



# nova notes

Newsletter of the NOVA Community

March, 2006

## Chair Notes

**W**e have been reading the Gospel of St. Mark for the first weeks of Ordinary Time. Ordinary time is more than filler between Christmas and Lent. We read that Jesus was planting the seeds of His public ministry. Nova has also been planting seeds for the future. The facilities committee has been hard at work. We have carefully considered the feedback we have received from Nova members. We have heard complaints that Nova's new space is cold and acoustically challenging. Feedback from Nova members is essential to our finding a new space, which will nourish and empower everyone. Thanks to Marie Keefe and Ken Chaison for surveying new facilities.



Ken Chaison has been planting seeds by shepherding Nova's website and overseeing Nova's advertising. Look for information when the development is complete. Many thanks to Ken for doing all the behind the scenes work.

Thanks to the Mogs for hosting the Lenten planning brunch. If we could only find a pace for liturgy as warm and inviting as David and Gloria's new addition. Gloria's long-term work with the Liturgy Committee has been essential for our liturgies.

Perhaps the coordinators of Nova's Childrens Religious Education Program are planting the most fertile seeds. Thanks to Peggy Becker, Alicia and Phil Cackley and last, but not least, John Mausert-Mooney who has stepped forward to lead the effort. They have recommended a "community-supported family-based approach". See Nova's website for details. Interested parents should contact John.

Thanks are due to many others at Nova. A lay organization such as Nova cannot operate without the participation of all members. The next Nova Nite is Sunday, February 26th from 6:00 to 9:00 at the Mog's. 5104 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St Arlington. Please bring a dish to share. Come and see what will blossom this spring at Nova.

**Shalom**

*~John Tarrant*



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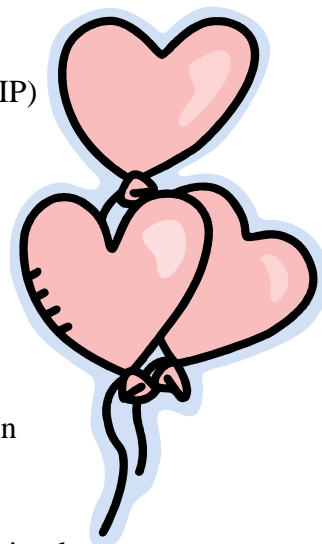
The NOVA Catholic Community Invites You To Celebrate The Eucharistic Liturgy With Us Every Sunday In Arlington, Virginia.

**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**

# Birthdays, etc March

- 2 Helen Gettys Michie
- 3 Jessica Massey
- 6 Doug McNeill
- 7 John Tarrant
- 8 Cece Michelotti  
Peter Reich  
Kate Connelly  
Eric Robinson
- 9 John Iskander  
Amy Tarasovic  
Michael Kane
- 10 Joe Barrett
- 12 Mary Chaison (RIP)  
Timothy Chase  
Jonathan Taylor  
Jim Todaro
- 13 Mary Mele
- 14 Bill Meyer
- 19 Mali Kane
- 20 Kathi Scheimer
- 22 Charlie Gillmarten
- 25 Ilse Yath-Cruces
- 26 Charlie Bailey  
Mari Carmen Mariscal  
Brian Schmidt
- 28 Michael Iskander
- 31 John Taylor



**newsletter deadline**

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**Sunday, March 26**

# Liturgies

**MARCH MUSIC LIAISON .....**  
**Gloria Mog**

**APRIL MUSIC LIAISON .....**  
**Gloria Mog**

**March 1 - Ash Wednesday ParaLiturgy**

Joe Kenna – John Tarrant, Marceline Niemann  
 at John Tarrant's home — 7:30 pm  
 7036 Williamsburg Blvd.  
 Arlington, VA 22213-1809  
 ((703) 237-9728 for directions)

**March 5 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Ken Himes, OFM -- Timpanes  
 Genesis 9:8-15  
 Psalm 25:4-9  
 1st Peter 3:18-22  
 Mark 1:12-15

**March 12 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Bill Callahan – Gloria Mog  
 Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18  
 Psalm 116:10, 15-19  
 Romans 8:31-34  
 Mark 9:2-10

**March 19 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Jim Scullion, OFM – Heinzens  
 Exodus 20:1-17  
 Psalm 19:8-11  
 1 Corinthians 1:22-25  
 John 2:13-25

**March 26 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Francis DiSpigno, OFM -- Goldschmidts  
 Second Chronicles 36:14-17, 19-23  
 Psalm 137:1-6  
 Ephesians 2:4-10  
 John 3:14-21

**April 2 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Bill Callahan – Walt Landry  
 Jeremiah 31:31-34  
 Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15  
 Hebrews 5:7-9  
 John 12:20-33

