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.
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FOR MORE INFO: Judy (802) 825-8035

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) 796-3481

For All You Can Eat Maple Breakfast

St. Anmades, 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 presentation will focus on Pope Francis’ 

cylical on Environmental Stewardship, Laudato Si,

plus why we should care about our common home — 

as individuals and together, as human beings.

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

A Lenten Journey with the 

Contemplating Creation: 

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.

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The remaining dates are Mar. 26 and April 9.

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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: Linda (802) 777-9288; Louise (802) 

5-7:30 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 Catholic Fanny Allen #1060. 

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FOR MORE INFO: Edward Mahoney emahoney@smcvt.edu

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,

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The Bible and the Virgin Mary 

Saint Monica Parish, Barre • 6:30 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.

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