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Newsletter of the NOVA Community April, 2007

Chair Notes

There are certain high points in the Christian church calendar. Christmas with Advent is the anticipation and joy of the coming of Christ into the world. But then there is Easter and it appears to me to be the exact opposite of the joy of Christmas. The Lenten period starts off with Ash Wednesday when we are reminded of our mortality, "Dust to dust and ashes to ashes." This is not a joyous time but a time for reflection, penance, suffering and abstinence.

During Lent we either give up something or take on something new to discipline ourselves and to remember that Christ was tested for forty days before he began his short three year ministry. The only bright spot is Palm Sunday when Christ made his triumphant entry into Jerusalem but even that was short lived.

On Holy Thursday Christ, God in human form, washed the feet of his disciples thereby demonstrating his teaching that to be first you must be last, to be raised you must lower yourself, and to lead you must be a servant. These are difficult concepts for most of us. We may understand from an intellectual or philosophical point of view but applying the teaching in our daily lives

is difficult if not seemingly impossible. It is so contrary to our culture.

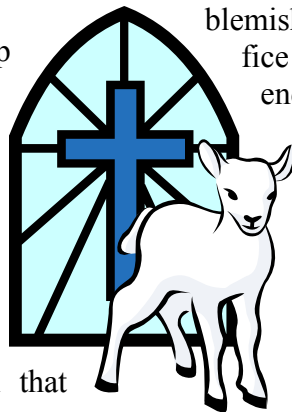
This is also the time that Jesus gives us a new covenant. His body will be killed and His blood will flow for our sins. In Jesus' day a goat or a lamb was selected to atone for the sins of the Israelites. It was slaughtered as a symbol that sins had been atoned for and judgment satisfied. But on Good Friday we remember that Jesus became the sacrifice for us. He was without sin or blemish and was therefore the perfect sacrifice for us. But what a death he had to endure. Crucifixion was reserved for serious criminal offenses. It was an agonizing, slow, painful, and tortuous death. Jesus was crucified.

However, that is not the end of the story. On the third day he rose from the dead with a glorified body. The price of sin had been paid. Jesus had conquered death and in rising showed us that death was not the end for us.

We have an eternal spirit living for a short time on this earth. We can look forward to one day rising with Him in glory.

Christ has risen indeed.... Hallelujah!

~John V.



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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. Beginning Memorial Day Weekend up to our Fall Retreat weekend, we celebrate at Lacey Woods Park, George Mason Drive near Washington Blvd, unless otherwise noted.		
[Lacey Woods] Liturgies begin at 9:30 am—Gather at 9:15 am [Lacey Woods]		
[Kenmore] Liturgy begins at 10:15 am—Gather at 10:00 am [Kenmore]		

April Birthdays, etc.

- 2 Chris Egbulem
- 3 John Marron
- 4 Sarah Gillmarten
- Chris Massey
- 5 Gil Donahue (RIP)
- 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 is
 April 22**



Year C — Cycle 1

Liturgies

APRIL MUSIC LIAISON

Gloria Mog

April 1 -- Passion (Palm) Sunday

Bill Callahan -- Timpanes

Procession: Luke 19:28-40

Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

Philippians 2:6-11

Luke 22:14--23:56 or 23:1-49



*See Special Holy Week Schedule
On page 4 Important*

April 8 -- Easter Sunday

**Goodwin House EAST (Sonja's residence),
4800 Fillmore Avenue, Alexandria (off
Beaugard between Rt. 7 & Seminary Rd.)**

Gather 10 am Liturgy begins 10:15 am

Joe Nangle, OFM – G Mog/H Michie/T White

Acts 10:34, 37-43

Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Colossians 3:1-4, or 1st Corinthians 5:6-8

