

NEWS FROM The Inland See

March 18–24, 2017

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

Contemplating Creation

A Lenten Journey with the Mystics and Our Common Home

While driving to an appointment recently, I decided to meander by taking a country road. As I rounded the bend, the snowcapped ridge of Mt. Mansfield revealed itself, illuminated by the morning light, radiating the beauty of creation. A lone hawk glided on the winds as I heard the call of the glistening white snow owl perched on a branch near the road. Breathless, I stopped to witness while offering a prayer of gratitude. God caught my attention on the journey in the daily.

“God looked at everything God had made,
and found it very good.”

— Gen 1:31

In “Care for Our Common Home” Pope Francis reminds us of the sanctity of the earth. “The Spirit of God has filled the world with possibilities, and therefore, from the very heart of things, something new can emerge. Nature is nothing other than a certain kind of art, namely God’s art, impressed upon things, whereby those things are moved to a determinate end.” (Laudato Si, 80)

God teaches us through nature. The nature around us, our own nature, the nature of others and the nature of our

relationship with Jesus. As our Lenten scriptures remind us, Christ went “into the desert” to listen, witness and renew his spirit. Christian Mystics, from the desert mothers and fathers to our present day saints, model this example, pointing towards a profound and deep Mystery of relationship with God in and through all of creation.

You’re invited to join the 4 part series “Contemplating Creation: A Lenten Journey with the Christian Mystics” informed by Catholic teaching and the wisdom of Pope Francis’ words in “Laudato Si’: On Care for Our Common Home.” The series is offered at St. John Vianney Church beginning Sunday, March 19, 1-2:30 p.m. and Mondays, March 20, 27 and April 3 from 7-8:30 p.m.

—Carol A. Fournier, MA, MS, Spiritual Director
and Founder, Silver Dove Institute





Mercy for OUR COMMON HOME

APRIL 23
5 - 7 pm • Holy Family Parish Center
Essex Junction

In honor of Global Catholic Climate Movement’s Mercy2Earth Weekend, Holy Family-St. Lawrence parish will host a roundtable discussion on parish initiatives for creation sustainability.

Topics will include renewable energy, energy efficiency, waste management, clean water, living simply, impacts on communities, and eco-spirituality.

Evening prayer, focused on Pope Francis’ 2016 statement “Show Mercy to our Common Home,” will accompany the discussion.

UPCOMING EVENTS



03|18

Spaghetti & Meatballs with Birthday Cake Supper

St. Rose of Lima, South Hero • 5:00 pm

FOR MORE INFO: Bette Grenon (802) 372-4092



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Community Pot-Luck Suppers

St. Isidore, Montgomery Center

6:30 pm

The Knights of Columbus is hosting this series of Community Pot-Luck Suppers during the season of Lent, open to everyone. Please bring a food dish to share. Beverages will be supplied.

If you cannot bring a food dish, come anyway.

FOR MORE INFO: armandaclair@gmail.com



03|19, 20, 27, 04|03

Contemplating Creation: A Lenten Journey with the Christian Mystics & Pope Francis

St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 1-2:30 pm, 7-8:30 pm

Journey with the Christian Mystics through this 4-part reflection on God's Creation and Christian perspectives on awakening ecological awareness. Informed by Pope Francis' encyclical "On Care for Our Common Home", you'll discover through scripture, selected readings, and small group discussion God's call to creation and transformation in response to the needs of our time. First session is on Sunday from 1-2:30 pm, subsequent sessions are on Mondays 7-8:30 pm. Please RSVP if possible.

FOR MORE INFO: Cindy (80) 864-4166; SJVianney@aol.com



03|19

Immigration and Detention of Mothers and Children

Chapel M St. Mary's, Burlington • 2 - 4 pm

Presentation by Sister of Mercy Kathleen Erickson, who spent 18 years at the US/Mexican border working with immigrants in detention situations. After her return to Omaha, she initiated the immigrant Detainee Accompaniment Program, was an International observer for the Honduran election in 2013, and since then has spent time in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, and as Interim chaplain at the South Texas Family Residential Center in Dilley, Texas. She will lead a presentation / reflection on how our broken immigration system calls us to go deeper as we examine what it means to be human beings in a polarized world. No cost for the event; parking available in the Mater Christi School parking lot. Everyone is welcome.

