



# nova notes

Newsletter of the NOVA Community

January, 2009

## Feliz Navidad!

A long awaited day, Christmas, to hear glad tidings which also began earlier with the glad tidings – Hail Mary, full of grace, God is with you (and in you). This is the day we all hear the same incarnational greeting – Hi (you), you are full of grace. God is with you and you are within God. As Joe Nangle reminded us after Thanksgiving, the reign of God is not in the Church or the sacraments or even our prayers but rather is within each of us and awaits expression in caring for the needy, those suffering, alienated, marginalized and oppressed. When you see their needs being met, then you know the kingdom of God is at hand.

On the first Sunday of Advent we gratefully welcomed Bill Callahan back after his surgery. He cautioned that waiting for God requires staying awake and being attentive to the work of our/ God's hands. The next Sunday Quinn expanded this notion to say we also wait in hope and the quality of this type of waiting requires patience and wisdom, not the blinding darkness of greed. Our prayer is hope-filled waiting, an opportunity for transformation. God is there in the waiting. Nova as an inclusive and progressive spiritual group (church) is waiting for the inviting and welcoming Church, knowing that Jesus is at the margins.

We had an opportunity to explore some of those margins with Angela Kelly, Emma's niece, who led us into the complex world of immigration and with Mali who showed us the world of an orphanage in Bolivia where the need is too great for the few adults responding. Joe Kenna took us one step further by exploring our waiting as a time for preparation, much like what is required for basic hospitality, that is, taking care. Taking care is a process of creating an environment conducive for

God to plant seeds and can be done with attention to the hierarchy of needs whether it be safety, shelter, food, clothing and on up the hierarchy to include our need for community, knowledge and spirituality.

This paying attention and caring action is constitutive of preparing for the way of God. The number of community of preparers has also expanded this past year after we celebrated our 40th anniversary. A number of newcomers have joined us in Eucharistic celebration as well as joining in with the music group, serving dinners at Christ House and in dialogue about our spirituality. We welcome you Don & Mary Ann Arabian, Jack and Linda Christie, Bob & Phyllis O'Toole (see picture on page 18) and want you to know All are Welcome as we seek how best to prepare for God's kingdom while respecting our own individual processes of paying attention.

We begin the New Year by joining with Pax Community and with Joe Nangle at Our Lady Queen of Peace for the January 4th liturgy, followed by the community's annual Social Justice meeting and hopefully many other ways of reaching out, taking care and preparing. While Nova will not have two Sundays in a row at the usual location, we ask that donations not be overlooked. Cereal et al. can be brought to the Carroll's house, or the Pax or OLQP celebrations during the holidays in order to get it to Gunston and wherever. And your checks for the regular collection that fund our Peace and Justice Program can be sent to Joe Formoso.

May you find Peace and spread Justice in this New Year,

*~Eric*

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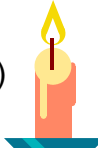
The NOVA Catholic Community Invites You To Celebrate The Eucharistic Liturgy With Us Every Sunday in Arlington, Virginia.

**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

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

# January Birthdays, etc.

- 2 Marie Pinho
- 5 Mikaela 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
- 28 Phyllis O'Toole
- 31 Mike Marron



**Newsletter Deadline is  
January 25....2009**

# Liturgies: Year B— Cycle I

For inclusive Readings and Music Selections go to [nova.novacommunity.org](http://nova.novacommunity.org), member section, Documents/Liturgy Info. Please give all music selections to the Music Liaison the Sunday before your liturgy. **LITURGIES AT KENMORE**

## JANUARY MUSIC LIAISON Barbara Formoso

## FEBRUARY MUSIC LIAISON Barbara Formoso

### January 4 – Epiphany

#### **KENMORE WITHOUT HEAT – No Nova Liturgy**

*Nova members will celebrate at 12 noon with Joe Nangle at Our Lady Queen of Peace, 2700 S. 19<sup>th</sup> St., Arlington, VA 22204. Celebrate and stay for Fiesta!*

Isaiah 60:1-6  
Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13  
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6  
Matthew 2:1-12

### January 11 – The Baptism of the Lord

Joe Kenna – Walt Landry  
Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7  
Psalm 29  
Acts 10:34-38  
Mark 1:7-11

### January 18 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joe Nangle, OFM – Jim and Archer Heinzen  
1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19  
Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-10  
1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20  
John 1:~~35~~-42

### January 25 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tom Reese, SJ – The Cackley Family  
Jonah 3:1-5, 10  
Psalm 25:4-9  
1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
Mark 1:14-20

### February 1 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary

Bill Callahan – Anne Passin, Teddi Ahrens  
Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9  
1 Corinthians 7:32-35  
Mark 1:21-28

### February 8 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Quinn Conners, O.Carm. – Rose Barrett, Cece Michelotti  
Job: 7:1-4, 6-7  
Psalm 147:1-6  
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23  
Mark 1:29-39

### February 15 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jim Hug, SJ – Peggy Meyer  
Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46  
Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11  
1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1  
Mark 1:40-45

### February 22 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joe Kenna – Dianne Carroll, Peace and Justice  
Isaiah 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25  
Psalm 41:2-5, 13-14  
2 Corinthians 1:18-22  
Mark 2:1-12

