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Newsletter of the NOVA Community May, 2006

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## Chair Notes

**M**y very last chairnotes.

Yet it doesn't feel like the doorway I am standing in has a door closing behind me, rather it is opening wide in front of me, of NOVA, ripe with promise and delight.

I am just back from John and Meg's special gift to us of a meeting with their new friends at Quest for Peace and the Quixote Center. Such perfect timing—the Easter season, when we are hearing about the joy of being an Easter People, yet like the apostles, we are constantly having to calibrate it against the backdrop of suffering the crucifixion then and daily vivid examples of pain and injustice in this very moment. Hard to operate on joy as theory from our brains. Can it be possible that less than a year ago we were meeting with St. Egidio? Certainly not!

Was it only last summer we were discussing McClory's, "Why I Stayed in the Church?" Impossible! Were we fingering our gorgeous prayer beads four months ago? Preposterous!

Our 2005 Calling Forth notes say: we need to leave the Upper Room. Thanks to Mikaela's idea, Gloria's writing, multiple editors, and Ken's computer and printing expertise, we have handouts for bulletin boards, brochures helping newcomers understand our history, not to mention our business cards. We even have a photo book with every last one of us accompanied by names for the new as well as the vague. The door is open.

Our enthusiasm that a review of the last year generated surprised us no end, so we have decided to share it with you. We have been cultivating a Spirituality of Optimism as Joe Kenna put it. See for yourself. The door is open.

You can find this year-long review on page 4.

In this we are deeply blessed...

*~Marie Keefe, with her able researchers,  
John & Marcelline*



*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. Beginning Memorial Day Week through Labor Day weekend, we celebrate at Lacey Woods Park, George Mason Drive near Washington Blvd, unless otherwise noted.**

**[Lacey Wood]**

Liturgies begin at 9:30 am—Gather at 9:15 am

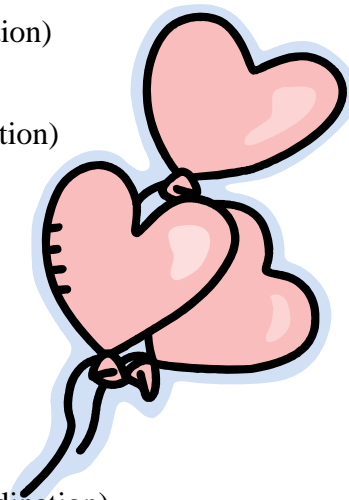
**[Kenmore]**

Liturgy begins at 10:15 am—Gather at 10:00 am

**newsletter deadline**  
**Sunday, May 28**

# Birthdays, etc May

- 3 Cathy Goldschmidt  
Piper Powell
- 4 Joe Kenna (Ordination)  
Jean Mendez
- 6 Ray Kemp (Ordination)  
Lily Whalen-Peck
- 8 Ken Himes (Ordination)  
Kettie Houck  
Anne Passin
- 10 Dianne Carroll  
Jim Hug
- 11 Elena Bailey
- 13 Patricia Greenfield
- 14 Quinn Connors (Ordination)
- 17 Katie Chaison  
Jorge & Kathy Perez-Lopez  
(Anniversary)
- 18 Jim Hug (Ordination)  
Alex Massey
- 20 Ella Carroll Teal
- 24 Genevieve Schmidt
- 27 Alicia Puente Cackley
- 28 Tom Perez-Lopez
- 30 John Maussert-Mooney  
Doug McNeill (Ordination)
- 31 Elizabeth (Beth) Thompson



# Liturgies

## MAY MUSIC LIAISON .....

Tim White

### May 7 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Jim Scullion, OFM - Christoffersons  
 Acts 4:8-12  
 Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 29  
 1 John 3:1-2  
 John 10:11-18

### May 14 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Joe Nangle, OFM – Mary Gillmarten, M Pinho  
 Acts 9:26-31  
 Psalm 22:26-28, 30-32  
 1 John 3:18-24  
 John 15:1-8

### May 21 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Quinn Conners, O.Carm – Cathy Showalter  
 (Social Justice Group)  
 Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48  
 Psalm 98:1-4  
 1 John 4:7-10  
 John 15:9-17

