



# nova notes

Newsletter of the NOVA Community January, 2006

## Chair Notes



Deep peace of the running wave to you,  
of water flowing, rising and falling,  
sometimes advancing,  
sometimes receding...  
May the stream of your life flow  
unimpeded!  
Deep peace of the running wave to you!

Deep peace of the flowing air to you,  
which fans your face on a sultry day,  
the air which you breathe deeply,  
rhythmically,  
which imparts to you energy, consciousness, life.  
Deep peace of the flowing air to you!

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,  
who, herself unmoving, harbors the movements  
and facilitates the life of the ten thousand creatures,  
while resting contented, stable, tranquil.  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you!

Deep peace of the shining stars to you,  
which stay invisible till darkness falls  
and discloses their pure and shining  
presence  
beaming down in compassion on our turning world.  
Deep peace of the shining stars to you!

Deep peace of the watching shepherds to you,  
of unpretentious folk who, watching and waiting,  
spend long hours out on the hillside,  
expecting in simplicity some Coming of the Lord.  
Deep peace of the watching shepherds to you!

Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you,  
who, swift as the wave and pervasive as the air,  
quiet as the earth and shining like a star,  
breathes into us His Peace and His Spirit.  
Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you!  
~Mary Rodgers, Adapted from the Gaelic

*May you know the Healing Presence of Peace  
at Christmas and throughout the coming year!*

*Namaste,*

*~ Marcelline, John, & Marie*

*NOVA Catholic Community*

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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**

**newsletter deadline**

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**Sunday, January 22**

# Birthdays, etc January

- 2 Marie Pinho
- 5 Michaela Kane  
Jenny Tuccillo
- 6 Kahlil Gibran  
Joan of Arc
- 8 Paul Visokay
- 9 Dominic Monti (**Ordination**)
- 11 Cathy Annunziata  
Whalen-Peck Anniversary
- 14 Andrew Mausert-Mooney  
Brenda McCormick (**RIP**)
- 15 Glen Passin
- 16 Larry Goldschmidt  
Aaron Whalen-Peck
- 18 Clare Guzzo Robert (**Ordination**)
- 19 Jim McCormick
- 23 Kirsten Carroll  
Walter Landry
- 26 Pat Reinhart
- 31 Mike Marron



# Liturgies

## JANUARY MUSIC LIAISON .....

Barbara Formoso

### January 1, 2006 -- Mary, Mother of God At Pax Community – 8:45 am.

**Vince Cushing, Presiding,**  
St. Luke's Orthodox Church,  
6801 Georgetown Pike, McLean, VA  
PAX Info Line: (703)749-6702  
Numbers 6:22-27  
Psalm 67:2-3, 5- 8  
Galatians 4:4-7  
Luke 2:16-21

### January 8 -- Epiphany of the Lord

Jim Coriden – Rosemarie Annunziata  
Isaiah 60:1-6  
Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13  
Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6  
Matthew 2:1-12

### January 15 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joe Nangle, OFM -- Cackleys  
1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19  
Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-10  
1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20  
John 1:35-42

### January 22 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jim Scullion, OFM – Emma Violand-Sanchez  
Jonah 3:1-5, 10  
Psalm 25:4-9  
1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
Mark 1:14-20

### January 29 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joe Nangle, OFM – Meg Sullivan,  
John Mausert-Mooney  
Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9  
1 Corinthians 7:32-35  
Mark 1:21-28

## FEBRUARY MUSIC LIAISON .....

Barbara Formoso

### February 5 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bill Callahan – Kate Doherty  
Job 7:1-4, 6-7  
Psalm 147:1-6  
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23  
Mark 1:29-39

### February 12- 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joe Kenna – Marie Keefe  
Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46  
Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11  
1 Corinthians 10:31--11:1  
Mark 1:40-45

### February 19 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sidney Griffith, ST – Dianne Carroll, Cathy Showalter  
Isaiah 43:18-19, 21-22, 24-25  
Psalm 41:2-5, 13-14  
2 Corinthians 1:18-22  
Mark 2:1-12

### February 26 – 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jim Scullion, OFM – Peggy Meyer, Peggy Becker  
Hosea 2:15-17, 21-22  
Psalm 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13  
2 Corinthians 3:1-6  
Mark 2:18-22



## Liturgy Tip

### The Power of Intention

Meaningful liturgy begins with intention, perhaps stated as a hope for the planners, the community and a larger world. Yet given the myriad details involved in NOVA liturgies, it can be tempting to just plunge right into the planning process. I believe that taking the time to prayerfully set an intention can lead to a creative experience that is both focused as well as receptive to the presence of Spirit among us.

Intentions differ from agendas. According to spiritual traditions of both East and West, the purest of intentions take root in the desire to align the individual will with the will of the Divine. Agendas, on the other hand, may emanate from the small self's need for security, esteem and control.