John 20:1-9

April 15 -- 2nd Sunday of Easter

Jim Scullion, OFM – R Barrett, M Niemann

Acts 5:12-16

Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19

John 20:19-31

April 22 -- 3rd Sunday of Easter

Francis DiSpigno, OFM – D. Carroll & Social
Justice Team

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

Psalm 30:2-6, 11-13

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

MAY MUSIC LIAISON

Tim White

April 29 -- 4th Sunday of Easter

Joe Kenna -- Michelottis

Acts 13:14, 43-52

Psalm 100:1-3, 5

Revelation 7:9, 14-17

John 10:27-30

May 6 -- 5th Sunday of Easter

Francis DiSpigno, OFM – Betsy & Mike Marron

Acts 14:21-27

Psalm 145:8-13

Revelation 21:1-5

John 13:31-35

May 13 -- 6th Sunday of Easter

Jim Coriden -- Kate Doherty

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

John 14:23-29

May 20 -- 7th Sunday of Easter

Joe Kenna -- TBA

Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 97:1-2, 6-7, 9

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

John 17:20-26

May 27 -- Pentecost ***

At Lacey Woods Park—9:30 am...

Jim Scullion, OFM -- Peggy Meyer

Acts 2:1-11

Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34

I Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

John 20:19-23

Liturgy Information, news . . .

Special Holy Week Schedule

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 1

Kenmore Middle School at 10:15 am

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 5

At 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 mu-
nicipal 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.
Gather 6:30-6:45 pm Liturgy begins at 7:00 pm

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14

Psalms 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-15

****This is the one NOVA occasion where space is
limited and an RSVP is required.**

Please call Cathy Goldschmidt at (703) 527-7447
cmgolds@comcast.net by March 30 to let us
know how many will attend and to receive your meal
assignment. Thanks!

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6

At Kenmore Middle School—Black Box Theatre
(near the main entrance)
8:00 pm — Please enter in silence.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 8

At Goodwin House EAST (Sonja's residence),
4800 Fillmore Avenue, Alexandria (off Beauregard
between Rt. 7 and Seminary Rd.)

1. Gather at 10 am — Liturgy begins 10:15 am
*In keeping with past custom, there will be an
agape following the Easter liturgy. Please bring
finger food to share. Beverages will be provided.*
2. NOVA would appreciate it if you can bring
Easter flowers to help decorate the altar for the
Easter morning liturgy. Flowers can be dropped
off at Gloria Mog's on Saturday afternoon or
brought to Goodwin House at 8:30-9:45 am on
Sunday morning.

Elizabeth Kelly LaGrua

Mom of Gen Timpane, died quietly and peacefully
on St. Patrick's Day, at 96 and just after an hour's
lovely final visit.

There will be a Mass celebrating her life in the
chapel at St. Charles, where she was a parishioner,
at 10 am this Friday, April 23rd. Please come if
you can; and join us for refreshments afterwards at
our home.

Interment will be at the family burial plot in New
Jersey, on Saturday.

If you wish to make a memorial offering,
please send it to St. Charles (3304 N. Washington
Blvd., Arlington, VA 22201) whose staff and
school children were extremely faithful and kind to
her in her final years.

God bless you all,

Mike and Gen Timpane



William Brusseau

Ken Chaison's cousin, Bill, died suddenly on
Monday, March 12th. Bill's illness has been a real
drain on his family over the last several years, but
he died too young (58 years old) and the whole
family will miss him.

Please pray for Ken, his cousin William (Bill), his
wife, Jean, and son, Eric .

Ken Chaison

Meetings — Reports, Summaries...

Restorative Justice Forum

Saturday, March 31, ... 9 am — 12:30 pm
Unitarian Universalist Church, Arlington

Anyone interested in improving public safety, in responding to victims of crime in ways that promote repair and healing, and/or peacebuilding, is invited to attend the upcoming Community Forum on Restorative Justice, convened by Virginia State Delegate David Englin. The Forum is co-sponsored by the Alexandria League of Women Voters, Virginia CURE, Northern Virginia Mediation Service, and Offender Aid and Restoration of Alexandria/Arlington.

It is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be provided.**

Many jurisdictions in Virginia are working to address crime in ways that produce more effective results for victims, the community, and offenders, by implementing the principles, values, and practices of restorative justice (RJ).