**April 9 -- Passion (Palm) Sunday**

Joe Kenna -- TBA  
 Isaiah 50:4-7  
 Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24  
 Philippians 2:6-11  
 Mark 14:1--15:47 or 15:1-39

**April 13 -- Holy Thursday — Lord's Supper**  
**Not at KENMORE - Location TBA**

John Langan, SJ – Dianne & co.  
 Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14  
 Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18  
 1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
 John 13:1-15

**April 14 – Good Friday**  
**at KENMORE — 8:00 pm**

**TBA – Meg Tuccillo**  
 Isaiah 52:13--53:12  
 Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25  
 Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9  
 John 18:1--19:42

**April 16 -- Easter Sunday—10:00 am**  
**Goodwin House—Bailey's Crossroads**

**Joe Nangle, OFM – Tim White**  
 Acts 10:34, 37-43  
 Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23  
 Colossians 3:1-4, or First Corinthians 5:6-8  
 John 20:1-9

**April 23 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Francis DiSpigno, OFM -- Baileys  
 Acts 4:32-35  
 Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24  
 1 John 5:1-6  
 John 20:19-31

**April 30 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Bill Callahan – Michelottis  
 Acts 3:13-15, 17-19  
 Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-9  
 1 John 2:1-5  
 Luke 24:35-48

### Lenten Liturgies

The theme of our Lenten Liturgies this year is Covenant: "My covenant with you is written on your hearts. I will be your God and you shall be my people." We will emphasize the vow God made to us that calls us to respond and seal the sacred promise of love and heart-presence between us. This covenant is written "not on stone, but in your heart." Reflections will center on the act of "reading our hearts" to encounter God and discern divine direction; of committing to practices that nurture the heart and lead to a deeper awareness of the presence of God within. Out of awareness of the covenant, there naturally flows a transformation ("change of heart") which brings us more fully into the life of the Spirit.

During Lent we ask that everyone enter the worship space in silence. There will be a greeter at the door and suggestions of the special qualities of heart encounter that will be brought forth in the readings. Everyone will be asked to meditate on these qualities in preparation for the liturgy.

~*Gloria Mog*

*There came a time when the risk  
to remain tight in the bud was  
more painful than the risk it took  
to blossom.*

~*Anais Nin*

### A Gathering of the Women Saturday, March 18, 11 am-1:30 pm

All NOVA women are invited  
for lunch at Marie Keefe's  
28 Froude Circle  
Cabin John, Maryland  
301-229-2016

Bring a dish, we'll supply beverages.

In addition to having the opportunity to socialize over a wonderful pot-luck, catch up on each others current highlights, there is also the opportunity to share our personal spiritual journeys, doubts and all.

### WomenCircles Retreat: The Heart of Forgiveness April 28-30

Gloria Mog will be leading a retreat for women with a colleague, Dava Money, on the week-end of April 28-30 at Harmony Farm, a retreat center north of Baltimore. The theme will center on forgiveness and all Nova women are invited to attend. Brochures will be available at liturgies and from Gloria.

## News/Announcements .....

Nova joins Quinn Connors in mourning...

Quinn's mother, Modwene Nelson Connors passed away February 20, age 88. In Quinn's words, "She was a grand matriarch, whose sense of humor about herself as well as others increased wonderfully these last several years as the dementia hit her. But, thankfully, she still recognized us all, enjoyed her vodka and chocolate (!), and slipped away after about 10 days of dealing with congestive heart failure. Four of my seven sisters and I were standing around her as she left us, reminding her of our love and gratitude for her life. That is a great consolation for us and hopefully for her!!"

She left 8 children, 22 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. An obituary notice cited...

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to

- Cullen Hughes Memorial Scholarship Fund c/o Standard Bank, 7800 W. 95th St., Hickory Hills, IL, 60457,
- Carmelite Fathers and Brothers, 1317 Frontage Rd., Darien, IL 60561 or
- Washington & Jane Smith Home, 2330 W. 113th Place, Chicago, IL 60655

**from Brother Joe Berg .....**

Greetings from Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame. . .

Each Sunday I am reminded of NOVA. Here in the Village we have four non-parish opportunities. One within our complex,,one on either side of us, St. Mary's University and Holy Cross College and the fourth one across the street at Notre Dame. None of them come close to the liturgical experience that NOVA has to offer. My point is that each Sunday I continue to remember you all and miss each of you and NOVA.

