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Newsletter of the NOVA Community April, 2006

Chair Notes

Trees bud-red with promise...
Daffodils rising out of their graves...
Forsythia speaking in fiery tongues...
The Nova Community on the verge of renewed commitment,
new leadership, ready to manifest the covenant gifts of listening, wisdom, faithfulness...

According to Bill Callahan, such contemplative gazing can change the world. "Listen," he said, "the dialogue of the Covenant is the language of prayer. Listen and contemplate."

Even as we keep our vision of the Covenant wide, we must localize a wee bit to renew our community so that we can put flesh on our dreams. We have immediate personal needs to attend to – joys to celebrate, sorrows to endure, sickness to heal or just be with, aging to accept. We want to participate in the newly initiated religious formation program for young people and their families. We have invitations to join us in our Community Liturgy and Life ready to be dispersed. We await new members with hospitality which requires sensitive preparation.

As a chairperson, I've been particularly awakened to and appreciative of the gifts long active in the Nova Community. I shall never again take them for granted. I've also become more sensitive to needs. With you I've been awakened to the powerful and ever-present invitation of the Covenant to reach out, widen our family, live more largely. We do that with some consistency in our individual lives. Having chosen active membership in Nova, we look for support therein – spiritual, social, healing – for our personal and communal lives. Community requires the same from us.

And so, as has been the custom for all our years, we will be called forth – the young and the not-so-young; the halt and the lame; the confident and the timid; the leaders and the followers. Some will be called to the specific ministry of chairperson; others to existing ministries such as liturgy, social justice, community service of members, education of the young, hospitality to newcomers, to name a few. Some may create their own particular ministry as they see a need arise. All ministries need the participation of every member – some directive, some supportive, all in prayer.

Consider yourself called forth. All your gifts are needed. You do have a choice. You may renew a present ministry, acquire a new one, or even retire from active service but never from supportive presence. You may be the caller or the called or step up to the plate on your own up to and including the Calling Forth Meeting on Sunday, April 30th, in particular, and at anytime thereafter in general.

Be not afraid. The vision is necessarily challenging, straight out of the Covenant as lived by Jesus. The way there gets messy sometimes. We are family you know. Stuff happens. Faith wavers, we forget to listen, mistakes are made. But we survive with dignity and laughter and once in a while we make it.

Thank you, each and all, for sharing your goodness with me during my chairwomanship. I most enjoyed getting to know you more intimately. I praise God for the wonder of your being!

Let us pray together and in the secrecy of our own hearts during our Calling Forth time:

God of the Covenant, mindful of your faithful presence, we present ourselves to you:

- in exuberant joy that you give us a new heart every day;
- in courageous confidence that you are with us even when we can't find you.
- in humble gratitude for the gifts you lavish upon us that we might be a Servant
- Community in the company of Jesus.
- May our hearts open wide with generous and confident haring of our gifts.

So be it.

Namaste,

~Marcelline Niemann

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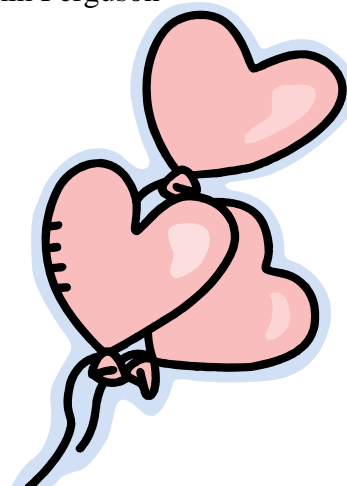
The NOVA Catholic Community Invites You To Celebrate The Eucharistic Liturgy With Us Every Sunday In Arlington, Virginia.

Note: Our Liturgy is usually celebrated at Kenmore Middle School, Arlington Blvd. and Carlin Springs Rd, Arlington, VA. However, we are actively exploring other facilities. If you have not attended Nova for awhile or are new to us, please confirm with any of the people listed above.

