



nova notes

Newsletter of the NOVA Community April, 2008

Chair Notes

Welcome to life on the other side of Easter with more Epiphanies of the risen Christ. May have to roll away a few stones ourselves before seeing the many points of light. It will take courage as we saw throughout Lent. The mantle of the Spirit is passing over and onto us as we say welcome to all on Holy Thursday, experience abandonment on Good Friday and sing Alleluia on Easter. All of this has made for a spirit filled initiation of Nova's 41st year. While many images and experiences swirl around us, life on the other side of Easter also calls for some time for stillness of the heart so we may become aware of the Spirit in creation itself and be enthralled.

Becoming aware of the Spirit requires an emptying of our minds of our many understandings of how things are, of how they work or of the best ways to live. This awareness requires an openness to see the unexpected and sometimes contradictory nature of the Spirit which sees more than we see and with quite different priorities.

The Epiphanies in Jesus' lifetime were multiple and continue to surprise us with revelations we had not expected, revelations that contradicted current interpretations (how things are and what's important) of creation as it presented itself to the people of those times as well as to us – a Christ child in a stable, sought out by wise people, feared by rulers, a child teaching in the temple before coming of age, a young man baptizing with the spirit instead of water, feeding hundreds with limited resources, telling us the meek will inherit the earth, transfigured but not satisfied with the status quo, associating with a woman at the well, seeking almsgiving and prayer in the secret of our hearts, not using appetites – power –

wealth to fulfill His place in the Divine, opening blind eyes on the Sabbath, a king riding a donkey in triumphal entry, making it clear death has no dominion,

Nova is now on the road to Damascus. Are our hearts still enough to recognize the Spirit of Christ among us as we travel in these post Easter times? What were the Epiphanies in those post Easter times right after the Resurrection? What and where are the Epiphanies happening today? In one month's time we will select new chairpersons who will reflect back to community members Nova's own spirit, hopes and aspirations. Preparation for this event calls for discernment of who we are as a community, of our spiritualities, of our liturgies, of our social actions. There may be some surprises and contradictions that surface in this discernment process. With stillness in our hearts and an open spirit we may be able to recognize Him in the breaking of the Bread and in the washing of the feet.



Justice and Peace,

Eric

April Birthdays, etc.

Message Line		703-852-7907
Chairpersons	Eric Carroll	703-536-2616
	John Veldhuis	703-750-1670
	Nancy Veldhuis	703-750-1670
Treasurer	Joe Formoso	703-503-9731
	John Mooney	703-425-1639
Religious Ed. Coordinator	John Mooney	703-425-1639
Coordinator, Community Life	Cece Michelotti	703-241-0789
Liturgy Coordinators	Gloria Mog	703-522-1812
	Anne Passin	703-538-6545
Padre Cadre Coordinator	John Mooney	703-425-1639
Music Coordinators	Tom Clarkson	703-560-2096
	Victoria Robinson	703-237-0008
Peace & Justice Coordinators	Dianne Carroll	703-536-2616
	Marie Keefe	301-229-2016
Christ House Coordinator	Kopp Michelotti	703-241-0789
Facilities	Glen Passin	703-538-6545
Newsletter Editor	Marie Pinho	703-569-6080
NOTE EMAIL!!	mdpinho@verizon.net	

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

[Kenmore]
 Liturgy begins at 10:15 am—Gather at 10:00 am

- 2 Chris Egbulem
- 3 John Marron
- 4 Sarah Gillmarten
Chris Massey
Serena Nelson
- 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
Tom Hayes
- 14 Timothy Showalter
- 16 Pope Benedict XVI
- 18 Jim Weber
- 21 Chris Donahue
Alicia Swanberg
- 25 Kopp Michelotti
- 27 Jason Powell
- 28 Emilia Formoso
Patricia Violand Mercado (RIP)
- 29 Benjamin Ferguson

**Newsletter Deadline is
 April 27....2008**



Liturgies: Year A — Cycle II

For inclusive Readings and Music Selections go to nova.novacommunity.org, member section, Documents/Liturgy Info. Please give all music selections to the Music Liaison the Sunday before your liturgy.