Outside of missing my community in DC and all of you, I must admit that my adjustment to a new life style has been slow. But, I am not worried, once I get used to the Midwest weather and get more involved in the Village I feel things will work out. With God on your side, you just can't lose

God Bless NOVA,

*~Joseph*

Bro. Joseph Berg, CSC

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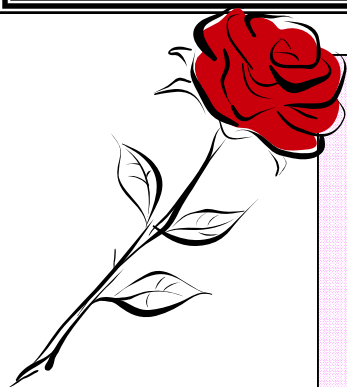
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**from Carolyn Miller .....**

Dear NOVA Friends:

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your generous contribution to Melanoma research at the Anschutz Cancer Pavillion in Aurora, Colorado in memory of my brother, Pat Clark. He was a great guy, and a valiant fighter for his Country and for his life.

With love, Carolyn Miller



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

from Maili Kane . . . . .

Thank you for the support you all give me!  
Hunger, disease, and poverty are killing millions and millions of children every year. 29,000 every day- that's almost a million deaths a month that COULD BE PREVENTED.

20 people die every single minute. One more every 3 seconds. This weekend (starting at 1pm Friday) I will be fasting for 30 hours and doing community service with a group at my school, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. I am raising as much money as I can to send to World Vision and from there be sent to make a difference in the lives of children in need.

It takes only one dollar a day to feed and care for a hungry child. If you would like to be a part of this with me you can reply to this e-mail and give me a pledge of whatever amount you like and I will cover it and catch up with you at mass. The chairs today said they would fast with me and that's amazing.

Thank you so much for the overwhelming support you all give me! At mass today I collected \$295!! You are all amazing people and I wouldn't be who I am today if it weren't for you. If you want to learn more about hunger and poverty- and what's being done about it – [click on the following links to] check out these websites: [www.30hourfamine.org](http://www.30hourfamine.org)

World Vision: [www.worldvision.org](http://www.worldvision.org)

Bread for the World: [www.bread.org](http://www.bread.org)

hunger notes: [www.worldhunger.org](http://www.worldhunger.org)

The National Center for Children in Poverty: [www.nccp.org](http://www.nccp.org)

Thanks again! God Bless!!

~Mali Kane

*Nova Notes* is proud to publish this announcement from the Northern Virginia Affiliate of Voice of the Faithful, as *The Arlington Herald* no longer publishes VOTF's activities in their Events calendar....

The #1 Goal of VOTF is **Support for Survivors!**

WHAT: Support group for survivors of clergy abuse and others affected by the abuse

WHEN: Last Wednesday of every month.  
Next meeting is Wednesday, March 29 at 7 p.m.

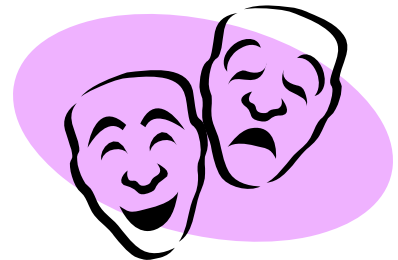
WHERE: Downstairs meeting room at the Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Road, McLean

WHO: Sponsored by Voice of the Faithful-Northern Virginia affiliate

WANT MORE INFO? DIRECTIONS?  
Contact Ellen Radday at 703-538-6128

### Call for Auditions

Joe Schubert will be directing Noel Coward's *Blithe Spirit* next month.



If you are interested in an audition, email him at [joe.schubert@att.net](mailto:joe.schubert@att.net)

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

### Thank You ...to Nova . . . . . from Voice of the Faithful, No. Virginia

Dear Friends at Nova Catholic Community,

Evelyn Mercantini and I want to express our deep gratitude to your community for renewing your contributions to the VOTF affiliate in Northern Virginia. We have no regular source of funding other than donations from friends such as you, so we very much appreciate your generosity.

Recently, your contributions enabled us to pay the rental fee of \$250.00 to show the Academy-award nominated documentary "Twist of Faith". About 50-60 members and friends came to the Arlington library in November to watch the gut-wrenching story of a survivor of clergy sexual abuse in Toledo, Ohio, and the long-term pain inflicted on his wife, mother, and friends. Events such as this help to make others aware of the abuse crisis and its effects on the victims. This is just one example of how Voice of the Faithful and your NOVA Community support survivors of clergy abuse. Thank you and may you have a very blessed New Year.

*Bill Casey and Evelyn Mercantini*

### Welcome....Violet Joy Powell



Born: February 8, 2006 @ 9:27 pm  
Weight: 8 pounds, 14 ounces  
Length: 20 1/4 inches

### Also welcome to ... Jack Mozingo (son of Randy & Kathleen Byrne Mozingo)

Born: February 18 @ 11:01  
Weight: 8 lbs, 3 oz  
Length: 20 3/4 inches.

Look for pictures.....