Liturgy begins at 10:15 am—Gather at 10:00 am

Birthdays, etc April

- 2 Fr. Chris Egbulem
- 3 John Marron
- 4 Sarah Gillmarten
Chris Massey
- 5 Gil Donahue
David Meyer
Steve Michelotti
- 7 Archer Heinzen
- 8 Buddha
- 9 Ray Tarasovic
- 10 Victoria Robinson
- 12 Meg Tucillo
- 13 Maureen Flood
- 14 Timothy Showalter
- 18 Jim Weber
- 21 Chris Donahue
Alicia Swanberg
- 25 Kopp Michelotti
- 27 Jason Powell
- 28 Emelia Formoso
Patricia Violand Mercado (RIP)
- 29 Benjamin Ferguson



newsletter deadline

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Sunday, April 23

Liturgies

APRIL MUSIC LIAISON
Gloria Mog

April 2 – 5th Sunday of Lent

Bill Callahan – Walt Landry
 Jeremiah 31:31-34
 Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15
 Hebrews 5:7-9
 John 12:20-33

April 9 -- Passion (Palm) Sunday

Joe Kenna -- TBA
 Isaiah 50:4-7
 Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24
 Philippians 2:6-11
 Mark 14:1--15:47 or 15:1-39

IMPORTANT....

See Holy Week Liturgy notes on page 4

**April 13 -- Holy Thursday — Lord's Supper
 Not at KENMORE -**

Gather 6:30-6:45 — Liturgy begins 7:00 pm

Joe Kenna – Dianne & co.
 Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14
 Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18
 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
 John 13:1-15

**April 14 – Good Friday
 at KENMORE — 8:00 pm**

TBA – Meg Tuccillo
 Isaiah 52:13--53:12
 Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25
 Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
 John 18:1--19:42

**April 16 -- Easter Sunday—10:00 am
 Goodwin House—Bailey's Crossroads
 Joe Nangle, OFM – Tim White**

Acts 10:34, 37-43
 Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
 Colossians 3:1-4, or First Corinthians 5:6-8
 John 20:1-9

MAY MUSIC LIAISON
Tim White

April 23 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

Francis DiSpigno, OFM -- Baileys
 Acts 4:32-35
 Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
 1 John 5:1-6
 John 20:19-31

April 30 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

Bill Callahan – Michelottis
 Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
 Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-9
 1 John 2:1-5
 Luke 24:35-48

May 7 – 4th Sunday of Easter

Jim Scullion, OFM - Christoffersons
 Acts 4:8-12
 Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 29
 1 John 3:1-2
 John 10:11-18

May 14 – 5th Sunday of Easter

Joe Nangle, OFM – Mary Gillmarten, Marie Pinho
 Acts 9:26-31
 Psalm 22:26-28, 30-32
 1 John 3:18-24
 John 15:1-8

May 21 – 6th Sunday of Easter

Quinn Conners, O.Carm – Cathy Showalter (Social Justice Group)
 Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
 Psalm 98:1-4
 1 John 4:7-10
 John 15:9-17

May 28 – 7th Sunday of Easter

Francis DiSpigno, OFM – Victoria Robinson
 Acts 1:15-17, 20-26
 Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20
 1 John 4:11-16
 John 17:11-19

Liturgy Tip
Lent: Call and Response

For most of the liturgical year, our celebrations are in a sense self-contained or stand-alone. That is, planners for each Sunday select a theme and make preparations independently of one another. Lent and Advent are exceptional because the planners for the season assemble beforehand to consider all of the liturgies as a whole. As they attend to all aspects of liturgy, the planners call the community to explore a theme in some depth. In effect, they create a seasonal tapestry comprised of threads of many colors.

The season of Lent is upon us. The Lenten planning team is calling us in varied ways. They invite us to be fully present at liturgy, listening, noticing and responding to the tapestry before us. These multi-colored, multi-textured threads have something to say:

<i>Silence</i>	<i>Word</i>	<i>Table</i>
<i>Music</i>	<i>Prayer</i>	<i>Gathering</i>
<i>Screens</i>	<i>Colors</i>	<i>Theme</i>
<i>The creativity & generosity of the Lenten planners</i>		

All these threads call to us and they invite our response.