### February 25 – Ash Wednesday – 7:30 pm

John Tarrant and Marlene Shade  
*(At their home—7036 Williamsburg Blvd., Arlington, VA 22213)*  
Joel 2:12-18  
Psalm 51:3-6, 12-17  
2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

## Liturgy News

We are not able to have liturgy at Kenmore on December 28<sup>th</sup> or Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> because the heat will not be turned on. Joe Nangle has invited us to join him at Our Lady Queen of Peace for a combination folk/Spanish Mass at 12 noon on Jan 4<sup>th</sup> and we have a standing invitation to join the PAX Community on the Sunday between Christmas and New Years. This seems like a great opportunity to act on one of our goals of having more interaction/linkage with like-minded communities in the area.

So, mark your calendars to meet some new folks and pick up some new liturgical ideas:

**Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**, PAX Community, 8:45 am, St. Luke Orthodox Church Hall, 6801 Georgetown Pike, McLean

**Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**, Our Lady Queen of Peace, 12 noon, 2700 19<sup>th</sup> St., Arlington

## Liturgy Tip

Please look at the results of our liturgy lottery on pages 8-9 in this newsletter.

Throughout the year Nova planners are encouraged to invite newcomers to help plan a liturgy. It's a great way to get acquainted and to build community.

In addition, we have a few Sundays still in need of planners. Please contact Gen Timpane for more info or to sign up-- [timpanes@verizon.net](mailto:timpanes@verizon.net) or 703-528-3535.

## NOVA is praying for ...



### Jesse David Zinn ...

We mourn his tragic death and hold his family (Jennifer and children in NC) and his parents Kathy & Joe in our hearts with our prayers and sympathies. Jesse was baptized in Nova and we are grateful for his light and life. See page 5 for additional info.

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**Bill Callahan . . .** Bill is working on his recuperation from multiple surgeries. We are hoping that our prayers are helping this process, and perhaps he'll finish a bit better in this year's Army 10-miler!

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**Fr John Haughey . . .** will be away in academia for an entire semester. We will miss him and pray he returns to us healthy and happy to be back.

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**John Veldhuis . . .** will again leave on another mission to Uganda in support of Central Buganda University. He will go with our prayers and support.

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**Warren Reich . . .** will undergo surgery at the end of this month. Although quite serious spinal surgery, it hasn't diminished his travel plans. He is presently on a cruise! We wish him a smooth non-event surgically and a full restoration of health.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

## IRAQ Casualty Toll

(Operation Iraqi Freedom)

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| US Military Deaths  | 4,213             |
| Suicides            | 167               |
| Missing or Captured | 1                 |
| Civilian Deaths**   | 30,723 — 273,378+ |
| American Wounded*   |                   |
| (reported)          | 30,879            |
| (estimated)         | 100,000+          |

\*\*documented to 12/22/2008. This number may be seriously understated.

**Afghanistan Casualties:**                   **625**  
(Operation Enduring Freedom)  
American Wounded (reported) **2,606**

### \* from Iraq/Afghanistan

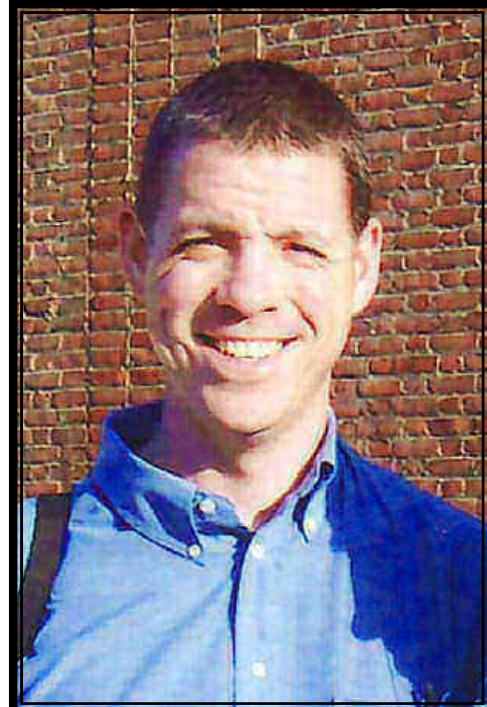
It is estimated that the number of US military wounded is more than 100,000. The reported official number only accounts for those wounded in combat. When troops who were wounded in other ways are counted, the number more than doubles. Non-battle wounds can range from injuries in vehicle accidents to illnesses. Some are sports injuries that need care outside the war zone. Many of the wounded return to duty.

### Source:

<http://www.defenselink.mil/news/casualty.pdf>

## Jesse David Zinn

May 20,1973 — December 16, 2008



*Let God gather to Himself  
what He has planted in His garden  
— He takes nothing out of season.*

St Francis de Sales

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An obituary notice/guestbook can be seen at <http://tinyurl.com/7vx2ss>

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Jesse's memory to St. Baldrick's Foundation, 1443 E. Washington Blvd., Suite 650, Pasadena, CA 91104-2650.

