by appointment anytime.

Daily Lenten Reflections: St. Michael’s College students, faculty, staff and members of the worshipping community have come together to offer their reflections on the daily Scripture readings and what they are saying to us in our lives today...how they challenge and encourage us to feel God’s presence, love, and forgiveness each day during this sacred time. We hope that these reflections inspire and help you grow deeper in your prayer life during the journey of Lent as we prepare for the Resurrection of Christ Jesus! The reflections can be found online at: http://smclent.blogspot.com

MASSES
Sunday
11:00 am & 7:00 pm
*no 7 pm Mass on March 20th & 27th due to Annual Break

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

MORNING PRAYER
Monday-Friday
7:40 am

MASS IN SPANISH
Monday, March 7th; 7:30 pm

RECONCILIATION
See back page for dates. Or by appointment any time

Rice Bowls: Please pick up a Rice Bowl at any entrance of the Chapel. These will be collected on Palm Sunday.

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 Jacquie Bolster in the front lobby after Mass on Sunday, March 6th and 13th to sign up - or call 878.8352 or email jmboalster@gmail.com. This is a wonderful way to share the love at Easter. Thank you for your support.

Easter Brunch: Sunday, March 27th following the 11:00 am Mass. RSVP to Laurie Sabens at 802-654-2333 or Lsabens@smcvt.edu (see last page).

Worshipping Community Programs

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays, March 1st, 8th, and 15th, 8:00–9:00 pm at the Back Altar space in the Chapel.

Partners in Ministry will gather Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 5:30 pm in the Vermont Room/Alliot Hall. We will be sharing our thoughts about Chpt. 6, in Michael H. Crosby’s book, “Do 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.

Stand firm in the Lord and become a new creation.
Edmundite Campus Ministry Events (Continued)

Pontigny Society: Our Spring semester will begin with discussion of the book “Enduring Grace”, a novel by Carol Flinders. Sessions begin at 12:00 pm, Monday, March 7th 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 654.2848. Next month’s date: April 11th.

Concert Announcement
A Festive Concert, celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the dedication of the Casavant Organ at Saint Michael’s College, will take place on Monday, March 14, 2016 at 7:30 pm in the College Chapel. Dr. William Tortorollo, Professor Emeritus of Fine Arts/Music, will perform on the 14 stop, 17 rank, two manual organ, with strings, brass ensemble, timpani, the St. Michael’s College Chorale, and the Vermont Gregorian Chant Schola. No RSVP required. Free and open to the public.

Year of Mercy Jubilee Event: March 20th. Jubilee for Young Children will be held at 3:00 pm at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral, Burlington. See Vermontcatholic.org for extended calendar events.

FOLLOWING JESUS TO EASTER: A Lenten series offered by Fr. Richard Berube, SSE. Lent offers us a special time to reflect on Jesus’ words to his disciples, “Take up your cross and follow me.” In this series, we’ll consider how each of the four gospels has its own distinctive understanding of discipleship, the following of Jesus. There will be five sessions:

1. Four talks with discussion and a fifth session in the form of a holy hour and guided meditation. This series began February 17th. Our final sessions will be held on March 2nd and 9th in the Hoehl Room on the lower level of Holy Family-St. Lawrence Parish Center – 36 Lincoln St. Essex Jct., VT. The last session will be held in Holy Family Church on March 16th. Time for each session: 7:00—8:00 pm.

2. A Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat will take place April 8-10, 2016, in Northern Vermont. See details at projectrachel@vermontcatholic.org or call 802-658-4118.

3. 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.

4. Connections: Come join us for weekly small faith-based discussion with an emphasis on Scripture and reflections on your faith life in college. Thursdays 8:00 to 9:00 pm, Alliot 125 (Anna Lester’s office).

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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 2nd, 9th, and 16th; 8:00 to 9:00 pm in the Upper Room of the Chapel.

Dessert & the Divine: Enjoy food and fellowship with other Christians! Wednesday, March 30th; 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. Thursdays 8:00 to 9:00 pm, Alliot 125 (Anna Lester’s office).

Red Cross Blood Drive: Tuesday, March 15th; 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Location TBA. Donors and volunteers appreciated! Sign up in the MOVE office or contact 654.2674.

Spring International Market: Friday, April 8th; 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday, April 9th, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Alliot Lobby. Shop for unique items—crafts, jewelry, artwork, clothing and more. All profits benefit organizations where MOVE students serve in Dominican Republic and India.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Weekday Masses: 7:30 am, 8:00 am, 12 Noon, Alliot VT Room. All are welcome to celebrate Mass. Notice: Office of Catholic Formation will not be open Monday, March 14th due to the College Holiday. Office will reopen Tuesday. Please plan accordingly.

5-Day Silent Retreat: Edmundite Campus Ministry (ECM) 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 45 mins. 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 email to St. Anne’s Shrine at fstanne@pshift.com. Current students and graduating seniors are eligible for partial/full scholarships by ECM. Space is limited due to single room accommodations.