



nova notes

Newsletter of the NOVA Community

November, 2005

Chair Notes

ORDINARY TIME. A time defined by what it's not: it's not Christmas, it's not Easter. It makes me smile because, while we find ourselves in Ordinary Time, NOVA is bursting with what is.

Today, for example, is our Social Justice liturgy. We began pumping iron to develop our Social Justice muscle, to deepen our practice of compassion, to recognize our humanity and Christ's humanity in all others, and then be able to share in that common bond. We struggle with rejecting labels that are impediments, such as The poor, Those people, and we are challenged to leave aside the head game and get to know just one person who does not have the essentials for sustaining a life or a family here in the States. As we each see ways we can continue to develop compassion and then activate it within our daily lives, we are asked to share them with the community on the postcards given out at liturgy. In turn, they will become available through the newsletter—a kind of social justice workout program for the community's health. This helps us prepare for the Social Justice meeting November 13 which is intended to be a discussion of some important challenges and commitments we face this year.

Nova is in a new building with all the adventure that comes with acclimation. We are trying on different rooms for size to determine what best suits all our needs. We want to be sure that families with children give voice as to how best to accommodate them. We've been using the music room, but for the next couple of weeks we are going to try out the cafeteria. Thank goodness for NOVA's continued practice of flexibility.

For everyone new to the building, it is a challenge to locate liturgy and parking. Now that we've had some time to adjust, today we committed to putting into action our respect for our presiders' time by beginning liturgy at 10:15.

This fall is a time of beginning for us. John Mausert-Mooney has volunteered to launch an education program for the children. He has wants to hear from any parents interested in enrolling their kids and from volunteers interested in helping

teach classes. Peggy Becker has already volunteered to be part of the effort. This also requires commitment from the whole community to actively support families with children whatever form it may take. Oh, go ahead. Let your imagination run wild: it shouldn't only be the adults who get to use the animal puppets or be Pope for a Day.

John Veldhuis joins John in his interest in forming a program for advancing adult learning. Several different suggestions came up at NOVA Nite and we look forward to Jerry and Clyde's offer to deepen our understanding and practice of dialogue as well as the possibility of having Drew Christiansen share his expertise.



The community is having an All Soul's Remembrance Program on November 20. Thanks to the generous persistence of Ken Chaison and his crew, we will be able to honor and bear witness to those loved ones who we have lost this year. Our hearts and prayers go out to the family of Marcy Jacomet, Anne Houck's daughter, who died this week and we especially hold Anne, Joe & Phyllis, Emily, Joel, Ketty and Marcelline in our thoughts.

The aliveness of this Ordinary Time for me comes in the woven fabric of community with thick threads of sadness and shimmering skeins of joy, sometimes the shuttle carries both at the very same time. Today we also join our voices to the hoots and hollers accompanying John Mausert-Mooney and Meg Sullivan's announcement of their engagement. Our delight mirrors theirs.

The last addition to this varied tapestry is an invitation to come together to celebrate Gil and Sonja Donahue's anniversary and Sonja's birthday on December 3 from 4-7 at Goodwin House East. NOVA never needs a reason to party, but who could pass this one up? The grace and enthusiasm of this couple for NOVA is one of the blessings of Ordinary Time.

Peace....
~Marie Keefe

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

Note: Our Liturgy is usually celebrated at Kenmore Middle School, Arlington Blvd. and Carlin Springs Rd, Arlington, VA. However, we are actively exploring other facilities. If you have not attended Nova for awhile or are new to us, please confirm with any of the people listed above.

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

newsletter deadline

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Sunday, November 27

Birthdays, etc November

- 3 Meg Brady
- Ken Chaison
- 4 Tom Marron
- 5 Emma Violand-Sanchez
- 6 Marie Schum-Brady
- 7 Joe Houck
- 8 Rosemarie Annunziata
- 8 Phyllis Houck
- 9 Janet Michelotti
- 11 Carmela Ormarda
- 12 George Lowrey
- 17 Jennifer Powell
- 18 Dan Gatti
- 19 Peter Mandaville
- Michele Whalen-Peck
- 21 Anna Formoso
- 23 Brittany Swanberg
- 25 Bernie Byrne
- 26 Lowery Wedding Anniversary (1976)
- 27 Mary Gillmarten
- Natalia Mercado-Violand
- Mike Timpane
- 29 Joanna Chase
- Julie Hainer-Violand
- Rich Rosenberg
- 30 Arthur Rosenberg