APRIL MUSIC LIAISON
Gloria Mog

MAY MUSIC LIAISON
Tim White

April 6 – Third Sunday of Easter

Bill Callahan – Cathy & Larry Goldschmidt
Acts 2:14, 22-28
Psalm 16:1-2,5,7-11
1 Peter 1:17-21
Luke 24:13-35

April 13 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Jim Scullion, OFM – Dianne Carroll &
Social Justice Team
Acts 2:14, 36-41
Psalm 23:1-6
1 Peter 2:20-25
John 10:1-10

April 20 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

John Haughey, SJ – Amy & Charlie Bailey
Acts 6:1-7
Psalm 33:1-2,4-5,18-19
1 Peter 2:4-9
John 14:1-12

April 27 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

John Haughey, SJ – Alicia & Phil Cackley
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
Psalm 66:1-7,16,20
1 Peter 3:15-18
John 14:15-21

May 4 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Quinn Conners, O.Carm. – Betsy & Mike
Marron
Acts 1:12-14
1 Peter 4:13-16
Psalm 27:1, 4, 7-8
John 17:1-11

May 11 – Pentecost

Joe Kenna – Linda Rosenberg, Susan Jelinek,
Kathy Scheimer
Acts 2:1-11
1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13
Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34
John 20:19-23

May 18 – Trinity Sunday

Joe Nangle, OFM – Barbara & Joe Formoso
Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9
Daniel 3:52-56
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
John 3:16-18

May 25 – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (also Affirmation Sunday) At Lacey Woods Park***

Joe Nangle, OFM – Kate Doherty
Isaiah 49:14-15
1 Corinthians 4:1-5
Psalm 62:2-3, 6-9
Matthew 6:24-34

***NOVA's summer schedule in effect starting May 25. Gather at 9:15 a.m. Liturgy begins at 9:30 a.m. LOCATION: the picnic pavilion at Lacey Woods Park on George Mason Dr. near Washington Blvd. in Arlington

Gunston volunteers for April

Every Thursday volunteers distribute food from the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) to clients at the Gunston Recreation Center in Arlington. Nova folks bring boxes of cereal each Sunday to add to the distribution so each family can have a box of cereal. So if you are local don't forget to bring a box of cereal to church.

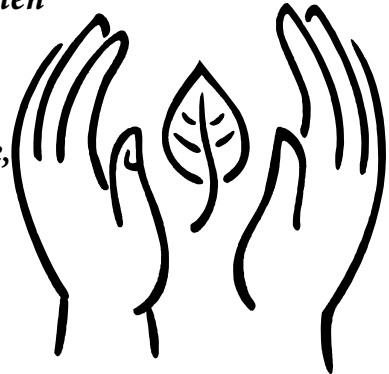
If you would like to help with the distribution contact Dianne Carroll, diacarroll@comcast.net or 703-536-2616

April 3 - Cecilia Cackley, Cathy G,
Victoria Robinson
April 10 - Carolyn/Ted Miller,
Kopp/Cece Michelotti
April 17 - Jerry, Tim, Lani
April 24 - Glen, Syd, Marie P.

The more, the merrier....

*Our Lord has written
the promise of
resurrection,
not in books alone,
but in every leaf
in springtime.*

~ Martin Luther



NOVA is praying for ...

Warren Reich has been in physical therapy as preparation for spinal surgery. We are praying that the surgery will be successful and he will be fully restored.

+

Dianne Carroll, Monica Rosenberg, and Susan Jelinek, as NOVA participates in the MS Walk, in particular on the M.O.M. Team on Sunday, April 6, 2008. Can you believe it, Dianne will be a participant! We will pray for a successful outcome of this event, a cure for MS and, a bright sunshiney day on April 6th!

+

Nancy Veldhuis's father is to undergo surgery soon, and he is of advanced age. Please pray for peace for him and Nancy.

IRAQ Casualty Toll

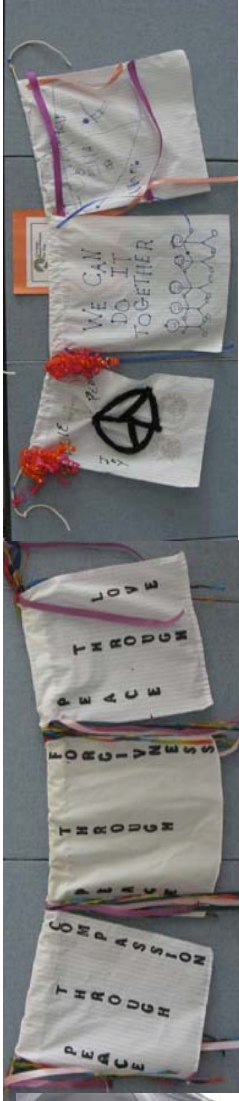
US Military Deaths	4,012
Suicides	145
Missing or Captured	3
Civilian Deaths*	82,625—90,149
American Wounded	29,314
Returned to Service	16,307

** documented to 3/31/2008. This number may be seriously understated.*

Happenings —



The Nova Community joined the Interfaith Witness for Peace in Iraq on April 7th, attending Mass at St. Aloysius Church.



