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**LENTEN Prayer Opportunities and Events**

**Rosary for Peace:** Mondays, March 2nd, 9th, 23rd, and 30th; 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Tuesdays, March 3rd, 10th, 24th, and 31st; 8:00-9:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

**The Way of the Cross:** Friday, March 27th, 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 with Liturgical Dance Ensemble:** March 29th, 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Chapel.

**Triduum Services**
- **Holy Thursday:** April 2nd, 7:00 p.m., Chapel.
- **Good Friday:** April 3rd, 7:00 p.m., St. Lawrence Church, Essex Junction.
- **Holy Saturday:** April 4th, 7:00 p.m., St. Pius X Church, Essex Junction.

**Easter Sunday:** April 5th, 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Chapel.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be offered after all 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Sunday liturgies and after the 11:30 a.m. 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

**Vatican Survey on the Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and the Contemporary World.** See website www.VermontCatholic.org. We encourage you to take this survey by March 10, 2015. After March 10th, a summary of the survey results from Vermont will be compiled and submitted to the USCCB by March 20, 2015. A final summary report from the USCCB will then be forwarded to the Holy See later in the Spring in preparation for the October 2015 Ordinary Synod. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Rev. Msgr. John McDermott at 802-658-6110, extension 1323.

**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 15th and 22nd to sign up - or call 878.8352/email jmbolster@gmail.com. This is a wonderful way to share the love at Easter. Thank you for your support.

**Masses**
- **Sunday**
  - 11:00 am & 7:00 pm
  - *no 7 pm Mass on March 15th due to Annual Break*

**MORNING PRAYER**
- **Monday-Friday**
  - 7:40 am

**MSSS IN SPANISH**
- **Monday, March 23rd**
  - 7:30 pm

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- **Sunday, March 22nd**
  - Offered after each Mass or by appointment any time

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**VATICAN**
- **Survey**
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**PARTNERS IN MINISTRY**
- **Sacred Fire: A Vision for a Deeper Human and Christian Maturity** by Ronald Rolheiser.
  - **Thursdays, March 5th, 5:30 to 7:30 pm** in Eddie’s Lounge, 2nd floor, Alliot Hall. Snacks welcome but
optional. Contact Stephanie Noakes at 871-9322 or email at smoakes@smcvt.edu if you are interested in attending.

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 24-26, 2015, St. Anne’s Shrine, Isle La Motte. Contact the Office of Catholic Formation for more information; (802) 658-6110.

WorldWide Marriage Encounter May 1st – 3rd, 2015 at Saint Anne’s Shrine, Isle La Motte, VT: Married couples, let your Catholic faith strengthen your Sacrament of Marriage. If you have been married for many years, this weekend could help you enhance communication, renew commitment, and rekindle romance. Share a Marriage Encounter Weekend with each other. For further information, please contact Dave & Jennie Erkson at 802-434-4218 or at erksonmevt@comcast.net. Applications can also be found in the Chapel.

A Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat will take place April 10-12, 2015, in Northern Vermont. Rachel’s Vineyard offers an opportunity for healing to anyone struggling with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. The retreat focuses on God’s forgiveness, compassion, and mercy to help participants work through complicated grief, anger, emotional numbness, and other spiritual and psychological effects of abortion. Retreats are guided by a priest and counselors trained in post-abortion healing to help participants grieve, receive forgiveness and find peace. Contact 802-658-4118 or email projectrachel@vermontcatholic.org.


Pontigny Society: We will be discussing the book “Death Comes for the Archbishop”, a novel by Willa Cather. Sessions begin at 12:00 pm, Monday, March 2nd 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. Future dates: April 13th.

Lenten Mission

Please join us for a Lenten Mission on Wednesday, March 4th at 7:00 pm in the Chapel. Our new Bishop of Burlington, Most Rev. Christopher Coyne, will preside and preach and will be accompanied by the SMC Liturgical Choir & Ensemble. Reception to follow in the Edmundite Residence in Nicolle Hall. All are welcome.

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:

Links: 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 11th; 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 25th; 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).

Retreat Opportunities

Emmaus II: Discernment Retreat
This retreat is designed for SMC Juniors and Seniors who have attended the Emmaus, Leap or Busy Student retreats. The weekend will include periods of silent prayer contemplating scripture under the guidance of a Director and engaging in issues of discernment using themes from The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. The retreat will be held Friday to Sunday March 27-29 at St. Anne’s Shrine. Cost is $50 and scholarships are available. Contact Fr. Brian Cummings, SSE at 654-2476 or at bcummings@smcvt.edu.

Busy Student Retreat
This retreat will begin late April. For more information, please contact Anna Lester at 654.2897 or email: Alester@smcvt.edu. (see also upcoming April bulletin).