Liturgies

NOVEMBER MUSIC LIAISON
Linda Rosenberg

November 1 - All Saints Day

No liturgy at Kenmore,
Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
Psalm: 24:1-6
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

November 2 - All Souls Day

No liturgy at Kenmore...See calendar page 11
Visit a church and remember Nova's saints
Wisdom 3:1-9 or Isaiah 25:6, 7-9
Psalm: 27:1, 4, 7-9, 13-14,
Romans 6:3-9 or 1 Corinthians 15:20-28
Matthew 25:31-46, or John 11:17-27 or 11:21-27

November 6 – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joe Nangle, OFM – B. Pugin & J. Tarrant
Wisdom 6:12-16
Psalm 63:2, 3-8
1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 or 4:13-14
Matthew 25:1-13

November 13 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ray Kemp, SJ – Veldhuis's
Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Psalm 128:1-5
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-20

November 20 - Christ the King - Solemnity

Jim Scullion, OFM – Alida Yath-Cruces
Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
Psalm 23:1-3, 5, 6
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Matthew 25:31-46

DECEMBER MUSIC LIAISON
Linda Rosenberg

November 27 – 1st Sunday of Advent

Bill Callahan – M. Niemann & Heinzens
Isaiah 63:16-17, 19
Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:33-37

December 4 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Jim Hug, SJ – Ken Chaison
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Psalm 85:9-14
2 Peter 3:8-14
Mark 1:1-8

December 11 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Joe Kenna – Kate Doherty
Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11
Psalm: Luke 1:46-50, 53-54
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 18 – 4th Sunday of Advent

Francis DiSpigno, OFM – Linda Rosenberg
2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-11, 16
Psalm 89:2-5, 27, 29
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

December 25 – Christmas

Time/place to be confirmed
Ken Himes, OFM – J Mausert-Mooney, Meg
Sullivan, Cackleys
Isaiah 62:11-12
Psalm 97:1, 6, 11-12
Titus 3:4-7
Luke 2:15-20

News.....

Will the Heat Drive Us Out of the Kitchen?

For many years, NOVA has prepared and served an evening meal at the Christ House shelter in Alexandria, once every other month. NOVA's "Christ House meal" is meatloaf and scalloped potatoes, prepared by many members of the community and brought to the shelter by a crew of 4 to 6 volunteers, who reheat the food and serve it to about 70 clients. We also serve green beans, salad, rolls, and brownies; all these items are prepared at Christ House.

The Alexandria Health Department has informed Catholic Charities and the Christ House staff that the evening meal program could not continue to serve meals prepared in private homes. This includes meals prepared in private homes and reheated at Christ House. Meals must be prepared in "certified kitchens," i.e., kitchens which have been inspected and approved by the Health Department and which have a certified food service manager in charge.

NOVA will prepare our traditional meal and serve it at Christ House on December 19; after December, there must be changes. It seems to me virtually impossible for NOVA to continue to prepare our traditional meal in a certified kitchen, whether at Christ House or elsewhere. To prepare all the food at the same time in the same place would require the better part of a day; getting a crew together to do this would be difficult.

Several possibilities occur to me, including giving up the Christ House project and investing those energies elsewhere. What about meals that could be prepared at Christ House? Several of the groups that serve meals at Christ House have changed their menus to meals that are easier for a small crew to prepare in the Christ House kitchen. The new menus include spaghetti and meatballs, open-faced turkey or roast beef sandwiches with gravy, lasagna, franks and beans, stew. In almost all cases, the solution has been to buy industrial size canned goods or trays of frozen food and heat it at Christ House.



Should NOVA change our Christ House project to an operation that simply heats up commercially prepared food in the Christ House kitchen? If so, who will do the procurement and where? Could we/ should we rigidly standardize—that is, Costco lasagna OK, Sam's Club not allowed? Keep in mind, we already prepare salad from scratch; we also "prepare" green beans at Christ House (that is to say, we open cans of beans and dump them in a pot) as well as rolls and brownies.