Happenings, continued —

Interfaith Oral-Rehydration Project



50,000 packets were prepared for distribution to drought afflicted areas overseas

At Liturgy



EASTER



News, announcements . . .

Nova Calling Forth Meeting: One of the most important community meetings of the year for Nova. At this meeting, on May 3rd, we call forth the community leaders for the year through the consensus process. The community needs each community member to participate.

Place: Rose and Jerry Barrett's
200 N. Maple Avenue
Falls Church, VA 222046-4328
Phone (703) 241-3854

Time: Pot luck supper begins at 5:30

Please plan to be prompt. We will meet in the party room at Rose and Jerry's; some one will be waiting at the front door of the condominium to open the door and greet you. We would like to begin the consensus process no later than 6:30.

If you plan to attend the meeting but not the supper, please let one of the chairs, Eric, John V. or Nancy, so that we can be at the front door to greet you.

Thank You...

On behalf of the Community, a special thank you, particularly from our members who now live out of the local area, to Marie Pinho for her dedication as editor of the Nova Newsletter and for keeping us all in touch and informed.

~Eric, John, and Nancy

Palm Sunday



News, announcements . . .



Nova Joins Women's Ordination Conference in Day of Prayer

Monday, April 14, 2008 6:15 pm
Foundry United Methodist Church
1500 16th St. NW (Dupont Circle area)

“From coast to coast, we’re giving the gift of women as the pope visits the USA on his 81st birthday.” The day before the pope arrives in DC, WOC is hosting an inclusive Eucharistic liturgy led by Catholic women priests and lay leaders. WOC feels that the greatest gift they could give the Church and the pope is the training, expertise, leadership and inspiration of the 60 already ordained women priests and the nearly 100 who are currently known to be studying for the priesthood. Additionally, there are legions of other women who stand ready to fill the gap created by the severe national priest shortage (30% decline in the last 20 years).

In a discussion with Aisha Taylor, WOC Director, at the Miller’s on March 29th, Nova members were again reminded of the terrible injustice that continues to be done to Catholic women seeking only to be treated as equals with men in the Church. An AP poll in 2005 showed that 64% of U.S. Catholics support women’s ordination and that roughly 80% of U.S. lay ministers are currently women. They are literally holding the Catholic Church together doing much of the work formerly reserved exclusively for priests. Many Nova participants expressed an interest in having a woman priest preside occasionally at Nova in order to lend support to this movement as well as to directly experience the special gifts of women priests. It was agreed to raise the issue at a general meeting for discussion.

Meanwhile, let’s go and celebrate with WOC on April 14th! Nova members are asked to wear their Nova T-shirts in order to find one another and to make ourselves visible as supporters of this important cause. There are plenty of new T-shirts in the closet at Kenmore if you need one. Meet outside the Foundry church at 6:00 p.m. The liturgy is at 6:15 and a reception will follow. WOC would like to have an idea how many are coming. RSVP: at 703-352-1006 or nvazquez@womensordination.org.

- Gloria Mog

Women's Ordination Conference
A voice for women in the Roman Catholic Church

News, announcements . . .

Christ House

For many years, NOVA has been preparing and serving a hot meal to the clients at the Christ House shelter in Alexandria. We serve on the third Monday of even numbered months. Our next scheduled date is April 21. We generally serve about 70 clients in two seatings, at 5 and 6 PM. We need a minimum of 20 meatloaves, and 30 meatloaves allows us to offer "seconds." (These are hungry people!)

The rest of the menu consists of scalloped potatoes (also provided by NOVA members), green beans (bought in bulk by the executive chef), salad (ingredients generally provided by Jim Weber and chopped and mixed by the kitchen crew in the Christ House kitchen), rolls (generally provided by Cathy Showalter) and brownies (generally provided by Emma Sanchez).

A kitchen crew of 4 to 6 works out well for preparing and serving. Volunteers should arrive at Christ House by 4 PM to help make salad and prepare the plates. The executive chef has to get there earlier to put the meatloaves and scalloped potatoes, which have been frozen, in the ovens. After serving, the kitchen crew often adjourns to Hard Times cafe to share some chili.