~Anne Passin



**NOVA HOLY WEEK AND
EASTER LITURGIES**

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 9

Where: Kenmore Middle School

Time: 10:15 a.m.

Presider: Joe Kenna

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 13

Where: The Center for Spiritual Enlightenment (formerly the Woman's Club of Falls Church) 222 N. Washington Street, Falls Church, one block north of Route 7). Parking is available in the municipal lot between the State Theater and Rt. 7 and in the office condo lot next door. Please do not park in the State Theater lot.

Time: Gather between 6:30-6:45 p.m. Liturgy begins at 7:00 p.m.

Presider: Joe Kenna

This is the one NOVA event where space is limited and an RSVP is required. Please call Cathy Goldschmidt at (703) 527-7447 cmgolds@comcast.net by April 8 to let us know how many will attend and to receive your meal assignment. Thanks!

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14

Where: Kenmore Middle School (Please enter in silence.)

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Planner: Meg Tuccillo

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16

Where: Goodwin House WEST (near Baileys Crossroads), 3440 S. Jefferson St., Falls Church

Time: 10 a.m.

Presider: Joe Kenna

In keeping with past custom, there will be an agape following the Easter liturgy. Please bring something to share. Beverages will be provided.

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NOVA CALLING FORTH SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2006 5:30 pm

Bring a dish and a heart open to how your talents may be used for the good of our community and discernment for participation in leadership.

Meg Tucillo's house
2532 N. Ridgeview Road
Arlington, VA
(703) 522-3213



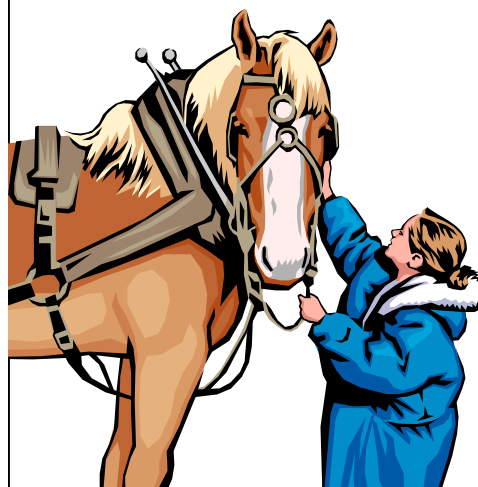
Discernment Prayer of St. Francis

**MOST HIGH, glorious God,
enlighten the darkness of our
hearts,
and give us true faith,
certain hope and perfect charity,
wisdom and understanding,
that we may carry out
Your holy and true command.**

Amen.

You are invited.....

**2ND ANNUAL
GREENWELL FOUNDATION GALA
May 6, 2006**



**COME SEE
WHICH HALF
OF THE
HORSE
NOVA
SUPPORTS!**

Nova has been supporting half a horse at the Greenwell Foundation's Therapeutic Riding Program for quite a while. Come and see which half at the Greenwell Gala. The tickets have already been bought so come to a beautiful place for a wonderful evening in Southern Maryland. Contact John Tarrant for details, (703) 237-9728.

Gunston April Schedule

Every Thursday Nova volunteers distribute food at Gunston Middle School for the Arlington Food Assistance Center. These volunteers have been doing this work for over 10 years.

April 6: Cathy Goldschmidt, Eric Carroll & Marcelline Neimann

April 13: Holy Thursday (the only Thursday each year that our volunteers are not scheduled)

April 20: Glen Passin, Syd Boyne & Kathy Scheimer

April 27: Tim White, Jerry Barrett & Mike Timpane

~Dianne Carroll

News/Announcements.....(cont'd)

Thank you . . .

From January to March St. Clements Episcopal Church in Alexandria operated as an emergency overflow winter shelter for Carpenter's Shelter. Every other Monday, 2 Nova volunteers were on duty: welcoming the guests, helping them get comfortable for the night, remaining in the church sanctuary with the guests for the night and bidding them a good day in the morning.