One trouble with this kind of solution is that most NOVA members would lose the hands-on involvement of preparing food for the hungry. My sense is that some community members are seeking ways to work together actually to accomplish something with their own hands that helps the poor and the hungry. Many have pointed out that one of the aims of the evening meal program at Christ House is to provide a hot, home-cooked meal, something with soul in it, not just a sandwich and a bag of chips. I know that some members of NOVA relish the tactile connection of cooking the food themselves. But there are possibilities relating to this factor as well. One idea is to have a rotating kitchen crew whereby every two months different people go to Christ House to prepare and serve the meal. (I would be willing to serve as "executive chef" each time if need be.)

So, does the NOVA Community want to shop at Costco and cook at Christ House, or write another check, or cut this project in favor of something else? I'd appreciate your thoughts and ideas. I hope this question gets a lot of discussion at NOVA's Social Action meeting on November 13 and that the community can decide how to proceed.

~Kopp Michelotti

Anne Houck's daughter, Marcy Jacomet, died and, at last, is in peace. She has been in the embrace of her family, both immediate and extended, for her last few days at Fairfax Hospital.

We offer Marcy's family our heartfelt prayers and also extend our love to wrap around Anne, Joe & Phyllis, Joel, Emily, Ketty and Marcelline.

Peace be with you all.

Announcements.....

Liturgy Tip

Setting up and Taking Down (“Cleaning up is next to Godliness.”)

Remember that restoring the environment to its pre-liturgy status is as important as creating a sacred environmental setting for the liturgy itself. What this means in practical terms is that, as planners, you are responsible for clean-up: folding the altar cloths and napkins (and taking them home to wash if necessary); washing with soap and water all the glasses and plates used for the Eucharist, (either at Kenmore or at home); and, storing in their proper place in NOVA's storage closet the screens, tables, candle holders, cross and any other items you have used to create the environment. While the planners for the following week may volunteer their help (and will undoubtedly find doing so helps orient them to where they will be able to find what they need the following week, remember the responsibility for clean-up after the liturgy is essentially yours as the liturgy planner for that Sunday. Don't hesitate to ask for help from other NOVA members as needed.

Finally, don't forget to return to Kenmore the following week any items you have taken home for washing and cleaning!

-Rosemarie Annunziata



Rev. Valerie Dixon officiating....

*Peter Mele
and
Barbara
McAlpine, were
married in
Queens NY on
October 8,
2005....*



*Nick & Mary Mele, as
proud and happy parents.*



**Rosemarie and Joe
Annunziata's oldest daughter
Elise was married to Michael
Blaisdell on October 15, 2005**



Announcements.....

Concert of Remembrance

Wednesday, November 2, 7:30pm
Free concert. —No tickets required.



The voices of the NOVA Community Chorus, the Annandale Chorale, and choirs from JEB Stuart, Falls Church and Edison High Schools will join in the haunting "Requiem" by John Rutter. The NOVA Community chorus will sing selections from Mozart's electrifying Requiem.

For information, call 703/845-6026. The Schlesinger Center is on the Alexandria Campus of the Northern Virginia Community College at Beauregard St. and Braddock Road; directions are on the Web at www.nv.cc.va.us/alexandria/schlesingercenter/index.html

Guatemalan Products in time for Christmas



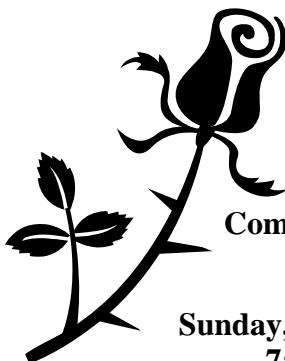
Peg Boyne is having another sale of beautiful textiles on Friday evening, Nov 11 (6-9 pm) and Saturday, Nov 12 (10-3). As usual, all proceeds will go to Maya Weavers, the Guatemalan women's weaving cooperative organized by her sister Judy, a human rights worker who has lived in the western highlands of Guatemala for the last 20+ years.

In addition to the table linens, shawls, and assorted bags that you all have been buying over the years, she will have a few beautifully carved boxes and wonderful ceramic beads that was brought back from their trip this summer.