# News . . .

## Gunston volunteers needed



*Nova volunteers distribute bags of non-perishable food, cereal provided by Nova, perishable (eggs, milk, meat, etc) items picked up at the Arlington Food*

*Assistance Center warehouse on the night of distribution and produce items every other week picked up by Eric Carroll at the produce markets downtown (funded by the Nova Peace & 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 dozen years and others are more recent. All love their work and would love to teach new Nova folks how it's done. So if you would like to volunteer: email Dianne Carroll [diacarroll@comcast.net](mailto:diacarroll@comcast.net) or call 703-536-2616*

*~Dianne*

### SCHEDULE:

January 8 \_\_\_\_\_

January 15 Glen/Syd

January 22 Marie P, Tim, Jerry

January 29 \_\_\_\_\_

February 5 \_\_\_\_\_

February 12 Tim, Jerry

February 19 Glen/Syd

February 26 \_\_\_\_\_

## IEC Conference May 15—17, 2009

The third national conference of the Intentional Eucharistic Communities, "Embracing and Shaping Our Future," will be held May 15 - May 17, 2009 at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center, 7100 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815.

Please use the registration form available at liturgy. Additional registration information and program details is available on the IEC website: [Intentionaleucharisticcommunities.org](http://Intentionaleucharisticcommunities.org)

*~Rosemarie Annunziata*

## Full-Community Social Justice Meeting

January 10, 2009 — 5:30 pm

Potluck

**All members of the Nova community are needed to discuss our response to the social justice and peace issues facing us in this very critical time. While it is a time of great economic and social insecurity, it is also a time of new beginnings and great opportunity. All minds and hearts are needed in this endeavor, so turn down those pre-pre-inaugural invitations as well as those Dia de los Reyes parties and join us.**

**Meg Tucillo's home  
2532 N. Ridgeview Road  
Arlington, VA  
phone: 703-522-3213**

# For 2009 . . .



Take twelve whole months,  
Clean them thoroughly of all  
bitterness, hate, and jealousy,  
Make them just as fresh and clean as  
possible.

Now cut each month into twenty-eight,  
thirty, or  
thirty-one different parts,  
but don't make up the whole batch at  
once.

Prepare it one day at a time out of  
these ingredients.

Mix well into each day one part of  
faith,  
one part of patience, one part of  
courage,  
and one part of work.

Add to each day one part of hope,  
faithfulness, generosity, and kindness.  
Blend with one part prayer,  
one part meditation, and one good  
deed.

Season the whole with a dash of good  
spirits,  
a sprinkle of fun, a pinch of play,  
and a cupful of good humor.

Pour all of this into a vessel of love.  
Cook thoroughly over radiant joy,  
garnish with a smile,  
and serve with quietness,  
unselfishness,  
and cheerfulness.

You're bound to have a happy new year.

~Author Unknown

# Liturgical Calendar 2009: Year B— Cycle I

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| Date    | Liturgy               | Planners                               | Celebrant             |
|---------|-----------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Nov. 30 | 1st Sunday of Advent  | Kate Doherty                           | Bill Callahan         |
| Dec. 7  | 2nd Sunday of Advent  | Jeannie Clarkson, Teddi Ahrens         | Quinn Conners,O.Carm. |
| Dec. 14 | 3rd Sunday of Advent  | Linda Rosenberg, Kathy Scheimer        | Joe Kenna             |
| Dec. 21 | 4th Sunday of Advent  | Larry & Cathy Goldschmidt              | John Haughey, SJ      |
| Dec. 24 | Christmas Vigil       | Michelottis, Timpanes, Linda Rosenberg | John Langan, SJ       |
| Dec. 28 | Holy Family           | NO LITURGY                             |                       |
| Jan. 4  | Epiphany              | NO LITURGY                             |                       |
| Jan. 11 | Baptism of Jesus      | Walt Landry                            | Joe Kenna             |
| Jan. 18 | 2nd Sunday, Ord. Time | Jim & Archer Heinzen                   | Joe Nangle, OFM       |
| Jan. 25 | 3rd Sunday, Ord. Time | The Cackley Family                     | Tom Reese, SJ         |
| Feb. 1  | 4th Sunday, Ord. Time | Ann Passin                             | Bill Callahan         |
| Feb. 8  | 5th Sunday, Ord. Time | Rose Barrett, Cece Michelotti          | Quinn Conners,O.Carm. |
| Feb. 15 | 6th Sunday, Ord. Time | Peggy Meyer                            | Jim Hug, SJ           |
| Feb. 22 | 7th Sunday, Ord. Time | Dianne Carroll, Peace & Justice        | Joe Kenna             |
| Feb. 28 | Ash Wednesday         | John & Marlene Tarrant                 |                       |
| Mar. 1  | 1st Sunday of Lent    | Gloria Mog                             | Bill Callahan         |
| Mar. 8  | 2nd Sunday of Lent    | Catherine, Carolyn & Gen Loveless      | Jim Coriden           |
| Mar. 15 | 3rd Sunday of Lent    | Carmela Ormand                         | Joe Kenna             |
| Mar. 22 | 4th Sunday of Lent    | Kopp & Cece Michelotti                 | Jim Hug, SJ           |
| Mar. 29 | 5th Sunday of Lent    | Joe & Rosemarie Annunziata             | Quinn Conners,O.Carm. |
| Apr. 5  | Palm Sunday           | Mike Timpane and team                  | Bill Callahan         |
| Apr. 9  | Holy Thursday         | Holy Thursday Team                     | Quinn Conners,O.Carm. |
| Apr. 10 | Good Friday           | Meg Tuccillo                           |                       |
| Apr. 11 | Easter Vigil          | Jeannie Clarkson, Marie Keefe, +       | Joe Kenna             |
| Apr. 19 | 2nd Sunday of Easter  | Clyde Christofferson                   | Bill Callahan         |
| Apr. 26 | 3rd Sunday of Easter  | Larry & Cathy Goldschmidt              | Bill Callahan         |
| May. 3  | 4th Sunday of Easter  | Kate Doherty                           | Quinn Conners,O.Carm  |