Meatloaves and scalloped potatoes can be brought to liturgy the day before we are scheduled to serve (April 20) or brought to my house that afternoon or on Monday morning, where they can be left on the front porch. (The door is always unlocked.) Call me at 703-241-0789 for directions or to make arrangements if you need to get them to me earlier. Also call if you'd like to help in the kitchen at Christ House.

Thank you for all you do to help our neighbors who have fallen on hard times.

~Kopp Michelotti

NOVA Peace & Social Action

The International Economic Development Committee will host a brief lecture and discussion session after the April 27th Liturgy.

We have invited two speakers ... Rich Rosenberg and Pierre Shostal. Rich has worked for the World Bank in the area of micro-loans for a number of years. Pierre is on the vestry at Immanuel Church on the Hill, which is associated with the Virginia Episcopal Theological Seminary. Their congregation has a micro-loan program, and also a mission in the Dominican Republic.

We'll also have two very brief book reports: Camilla will review "Three Cups of Tea", and Ted will review "The World is Flat". It should be an interesting session.

M.O.M. Team

A reminder about the MS Walk for Sunday, April 6th. If you would like to donate to M.O.M. Team, or to a team member or if you want to register to walk with us.... <http://tinyurl.com/ywva5g>

Or you can email Dianne a pledge and she will collect from you the following Sunday or you can send a check made payable to NMSS and send to a confirmation to Dianne or any other team member.

Thanks for your continued support and prayers!!!

Announcements . . .

♪ CONCERT ♪

The New Dominion Chorale presents Bach's monumental MASS IN B MINOR on Sunday, 4/27 at 4 PM at the Schlesinger Concert Hall at Nova's Alexandria Campus, 3001 North Beauregard Street in Alexandria.

The chorus will be joined by Washington's finest Bach soloists: Laura Lewis, Barbara Hollinhead, Robert Petillo and James Shaffran. Renowned organist William Neil performing on a specially built baroque organ and an orchestra of Bach specialists make up the instrumental ensemble.

Tickets are \$25 (\$20 for Seniors, \$5 for children), free covered parking is included and tickets can be obtained by calling 703-442-9404 or via website, www.newdominion.org. Kathy can also purchase tickets for you. Please call her at 703-255-6870 by 4/21 or email her by same



MOSAIC HARMONY

♪ Five of us – Victoria Robinson, Rose Marshall, Susan Jelinek & the Annunziatas -- ask for your support. Join us for an evening of warmth & musical excitement @ MOSAIC HARMONY's 15th Anniversary "Let It Shine" concert. ♪

For maximum flexibility, we will be performing two Saturday evening concerts this year: **APRIL 26th** and **MAY 3rd @ 7pm** at the McLean HS Auditorium, 1633 Davidson Rd., McLean, VA 22101 (nr. Westmoreland & Chain Bridge Rds.)

Mosaic Harmony, an interfaith, multi-cultural choir, raises \$\$ for charities/churches as part of our 'service thru song' mission. We sing to a variety of audiences at over 20 concerts/year. We sing to raise funds for causes such as the Silver Spring Interfaith Housing Coalition, Habitat for Humanity, the Brain Tumor Foundation, and many more. We also sing for groups of disenfranchised individuals whose lives can be enriched by the positive message of the music. We've dusted off some old favorite Gospel tunes and learned several new songs for this year. ♪

\$ Aside from member contributions, this concert is the major source of MOHA's funding. \$ Please HELP US to HELP OTHERS – it will be an enriching experience: a good time & a good cause!

TICKETS -- available now – select your date & order by visiting www.mosaicharmony.com, or call 301-816-9220.

Tix prices are very 'family friendly': only \$20 in advance & \$25 @door; Adults 60+ and students \$15 in advance & \$20 @door, children under 12: free.

~Victoria

Announcements . . .

*Opportunity:
“Spring Clean” your house
for a good cause*

In search of gently-used, sellable “excess” stuff from your home, to be included in the Unitarians’ YARDSALE on Saturday, May 3rd @ 2709 Hunter Mill Rd., Oakton, VA 22124.

Drop-off times: Weds (4/30) & Thu (5/1) from 9 am-9 pm, and Fri (5/2) 9-Noon, only.

We’re welcoming PRE-SORTED DONATIONS – Please bag/box similar things (and label) or hang clothes on hangers.