A big thanks to —

Joe Annunziata
 Jerry Barrett
 Joe Bonsignore
 Clyde Christofferson
 Kopp Michelotti
 Ted Miller
 Jason Powell
 Anna Reich
 Arthur Rosenberg
 Ray Tarasovic
 Tim White



Jerry Barrett & Dianne Carroll



**At a recent visit to a Nova liturgy,
 Greg & Valerie Dixon and
 Tom & Claire Bettag**

from Jean Mendez . . .

Thank you, Nova, for all your prayers, cards, calls, etc while I was recovering from my spectacular (according to Marie Pinho) fall recently.

I'm sending this from Florida where I'm visiting with family. Obviously, I'm on the mend and your kind thoughts and prayers continue to help my healing.

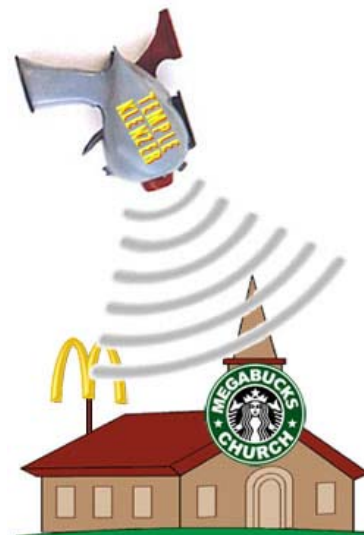
Again, thank you, and I hope to see you soon.

*love,
 Jean*

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~Thanks and Credits to Sojourners Magazine, for sharing this gem, for April Fool's Day



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Calendar

Thursday, 4/6—**Gunston:** Cathy Goldschmidt, Eric Carroll & Marcelline Neimann

Thursday, 4/20 – **Gunston:** Glen Passin, Syd Boyne & Kathy Scheimer

Wednesday, 4/26 – VOTF Support group for survivors of clergy abuse and others affected by the abuse meets in the downstairs meeting room at the Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Rd, McLean. For more info, contact Ellen Radday 703-538-6128

Thursday, 4/27 – **Gunston:** Tim White, Jerry Barrett & Mike Timpane

Friday-Sunday, 4/28-30(Weekend) -- WomenCircles Retreat: The Heart of Forgiveness, Harmony Farm Retreat Center, see March newsletter or contact Gloria Mog for more info.

Sunday, 4/30 – NOVA Calling Forth Meeting, 5:30 pm, Meg Tucillo's home, see page 5

May 6, Saturday,-- Greenwell Foundation Gala, see page 5 or contact John Tarrant

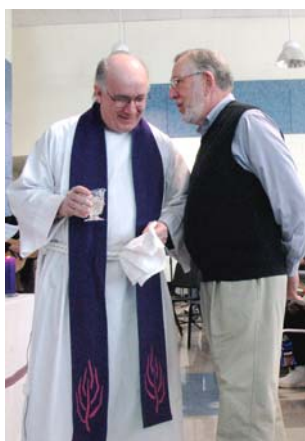
**Every Sunday.....Please bring at least one box of cereal to liturgy for Gunston.
Every DayPractice acts of compassion.**

Message of Pope Benedict XVI for Lent 2006

.....Thanks to men and women obedient to the Holy Spirit, many forms of charitable work intended to promote development have arisen in the Church: hospitals, universities, professional formation schools, and small businesses. Such initiatives demonstrate the genuine humanitarian concern of those moved by the Gospel message, far in advance of other forms of social welfare. These charitable activities point out the way to achieve a globalization that is focused upon the true good of mankind and, hence, the path towards authentic peace. Moved like Jesus with compassion for the crowds, the Church today considers it her duty to ask political leaders and those with economic and financial

power to promote development based on respect for the dignity of every man and woman. An important litmus test for the success of their efforts is religious liberty, understood not simply as the freedom to proclaim and celebrate Christ, but also the opportunity to contribute to the building of a world enlivened by charity. These efforts have to include a recognition of the central role of authentic religious values in responding to man's deepest concerns, and in supplying the ethical motivation for his personal and social responsibilities. These are the criteria by which Christians should assess the political programmes of their leaders.....

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Pax Amor Christi