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| Date     | Liturgy               | Planners                                    | Celebrant              |
|----------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| May. 10  | 5th Sunday of Easter  | The Cackley Family                          | Joe Kenna              |
| May. 17  | 6th Sunday of Easter  | IEC CONFERENCE LITURGY                      |                        |
| May. 24  | 7th Sunday of Easter  | Rosemarie Annunziatte, Rose Barrett         | Bill Callahan          |
| May. 31  | Pentecost             | Linda Rosenberg, Kathy Scheimer             | Jim Hug, SJ            |
| Jun. 7   | Holy Trinity          | Dianne Carroll, Peace & Justice             | Quinn Connors, O.Carm. |
| Jun. 14  | 11th Sunday Ord. Time | Marie Pinho                                 | Joe Kenna              |
| Jun. 21  | 12th Sunday Ord. Time | Katie Ahrens, Victoria Robinson             | Bill Callahan          |
| Jun. 28  | 13th Sunday Ord. Time | Helen Michie                                | Joe Nangle, OFM        |
| Jul. 5   | 14th Sunday Ord. Time | AVAILABLE                                   |                        |
| Jul. 12  | 15th Sunday Ord. Time | Bob & Phyllis O'Toole,<br>Don & Ann Arabian |                        |
| Jul. 19  | 16th Sunday Ord. Time | AVAILABLE                                   |                        |
| Jul. 26  | 17th Sunday Ord. Time | Anne Passin                                 |                        |
| Aug. 2   | 18th Sunday Ord. Time | AVAILABLE                                   |                        |
| Aug. 9   | 19th Sunday Ord. Time | Meg Tuccillo                                |                        |
| Aug. 16  | 20th Sunday Ord. Time | Gloria Mog                                  |                        |
| Aug. 23  | 21st Sunday Ord. Time | Peggy Meyer                                 |                        |
| Aug. 30  | 22nd Sunday Ord. Time | Michie Family                               |                        |
| Sept. 6  | 23rd Sunday Ord. Time | Katie Ahrens, Victoria Robinson             |                        |
| Sept. 13 | 24th Sunday Ord. Time | Jeannie Clarkson                            |                        |
| Sept. 20 | 25th Sunday Ord. Time | Catherine, Carolyn & Gen Loveless           |                        |
| Sept. 27 | 26th Sunday Ord. Time | Mike & Gen Timpane                          |                        |
| Oct. 4   | 27th Sunday Ord. Time | Kopp & Cece Michelotti                      |                        |
| Oct. 11  | 28th Sunday Ord. Time | Ted & Carolyn Miller                        |                        |
| Oct. 18  | 29th Sunday Ord. Time | Clyde Christofferson                        |                        |
| Oct. 25  | 30th Sunday Ord. Time | Dianne Carroll, Peace & Justice             |                        |
| Nov. 1   | All Saints            | Emma Violand-Sanchez                        |                        |
| Nov. 8   | 32nd Sunday Ord. Time | John & Nancy Veldhuis                       |                        |
| Nov. 15  | 33rd Sunday Ord. Time | David Mog                                   |                        |
| Nov. 22  | Christ the King       | Mike & Betsy Marron                         |                        |

# Peace and Social Justice Reports . . .

**Central Buganda University** continues to bring quality education to orphans and economically stressed individuals in central Uganda.

We are starting to see the benefits in numerous ways including new businesses established, educational improvements, etc. One of our students is completing his Master's degree, is lecturing at CBU, and looks after the education of 112 orphans. How is that for multiplying what we are doing? Another graduate is working on his Doctorate degree and lecturing at CBU part time.

We have brought education, computers, a medical lab, and a life-skills program for single mothers to the area. Lives are saved, but most of all HOPE is being ignited. NOVA has been an integral part of this success from the beginning. Much more can and needs to be done and I hope and pray that NOVA will continue to support this mission.

*~John Veldhuis*

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## **Homeless Prevention** (Special Collection)

Huge thanks to the community for their efforts on behalf of the working poor. \$1800.00 was collected on December 14 to beef up our fund to provide available monies for emergency rental assistance to families who are not able to secure help when faced with eviction. This is an effort to prevent homelessness in a time of increased economic stress for these families with school children.