For example:

Adult & kid clothes & accessories / Shoes in good condition / Kid toys
Housewares (dishes, flatware, glasses, pots&pans, etc.) / Small appliances & electronics
Decorative items (including holiday things) / Books – CDs – DVDs / Artwork
Craft items / Computers - IF less than 3 yrs old & working /
Linens – drapes – towels / sports equipment / office & desk items / tools & yard equipment
Luggage / Solid, clean furniture

Sorry, we CANNOT accept encyclopedias, textbooks & manuals, record albums, stuffed animals, tires, Nordic Track & treadmills, heavy weights or major appliances.

All proceeds go to the Social Justice projects (Our Daily Bread, Partner Church Circle, The Shepherd Center & Mosaic Harmony.)

Thanks for dropping off your donations (and any volunteer SetUp and/or Yardsale help you can offer. Call Victoria @ work 703-237-6826.)

Announcements . . .



**Join Us for
Building on Faith Week
Join us April 30 - May 4
while we put our
Faith into Action.**

The Faith Relations Committee is looking for faith groups who want to be involved in Building on Faith Week.

David Mog at CPW Peace Protest



Building on Faith Week 2008! Join us April 30 - May 4 while we put our Faith into Action. The Faith Relations Committee is looking for Faith Groups who want to be involved in Building on Faith Week which will include...

- Wed. April 30 and Sat. May 3 Faith based Work Days: Intergenerational construction and landscaping at Habitat sites across our region. We will be starting the day of service with a brief prayer service on site. Reserve your space for your group early!
- Wednesday April 30 - Sunday May 4 Faith Volunteer Days: Your group can work for affordable housing and help the environment at the same time at ReStore in Alexandria. Stock shelves and help customers reduce, reuse and recycle donated building materials.
- 3pm Sunday May 4 Building on Faith Concert at Annandale United Methodist Church. Join us for this Interfaith and Intergenerational Concert for Affordable Housing. Free and open to the public. Bring your families – childcare available.
- Regional Affordable Housing Prayer Services
Come together with members of your community to pray for affordable housing for everyone. Call 703-521-9890 x 101 for locations and times. In your own community include a time for reflection on affordable housing in your worship services. Contact us for Prayer for Shelter inserts for your bulletins.
- Blessed Boards - write blessings on lumber to be used in the next Habitat project
- Maple Ridge - a community of nine condominiums. Call Elizabeth Peebles, Faith Relations Coordinator 703-521-9890 x 101 or ep Peebles@habitatnova.org www.habitatnova.org
Sign Up Today

Events, Meetings —

Following in the Footsteps of Jesus *An Overview of Catholic Social Teaching*

Sponsored by Parish Social Ministry of
**Church of the Nativity Parish, St. Mary of Sorrows Parish
and Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington**

Noted speakers will help us explore the main ideas that are found in the Church's documents on Catholic social teaching. Each session will provide an opportunity for discussion and a question and answer period.

This 8-session series was developed in response to the results of a survey in June at Nativity and St. Mary of Sorrows parishes. Guest speakers will be encouraged to include a broad range of issues reflecting the concerns of parishioners as expressed in the survey.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE Tuesday Evenings, 7:30 – 9:00 pm

**+ At Church of the Nativity
6400 Nativity Lane, Burke, VA 22015**

- + April 8, 2008 *“Care for God’s Creation”***
Rev. Pat Watkins, Virginia Interfaith Power and Light and
Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy

- + April 29, 2008 *“Solidarity”***
Carole Zemont-Ndiaye, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), US Operations

For information contact: Anne Murphy, Catholic Charities, 703-841-3831;
Joe Pettit, Nativity, 703-455-4937; or Pat Seiler, St. Mary's, 703-978-4141, x18





April, 2008



NOVA Calendar

Every Thursday.... Food distribution at Gunston, see page 4
Every Sunday ... Cereal boxes brought to liturgy for Gunston
First Sunday of Month ... Paper products (towels, toilet) for Doorways

Tuesday, April 8 ... 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm, Care for God’s Creation, page 13

Monday, April 14 ... 6:00 pm, WOC Day of Prayer, page 8

Monday, April 21 ... Christ House, page 9

Saturday, April 26 ... 7:00 pm, Mosaic Harmony, page 10

Sunday, April 27 4:00 pm, New Dominion Chorale, page 10

.... After Liturgy, Intl Economic Dev Lecture, page 9

.... 5:00 pm, Deadline for May *Nova Notes*, page 2

Tuesday, April 29 ... 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm, Solidarity, page 13

April 30 – May 4 ... Building on Faith Week w/Habitat, page 12

Saturday, May 3 ... 5:30 pm (pot luck), Calling Forth Meeting, page 7

... 7:00 pm, Mosaic Harmony, page 10