What are these values? How are many jurisdictions in Virginia, the US and worldwide using these practices? Extensive research now backs up the effectiveness of these approaches in terms of recidivism, experiencing fair outcomes by both victims and offenders, increased restitution, and even reduction in post-traumatic stress disorders for victims. Come learn more and participate in dialogues about restorative justice and its potential widening application for Northern Virginia.

The Church address is 4444 Arlington Blvd, Arlington, VA, 22204, and it is located on the SW corner of the intersection of Arlington Boulevard (Rt. 50) and George Mason Drive (George Mason Drive is just a little west of Glebe Road.) The entrance to the church parking lot is on George Mason Drive - you'll see a prominent sign for the church at the driveway on the west side of the street.

**Please RSVP to Phyllis at phyllislaw@comcast.net or 703-868-9320. RSVP not required, but is appreciated so we may prepare sufficient materials and light refreshments.

~Susan Jelinek 703.349.6892



Peace March March 16, 2007

Gloria and I attended the inspiring Peace Witness Prayer service at the National Cathedral with NOVA's Fr. Joe Nangle who spoke briefly. The service was followed by a walk with (electric) candles to the White House where some members of the group participated in civil disobedience and were arrested. The attached photo was taken before that action and shows a frozen Gloria with her candle and the White House in the background. The white reflections are from the darkly clad riot police who later made the arrests. Know that we marched on behalf of all in NOVA who share our belief, grounded in Faith, that continued military action is not the answer to a better future in Iraq. Pray with us that we are seeing the beginning of the end to the violence involving American soldiers.

~David Mog



Who's minding the White House?



Meetings — Reports, Summaries...



April 15, 2007

It's that time of year again!! Last year the MS Walk raised over \$1,000,000 to bring an end to and a cure for multiple sclerosis!!!! And the M.O.M. Team raised \$4200.00. If you would like to join the M.O.M. Team for the MS Walk in support of Dianne Carroll please follow the directions for registering online.

The easiest way to register is to:

Go to www.MSandYOU.org

Click on the MS Walk/April icon on the left

Click on Register as an Individual!

Fill out the *required fields & include **Jennifer Carroll** as the team captain and the **M.O.M. Team** as the team name.

Submit your form.

If you want to donate you can do that by following the directions online either for the team or for a participant.



2006 Team

GO M.O.M. Team-
Thanks,
Jenny Carroll

Important Dates & Activities

Save the Dates:
Nova's 40th Anniversary Celebration
January 11-13, 2008

Friday Evening Gathering - Pot-Luck Dinner & Festivities - Meg Tuccillo's

Saturday - Main Celebration:

4 p.m. - Liturgy at St. Clement's Episcopal Church - Alexandria

6 p.m. - Reception, Dinner, Festivities - St. Clement's Hall

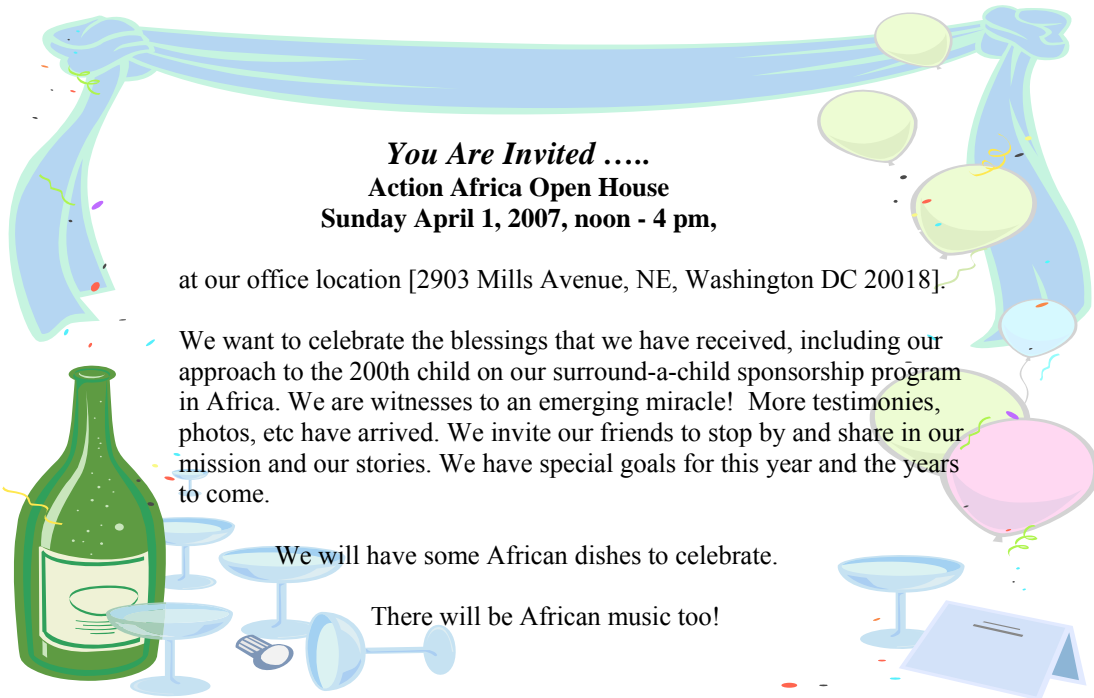
Sunday - Brunch & Round Table Discussion with Nova Clergy

