



# nova notes

Newsletter of the NOVA Community July, 2007

## Chair Notes

**J**une found Nova forging ahead with beautiful settings for our summer liturgies in Lacey Woods Park, our summer cathedral. Sunday themes have been discerning of St. John the Baptist's role as



signpost for the coming Kingdom asking our extraordinary selves to transform the ordinary, seeing the Trinity as ground for social justice, seeing persons who are of God restoring life with even Saint Peter restored as spokesperson for Jesus, and hearing about love and forgiveness (and vice versa) trumping the law.

Peace and social concerns remained at the forefront of Nova's focus with adult formation beginning to address the Church's social teaching as we listened to Ken Himes establish the groundwork in the first session. Peggy Becker is working on plans for two more sessions this summer which we eagerly await. This plus hands on work here (as in Gunston food distribution) and abroad (as in Africa) along with enhancing our projects that affect the marginalized (and even helping them to be green as well) have moved us further along on our entry to our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as discussed in last month's newsletter.

Some at the calling forth meeting were interested in hearing more about the universe be-

ing a "green dragon". Yes, there is a green dragon – green because it is an alive emergent reality; a dragon because it is emerging out of mystery, fierce, benign, known to each humans the deepest riches of wisdom and filled with fire. It helps to see our extraordinary selves as dragon fire – the creative, searing, healing flame of the awesome and enchanting universe. We can choose to be destructive or creative. HmMMMM!

Speaking of being creative, the affirmandi had great success with their second fundraiser – a garage sale at Clarkson's – shades of the Dunn Loring Christmas sale/giveaway of yore but without Jim Weber's A-frame clothes tree. All of this is in preparation for their work with children in El Salvador that is coming up soon in August. First, their bake sale and this garage sale is a good start. They still need quite a bit more in financial resources to pull this off and I'm sure will welcome extra contributions.

The path to peace starts with Justice. We are both signpost and in need of being able to read/discern the signposts around us. Happy Trails!

Grace and Peace.

*~Eric*



# July Birthdays, etc.

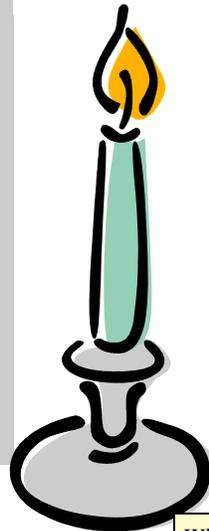
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The NOVA Catholic Community Invites You To Celebrate The Eucharistic Liturgy With Us Every Sunday In Arlington, Virginia.

**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**

- 1 Bernice Todaro
- 2 John Cackley
- Ken Himes
- Nick Mele
- 10 Laura Goldschmidt
- 11 Dominic Monti
- 14 Louis Mendez **(RIP)**
- Greg Swanberg
- 16 John Birch
- 17 Jennie Carroll
- 19 John Veldhuis
- 20 Jessica Markey
- Peter Todaro
- 21 Jody Furlong
- 22 Patrick Ferguson
- Greg Reinhart
- 26 Jim Taylor
- 27 Jorge Perez-Lopez
- 28 Scott Christofferson
- 29 Alex Markey
- Carolyn Schmidt
- 31 Michael Tarasovic



*When you were born, you cried and the world rejoiced. Live your life so that when you die, the world cries and you rejoice.*

**~Cherokee Expression**

**Newsletter Deadline is**  
**July 29....**

## Year C — Cycle 1

# Liturgies

### JULY MUSIC LIAISON

Victoria Robinson

#### July 1 – 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joe Kenna – Linda Rosenberg

I Kings 19:16-21

Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-11

Galatians 5:1, 13-18

Luke 9:51-62

#### July 8 – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bill Callahan -- Victoria Robinson

Isaiah 66:10-14

Psalm 66:1-7, 16, 20

Galatians 6:14-18

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

#### July 15 – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time\*\*

John Langan, SJ -- Victoria Robinson

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Psalm 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37