### MARCH CALENDAR

**Saturday, Mar 18**      **Gathering of the Nova Women, see page 4**  
**Weds, Mar 29**        **VOTF Survivor Support Group, see page 6**

### APRIL

**April 28-30**            **WomenCircles Retreat: The Heart of Forgiveness, see page 4**

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

## Congratulations

### to Rosemarie Annunziata...

The following comes from a story about Rosemarie by Brent Baldwin that appeared in the Lawyers Weekly in an article by Brent Baldwin and from one of the speeches that was given that evening:

"Retired Court of Appeals Judge Rosemarie Annunziata received the Fairfax Bar Association's Jurisprudence Award on Dec. 5. This award is the highest given by the FBA and it is not given annually but only upon such occasions as the board may find appropriate. Past recipients of the award have included former Fairfax Circuit Judge William G. Plummer (1991), Justice Barbara Milano Keenan (1995), civil rights lawyer Oliver W. Hill (1996), Sen. Joseph V. Gartlan Jr. (2001) and former Virginia Chief Justice Harry L. Carrico (2003). Supreme Court Justice Anthony M. Kennedy was the keynote speaker for the event, which was held at the Fairview Park Marriott in Falls Church.

Although the day of the ceremony was marred by heavy snowfall throughout Virginia, organizers said the event still had a strong turnout of over 350 people. . . "It was a spectacular evening that went smoothly considering," said Yvonne C. McGhee, executive director of the FBA. "Most of the people who couldn't make it were from Richmond . . . the judges' speeches were all wonderful and Justice Kennedy held the room mesmerized." According to several in attendance, Justice Kennedy spoke about constitutional issues and the importance of freedom and democracy. . . With Kennedy providing a serious note, it fell to Annunziata's Appeals Court colleague, Chief Judge Johanna L. Fitzpatrick and Fairfax Circuit Judge Michael P. McWeeny to provide some laughs. Fitzpatrick noted that Annunziata . . . had once been a high school cheerleader. "I never saw her perform, of course, but I think her favorite cheer began with "Two bits, four bits, six bits, a dollar, the First Amendment is why we can holler!" she said.

While accepting her award, Annunziata was joined by family members including her elderly mother and one of her three daughters—the other two live in California and were not able to attend. Annunziata credited both her parents (her father passed away in June) with doing a wonderful job of educating and nurturing their children after coming to this country as Italian immigrants.

• . . .  
"She was an excellent lawyer and trial judge, but truly an exceptional appellate judge," said Richard J. Colten, who previously worked with Annunziata when she was an

attorney at his firm in the early 1980s. "She received warm standing ovations throughout the entire night." While Annunziata is planning to continue as a senior judge of the court as well as working with mediation cases in the future, Colten added that he could easily see her teaching college part-time. "That's really where she began and she has a major interest in that," he noted.

. . .  
Annunziata was praised as something of a "Renaissance woman." Fitzpatrick pointed out that she had been a French scholar who studied at the Sorbonne and a newspaper columnist in Montgomery, Ala. before becoming a lawyer. (Although not reported in the news article, Judge Fitzpatrick also noted that: "As anyone can tell who has read her opinions, she is a legal scholar who loves the law, but knows the practical implications of a lofty decision. She has a sense of humor and huge heart."

The lawyers are here because she was a "lawyer's judge" who listened patiently and ruled fairly.

The public is here because she was "litigant's judge" who treated each case both on the trial and appellate bench with respect and diligence.

Her colleagues are here because she was a "judge's judge," hardworking and one who never shirked a tough case. As her Chief Judge, I valued her never failing good spirits and her willingness to push herself and the rest of us.

Her friends are here because she has walked the walk of a trusted friend...cared for us when we were ill and laughed with us when we needed it.

She is just the person that this special award had in mind.")

. . .  
Prior to her appointment as a judge in 1989, she served on the Fairfax County Planning Commission and acted as counsel and hearing officer for the Fairfax County Civil Service Commission and the Commonwealth of Virginia. As a Fairfax Circuit Court judge, she helped establish the first court-mandated mediation program in child custody cases, and the court's first neutral case evaluation program in tort actions.

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**Yea....Rosemarie....Yea**



## Lent 2006

*Lord of all creation. Lord of heaven and earth,  
be Lord of all my hopes and dreams.  
Protect me from the trap of self-sufficiency and  
preserve me  
from even the hint of a suggestion that I  
can make my own grass grow,  
or bring the trees of my talents to life.  
But more than anything I ask you to preserve me  
from despair.  
No matter how dark the days, how deep  
the disappointment;  
no matter how humiliating the defeat  
or great the loss,  
you are always there to bring me back to life.  
That is springtime for me. That is hope forever green.  
That is truth unchangeable, love undying, leading,  
as you alone can lift and lead me  
to everlasting life.*

.....by William J. Byron, SJ  
from his book A Book of Quiet Prayer

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