### May 25—Ascension of the Lord No liturgy at Kenmore

Acts 1:1-11  
 Psalm 47:2-3, 6-9  
 Ephesians 1:17-23  
 Mark 16:15-20

### May 28 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Francis DiSpigno, OFM – Victoria Robinson  
 Acts 1:15-17, 20-26  
 Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20  
 1 John 4:11-16  
 John 17:11-19

**Liturgy in Lacey Woods Park.....**  
**....at 9:30 am**  
**.... until September**

## JUNE MUSIC LIAISON .....

Tim White

### June 4 - Pentecost

TBA - Linda Rosenberg, K. Schiemer  
 Acts 2:1-11  
 Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34  
 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13  
 John 20:19-23

### June 11 – Holy Trinity

Peter Henriot, SJ – Mary Gillmarten, Alicia  
 Cackley  
 Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40  
 Psalm 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22  
 Romans 8:14-17  
 Matthew 28:16-20

### June 18 -- Corpus Christi

Bill Callahan -- Marrons  
 Exodus 24:3-8  
 Psalm 116:12-13, 15-18  
 Hebrews 9:11-15  
 Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

### June 25 – 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jim Scullion, OFM – Meg Tucillo  
 Job 38:1, 8-11  
 Psalm 107:23-26, 28-31  
 2 Corinthians 5:14-17  
 Mark 4:35-41



## NOVA Highlights 2005-6

(continued from Chair Notes, page 1)

At the Calling Forth last year, strong sentiment was expressed about our need to leave the Upper Room and it was followed by NOVA Nite discussions of how to let the vibrancy of Jesus' life be visible in us as a community. This was a direct result of much encouragement from many of our Padre Cadre that our community offers what many are seeking from the Church. Throughout the year, everyone has contributed towards this end. Here are just some of the highlights:

### **Community Ties**

- + Retreat with Joe Kenna-Together: The Holy Spirit & Us
- + Prayed, played, and honed our course at 5 Nova Nites
- + Shared reflections on Robert McClory's talk, "Why I Stay in the Church"
- + Saturday morning meditation offered
- + Celebrated our beginnings and anniversaries with Donohues
- + Monthly gathering of Nova women initiated to deepen relationships and share spiritual journeys

### **Social Action**

- + Joined in the International Fast for Ending World Hunger
- + Signed along with 70 organizations the ad in the National Catholic Reporter by Quixote Center and co-sponsors such as Call to Action-USA in building the coalition for Equality for Women in the Roman Catholic Church
- + Supported Mali in her fast and fundraising to feed hungry children through World Vision
- + Continued our support of social action projects through special liturgies, targeted efforts to tutor and assist our Somali family, and a revamping of food preparation at Christ House
- + Held a medicine collection for our free medical clinic in Africa

### **Publicity/Marketing/Outreach**

- + Produced a business card with NOVA information
- + Website-new site with public area and password-protected members area
- + Phone number-gives brief voice message and allows callers to leave a message asking for further contact-messages relayed to one of the chairs for response
- + Developed a brochure for mailing or handout
- + Distributed NOVA address to local newspapers/websites of the groups we support

### **Welcoming Visitors/New Members**

- + Created a brochure describing NOVA
- + Developed a "newcomers packet"
- + Created a photo album so folks can link faces with names

### **Education**

- + Met with San Egidio community leaders to deepen our understanding of other ways of being a spiritual, social-action community
- + Began "Community-supported, family-based" model for NOVA children

### **Facilities**

- + Visited churches, schools, nursing homes, community centers to find a space where we could be supportive of another social action community/activity through our rent money and that would meet our needs
- + Created directions to find/get to Kenmore

### **Ministries**

The "ordinary" ministries are what have upheld us as we endeavored to deepen our active commitment to others. In some way all of us have been contributors to our continued health, whether we planned a liturgy, were part of the music group, produced the newsletter, attended to community life, helped with our social action projects, arranged for our presiders, took communion to others, maintained our vestments and closet, orchestrated Lenten or Advent activities, brought food to those in need, or took time to be present to one another. It is this active core of community that is the engine of an Intentional Eucharistic Community that enables us to flourish and reach out to others.