Colossians 1:15-20

Luke 10:25-37

#### July 22 – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Quinn Connors, O. Carm. -- Gloria Mog

Genesis 18:1-10

Psalm 15:2-5

Colossians 1:24-28

Luke 10:38-42

#### July 29 – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time\*\*

Ken Himes -- Christoffersons

Genesis 18:20-32

Psalm 138:1-3, 6-8

Colossians 2:12-14

Luke 11:1-13

### AUGUST MUSIC LIAISON

Victoria Robinson

#### August 5 – 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time \*\*

Bill Callahan -- Anne Passin

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Luke 12:13-21

#### August 12 – 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time\*\*

Ray Kemp, SJ -- Helen Michie

Wisdom 18:6-9

Psalm 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12

Luke 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

#### August 19 – 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time\*\*

TBD – Tim White

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Psalm 40:2, 3, 4, 18

Hebrews 12:1-4

Luke 12:49-53

#### August 26 – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time\*\*

Joe Kenna – Meg Tuccillo

Isaiah 66:18-21

Psalm 117:1, 2

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Luke 13:22-30

\*\* Adult Formation Sundays, see page 4

# Meetings — Reports, Summaries...

## Adult Formation Summer series on Catholic Social Teaching

July 15 – BREAD FOR THE WORLD:  
2007 Offering of Letters  
See page 6

July 29 — Ken Himes ,OFM:  
WAR & PEACE:Catholic Social Teaching

August 5 - Bill Callahan: Liberation Theology

August 12 — Ray Kemp, SJ:  
Challenge for the Church Preaching CST  
◇ Since he has another engagement is scheduled right after liturgy, he will include in his homily his perspective about the challenges it presents to preachers and the Church today.

August 19 - Ministry of Money - Jan Sullivan Dockter presenting. John Tarrant & Tim White, facilitators; See item this page.

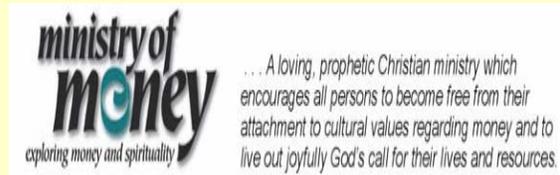
August 26 - Racism - Psychological & Spiritual Implications - Joe Kenna

The Affirmandi may be selling baked items on any of these dates to support their fund-raising efforts for their mission trip to El Salvador. In case they are not always able to do this each time, those who need a bit of sustenance may want to bring snacks along.

Please contact Peggy Becker (703) 913-1330 if you have questions about these events.



## *Presentation by Ministry of Money*



As part of our community's journey this summer exploring and living the various dimensions of our call to social justice, Ministry of Money co-director Jan Sullivan Dockter will join us at a July Sunday liturgy:

**DATE: Sunday, August 19, 2007**  
*at Lacey Woods Park*

Jan's presentation will encompass personal story telling, laying out the polarity between what scripture says versus what culture tells us, and where we see ourselves falling.

## Meetings — Reports, Summaries...



Nicholas Graber-Grace and Elizabeth Guild Simpson were married last June; they just had their First Anniversary. Nicholas is working full time as a community organizer for ACORN in New Haven Connecticut, where Elizabeth has just finished her first year at Yale Law. This summer she is interning at an immigrant-rights legal clinic and then at the Brennan Center. Our news flash is that they are expecting a child!

Yale has a wonderfully comprehensive health plan, so having their baby while Liz is in law school is a sound financial decision. They will pay nothing. She has been taking extra credits and will be able to slow down a bit when the babe arrives in January.

Mary hopes to take time off from teaching when the child is born so she can go help while Elizabeth takes her mid-term



**George & Bonnie Lowrey at liturgy recently....**



**Robert Matthew Cambridge, III**

**First Goldschmidt Grandchild!!!**

# Meetings — Reports, Summaries...



**Bread for the World**  
*Seeking Justice. Ending Hunger.*

**Sunday, July 15**

This year, Bread for the World is asking Congress to pass a farm bill which will help poor and hungry people in the U.S. and other nations. Heather Robertson, who is interning at BFW this summer, is well-prepared to tell us about this important endeavor and answer questions. Supplies will be available for writing letters to your representatives in Congress afterwards. If you choose to write at home, please bring your letters the following Sunday (the 22nd) to be offered with the others at the altar.

*~Peggy Meyer*

**Sunday, July 22 — 4 pm**

**Celebrate Mary of Magdala, Apostle to the Apostles and Prominent Church Leader**

**Our Women-Church Community in Northern Virginia is sponsoring a St. Mary of Magdala Eucharistic liturgy on Sunday, July 22nd at 4pm**

**Bridget Mary Meehan, a Roman Catholic Womanpriest, will preside at a joyous, inclusive celebration where all are welcome. Join us at Mary, Mother of Jesus Catholic Community House Church located at 5856 Glen Forest Drive Falls Church, VA. 22041**

**Please bring a finger food to share, if possible and RSVP to Bridget Mary at [sofiabmm@aol.com](mailto:sofiabmm@aol.com) and/or call 703-671-6712.**

## **Nova Affirmandi Benefit Concert/Coffeehouse**

**July 21, 2007, 7:00 pm at  
Barcroft Community House  
800 S. Buchanan St., Arlington, VA 22204**

**Price: Whatever you're willing to donate**

**Nova Affirmandi and friends (including many other Nova members) will provide a fun evening of entertainment and desserts. Proceeds will help finance the Affirmandi's trip to El Salvador where they will help run a summer camp for kids. Total cost of the trip for the four Affirmandi is \$5000.**

