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**Message from Fr. Brian Cummings, S.S.E.**

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Each November, beginning with the solemnity of All Saints and the Feast of All Souls, the Church remembers in a special way all the faithful who have died. It is part of our tradition that we pray for those who have gone before us. We also pray to our deceased loved ones that they may intercede to God on our behalf.

In our Masses during the month of November, the Edmundite Community will remember all the deceased members and loved ones of the Saint Michael's College Community. At each liturgy there will be a special petition in the Prayer of the Faithful asking God to grant eternal life to our loved ones who have died. We pray with hope that they will share in Christ's resurrection, believing that in death life is not ended, but changed. You are invited to write the names of your deceased loved ones and friends in our Book of Life located in the Chapel lobby.

November is also a time for us as a nation to give thanks to God for His abundant blessings upon us and our country. As we give thanks to God, we are reminded of the social ills plaguing our society. It seems that every time we look at the news we see nothing but wars and death, starvation and poverty, and the loss of innocent life. We know too well that our own community is not immune to such tragedy and despair. Sometimes the reported news can be depressing and paralyzing. I sometimes feel a sense of powerlessness over it all and wonder if our society will ever improve and reflect the Kingdom of God as revealed in the teachings of Jesus.

One way we can make a small difference is helping those in our midst who struggle each day to put food on the family table in this difficult economy. Edmundite Campus Ministry has been assisting the Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf for the past several years each holiday season to help provide basic nutrition and nourishment for struggling families. We are asking members of our Worshipping Community to provide financial assistance directly to the Food Shelf to help alleviate hunger in our community. Donations may be mailed directly to their headquarters (228 North Winooski Avenue, Burlington, VT 05401). Please give generously. Thank you and God bless you!



Saint Michael's College



November 2016



CHAPEL OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

**Edmundite Campus Ministry Events**

**MASSES**

**Sunday**

11:00 a.m. & 7:00 pm

**Mondays**

11:30 am & 4:30 pm

**Tuesday-Friday**

11:30 am



**MORNING PRAYER**

Monday-Friday

7:40 am

**MASS IN SPANISH**

Monday, November 7th;

7:30 pm

**THANKSGIVING DAY**

10:00 am

**RECONCILIATION**

Sunday, November 27th

After each Mass

or by appointment any time

Please write the names of your deceased loved ones in our **Book of Life** found in the front vestibule of the Chapel. All our beloved deceased will be remembered in our liturgies in a special way throughout November.

A Mass for the Solemnity of **All Saints** will be held on Tuesday, November 1st at 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and for **All Souls** will be held at Wednesday, November 2nd at 11:30 a.m.. (Back Altar Space).

**Mass for the Feast of St. Edmund will be on Wednesday, November 16th at 4:30 p.m.**

**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.

**The Liturgical Choir** includes students and adult members of the Worshipping Community. We rehearse on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Chapel. To join, call Jerome Monachino at 654.2254.

**Worshipping Community Program**

**'Catholics in the Public Square: The 2016 Elections'** A presentation on "Catholics and the 2016 Presidential Election: The Dilemma of Conscience and Voter Choice" will be presented by Mark J. Rozell, the Ruth D. and John T. Hazel Chair in Public Policy and Dean of the Schar School of Policy and Government at George Mason University. The event is free and open to the public. Held in the Roy Room of the Dion Family Center at St. Michael's College. Sponsored by the Edmundite

## Edmundite Campus Ministry Events *(Continued)*

Center for Faith and Culture. For more info, contact Dr. Edward Mahoney at 654.2578 or emahoney@smcvt.edu.

**WorldWide Marriage Encounter: November 18th—20th at Saint Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte, VT:** Married couples, skip the lottery this month and treat yourself to a WorldWide Marriage Encounter Weekend, your ticket to better communication and more love. Restore, renew and rekindle your marriage on the upcoming weekend. To register, contact Gary & Lynn Root at vtroot@together.net or 802-456-8114. **Note: application deadline is November 1, 2016.**

**Thanksgiving Food Drive:** Thanksgiving bags for families in need will be available **Sunday, November 6th & 13th** in the main entrance of the Chapel. There are lists on the front of the bags with the desired contents, some with longer lists and some with shorter lists. **They are due back no later than Sunday, November 20th.** Filled bags may be left in the main entrance before Mass on November 20th. If you have questions, please contact Stephanie Noakes at 881-5131 or [snoakes@smcvt.edu](mailto:snoakes@smcvt.edu).

### Faculty & Staff Programs

**Pontigny Society:** This semester, we will be reading *The Story of a Soul: The Autobiography of Saint Therese of Lisieux*. Session begins at **12:00 pm, Monday, November 7th**, in the VT Room, Alliot Hall; 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, November 10th, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** (Eddie's lounge, 2nd Floor Alliot Hall). We will be continuing the reading *Do You Love Me?: Jesus Questions the Church* (Chpt. 8 & 9) by Michael Crosby. Light pot luck/snacks are welcome. Contact Stephanie Noakes, [snoakes@smcvt.edu](mailto:snoakes@smcvt.edu) or 881-5131 All are welcome!



Prayer to Saint Edmund

Feast Day: November 16th

God, who raised up St. Edmund to be father of the poor and patron of the afflicted, please grant that we may learn from Edmund's example how to love all God's children, however poor or afflicted; that we may become, like him, eyes for the blind, feet for the lame, and a friend to strangers in trouble; and that by his intercession we may be protected from all evil and distress. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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, November 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! **Our next gathering will be November 30th; 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. Dates/time TBA. Alliot 125 (Anna Lester's office).

## Retreat Opportunities

**LEAP - November 4th - 6th, 2016:** LEAP is 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. Contact Rev. Marcel Rainville at 654.2848.

**Busy Student Retreat:** This is a free, on campus, guided retreat, designed to fit into every student'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 and schedule up to a half hour of one-on-one spiritual direction with a spiritual director each day. We also welcome you to participate in the daily liturgies and prayer opportunities offered by Campus Ministry. **Begins Sunday, November 13th thru Thursday, November 17th.**

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

**MOVE** Mobilization of Volunteer Efforts  
 CELEBRATING 25 Years of Service  
 Think Globally, Act Locally  
 Saint Michael's College

**Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week: November 12th thru 18th:** Join us for a number of educational, informative, and reflective events throughout the week including a Hunger Banquet, shack-a-thon, and 24 Hour Fast. Please look for full event details on the MOVE bulletin board and on the St. Michael's College portal.

**International Market: December 7th thru 10th:** Please help support our International programs by purchasing holiday gifts from around the world. Alliot Hall, **10:00 am to 5:00 pm.** Donations for the trips are welcome; please contact Lara Scott or Allison Cleary at 654.2674.