

Donna McSoley, a parishioner of St. Francis Xavier Church who won a permit with the FCC to build a radio station, hopes 105.5, WRXJ, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Radio will be on the air by Easter.

The 24-hour station will feature Catholic talk radio transmitted from St. Francis Xavier property.

Burlington Bishop Christopher J. Coyne and St. Francis Xavier Pastor Msgr. Richard G. Lavalley have recorded some station IDs that will play at the bottom and top of the hour. "I hope to be able to record all the priests within the listening area at a later date. I think it will be nice for people to hear their pastor's voice on the air," said McSoley, president of the nonprofit Our Lady of Perpetual Help Radio Inc.

She will not know the exact coverage area until the station is on the air and adjustments are made; she expects it will be about a 12-15-mile radius from Winooski as well as into parts of Plattsburgh, Keeseville, and Peru, N.Y. "The FCC is currently considering increasing the power ... to more than double the wattage. That will increase the coverage area considerably. Once the FCC rules on this, we will be able to work from there as to how to move forward towards covering all of Vermont," she said.

She asks for prayers that the Low Power FM station will bring people to the Catholic Church. "We have a great opportunity to preach beyond the pews, and Catholic radio has been proven to increase vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life," she said. "Sharing our faith through this radio with others can bring many, many people into the satisfying joy and fullness of truth of the Catholic Church. We live in the least religious state of our country, and it's up to all of us to change that statistic and heal Vermont. Let's band together and make this happen."

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McSoley has been working to raise about \$15,000 to begin the station through the non-profit she began, through fund raising and through donations from "people who want to bring their children back to the Church."

— Cori Fugere Urban, Staff Writer, Vermont Catholic



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|25 **CDA Annual Turkey Dinner** 

Holy Family, Essex 5-7:15 pm

Seating 5:00 pm and 6:15 pm, adults \$10, children 12 and under \$5. Limited tickets at door. Sponsored by Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Fanny Allen #1060.

FOR MORE INFO: Linda (802) 777-9288; Louise (802) 878-8407



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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: armandauclair@gmail.com



03|26 **Youth Rally South** St. Francis de Sales, Bennington

10:45 am - 4:30 pm

Join us for the Bennington Diocesan Youth Rally South for middle school students.

FOR MORE INFO: (802) 658-6110 ext. 1240



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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, 16 and 19. The remaining dates are Mar. 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, S.J., is a highly respected teacher and expert on Mysticism. The first three sessions were held on March 7, 13 and 20. Free will offering.

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



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

St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 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. Initial sessions were held on Mar. 19, and 20. Please RSVP if possible.

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



### **Marriage Nullity Program** Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Ludlow • 1-3 pm

In light of the recent changes that have been made to the marriage nullity process, there will be a short workshop on the nullity process as a way of assisting priests and deacons to help individuals who may be thinking of seeking a declaration of nullity.



**Holocaust By Bullets** Saint Michael's College, Colchester 6-7:30 pm

Father Patrick Desbois, Director of the Episcopal Committee for Relations with Judaism for The Bishops Conference of France, will deliver the Annual Rabbi Wall Lecture. Fr. Desbois helped found Yahad-In Unum in 2004. The organization collects information about the mass killing of Jews and Roma in Ukraine, Russia, Belarus, Poland, Moldova and Romania between 1941 and 1944.

FOR MORE INFO: Edward Mahoney emahoney@smcvt.edu



## 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, 16 and 23. The final session is Mar. 30.

FOR MORE INFO: Judy (802) 825-8035



## St. Peter's Fish Fry St. Peter, Vergennes

5-7 pm

St. Peter's Fish Fry Hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Adults \$12, children under 12 \$6, children under 6 are FREE. Immediate family only \$35. Please bring a dessert to share. FOR MORE INFO: (802) 877-2367



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#### **Soup and Stations** St. Michael, Brattleboro • 5:30 pm

Friday Night Lenten Stations and Soup.

Stations begin at 5:30 pm followed by soup in Msgr. Rand Hall at 6 pm. This event will also be held on April 7.



# **Stations and Confessions**

St. Andrew, Waterbury 5:30 pm

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



"Shadows Stations of the Cross" led by teens in our religious education program

Holy Family Church, Essex Junction • 7-8 pm FOR MORE INFO: Parish Office (802) 878-5331



# All You Can Eat Maple Breakfast

St. Amadeus, Alburgh 9 am - 12 pm

The cost is: \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 7-12, children 6 and under are free!

FOR MORE INFO: Parish (802) 796-3481



# 31st Annual KOC Super Bingo

Sheraton, South Burlington 10:30 am - 5 pm

This event benefits Camp Ta Kum Ta. Doors open at 10:30 am and the first game will start at 1 pm. Admission is \$50.00 for 18 cards.

FOR MORE INFO: Lois (802) 343-9767: Irene (802) 658-0763



## **Climate Ambassador Dr. Gerry Gacioch**

St. Peter, Plattsburgh, NY

1 pm

This engaging presnetation will focus on Pope Francis' encyclical on Environmental Stweardship, Laudato Si, plus why we should care about our common home as individuals and together, as human beings.



St. Peter's Free Community Meal St. Peter, Vergennes

5-6:30 pm

Free Community Meal in the parish hall., serving lasagna (meat and veggie)salad, garlic bread and dessert.



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