10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. - Kenmore Middle School

We need a few more volunteers for the 40th Activities – can you help?

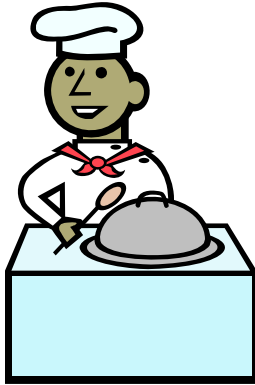
- Retreat and Round Table Planning
- Create Global Map of where Nova is working
- Reception and Dinner
- Friday night Gathering
- Sunday Brunch

Email Gloria Mog at gloriamog@comcast.net



Important Dates/Activities

Christ House



NOVA will prepare and serve the evening meal for about 70 needy folks under the auspices of the Christ House shelter on April 16.

The meal will be served at a church on Washington Street in Alexandria while Christ House is undergoing renovation. We cannot do any cooking at the new facility-just reheat food, and we will be very limited in how early we can start. So...we may be back in the meatloaf and scalloped potato business after all, at least on a temporary basis.

More details forthcoming during liturgy announcements and via e-mail. If you would like to help prepare and serve the meal, call Kopp Michelotti at 703-241-0789.

Mosaic Harmony

Fingers (toes?) crossed that my post-foot surgery 'house arrest' will be over long before June. Still, I'm excited to let you know that I anticipate singing with my Gospel choir, **Mosaic Harmony**, for our big end-of-season concert on Sunday, June 3, at 4 pm. The concert will be at the Oakcrest School in Virginia, just off the Beltway at the Georgetown Pike exit. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS. You may purchase tickets now, at www.mosaicharmony.com -- go to 'Performances.'

I hope to see you at the concert! We all greatly appreciate your support! Cheers,
~Victoria

Calling Forth Meeting Sunday evening, May 6

at Rose and Jerry Barrett's. The evening will begin with a pot-luck supper at 5 pm with the meeting starting at 6. This is the most important Nova governance meeting of the year in which we call forth the community's leadership for the upcoming year. Please SAVE THE DATE on your calendar.



Thank you, NOVA ...

From **Oakridge Elementary School**, Arlington

Dear NOVA Catholic Community,

The donations that you have generously provided last school year and the beginning of this school year are deeply appreciated by the families who were in need. The family who received the clothing, rental assistance and furniture were in dire straits and the donations were exactly what they needed. The father of that family has since received an operation to fix one of his eyes and has started working again. Another family who received rental assistance was able to maintain their home and the child still attends Oakridge ES. Thank you once again for the donations that kept families in their homes and maintain the ability to provide for their children.

/s/ Jennifer Carroll,
School Social Worker



Discussion . . .

Jon Sobrino

From Ken Chaison

With all the war and suffering in the world, the Vatican has nothing better to do than censure a priest for books he wrote in 1991 and 1999. They think that his **statements** “*may cause harm to the faithful.*”

On the other hand they overlook the severity of the **actions** of Bernard Law, et. al., who caused more harm in their lifetime and, most likely, for many generations due to the fall-out of their support of abusive individuals. Perhaps, like Law, all the bishops should be sent to Vatican offices. Lock them in the building and throw away the key!

