Message from Fr. Brian

Dear Worshipping Community,

Many of us have experienced the loss of a loved one or close friend. Whether it was a family member, friend, colleague or neighbor, human death reminds us of the fragility of life and how quickly such life can disappear. The pain of loss is real and healing can sometimes take a very long time. The foundational mystery of our faith is our belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. St. Paul tells us that in our baptism we share in the death of Christ but we will also share in His resurrection (Romans 6).

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. We believe in the Communion of Saints that those who have gone before us now enjoy the eternal banquet in heaven. It is part of our tradition that we pray for those who have died as they finish their pilgrim journey back to God. We pray also to the Saints that they through their prayers for us in the presence of God will aid us in our own pilgrim journey home to God.

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 may list the names of those you would like to be remembered in our Book of Life located in the lobby of the Chapel.

Sincerely in our Risen Lord,

Gratefully yours,

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Edmundite Campus Ministry Events

Mass for All Saints Day will be celebrated on Thursday, November 1st at 11:30 a.m. and at 4:30 p.m. (a Holy Day of Obligation).

A Mass for the Remembrance of All Souls will be held at 11:30 a.m., Friday, November 2nd. (Back Altar Space).

Mass for the Feast of Saint Edmund will be celebrated on Friday, November 16th at 4:00 pm in the Chapel with Fr. Marcel Rainville, SSE, as the principal celebrant and homilist.

Thanksgiving Day Mass: November 22nd; 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

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.

“Lunch with Lino” Every Wednesday, Noon to 1 pm, students are invited to join Fr. Lino Oropeza, S.S.E. and other Campus Ministers for lunch in the Green Mountain Dining Hall (Alliot) for good food & conversation. Contact the ECM office for more information.

Faculty & Staff Programs

Pontigny Society: This semester, we will be reading Richard Rohr’s “The Divine Dance”. Our
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next session will be at 12:00 pm, Monday, November 5th, 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 8th, 5:30 - 7:30 pm, Vermont Rm (upstairs in Alliot Hall). We will be discussing Chapter 2 of "Standing in the Midst of Grace: Essays on Living in Christ Consciousness" by Robert Whole. For a book, call Stephanie at 881-5131. All are welcome for discussion and prayer with or without snack contribution.

Arts Ministry Community

Annual Saint Edmund Lecture: "The Material Culture of Saint Edmund of Abingdon." Terry Kinder will be the keynote speaker. Material culture refers to the arts and materials associated with the arts — artifacts of one sort or another, here the artifacts associated with Saint Edmund. November 15, 2018; 4:30 pm, Roy Event Room/Dion Family Center (3rd floor). A reception in the Archway Lounge will take place after the lecture at ~ 6:00 pm. The lecture is intended for the faculty of Saint Michael's College. Students and others are also welcome to attend.

Annual Diocesan Women’s Retreat: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Saturday, November 17th at Holy Family—St. Lawrence Parish Center, Essex Junction. “Women: The Heart of the Family!” Come join Catholic women of all ages as we celebrate the gift of our faith, develop a greater understanding of God’s everlasting Mercy, and ultimately deepen our relationship with Christ. Keynote speakers will be Anne Koshsue and Sister Clare Hunter, F.S.E. Registration fee is $40. Contact 802.878.5331 for more information or visit www.vermontcatholic.org

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: What is in your heart? Share the fullness of your heart with your spouse by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Nov 30—Dec 2, 2018 in Isle La Motte, VT and Mar 15-17, 2019 in Isle La Motte, VT. For more information, call Gary & Lynn Root at 802-456-8114 or visit them at https://wwmevt.org.

VITA

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:

- Connections: 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! November 7, 14, and 28; in the Upper Room of the Chapel. Please contact Anna Lester for more information at 654.2897 or alester@smcvt.edu.

- Dessert & the Divine: Enjoy food and fellowship with other Christians! Remaining dates for the Fall semester is December 5th. Held in the Upper Room of the Chapel. Please contact Anna Lester for more information at 654.2897 or alester@smcvt.edu.

International Market: November 27th thru December 1st: 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 Fr. Lino Oropeza at 654.2674.

ALL SOULS DAY PRAYER

Remember, Lord, those who have died and have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, especially those for whom we now pray. May these and all who sleep in Christ, find in Your presence light, happiness, and peace. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCHOOLS LIKE US RETREAT:

November 15th through 18th: This is an Inter-Collegiate Retreat with other Catholic schools. The retreat theme is "Present: To Be, To Cherish, Today". It’s about being present in your relationship with yourself, others, and God. There is no cost of the retreat to our students but we do ask that you provide a $25 deposit to hold your place which will be refunded after the retreat. For more information, please contact Fr. Brian Cummings at 654.2476 or Jerome Monachino at 654.2254.