In this we are deeply blessed- Marie, with her able researchers, John & Marcelline

***Liturgy Tip***  
**Setting the Chairs**

The first task upon arriving to set up for liturgy is to arrange the altar and chairs in a way that enhances community participation as well as the theme that you have selected for your liturgy. Whether at Kenmore or in the park, the chairs/picnic tables have usually been set in random rows by the janitor, so do not hesitate to move them into the formation that you want. In general, it works best when most everyone can see one another. This encourages dialogue and a sense of community and makes it easier to hear one another. So, a ¾ circle, U or V-shape pattern works well. We generally plan for 75 chairs at Kenmore and seating for 50 in the park. Allow about 10 minutes for this task – it is an important first step in creating a meaningful liturgical environment.

~*Gloria Mog*



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## News/Announcements .....

### NOVA Women's Luncheon Saturday, May 20, 11 am-1:30 pm

All NOVA women are invited for lunch at  
Rose Barrett's  
200 N. Maple Ave  
Falls Church, VA  
... (Dial #517 at entrance  
for admittance)

Bring a dish, we'll supply beverages.

**RSVP 703-241-3854**

## Eucharist and Social Justice

A presentation by

### Anthony J. Tambasco

Professor of Theology  
Georgetown University

**Thursday, May 4, 2006, at  
7:30pm**

Farrell Hall  
St. Mary of Sorrows Church  
5222 Sideburn Rd., Fairfax  
7<sup>03</sup>-978-4141, X18

Co-sponsored by St. Mary of Sorrows Parish Social  
Ministry and Catholic Charities of the Diocese of  
Arlington.

## NEED HELP?

**Jenny Carroll has a parent at her school that cleans houses and is looking for work in the afternoons. She is taking English classes and needs work.**

**If you could use her...  
Her name is Beti Tenorio.  
Her cell phone is (703) 357-5399 and  
her home number is (703) 578-0396.**



How Does the  
Eucharist  
Call Us to Work for  
Social Justice?

Earlier programs this year gave us ways to respond to problems of poverty in the United States and beyond our country's borders.

In this time between the great feast of Easter and the celebration of Pentecost, come to hear why we are called to make a response to our brothers and sisters in need every time we celebrate the Eucharist.

*We cannot delude ourselves: by our mutual love and, in particular, by our concern for those in need we will be recognized as true followers of Christ (cf. Jn 13:35; Mt 25:31-46). This will be the criterion by which the authenticity of our Eucharistic celebrations is judged.*

*Mane Nobiscum Domine, Pope John Paul II*



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

### Multivitamins and Over the Counter Pain Relief Drive

May 7, 14, 21

The Ormando Kane family is spearheading a family social action project during May to benefit NOVA's free medical clinics in rural villages in Nigeria and Sierra Leone through Action Africa. Join them. Get your friends, relatives, and classmates involved. Remember that the only medical clinics that serve these families are the ones sponsored by NOVA.

Please bring:

- Multivitamins for kids and grownups
- Over the counter pain relief medications:
- Aspirin, Ibuprofen, etc.
- *No liquids, please*

Folks can cut coupons or use "buy one get one free coupons" or use the CVS bonus money-type of coupons to get medicines free or cheaper. Cosco has the cheapest bulk non-prescription vitamins & medicines.

Action Africa carries the medical supplies from the US directly to the village and physicians and nurses from the nearest city come and volunteer their services. Some of them are shown in the photo with Chris Egbulem.



### NEWS: NOVA Directory Now Available on Website!

<http://nova.novacommunity.org>

The NOVA Directory, updated as of April 1, is now on the website. To open/print the directory, you must sign on to the Members section of the website, using your ID and password, then click on NOVA Documents. Find the NOVA Directory document & click on its attachment. (Choose 'open the document,' if a pop-up question appears.)

Please check your directory entry and advise if any changes are needed for the next update. If you know of changes for someone who may not have access to our website, please let me know.

Please do not distribute the directory to anyone outside of NOVA.

~Ken Chaison

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# Lent, 2006





## Congratulations to.....

### **Dianne Carroll, Monica Rosenberg, and friends**

for participating in the annual MS Walk. Can you believe it? Dianne has battled this disorder for more than 10 years!

### **Peter Henriot**

for preparing to celebrate his **50th** anniversary as a Jesuit!

### **Julie Boyne**

recently confirmed at PAX. Now that you're a soldier of God, this is a gentle reminder that you have work to do.





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May, 2006