*~Marie Keefe*

For almost 18 years, **A-SPAN** has served as a grassroots, volunteer-based organization working closely with the homeless men and women in Arlington. For such an affluent area, folks are sometimes surprised that we have individuals who find themselves homeless and unable to climb out of that situation but we have been feeding, finding medical and other assistance, offering counseling and outreach and permanent housing for our friends right here in our local neighborhoods with great success over all these years.

This year, we continue with our all-volunteer Bagged Meal Program, serving a hot meal to 70 to 100 folks every day of the year. We also operate Opportunity Place where our clients receive street outreach, case management, job training and placement, helping them address their personal barriers to self-sufficiency, supporting them in their struggles and celebrating with them their successes. In addition, we have 2 HUD partially funded programs known as In-Roads and Striving Home that help the chronically homeless find permanent supportive housing.

The number of our clients as well as the complexity of their needs has increased this year and A-SPAN is committed to maintaining the vital support they need even in this challenging economy. The entire 10-member board recently agreed to pledge a total of \$50,000 to support the work we believe in so strongly. We will continue to need the generous support of the NOVA community as well to be able to continue to make a difference in the lives of the growing number of friends in our community so desperate for help.

*~Meg Tucillo*

# Peace and Social Justice Reports . . .

from Sr Adriana ...

Dear Carolyn and the members of NOVA<

Thank you for your most recent check to help us with our work here in South Sudan. Also thank you for the information about Fr. Schulteis and his work building a university in Juba. We hope that one day, students from Leer primary and secondary schools will be able to join the programs in the University.

Thanks be to God, the rains have been abundant, helping our crops to grow and produce fruits. Now the rains are over and the heat is tremendous. The material for the construction of our house is here and we hope that there will not be further delays. A group called "Sign of Hope" has come to help us construct a kindergarten and we also have in mind to construct a center for "Women Promotion" as we have land for that purpose. We are praying for God's light and wisdom and for the local government to help us.

This week we finish the second term exams in the primary and secondary school. I have been marking the exams of the seventh and eighth grades. I am happy because the majority of students did well. I have still to call the girls together to coach them a bit and they will do better. In P.8 there are 8 girls and in P.7 there are 11 girls. We hope that all the girls will be able to complete primary education before their parents give them into marriage.

The sister who came from Nairobi to visit us is leaving so I must give her this letter to post in Nairobi. May God's love and goodness be born again in your hearts this Advent season. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. A big hug, con carino, Adriana



To the NOVA Catholic Community:

On behalf of our clients at the Arlington-Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless, I thank you for your recurring generosity. This year we are particularly busy. Our shelter, Sullivan House, is as full as it has been in recent memory and our Adopt-A-Family rent subsidy program is also full — and has a waiting list. As always, almost two-thirds of our clients are children, ranging from new borns (we had two shelter residents had babies in October!) to teenagers in high school.

NOVA's donation allows AACH to continue its wide spectrum services to our clients, ranging from intense case management through employment/job skills to support for our kids.

With deep appreciation and best wishes for a happy and healthy new year,

/s/ Michael O'Rourke, Executive Director  
Arlington-Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless.

<http://www.aachhomeless.org/>

# Peace and Social Justice Reports . . .



It has been a long while since I updated you all on Nonviolent Peaceforce, for which I am sorry. Although I stepped down from my full time position as NP's communications director in 2007, I still volunteer for them and occasionally work as a consultant or contractor on short-term projects. I am not sure how much information NOVA gets from NP itself or other sources, so here is a brief rundown of the last couple of years:

Guatemala: In 2007, Nonviolent Peaceforce provided a team of four people to protect human rights defenders in Guatemala for several months before and after that country's elections. This project concluded in February 2008.

The Philippines: From very humble beginnings, the NP engagement in the conflict on Mindanao continues to grow. Currently, there are ten field workers actively engaged in peacekeeping, with plans to expand to 30 or more peacekeepers as soon as feasible. Their work focuses on protection of peacemakers--which includes government officials, heads of peace and human rights organizations, and leaders of resistance movements—as well as of refugees.

Sri Lanka: NP field teams have increasingly worked to protect internally displaced persons, i.e., refugees, and ensure that they get access to humanitarian aid and basic services. At the same time, NP works to protect children from abduction as child soldiers.

Advocacy: As Nonviolent Peaceforce gains experience and records achievements, its credibility has grown. Since 2007, NP has had special consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council (EcoSoc) and in 2008, individual missions began sponsoring briefings for UN delegates and staff members by NP on human security and nonviolence.

There is nothing more important than building alternatives to violence, and NP is the only nonviolent organization that has established a career path for peace teams. Check the website for more information, including its strategic plan:

[www.nonviolentpeaceforce.org](http://www.nonviolentpeaceforce.org)

*~Nick Mele*

We at the **Jesuit Centre for Theological Reflection (JCTR)** this year celebrated our 20th Anniversary – a wonderful occasion to reflect on our mission of “promoting faith and justice” here in Zambia. Now a team of 15 (all Zambians except our long-time Director, Pete Henriot, S.J.), we keep busy doing solid research, broad-based education and lively advocacy on the major social justice issues facing Zambia – one of the richest countries in Africa, with some of the poorest people in the world! Here in Zambia the potentials outweigh the problems, so our task is to help people from politicians down to the grass roots apply those potentials to the problems in ways that improve the lives of the people. It's exciting and rewarding work, on issues like meeting the basic needs of families, promoting external debt cancellation, getting a new Bill of Rights enacted, advancing gender equity in society and church, educating local communities about the church's social teaching, protecting the environment, promoting African values in public policies and private practices. We cooperate strongly with many church groups, civil society organisations, women's groups, trade unions and many international organisations. Go to our website for the latest to see what keeps us busy and blessed: [www.jctr.org.zm](http://www.jctr.org.zm) . We are deeply appreciative to NOVA for support and encouragement over the years!