FOR MORE INFO: Sr. Lindora Cabral (802) 557-4415



03|19

St. Patrick's Dinner

St. Joseph, Chester

4 - 6 pm

The annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner features corned beef, vegetables, home-baked rolls and homemade pies.



03|19, 26, 04|09

The Bible and the Virgin Mary

Saint Monica Parish, Barre • 6:30-8 pm

This twelve session series is based on Scott

Hahn's book: **Hail Holy Queen**. Each session will start with a 25-30 minute DVD followed by group discussion. This series ran on Jan. 22, Feb 2, 9, 12, 16, 19, 26, March 5 and 16. The remaining dates are Mar. 19, 26, and April 9.

FOR MORE INFO: (802) 476-7290; stmonicalift@gmail.com



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The Christian Mystical Tradition

Christ the King, Rutland

6:30 pm

Father Jim Lawrence is facilitating this 10-part video series, presented by Boston College professor Father Harvey Egan, S.J. Fr. Egan is a highly respected teacher and expert on Mysticism. The first sessions were held on March 7 and 13. Free will offering.

FOR MORE INFO: Fr. Jim Lawrence (802) 282-7277



03|21, 22

Forgiven: The Transformation Power of Confession

Holy Cross, Colchester

Tuesdays 10 am / Wednesdays 6:30 pm

This three session series that provides you with the ability to easily understand the sacrament of Confession. Daytime sessions on Tuesdays, evening sessions on Wednesday.

Sessions one and two were held on March 7, 8, 14 and 15.

FOR MORE INFO: Monica Cayia (802) 863-3002; holy-crossvt@myfairpoint.net.



03|23

Taste of Rutland

Mount St. Joseph Academy, Rutland

6 pm

Numerous area restaurants contribute their signature dishes to help make this annual get together a success. Reserve a table of any size. Tickets are \$30 each. Advance ticket sales only.

FOR MORE INFO: (802) 775-0151; kbove@msjvermontorg



03|23, 30

Scripture Study on the Eucharist

Holy Family-St. Lawrence, Essex Jct.

7-8:30 pm

Why does the Church call the Eucharist the "source and summit" of the Christian life? Deepen your understanding of the mystery and wonder that is the Eucharist — and how it will transform our lives! This series ran on Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23, Mar. 2, 9 and 16. The remaining dates are Mar. 23, and 30.

FOR MORE INFO: Judy (802) 825-8035



03|24, 25

Tag Sale/Bake Sale

St. Vincent de Paul, North Troy

9 am - 2 pm



03|24, 04|07

St. Ambrose 18th Annual Lenten Fish Fry

St. Ambrose, Bristol • 5-7 pm

Meal includes fried or baked haddock, french fries, coleslaw, beverage & dessert. Adults \$12.50, children 9 & under \$6, immediate family of 5 \$37. Every Friday during Lent.

FOR MORE INFO: St. Ambrose (802) 453-2488



03|24

Stations of the Cross & Confessions

St. John the Evangelist, Northfield

5:30 pm

Stations of the Cross at 5:30 pm followed by confessions at 6.



03|24

Our Lady of Calvary Stations: the stations from Mother Mary's perspective

St. Lawrence, Essex Junction • 7-8 pm

FOR MORE INFO: (802) 878-5331



03|24

Nurturing the Treasures of Our Baptismal Grace

Saint Paul d'Abbotsford, Quebec • 7:30 pm

This retreat begins on Friday March 24 and ends Sunday afternoon. It is focused on silent prayer, following the teaching of Blessed Marie-Eugene of the Child-Jesus, o.c.d.

FOR MORE INFO: email@ourladyoflifeinstitute.org



03|25

Afternoon Lenten Retreat Silence: Gateway to the Soul

St. Dominic Church, Proctor • 12-6 pm

This video/discussion event is based on the BBC series **Into Great Silence** which examines the introduction of five average people to sacred silence, based on the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius. Following the video will be a discussion on related topics, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, adoration, an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the regularly scheduled Saturday evening Mass.



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