**If you can't make it to the concert, buy a ticket for a friend! Donations will be gratefully accepted both before and after the 21st. You can send your donation right to Nova's treasurer, with a notation that it's for the Affirmandi benefit concert. The Affirmandi leave for El Salvador on the 27th of July, but fundraising efforts will continue throughout the rest of the summer, including several bake sales after Nova liturgies.**

**The Affirmandi are: Ben Brady, Ana Cackley, Mali Ormando-Kane, and Ilse Yath-Cruces.**

**For more info, contact alicia.cackley [[alicia.cackley@verizon.net](mailto:alicia.cackley@verizon.net)] (703) 271-9743**

## Meetings — Reports, Summaries, News...

You are invited to join us in the viewing of an Iranian  
made film on the life of

### St Mary

“The film begins with the birth of Mary in 16  
B.C. and ends with the birth of Jesus. Filmed in Farsi with English  
subtitles, this beautiful and moving film depicts Mary as portrayed  
through accounts in the Bible, canonical gospels, and the Koran.”

Where: Perry Auditorium 7<sup>th</sup> floor of the Cathedral  
When: Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> of July 2007

**Free but reservations required due to limited seating.**

Time: 3 pm

Please contact [Uzmaa@aol.com](mailto:Uzmaa@aol.com)  
Phone #703 241 1021

Viewing of St Mary is arranged by  
Muslim Women's Coalition in collaboration with  
Washington National Cathedral's  
Center for Global Justice and Reconciliation.

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## Simple Living?!

Please join us to welcome & chat with  
**Gerald Iverson**, Executive Director,  
*Alternatives for Simple Living*, Sergeant Bluff, Iowa  
[www.simpleliving.org](http://www.simpleliving.org)

**When: Tuesday, July 24, 5:30 pm**

**Where:** Founders Room, Our Lady Queen of Peace Ministry Center,  
2700 So. 19<sup>th</sup> St. (3 blocks off Glebe Rd, just north of I-395)

**Who: All are welcome!** In addition to Gerry Iverson, the OLQP team includes: Mike and Meade Hanna and Eileen Miller from the 11:15 Choir; Vince Miller, a theologian at Georgetown University, OLQP's new Spiritual Life Minister, Heather Kinney, all of whom have made a conscious decision to live simply right here in "Consumerland"! Social Justice Minister Gene B tit and Catholic Charities' Parish Social Ministry Director, Anne Murphy will be there too.

**What:** *This is an open-to-all gathering with a special invitation to people who want to learn more about simple living options and opportunities and share experiences in the spirit of building community.*

**In the spirit of the gathering there will be a simple light supper provided. Therefore, PLEASE rsvp to Heather [olqp.slm@verizon.net](mailto:olqp.slm@verizon.net), or to Anne [a.murphy@ccda.net](mailto:a.murphy@ccda.net), or to Gene [olqp.sjom@verizon.net](mailto:olqp.sjom@verizon.net).**

Alternatives is a non-profit organization that equips people of faith to challenge consumerism, live justly and celebrate responsibly. Started in 1973 as a protest against the commercialization of Christmas, Alternatives focuses on conscientious ways of living.

Throughout our 30-year history, Alternatives has led the movement to live more simply and faithfully, developing many resources, including an annual Christmas Campaign ("Whose Birthday Is It, Anyway?"), numerous workshops, reaching countless people with the message of simple, responsible living.

# Important Dates & Activities



**Save the Date**

**Retreat note**

## Advance Planning

**NOVA's 2007 retreat will be held at Shrine Mont in Orkney Springs, Virginia, September 14-16. Do NOT call or e-mail Kopp Michelotti for reservations until July. I guarantee anything you say or send to him before July will be forgotten and you'll just have to start over from scratch!**



Schmidts, Eucharistic Ministers  
receive Community Blessing



**NOVA is praying  
for ...**

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Please pray for the Hayes, Tom & Margaret... They both have been valiantly battling health issues for a long time with various up and down periods. Tom is currently fighting a bacterial infection, and Margaret is trying to find her strength and energy.

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Please pray for Clare Sheehan who will undergo knee replacement surgery at Fair Oaks Hospital and then, hopefully, will go to a nursing home for rehab. This will keep her out of touch for awhile, but information can be obtained from her son Tom Saunders [Thomases@aol.com](mailto:Thomases@aol.com), 703-988-0209 or Cathy Baker (daughter) at Freddie Mac 703-714-2768 or home 703-830-6434

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Please pray for Sonja Donahue, who is staying at Goodwin House in Alexandria. Although her physical condition is a bit frail, her mental state is as sharp and lively as ever! She wouldn't be the only person who would enjoy a visit – you would also be stimulated. Can't come? Her address is 4800 Filmore Street, #210, Alexandria, VA 22311... (703) 824-1246



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## Thank you, Nova . . .