*~Pete Henriot*

On behalf of **Muslim Women's Coalition** I would like to thank you for your generous donations of gift in kind towards MWC's Ramadan Baskets. It is friends like you who make a difference in the lives of many at the abused women's shelters and the homeless shelter. MWC was able to donate 64 Ramadan Baskets filled with gifts to: Doorways for Women and Families in Arlington County, LAWS in Loudon County, the Arlington-Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless or AACH, the Abused Women's Program in Montgomery County. There were 10 new Iraqi families who were served through the help of Lutheran Social Services. 2 individual Iraqi families were served with the help of members from John Calvin Church and Rock Spring Church. It is friends like you who make a difference in the lives of many at the abused women's shelters and the homeless shelter. Please know that we cannot do this project without the generous help of our supporters. Thanks again for your support!

/s/ Uzma Farooq, Director Muslim Women's Coalition

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*Each year the community has a Social Justice Annual meeting to remember the projects of the previous year, to address possible new projects, and to talk about the direction the community should take in the future. This list is the projects that the community agreed to fund for 2008. Each project has a Nova person as its sponsor and that person is responsible for sending the check to the organization, monitoring the project as well as keeping the community informed about the project. The dollar amounts are per month except where stated. All project monies come from general funds except for those with asterisks which are designated donations. These commitments have all been met this year.*

**AACH Arlington Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless**      **Kopp Michelotti**      **\$200**  
Works in coordination with public agencies, businesses and community groups to give homeless people the support, shelter, counseling and employment training they need to regain self-sufficiency. Sullivan House is a transitional shelter in Arlington administered by AACH. Nova members are on the board.  
<http://www.aachhomeless.org/>

**ACTION AFRICA**      **Marie Keefe**      **\$250**  
Action Africa serves children and families in rural sub-Saharan villages in the vital areas of health, education, and economic generativity. NOVA is the sole supporter of 4 free medical clinics yearly, seeing over 1,000 each and giving HIV/AIDS education in Imo State, Nigeria. In 2007 we plan to begin clinics in war-ravaged Sierra Leone [www.actionafrica.org](http://www.actionafrica.org)

**AMANECER SALOMON KLEIN ORPHANAGE**      **Emma Violand**      **\$175**  
Currently there are 150 children from newborn to 6 year at the orphanage in Cochabamba Bolivia. At the "hogar" (home) children receive medical care and attend Montessori and Kindergarten classes.  
<http://www.amanecer-bolivia.org/amanecer.htm>

**AFAC: Arlington Food Assistance Center**      **Dianne Carroll**      **\$100**  
Over 975,000 pounds of food are distributed directly to needy families in Arlington. The working poor, elderly and disabled rely on AFAC. Nova members volunteer for the Gunston distribution site every week on Thursday. <http://www.afacinfo.org/>

**ASPAN: Arlington Street People's Assistance Network**      **M. Tuccillo**      **\$100**  
Emergency winter shelter offers warm space for the homeless in Arlington. Employment counselors assist those who can work. Some Nova members are on the board. <http://www.a-span.org>

**BETHANY HOUSE**      **Anne Houck**      **\$75**  
Shelter for abused women and their children in Fairfax County. <http://www.bhmv.org/>

**BOLIVIAN FAMILY SUPPORT**      **Linda/Rich Rosenberg**      **\$200\***  
Support for a young woman in financial crisis known and helped by the Rosenbergs when they were living in Bolivia.

**CAMBONI SISTERS/Sister Adriana Tovar**      **Carolyn Miller**      **\$100**  
Project in South Sudan, Leer-Upper Nile -- support education for primary and secondary schools, and training local teachers

**CENTER OF CONCERN**      **Jim Hug, SJ**      **\$75**  
Non-governmental Organization (NGO) working for greater global justice <http://www.coc.org>

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**CHRIST HOUSE      Kopp Michelotti      \$55**

It opens the doors to serve an evening meal to those who are hungry. An average of 80 people eat at Christ House in Alexandria each evening. Nova volunteers serve the meal and clean up on the 3rd Monday of every other month. [http://www.cdda.net/programs\\_christhouse.php](http://www.cdda.net/programs_christhouse.php)

**CO-PARTNERS OF CAMPESINAS      Archer Heinzen      \$75**

Supports a training center and scholarship program in Ilobasco, El Salvador and a small micro enterprise program in Chichicastenango, Guatemala. Money pays teachers' salaries and utilities in the training center, supports school supplies and transportation scholarships for impoverished children, and provides micro credit. Nova members have traveled to El Salvador to volunteer. <http://copartners.org/>

**ESCUELA BOLIVIA      Emma Violand-Sanchez      \$100**

Funds are used to fund scholarships at Escuela Bolivia in Arlington VA. About 85% receive scholarships. In addition to Spanish, English and Quechua language classes, Escuela Bolivia offers a comprehensive parental leadership program. <http://www.escuelabolivia.org/>

**FRIENDS OF GHANA      Kate Doherty      \$50\***

Helps help treat children suffering with Buruli Ulcer, combats drug and alcohol addiction, Books for Africa, and several other groups working with students and child laborers.

**GREENWELL      John Tarrant      \$100**

The Greenwell Foundation offers universal access to a natural park environment through therapeutic and educational programs, accessible facilities, and inclusive community events. <http://www.greenwellfoundation.org/>

**HEC Handicapped Encounter Christ      Bill Meyer      \$75**

Develops retreats to enable adults with physical disabilities to have an opportunity to get away for a spiritually enriching, fun-filled weekend. Every person with a disability has a partner to help care for their needs during the weekend. Nova's financial support helps those who can't pay the cost of the retreat. Many Nova members have participated in the retreats.

**HOLY CROSS ABBEY      Marie Pinho/Timpana      \$25**

Their main income comes from their bakery products. NOVA is one of the very few "churches" on record as supporting them. Their religious are aging and are trying to live on \$12.00 a day. <http://www.hcava.org/>

**HOMELESS PREVENTION RENTAL ASSISTANCE      Jenny Carroll      \$200**

This fund is for local families in crisis with no other sources to help.

**HOMELESS PREVENTION FAMILY PROJECT      Jenny Carroll      \$400**

This project will provide funds for rental subsidy for 1 year due to family crisis and will be monitored by a

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social worker. Jenny Carroll will have 2 other community members working with her.

**HOPE (Helping Others Pursue Education) Emma Violand-Sanchez \$75**

This project was named and established by Nova members. It provides assistance for needy students in Arlington to pursue education.

**KENMORE PROJECT Emma Violand-Sanchez \$75**

The school used these funds to provide scholarships to middle school students so that they could take English and Mathematics classes during the summer.

**NEW COMMUNITY CHURCH Jim Weber \$50**

Support for Jim Dickerson and the MANNA projects in Washington, DC. Manna Inc. develops quality affordable homeownership opportunities for the residents of Shaw and Columbia Heights. <http://www.newcommunitychurchdc.org/index.html>

**NONVIOLENT PEACEFORCE Nick Mele \$200**

The mission is to facilitate the creation of a trained, international civilian nonviolent peaceforce. The Peaceforce is sent to conflict areas to prevent death and destruction and protect human rights, thus creating the space for local groups to struggle nonviolently, enter into dialogue, and seek peaceful resolution. <http://nonviolentpeaceforce.org/>

**UGANDA PROJECT John/Nancy Veldhuis \$150**

Funds support the building of facilities which are required to house and teach all of these students. Nova members are on the board and have traveled to Uganda to volunteer. [www.CentralBugandaUniversity.info](http://www.CentralBugandaUniversity.info).

**NOVA FOOD PROJECT Eric Carroll \$425**

Twice a month fresh veggies: cases of potatoes, tomatoes, grapes, oranges, onions, broccoli, bananas, are boxed to go to Doorways (emergency shelter & safehouse), Sullivan House (transitional shelter), individual families and the Gunston distribution.

**PRISON MINISTRY Rev. Valerie Dixon \$75**

Support for the ministry to the women in prison in the York Correctional Institution in Connecticut. The Episcopal priest administering the program was a Nova chairperson in the early years of the community.

**MINISTRY OF PETER HENRIOT, SJ Pete Henriot, SJ \$75**

This helps to support the ministry of a Nova priest working in Zambia. [www.jctr.org.zm](http://www.jctr.org.zm)

**QUEST FOR PEACE John Mooney/Meg Sullivan \$200**

Works to build a policy of peace and friendship between the people of Nicaragua and the United States through humanitarian aid, partnering with the Institute of John XXIII to build homes and sends 60 tons of school supplies to Nicaragua for use in rural schools. <http://quest.quixote.org/>

**VOICE OF THE FAITHFUL Bernie Byrne \$25**

To provide a prayerful voice, attentive to the Spirit, through which the Faithful can actively participate in the governance and guidance of the Catholic Church. To support those who have been abused, to sup-

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## **WOMEN'S ORDINATION FUND**

**Nancy Veldhuis \$50**

The Women's Ordination Conference is a US based Catholic organization working locally and nationally in collaboration with the worldwide movement for women's ordination. <http://www.womensordination.org>

## **BREAD FOR THE WORLD**

**Peggy Meyer \$150/yr**

Bread for the World is a nationwide Christian citizens movement seeking justice for the world's hungry people by lobbying our nation's decision makers. BFW Institute seeks justice for hungry people by engaging in research and education on policies related to hunger and development. <http://www.bread.org/>

## **ARLINGTON INTERFAITH COUNCIL**

**Kopp Michelotti \$100/yr**

The mission of the Arlington Interfaith Council is to provide a tangible religious witness in the community through promotion of understanding and cooperation among member congregations and to develop and support programs to alleviate suffering and promote justice for residents of Arlington. <http://www.arlingtonva-interfaith-council.org>

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## **IRGINIA INTERFAITH CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY - funded in previous years but had no sponsor for 2008**

The Center's focus is three-fold: education, legislative advocacy and providing a spiritual presence to the Virginia state legislature. <http://www.virginiainterfaithcenter.org>

## **CENTRO VILLA CANDELARIA**

**Dianne Carroll**

A school in Cochabamba, Bolivia educating and supporting the child and family. A group of 35 Nova members participate in this project. Each person contributes \$10/month for 1 child. The parents of the children contribute to the school a small amount and some cannot pay at all and are on scholarship. The young girls are making dolls to sell and food production (dried fruit) started in 2002.