Please come, and bring some friends with you! Peg's contact info is pegboyne@cox.net, 3017 Sylvan Drive, Falls Church, VA 22042, 703/533-3818



Announcements.....(cont'd)



**Remembrance
Service
Commemoration of
All Souls**

**Sunday, November 20,
7:00 pm**

**Goodwin House – East
4800 Fillmore Ave.
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22311
(703) 824-1157**

**(Note The Change to Date Time &
Location published previously.)**

A service will be held to remember the deceased, especially our family and friends who have died recently. Planners have assembled a program of readings and music with time included for those present to remember loved ones individually.

Please plan to join us on Sunday, November 20th at 7:00 pm. Everyone is encouraged to bring pictures and other mementos. It is likely that the Remembrance Service will be 60-90 minutes, with coffee/tea and dessert afterward.

For additional information, please contact Kathy Scheimer, Meg Sullivan, John Mausert-Mooney, Kate Doherty, or Ken Chaison.

**NOVA Women's Luncheon
Saturday, November 19
11:30 am — 2:00 pm
Cece Michelotti's home**

We had a very good discussion at our first luncheon and a lot of fun. Come join us and bring a dish to share. Hope to see you there.

**HBO Film,
Twist of Faith to be shown by local
Voice of the Faithful Affiliate
November 13—3pm
Arlington Central Library, Free**

Please mark your calendars to attend a special event our affiliate is hosting on the eve of the Bishops' annual meeting. Those of us who viewed the HBO film, Twist of Faith, at the October affiliate meeting were quite moved, and we wanted to introduce it to a wider audience in Northern Virginia. One reason is to keep attention on support for survivors as that priority continues to be high on our list. Another reason is to challenge the Bishops as they gather in our backyard, esp. in light of the continuing evidence of abuse and cover-up revealed in the Phila. GJ Report and the summary of priest-abusers in the L.A. Archdiocese.

We've arranged to show the film in the main meeting room of the Arlington County Library. We've also arranged with the company that distributes HBO films to rent a DVD version of the film for this event. We will pay the \$250 charge for renting the DVD from some funds donated by the NOVA Catholic Community plus contributions others will hopefully make if needed.

The baseline format we have in mind is to show the film and have small group/large group discussion after it. In the meantime, we're considering some additional options.

This event gives VOTF a wonderful opportunity to shine more light upon the survivor issue on the eve of the Bishops' meeting.

~Bill Casey, Co-Chair Nova-VOTF

Announcements.....(cont'd)

Social Justice Projects for 2005 (partial list)

Action Africa \$250/month

Chris Egbulem Joe Annunziata Marie Keefe
In Africa

Adopt a Family \$300/month

Syd Boyne, Phil Cackley, and Tim White
In Arlington

(AFAC) Arlington Food Assistance Center \$100/month

<http://www.afacinfo.org/>
Dianne Carroll

Amanacer Orphanage -Solomon Klein \$175/month

Emma Violand-Sanchez
<http://www.amanecer-bolivia.org/amanecer.htm>
in Bolivia

(ASPAN) \$100/month

Arlington Street People's Assistance Network
<http://www.a-span.org>
Meg Tuccillo

Barrios Unidos \$75/month

Meg Tuccillo (in Northern VA)

Bethany House \$75/month

(Dean Houck Memorial) Anne Houck

Center for Concern \$75/month

<http://www.coc.org>

Gil Donahue Rev. Jim Hug

Comboni Sisters /Sister Adriana Tovar \$100/month

Carolyn Miller
in Ethiopia.

Co-partners of Campesinas \$75/month

<http://copartners.org/>
Archer Heinzen
in Latin America

Escuela Bolivia \$100/month

Emma Violand-Sanchez (in Arlington)

Greenwell Foundation \$100/month

John Tarrant

Handicapped Encounter Christ

\$75/month (HEC) Bill Meyer

Helping Others Pursue Education \$75/month (HOPE)

Emma Violand-Sanchez&Cece Michelotti
in Arlington

Holy Cross Abbey \$25/month

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

Marie Pinho Mike Timpane

Kenmore Project \$75/month

Emma Violand-Sanchez
Scholarships

New Community Church \$50/month

<http://www.newcommunitychurchdc.org/index.html>
Jim Weber (in DC)

Nonviolent Peaceforce Project \$200/month

<http://nonviolentpeaceforce.org/>
Nick Mele (global)