*Dear NOVA,*

*On behalf of the Sacred Heart Dinner Program, I would like to say thank you. The glorious financial contributions made by NOVA Catholic Community to the dinner program were beyond expectations. These gifts will help continue our mission of serving evening meals to the poor in an environment that reaffirms their inherent dignity.*

*With your help, the Dinner Program has created a website to advertise evening meal services, recruit volunteers, raise funds online, and promote community feedback. In addition, the Dinner Program now has added revenue to purchase dinner supplies for those who come to eat.*

*It is a true blessing to have NOVA's support. Thank you for your kind generosity!*

*With warm regards,  
~Adam Clarkson*

PO Box 29298  
Kampala, Uganda

Dear Marie Schum-Brady [on behalf of NOVA]

How are you? May the Lord bless you. I am very delighted to have this time to write to you. Thanks a lot for the work you are doing. I want to thank you for the drugs and medicines that you sent to us. We were particularly happy with the Dietary Supplements which we kept giving to the children who were malnourished and needed them. This time, I was assisted by that young girl who came to our country and said she was aspiring to become a doctor. She saw the need for the drugs. I was also happy with the ibuprofen and antibiotics I am using to treat our people.

I am also grateful to John Veldhuis for the effort in transporting these medicines to our clinic.

The young girl's name is Miss Mali. I shall be grateful to hear from you.

/s/ Stephen Wambog.

[Editor's Note] Marie is continuing to collect any medications, supplements, vitamins, etc. that you no longer need. Prescription drugs (particularly antibiotics) can be given to her, even if they have expiration dates. Contact Marie at home (703) 525-1179 or [mschumbrady@comcast.net](mailto:mschumbrady@comcast.net)

# Thank you, Nova . . .

## Thank You Nova.....

for the gracious hospitality that you showed to Bishop Matovu and his wife Perusi when they visited in May. They were very impressed by the "warmth and the tenderness" of the Nova Community. Thank you also to the Nova women who joined the women of St. Barnabas for the Sunday afternoon tea for Perusi. She was very touched by the outpouring of affection.

~Nancy and John



Father Jim Scullion



## Women's Ordination Conference

Dear NOVA Catholic Community,  
*Thank you for your generous gift!*

*Your continued support for Women's Ordination Conference is a valued blessing. Your community's gift of \$200 WOC strengthens the power of justice for Catholic women.*

*Your generosity allows WOC to expand our programs and work even more ardently for women's ordination into a renewing priestly ministry. You are helping us carry out our exciting plans for 2007, a few of which are outlined below:*

- **August 16-17: Young Feminist Network Leadership, Diversity and Inclusion Training**

In conjunction with the Women-Church conference in Chicago, this retreat will include workshops on essential leadership skills that will enable participants to successfully implement YFN's strategic plan of action.

- **November 1-2: Regional Representatives :**

WOC's Ministry of Walking with Women Called will train 10 leaders, whose task will be to connect women called to ordination within their region to support and facilitate communication.

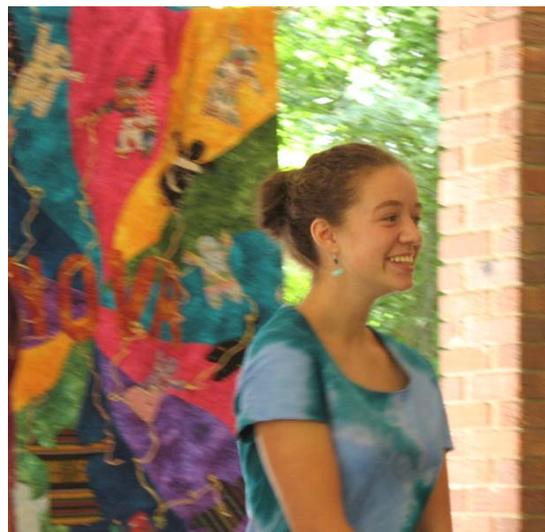
*If there is anything I can do to better serve you, please contact me at (703) 352-1006 or [ataylor@womensordination.org](mailto:ataylor@womensordination.org)*

*With deepest regards,  
/s/ Aisha S Taylor, Executive Director*

# Back from Africa



**Michael & Mali Kane with (hear no evil) John Veldhuis share tales of their Uganda mission excursion. . .**





July, 2007



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