Certainly, the priests and laity, working together, could not do any worse than the hierarchy has done in ‘running’ the church.

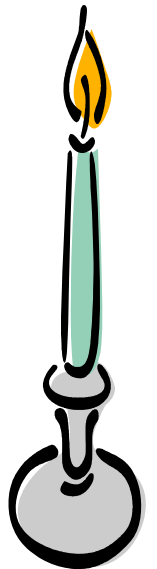


From John Mooney

I was privileged to live in the same Jesuit theological-school community with Jon Sobrino for two years, at Hochschule Sankt Georgen, where I was doing my MA while Jon was doing his doctorate in Christology (liberation theology) under Alois Grillmeier, one of the most respected Christological scholars of the 20th century. Grillmeier loved and highly regarded Sobrino, as did I and everyone else I knew. Besides being movie-star handsome, he was (I'm sure still is) very funny, emotionally mature, and bright. And he was clearly dedicated to the Church in Central America, especially its poor.

Makes me determined to read Jon's books.

Look beyond...
GOD SURPRISES!



Arlington-Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless
"AACH"

Presents:

The First Annual

Reflections Ball

Saturday April 14, 2007

7:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.

A Black Tie Optional Fundraising Benefit

*Come celebrate our Past, Present, and Future while enjoying dinner, dancing,
and the pleasure of helping your fellow metropolitan area residents*

*For tickets delivered to your door, call
Kopp Michelotti 703-241-0789*

Location:

Torpedo Factory

*105 North Union Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314
www.torpedofactory.org*

Price:

\$75 per individual or \$125.00 per couple

To purchase advance tickets call 703-525-7177 before:

Wednesday April 11, 2007

***Depending on availability, tickets may be purchased the night of the event for an increased price*

*Your branded support will benefit AACH and the families it serves in addition to providing community recognition
for your role in helping combat the growing homeless population in the Capital Area*

*Multi-level sponsorships are available for businesses, civic groups, and other organizations
For sponsorship opportunities contact Liz Loden at 703-465-1632 or lizloden@rainmakers.com*

*The Arlington-Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless "AACH" is a private non-profit organization that provides transitional housing
and support services to homeless families and women in Arlington County and the City of Alexandria in Virginia
For more information visit: www.aachhomeless.org*



April, 2007



Calendar

Thursday, March 29 - 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm – St. Anthony’s Lenten Series... **“The Passion in Art”** – Fr. Mark Lane, a well-known expert on liturgical art, will present the historical context and theological standpoint of works ranging from the *“Passion of Christ in the Catacomb of Domitilla”* to Marc Chagall’s *“White Crucifixion.”*

Saturday, March 31 – 9:00 am – 12:30 pm – Restorative Justice Forum, Page 5

Sunday April 1 -- noon - 4 pm, **Action Africa** Open House, 2903 Mills Ave NE, Page 7

Sunday, April 15 – 8:00 am – 10:00 am – MS Walk, MOM Team, Page 6

Sunday, April 15 - 6:00 pm PAX -- New Dimensions in Liturgy and Community. Dr. William D’Antonio, Author, Fellow, Life Cycle Institute, Catholic University, **“Intentional Eucharistic Communities”**
Contact Irene Navatta (540) 349-9011

Monday, April 16 – 3:30 pm approx. Christ House, Page 8

Sunday, April 22 – 5:00 pm DEADLINE FOR NOVA NEWSLETTER, Page 2

Sunday, May 6 – 5:00 pm – 9:30 pm, NOVA Calling Forth Meeting, Page 8

Sunday, May 6 - 6:00 pm PAX – Monica Appleby, Author, Director, *Elderspirit* Community Project. **“Mountain Sisters: From Convent to Aging in Community. . . with Spirit”** Contact Irene Navatta (540) 349-9011

Sunday, June 3 – 4:00 pm, Mosaic Harmony, Page 8

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