At the same time, details matter in the fulfillment of an intention. As always, the challenge is to attend to the trees without losing sight of the forest. Being intentional about liturgy planning can help on both fronts. The process may just begin with prayer and reflection. In the end, of course, the call is for planners and community to let go. The Spirit—she tends to surprise.

~Anne Passin



## NOVA Nite

January 22, 2006 — 6:00 pm

We'll supply the Pizza, just  
Bring your warm hearts and  
Good heads to continue to  
Expand NOVA's dialogue & decisions  
Into the New Year 2006.

Meg Tucillo's home  
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Home: (703) 522-3213



**Don't miss Mosaic Harmony,**  
one of the area's hottest Gospel choirs!

When you attend our concerts, you're in for an inspiring, entertaining experience that's sure to get you singing & clapping along – and you're also contributing to “Service Thru Song.” Mosaic Harmony, which raises about \$50,000/year for charities, is a multi-faith, interracial choir dedicated to “unifying the world, one song at a time.”

NOVA's own members, the Annunziatas and Victoria Robinson, will appear with MoHa on Saturday, **Jan. 21**, 2006 (7pm @ River Rd. Unitarian Church in Bethesda), and on Sunday, **Jan. 22**, 2006 (3pm @ Unitarian Univ Cong of Fairfax in Oakton, VA.)

You can **buy tickets now** (checks payable to Mosaic Harmony) for yourself, or – *stay out of crowded malls & buy tickets as Christmas gifts* for family/friends! Tickets are cheaper in advance & an excellent value for good music...good fun ... good energy ... a good message, and an excellent holiday present for a music-celebration in the New Year!

Tickets (in advance) are \$15/adult (\$20 at door).

Adults over 60 & students 12-17 are \$10 in advance (\$15 at door).

Children under 12 are free, but need a ticket.

It's our goal to sell out these concerts (and raise funds for our *pro-bono* performances & ‘operations’), so please purchase your tickets a.s.a.p. Contact Victoria at [ClutterbucksVAR@aol.com](mailto:ClutterbucksVAR@aol.com) (or call her office @ 703-237-6826), or call Joe & Rosemarie at home @ 703-560-8688 (or c/o [jwannun@juno.com](mailto:jwannun@juno.com)).

Help us to help others, while you enjoy new songs & old favorites!

For more info: check out [www.MosaicHarmony.com](http://www.MosaicHarmony.com)

News/Announcements .....

# Christ House, December 2005

Kitchen Prep....



## Announcements..... (continued)

# Sonja and Gil, December 3 Party



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

# Advent 2005



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

### Congratulations

#### TO: Brother Joe Berg

BROTHER JOSEPH BERG has received this week's (December 8th week) Nice People award from kindness project [DoOneNiceThing.com](http://DoOneNiceThing.com). The award is given to individuals who demonstrate extraordinary kindness and selflessness. To see our tribute to Brother Joseph, please visit [DoOneNiceThing.com](http://DoOneNiceThing.com).

There's no one like Brother Joseph, particularly his commitment to helping people in need and his extraordinary ability to inspire and teach. On the occasion of his retirement, we are proud to shine the spotlight on him and thank him for all he does.

The award reads as follows: Brother Joseph Berg, Senior Director of Leadership and Mission at [Catholic Charities USA](http://CatholicCharitiesUSA.org), has devoted his entire life to helping people. He has been at the forefront of providing social services to immigrants, families and anyone else in need regardless of race, religion or social background. Under his leadership, Catholic Charities was one of the first organizations to reach out to hurricane survivors and is still fully engaged in providing assistance with housing, medications, transportation and more.

Brother Joe is a leader of national stature who has participated in the White House Conferences on Children, Youth, Families and Aging, and is one of the founders of the Emergency Food and Shelter Program. He never complains, is kind to everyone and encourages young and old alike, all equal in his twinkling eyes. This month he is retiring from Catholic Charities USA after 36 years of much appreciated service. *Chris Hyland*

The D1NT Community says "THANK YOU" to Brother Joseph Berg. You make the world a better place and inspire us with your kindness.

[DoOneNiceThing.com](http://DoOneNiceThing.com)'s mission is simple: Do one nice thing for someone every Monday. We have members all over the world. Please visit us to see the small nice things every person can do to make a really big difference. Email us your nice-thing ideas and stories about the exceptional people you know so we can honor them. And join us! Please sign up on our website. Working together we are making a difference.



New Address:

P.O. Box 839  
Notre Dame, IN 46556-0839

#### 12 Things We Should Learn From Dogs

1. Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joy ride.
2. When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
3. When it's in your best interest, practice obedience.
4. Let others know when they've invaded your territory.
5. Run, romp, and play daily.
6. Eat with gusto and enthusiasm.
7. Be loyal.
8. Never pretend to be something you are not.
9. When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by, and nuzzle him or her gently.
10. Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
11. When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.
12. No matter how often you're scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout. Run right back and make friends!