Nova Hall Project in Uganda \$150/month

John & Nancy Veldhuis

Nova Co-op \$400/month

Eric Carroll

Prison Ministry of Rev. Valerie Dixon \$75/month

Dianne Carroll

Rev. Peter Henriot, S.J. \$75/month

Rev. Peter Henriot (in Africa)
www.jctr.org.zm

Voice of the Faithful \$25/month

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

Marie Pinho, Bernie Byrne

Women's Ordination Fund \$50/month

<http://www.womensordination.org/>
Nancy Veldhuis

Arlington Interfaith \$100/year

<http://www.arlingtonva-interfaith-council.org/>

Bread for the World \$150/year

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

Peggy Meyer

Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy \$250/year

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

Betsy Pugin

ASPAN Overnight Winter Shelter

Meg Tuccillo

Centro Villa Candelaria

Dianne Carroll

A school in Cochabamba, Bolivia educating and supporting the child and family. 34 Nova members contribute 120.00 a year

Christ House

http://www.ccdna.net/christ_house.html

Kopp Michelotti George Lowery(emeritus)

Gunston food distribution

Dianne Carroll

Nova volunteers distribute food every Thursday

St Clement's Emergency Shelter

Dianne Carroll

Nova volunteers spend the night every other Monday from Jan-March

Announcements.....(cont'd)

Day of Recollection Holy Cross Abbey December ??, 2005

Note the Day of Recollection has changed. As this newsletter is being prepared, we are **hoping** to attend on December 10. In the meantime, consider buying some of their award winning fruitcakes. They are available in 36 ounces (2 pounds, 4 ounces) tins and cost \$20 each. In addition, they have wonderful honey(s), jam(s), and cheese. If you are not attending this event, another NOVA friend would be happy to bring your order. You can also order by phone (540) 955-9494, or online at <http://monasteryfruitcake.org/products.asp>

If you are planning to attend or would like to attend, please contact Mike Timpane at Timpanes@aol.com or (703) 528-3535.

Social Action Annual Meeting Sunday, November 13 — 7:00 pm Meg Tucillo's Home

Please see comments in the Chair Notes of this newsletter, page 1.

NOVA is considering continuing their current commitments through 2006. However, we recognize that we have several items that need more discussion and perhaps, planning. This is what we hope to spend on the major portion of this meeting.

That said, we do not intend to preclude any new worthy cause for consideration at NOVA. If you have any of these concerns, regarding existing items or new areas of activity that you would like us to consider, please forward to Dianne Carroll, diacarroll@comcast.net or (703) 536-2616.

Sojourners and Call to Renewal

OPEN HOUSE and DEDICATION

**Sunday, Nov. 20, 2005, 2-5 pm
3333 14th St. NW, Washington DC
(second floor of Tivoli Square)**

Please join us for the dedication of the new headquarters of Sojourners and Call to Renewal. Tour the new office space, get acquainted with our staff, meet other friends, enjoy light refreshments!

2-5 Visit with staff and tour the office

3:15 Gather for music, stories, prayer, and formal dedication

(including remarks by Jim Wallis)

4:15 Seminar on Planned Giving (optional, free by reservation)

5:30 Dinner (optional, \$20 by reservation, space limited)

Open Forum: Where Is God Leading Us?

So that we may adequately prepare for your participation, please inform us of your intention to 1) attend the Open House, 2) attend the Seminar, or 3) attend the Dinner/Open Forum, RSVP to Noeleen Luckert at 202-328-8842, x631, or nluckert@sojo.net. We are happy to advise on lodging, touring, and visiting congressional representatives.

Thank you! We hope to see you on November 20!

[http://www.sojo.net/index.cfm?
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use](http://www.sojo.net/index.cfm?action=donate.appeal&appeal=051007_openhouse)

Announcements ... (last page)

Gunston Food Distribution

Volunteers for November/December are now being scheduled and recruited . The distributions are on Thursday evening, pick up at Arlington Food Assistance Center at 6ish, take the perishables to Gunston Middle School in the recreation area of building, clients will come from 6:30—7:30 pm to receive bags of food for the week for their family. There is always a need for a new folks who can go with already seasoned volunteers.

November 3---

November 10---

November 17---

November 24--- Thanksgiving (possible distribution on Wed..still unknown)

December — all Thursdays

Pick the date that you can help and notify Dianne Carroll of any date you would like to participate. Dianne can be reached at diacarroll@comcast.net or (703) 536-2616.

Social Justice Exercises

Similar to St. