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NOVA Catholic Community

June 2010

Chair Notes...

May was a rich, fertile and bursting-forth sort of month in the Nova Community – much like the spring gardens that surprised us this year with their sudden riot of color and greenery. The Community completed an innovative Calling Forth process that ended in the new blessing of Teddi Ahrens as the next co-chair. Pink roses, stirring readings and the Grandmothers speaking to us of peace, graced a Mother's Day liturgy that will not be soon forgotten. New baby Goldschmidt snuggled into Quinn's loving arms for a most moving baptism – new life, new hope, new promise. It was a most satisfying ending to the "school year" stay at Kenmore and a fitting preparation for the move to our tree-canopied cathedral in Lacey Woods Park.

On the evening of May 8, the Annunziata's home was filled with warmth, great food and good cheer when 30 gathered for the annual Calling Forth meeting. Throughout April we had prayed, sought guidance, and spoke with one another about who might be well-suited to lead the community in the next two years. Many names were suggested and the Chairs of the last three years, along with Meg Tuccillo, who had agreed to facilitate the Calling Forth, gathered for a long evening of prayer and discernment. A week of calling, discussing and soul-searching followed as the Chairs contacted all those who had been named at least twice by community members. Out of that process, Teddi emerged as the one who was ready and willing to step into the leadership position. At the meeting, a beautiful affirmation process unfolded as one-by-one each member spoke of their fondness for Teddi; their confidence in her, and their gratitude for her willingness to serve. Brainstorming sessions were also held in small groups in an attempt to give some

direction to the new Chairs for the coming year. Some of the ideas that were generated can be found on page 6 in this newsletter. Many thanks to Meg and Eric for doing a terrific job of facilitation, to the past Chairs for their help, and to Joe and Rosemarie for being such gracious hosts for this peaceful and productive evening.

I'm anticipating having a little more time in my life for activities such as gardening as I step away from my two-year tenure as Co-Chair of the Community. A lot has happened in this time, many initiatives have been taken and numerous meetings have sparked excitement, concern, movement and anticipation. There is still much to be done, but I leave deeply satisfied with all that has been accomplished. I sense that we are "preparing new ground" as we move boldly ahead with Community Led Liturgies, public statements of who we are, in-depth discussions about outreach and growth, and a whole new look at our social justice ministry. I want to thank my Co-Chairs, Eric Carroll and Tom Clarkson, for being men of great ease, big hearts and cooperative spirit. – It's been a joy to walk this path with you. As I turn over my chairmanship to Teddi at the Investiture Liturgy on June 13, I know that she is starting a very special, unique, and exciting adventure. Thank you, Nova, for giving me the opportunity to serve.

~ Gloria Mog



Gloria in Joyful Song

June Birthdays

NOVA Message Line	(703) 852-7907
Chairpersons	Tom Clarkson Gloria Mog
Treasurer	Joe Formoso
Coordinator, Community Life	Cece Michelotti
Liturgy Coordinator	Jeanne Clarkson
Padre Cadre Coordinator	John Mooney
Music Coordinator	Victoria Robinson
Peace & Justice Coordinators	Dianne Carroll & Marie Keefe
Christ House Coordinator	Kopp Michelotti
Facilities	Glenn Passin
Newsletter Editor	Judy Christofferson

1	Phil Cackley
2	Meg Sullivan
3	Elise Annunziata
6	Tim White
10	Cecilia Cackley Quinn Connors
13	Sami Clarkson Jim Heinzen
19	Kate Doherty
21	Peter Schmidt
23	Jeanne Clarkson
24	Gen Timpane
29	Joe Formoso

Please send Judy Christofferson your birthday if you would like it to appear here (month/day only).

The NOVA Catholic Community invites you to celebrate the Eucharistic liturgy with us every Sunday in Arlington, Virginia.

Note: Our Liturgy is usually celebrated at Kenmore Middle School, Arlington Blvd. and Carlin Springs Rd, Arlington, VA. Beginning Memorial Day weekend up to our Fall Retreat weekend in September, we celebrate at Lacey Woods Park, George Mason Drive near Washington Blvd., unless otherwise noted.

Liturgies at Kenmore begin at 10:15 a.m.
Gather at 10:00 a.m.
Liturgies at Lacey Woods begin at 9:30 a.m.
Gather at 9:15 am

Call the Message Line (above) or check the NOVA website for the latest information.

**July Newsletter Deadline:
June 26**

NOVA is praying for. . .

Sonja Donahue, who appreciates a card, a call or a visit.

Eve Birch, who is searching for a new place to continue offering safe shelter to the homeless.

Mike Chase, former active member of the community, who is recovering from a motorcycle accident.

Jody Furlong, who would also appreciate a phone call or note.

Walt and Carolyn Landry, as they are about to take a 5,000-mile trip across the country and Walt is continuing to recover from a stroke.

Peggy Meyer, who would welcome a visit, call, or note. (Please call ahead before visiting.)

Remember these and any other NOVA members and their friends and family who need our prayers.

Liturgies: Cycle C

Inclusive Readings and Music Selections are available in the new NOVA Yahoo Group Files. Please give all music selections to the Music Liaison the Sunday before your liturgy and print 65 copies of the liturgy program. Liturgies at Kenmore begin at 10:15 a.m. and at 9:30 at Lacey Woods Park.

June Music Liaison Tim White

June 6 – 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joe Kenna - Clyde and Judy Christofferson

Baptism of Marie Noelle Christofferson

Genesis 14: 18-20

Psalm 110: 1-4

1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

Luke 9: 11-17

June 13 - 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bill Callahan - Ormando-Kane Family

Investiture of the New NOVA Chairs

2 Samuel 12: 7-10, 13;

Galatians 2: 16, 19-21

Psalm 32: 1-2, 5,7,11

Luke 7:36 - 8: 3 or 7:36-50

June 20 - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joe Nangle, OFM - David Mog

Zechariah 12: 10-11; 13: 1

Psalm 63: 2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9;

Galatians 3: 26-29;

Luke 9: 18-24

June 27 - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Quinn Connors, O.Carm. - Nancy and John

Veldhuis – *Celebration of the Veldhuis'*

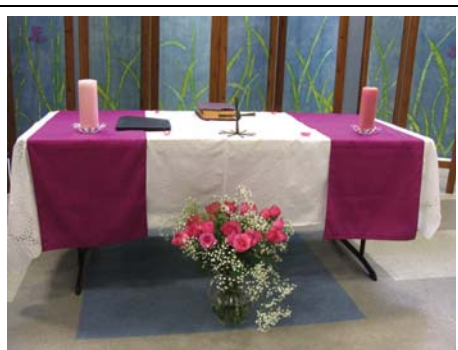
10th Wedding Anniversary

1 Kings 19: 16, 19-21;

Psalm 16: 1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

Galatians 5: 1, 13-18

Luke 9: 51-62



Mother's Day Altar

July Music Liaison Victoria Robinson

July 4 - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

John Haughey, SJ - Tim White

Isaiah 66: 10-14

Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

Galatians 6:14-18

Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20, or 10: 1-9

July 11 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew Aerthayil, SJ - Gloria Mog

Deuteronomy 30: 10-14

Psalm 69: 14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37

Colossians 1: 15-20

Luke 10: 25-37

July 18 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuck Grinnell - Victoria Robinson

Genesis 18: 1-10

Psalm 15: 2-3, 3-4, 5

Colossians 1: 24-28

Luke 10: 38-42

July 25 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

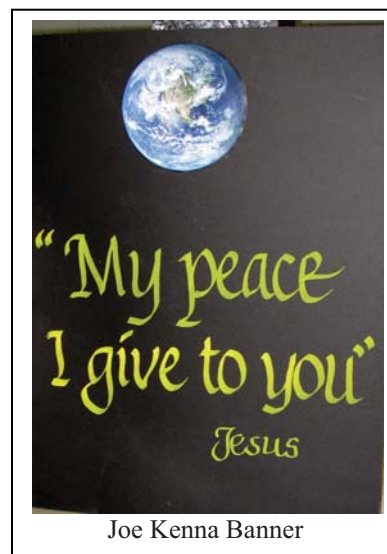
Jim Coriden - Arabians, Christies, O'Tooles

Genesis 18: 20-32

Psalm 138: 1-2, 2-3, 6-8

Colossians 2: 12-14

Luke 11: 1-13



Joe Kenna Banner

2010 Summer Liturgies – Information for Planners

Tips for 2010 Summer Liturgies

- The liturgy starts promptly at 9:30 a.m. in the summertime in order to finish before it gets too hot and to have more summer “playtime.” Please arrive 9:15 a.m. so there is time to greet others and settle in. The homily/dialogue should be finished by 10:15 in summer liturgies. Planners and priests will lead in the wrap-up, but it is helpful if the whole community works together to bring the dialogue to a close.
- Parking is permitted only on the streets surrounding Lacey Woods Pavilion. We have a key to give us access to the service road leading up to the pavilion in order to drop off liturgical materials as well. This entrance may also be used for those who are unable to walk up from the street. After someone has been dropped off, the car needs to be returned to the street. Community members can help one another with car shuttling, but please arrive early in order to do this.
- Two Communion carriers for the sick should be placed with the Offertory vessels to be brought up at Offertory time. Planners need to be aware that if the blessed bread is not sent out with someone, it should be consumed right after Mass. Please remember to bring these Communion baskets and carriers back each week. ~Gloria Mog

Summer Liturgy Items

Textiles: Tablecloths include one fitted pink, two white, one red and one navy-blue (for Offertory table behind altar -- or use rattan rolled mat); two priest stoles; two sets of four napkins. The NOVA banner is kept in a navy draw-stringed “stuff bag.” A fabric square that matches the banner is available for the “welcoming” picnic table, where programs are placed. A brown plastic tarp to cover the grill is stored in the plastic bag in the tub.

Altar Items: Folding table; tabletop wooden cross; Sacramentary; one set of white flameless pillar candles (plus extra candle batteries)

Communion Items: Two acrylic plates; four stemmed acrylic goblets; one small glass water jug; an acrylic wine carafe-with-lid; five containers for taking communion to the sick

Peace Candle: Kept in glass hurricane vase and positioned on a wooden stand that is provided

Miscellaneous Items: A plastic program stand; three collection baskets; “call-to-order” chime; NOVA business cards; Arlington County Park Use Permit; corkscrew; insect spray; paper towels; a trash bag; three-ring binder with Community-Led Liturgy instructions; mini-brush and dust-pan; hand-sanitizer.

Gate Key: Opens rear park-gate for park access; planners can unload their vehicles before reparking on the street. Keep this key in an envelope on TOP of rolling-tub contents for easy access. (Bill Meyer has an extra key.) Gate can be open during liturgy, but must be locked as the last car leaves.

Reminders: *Planners must pick up all the above items at the end of the liturgy the week prior to theirs. As usual, planners provide bread, wine (WHITE to avoid stains), 65 programs, etc. In addition, bring your own broom to sweep the area. Keep all items together in the rolling tub provide.. Wash set of napkins and wine cups and carafe and bubble wrap the latter to avoid breakage. Please do not leave dirty textiles or cups in your car.*

8:30 a.m. is a good arrival time to set up for 9:15 gathering and 9:30 liturgy.

~Victoria Robinson

Volunteer Opportunities and Upcoming Events

Gunston Volunteers Needed

Nova volunteers distribute bags of non-perishable food, cereal provided by Nova, and perishable items such as eggs, milk, and meat that are picked up at the Arlington Food Assistance Center warehouse on the night of distribution. Produce items are picked up every other week by Eric Carroll at the produce markets downtown (and funded by the Nova Peace and Justice budget). The distribution takes place at the Gunston Middle School Recreation Center in Arlington. Many volunteers have been active in this project for a lot of years. Training is provided for anyone who would like to join the volunteers at Gunston. New volunteers would be assigned with Nova members who have Gunston volunteer experience. If you are interested in being a volunteer: email Dianne Carroll at diacarroll@comcast.net

June Gunston Schedule:

June 3: Arabians, Cathy G, Mary Grace/Jenn

June 10: Tim, Jerry, _____

June 17: Arabians, Cathy G, Mary Grace/Jenn

June 24: Glen, Syd, _____

Help Needed

A Spanish-speaking facilitator is needed, someone who can work in El Salvador the first week in August on a *Co-partners of Campesinas* youth workshop. If you can go or know anyone who might be interested, please contact Archer by email: heinzen@verizon.net.

Upcoming NOVA Retreat

The Community's Annual retreat at Shrine Mont in Orkney Springs, Virginia will be the weekend of September 17-19. Save the dates!

Let us endeavor so to live that when we come to die even the undertaker will be sorry.

~ Mark Twain

Christ House

On Monday, June 21, NOVA will prepare and serve meatloaf and scalloped potatoes to hungry clients at Christ House in Alexandria. Please mark your calendars to remember to bring your meatloaves and potatoes to the liturgy on Sunday, June 20. Alternatively, you may drop them off at the Michelotti's anytime on Sunday or until 1:00 p.m. on Monday, the 21st. Just leave them in the coolers on the front porch

Upcoming Nova General Meeting

Date/Time: Sunday, June 6, 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Location: The Barrett's Party Room

Agenda:

1. Should Nova do more to attract and retain new and/or young members? (Moderator/Presenter: Mike Timpane)
2. When Nova plans a Community Led Liturgy, is the community open to having laicized, married or suspended Catholic priests take a role in the liturgy at the invitation of the planners for that day? Should Nova continue to schedule only canonically approved priests for the regular Eucharistic Liturgy? (Moderator/Presenter: Rosemarie Annunziata)
3. In lieu of the alternate presidors proposed above and other proposed lists of ad hoc presidors, it is proposed that a community member be called forth in Nova into a formal ministry and be designated Eucharistic Minister or Minister of Communion. This individual would preside at the Rite of the Remembrance of the Last Supper and offer a ministry of the word on that occasion, when no priest is available to officiate at the liturgy. (Moderator: Rosemarie Annunziata; Presenter: Warren Reich)

Reminder: Please bring finger foods to share.

Ideas Generated by Small Groups at 5/9/10 Calling Forth Meeting

Small groups were formed after the Calling Forth process on May 9 to generate ideas about how the community should move forward in the coming year. **The following ongoing issues were noted as a place to start the conversations:** What should we do about outreach to youth/younger families and attracting new people to Nova? How could we improve our worship space or should we move? Should we have a hands-on whole community project that involves everyone? How do we move forward on staying connected with the Womenpriests? Should we continue to hold monthly “Nova Nites” to tackle our challenges and share our thoughts and feelings?

Summary of Small Group Ideas

Outreach to New People

- Hold community reflection discussions on the “waning of Nova.”
- Streamline ourselves – let go of some of the things we always do.
- Continue advertising.
- Re-institute story time for young kids during the homily/community reflections.

Worship Space and Liturgy

- Stay at Kenmore and figure out how to improve the acoustics problem.
- Continue to explore finding an alternative space for liturgies.
- Keep the emphasis on the quality of the liturgy.
- Have a “greeter” at every liturgy, particularly to make newcomers feel welcome.

Other Ideas/Comments

- Be realistic about our capability to take on a new big project.
- Invite ordained women to come and preach.
- Continue monthly meetings, but leave time for socializing and lighter discussions.
- Make sure our Community Life Ministry is strong enough to meet the needs of our members.
- Establish a book cart in the closet area where members could bring in books they’re ready to pass on.
- Provide opportunities for small group gatherings for spiritual development, global concerns, etc.
- Develop spiritual guides and/or leaders for Community Led Liturgies – have focused effort on everyone in the community developing their gifts.
- Restore the spirit of Nova – something has been lost.

~ Gloria Mog



Linda, Kathy and their daughters – Elizabeth and Monica
May 9 – Mother’s Day Liturgy Reading

May 2010 Liturgy Photos



May 2 - Blessing of John Mooney by Father Haughey and community prior to his mission work in Nicaragua



May 16 -Blessing of Mali by Father Madigan and community before her community service as an intern in the Dominican Republic



Marie – introducing May 16 Peace And Social Justice Liturgy



Quinn baptizing James Cambridge at May 23 Liturgy



Barbara singing to baby James at his Baptism

Occasionally in life there are those moments of unutterable fulfillment which cannot be completely explained by those symbols called words. Their meanings can only be articulated by the inaudible language of the heart

~ Martin Luther King, Jr.