## **GUNSTON FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

**Dianne Carroll**

Nova volunteers pick up perishable food at the AFAC warehouse on Nelson Street in South Arlington and take it to Gunston Middle School recreation center and distribute it to the families.

## **ST CLEMENT'S EMERGENCY SHELTER**

**Dianne Carroll**

This overflow shelter is housed in the sanctuary at The Church of St. Clement, Episcopal, Alexandria VA. Nova volunteers participate in this program.

## **NORAH'S EDUCATION – UGANDA**

**Nancy Veldhuis**

A group of 7 Nova women provide her tuition 3 times a year for her schooling in Uganda.

## **LIGHTS FOR LAS HUERTAS**

**Archer and Nova members**

**A one time project** to bring electricity to 15 families in El Salvador in the village of Las Huertas by "selling bulbs" for a Christmas tree during December. Buying a light could be a gift for someone. \$1000.00 will be raised by this.



# News . . .

## Events:

<http://christianpeacewitness.org/>

### January 19-20, 2009: "Rebirthing America - Rebirthing King's Dream"

Monday, January 19 and Tuesday, January 20 converge to unite the birthday of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., with the inauguration of a new President of the United States. Olive Branch Interfaith Peace Partnership and Christian Peace Witness for Iraq encourage you and your faith community to join in public worship and action to point the United States toward fulfilling Dr. King's vision of justice and peace. An interfaith event is planned in Washington, D.C. on January 19.

- April 29-30, 2009: Join Christian Peace Witness for Iraq in Washington!

On the 100th day of the new administration, come to Washington, D.C. for the third national Christian Peace Witness for Iraq event. Join us in the nation's capital for witness and worship Wednesday evening and nonviolent action and advocacy on Thursday to call on the new president and Congress to end the war and occupation in Iraq, support a comprehensive peace process, end the policy and practice of torture and meet human needs at home.

As I mentioned at liturgy, our daughter-in-law, Madeline Ostrander, is the Senior Editor of Yes! so we have been to the magazine headquarters on Whidbey Island near Seattle and met all the staff. What an amazing group of dedicated change-the-world-for-the-better folks. The magazine's mission is to "support you and other people worldwide in building a just, sustainable, and compassionate world." They publish quarterly and it is a fascinating read.

They're promoting gift subscriptions now for Christmas - \$20 for a year's subscription, a book of readings on "Making Peace" and a Yes! tote bag. Such a deal. Go to [www.yesmagazine.org](http://www.yesmagazine.org)

*~Gloria Mog*



Arlington Food Assistance Center

"Fighting Hunger in Arlington"

Here are this weeks numbers and information. Thanks to Nova for continuing to support the distribution of food to those who need it..

**Client Count:** The client count for the week ending December 13, 2008 was 1,126 families. This consists of 2,052 adults and 1,237 children. There are currently 2,099 active client referrals. Last year for this week, we served 787 families, and two years ago this week, we served 634. We are

expecting even higher numbers next week, as we did not have one day under 165 families this week during the day.

**Computers and Desks:** We are looking for two small desks. If you have something that's five feet or less wide that you would be willing to donate, please let me know. We are also looking for computers that are relatively new. If you have one to donate, please email Charlie at [afacCharlie@aol.com](mailto:afacCharlie@aol.com) with the specs. He'll tell you if your computer would work here.

*~Dianne*

at NOVA...



Don & Ann Arabian, Phyllis & Bob O'Toole, Linda & Jack Christie... still smiling.



# December at NOVA . . .

**Lighting the Advent Candle**



**Welcome Home, Bill**



**Mali makes presentation on Bolivia**



**Emma receives blessing to swearing in to Arlington School Board**



**Father John Haughey**



**Our musicians continue to lead us... joyfully**



January, 2009



### **NOVA Calendar**

Every Thursday.... Food distribution at Gunston, see page 6  
Every Sunday ... Cereal boxes brought to liturgy for Gunston  
First Sunday of Month ... Paper products (towels, toilet) for Doorways

**Sunday, January 25** – Newsletter Deadline, page 2

**Saturday, January 10** – Social Justice Meeting, 5:30 pm, page 6

**January 19-20**, “*Rebirthing America – Rebirthing King’s Dream*”, page 17

**January 20** — Inauguration Day... end of an error, 2009

**April 29-30**, Christian Peace Witness for Iraq, DC, page 17

**May 15-17**, Intentional Eucharistic Communities Conference, registration info at

<http://intentionaleucharisticcommunities.org>