## Thank you, NOVA ...



### Women's Ordination Conference

A Voice for Women in the Church  
... celebrating 30 Years

*NOVA, thank you for your generous gift!*

Dear NOVA Catholic Community,

May God bless and guide you this Christmas and throughout the New Year! Your continued support for Women's Ordination Conference is a valued blessing this Holy season, and I would like to express my gratitude for your recent gift of \$100.

Your generosity allows WOC to expand our programs and work even more ardently for women's ordination into a renewed priestly ministry. You are helping us carry out our exciting plans for 2006, a few of which are outlined below:

- **January 20-22: Young Feminist Network Leadership Retreat** WOC's Young Feminist Network will come together in Michigan to move the organization's mission to the next level: to build a movement of young Catholics committed to countering oppression and creating inclusive church structures through parishes or small faith groups.

- **February 18: Conversation and Celebration of Women Called WOC** will gather over 100 women in beautiful Santa Barbara, Calif, in a day-long event to talk about women's ordination and the different avenues women are taking to live out their call to servant-leadership.
- **WOC Board begins anti-oppression work** In May, WOC's Board of Directors will take part in a day-long training on anti-oppression with a focus on dismantling racism, which is a step in the process of forming a WOC anti-racism team.

Thank you, NOVA, for your contribution. If there is anything I can do to better serve you as a valued member of our community, please contact me at (703) 352-1006 or [ataylor@womensordination.org](mailto:ataylor@womensordination.org)  
Thank you!

Advent blessings for you and yours,

/s/ Aisha S. Taylor  
Executive Director

### JANUARY CALENDAR

#### 1/14-16, Conference: Politics and Spirituality -- Seeking a Public Integrity, Hyatt-Capitol Hill,

Sponsored by Center for Action and Contemplation. "We want to create a living forum where these issues can be addressed and discussed. Bringing together the political analysis of Jim Wallis, the literary gifts of Anne Lamott, and the spiritual and Franciscan teaching of Fr. Richard Rohr, we look forward to an energizing and prophetic weekend." For more information, see [http://www.cacradicalgrace.org/conferences/politics/politics\\_overview.html](http://www.cacradicalgrace.org/conferences/politics/politics_overview.html)

**Saturday, 1/21 ... 7:00 pm— Mosaic Harmony, see page 4**

**Sunday, 1/22 ... 3:00 pm — Mosaic Harmony, see page 4**

**Sunday, 1/22 ... 6:00 pm — Nova Nite, see page 4**

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

**Every Day ..... Practice acts of compassion.**

## *Recipe for a Happy New Year*

Take 12 fine, full-grown months; see that these are thoroughly cleansed from all old memories of bitterness, rancor, hate, and jealousy.

Cut these months into 30 or 31 equal parts.

(This batch will keep for one year. Do not attempt to make more than one batch at a time—many people spoil the entire lot in this way.)

Prepare one day at a time as follows:

Into each day, put 12 parts of faith,

11 of patience,

10 of courage,

nine of work (some people omit this ingredient and spoil the flavor of the rest),

eight of hope,

seven of fidelity,

six of open-mindedness,

five of kindness,

four of rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad—don't do it),

three of prayer,

two of meditation,

and one of well-selected resolution.

If you have no conscientious scruples,

add a teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play, and a heaping cupful of good humor.

Pour love liberally into the whole, and mix with vim.

Cook thoroughly in a fervent heat.

Garnish with a few smiles and a sprig of joy; then serve with quietness, unselfishness, and cheerfulness—and a Happy New Year is a certainty.

—from "Leaves of Gold"

## Amazing Peace: A Christmas Poem

(an excerpt)...

In our joy, we think we hear a whisper.  
At first it is too soft. Then only half heard.  
We listen carefully as it gathers strength.  
We hear a sweetness.  
The word is Peace.  
It is loud now. It is louder.  
Louder than the explosion of bombs.

We tremble at the sound. We are thrilled by its presence.  
It is what we have hungered for.  
Not just the absence of war. But, true Peace.  
A harmony of spirit, a comfort of courtesies.  
Security for our beloveds and their beloveds.

We clap hands and welcome the Peace of Christmas.  
We beckon this good season to wait a while with us.  
We, Baptist and Buddhist, Methodist and Muslim, say come.  
Peace.  
Come and fill us and our world with your majesty.  
We, the Jew and the Jainist, the Catholic and the Confucian,  
Implore you, to stay a while with us.  
So we may learn by your shimmering light  
How to look beyond complexion and see community.

It is Christmas time, a halting of hate time.

On this platform of peace, we can create a language  
To translate ourselves to ourselves and to each other.

At this Holy Instant, we celebrate the Birth of Jesus Christ  
Into the great religions of the world.  
We jubilate the precious advent of trust.  
We shout with glorious tongues at the coming of hope.  
All the earth's tribes loosen their voices  
To celebrate the promise of Peace....

~*Maya Angelou, 2005*



Chalice(s) by Kirsten Carroll

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