

LENT (Paul Turner)

Lent is the season that prepares us to celebrate Easter. The main reason Lent is important is that Easter is our most important feast. On Easter we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, whose passage beyond death into life offers redemption to believers. The resurrection is the cornerstone of Christian faith. The mystery of Christ's rising from the dead is so deep that the church invites us to six weeks of preparation before we fully celebrate it. We call that period Lent.

For the faithful, Lent is a time of penitential practices and spiritual discipline. During this time we acknowledge our sins and seek God's help to overcome them. Traditionally, we engage in acts of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Together these actions show our dependence on God, our renunciation of the fascinations of this world and our desire to better the lives of others.

For the elect, those preparing for baptism, Lent is a time of intense spiritual preparation. They will celebrate baptism at Easter because in this sacrament they enter the mystery of Christ's dying and rising. They die to their former way of life and open their hearts fully to discipleship in Jesus. For the elect, this is a season of purification and enlightenment. The prayers of this season help scrutinize and purify their intentions, removing whatever might block their commitment and strengthening their resolve. They will become fully illumined with the light of Christ when they celebrate initiation at the Easter Vigil.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends before the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

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March 2011

Saint Michael's College



CHAPEL OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Edmundite
Campus Ministry
(802) 654-2333

MASSES

Sunday

11:00 a.m. & *7:00 p.m.
(no 7:00 p.m. Mass on 3/13)

Mondays

4:30 p.m.

Tuesday-Friday

11:45 a.m.

MORNING PRAYER

Monday-Friday
7:40 a.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, March 9th
11:45 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.
Reconciliation after each Mass

MASS IN SPANISH

Tuesday, March 22nd
7:30 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Sunday, March 27th
Offered after each Mass
or by appointment any time

"Open my eyes, Lord; help me to see Your Love"

Edmundite Campus
Ministry Events

Ash Wednesday is March 9th. Pick up a Lenten brochure that includes our devotional activities for the season. Reconciliation will be after each Mass. Rice Bowls and Daily Lenten Reflection booklets written by our students, Faculty/Staff and worshipping community will be available in the main lobby of the Chapel.

Rice Bowls will be collected on Palm Sunday, April 17th.

Fast for Peace: Ash Wednesday, March 9th (all day). In collaboration with the Edmundite Center for Peace & Justice. Sign up at the Campus Ministry office. *Hosted by Lauren Fish '12.*

Rosary for Peace: Mondays, March 21, 28; April 4, 11, and

18 at 5:30 p.m. Back Altar space of the Chapel. *Hosted by Marc Massery '13.*

Eucharistic Adoration: Please join us for some quiet time before the Blessed Sacrament on **Thursday, March 31, 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.** in the Back Altar space of the Chapel. Benediction beginning at 8:50 p.m.. *Hosted by Luke Manning '12.*

The Way of the Cross: Please join us in praying the stations of the cross. Friday, March 25 at 5:00 p.m., Chapel.

Worshipping Community
Program

Partners in Ministry will meet on Monday, March 7th at 5:30 p.m. in the Vermont Room (Alliot Hall) for the usual Pot Luck dinner, discussion, and prayer. We will be continuing

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with “Bridges to Contemplative Living” based on the writings of Thomas Merton. All are welcome with or without a dish. For more information, please contact Stephanie Noakes at 654.2999.

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 of the Chapel after Mass on both Sundays, March 27th and April 3rd to sign up. You can also call 878.8352. or email jmbolster@gmail.com. This is a wonderful way to share the love at Easter. Thank you for your support.

Saint Anne’s Shrine Spring Social: *Rediscovering a Hidden Treasure* Join us to recognize and support the good works of the Edmundites. Saturday, March 26th; Mass at 4:00 p.m., Chapel of St. Michael the Archangel—followed by a Social from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Pomerleau Center, St. Michael’s College. Donation is \$50 per person to benefit the Mission of the Shrine. Appetizers and wine will be served. RSVP to St. Anne’s Shrine (802) 928-3362 or email Fstanne@pshift.com by March 10th. Checks and credit cards accepted.

Pontigny Society: March 7th: We will be discussing two texts by C.S. Lewis: *The Screwtape Letters* and *A Grief Observed*. We will finishing *The Screwtape Letters*, Chapter 18 to the end (pgs. 92-209). Lunch will be provided beginning at 11:45 a.m. which will help us to get started with the reflection promptly at noon. **Please RSVP if you plan to attend.** Contact Anna Lester at 654.2897 or alester@smcvt.edu for more information.



Red Cross Blood Drive (in honor of the Devlin Family). Tuesday, March 29th; 12:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Ross Sports Center. Donors and volunteers appreciated! Sign up in the MOVE office or contact 654.2674.

Serv-a-Thon: April 2nd, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Volunteers are placed at sites throughout Chittenden County for a day of service. Breakfast and lunch are included. Please sign up on the MOVE bulletin board in Alliot Hall.

Retreat Opportunities

SCHOOLS LIKE US: Intercollegiate Leadership Retreat at Enders Island, CT. **April 1st thru 3rd, 2011.** This retreat is for students who serve in various leadership roles with campus ministry programs and activities. Students from other colleges (St. Anselm, Assumption, Sacred Heart, Merrimack, Stonehill and others) gather together for a weekend of prayer and reflection on Jesus’ call to discipleship and service to others. For more information, contact the Campus Ministry office at 654.2333.



LENTEN MISSION

WITH JACKIE FRANCOIS

APRIL 7, 2011 - CHAPEL OF ST. MICHAEL - 7:00 P.M.

Jackie is a singer, songwriter, guitarist, speaker, and youth minister from Placentia, Calif. For 22 years Jackie attended St. Joseph Catholic Church in Placentia. Through retreats, youth conferences, and World Youth Day 2000 in Rome, Jackie experienced Jesus in a deeper way. In college, she served as the Cal State Fullerton Newman Catholic Club President and a volunteer youth minister and musician. Jackie has performed at many major faith events. In 2006, she served as the youth minister at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church in Ventura, Calif. In 2007, Jackie moved back to Placentia to begin full time music ministry, serving the wider Catholic Church.



Jackie is currently a host for spiritandsong.com's webcast, "The Commons," and for spiritandsong.com's Perfect Playlist Podcasts. Her debut album, *Your Kingdom Is Glorious*, was released through spiritandsong.com in 2008.



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 9th and 23rd; 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Upper Room of the Chapel.

Dessert & the Divine: Enjoy food and fellowship with other Christians! We will gather on Wednesday, March 30th at 8:00 p.m. in the Upper Room of the Chapel. Contact Anna Lester for more information at 654.2897.

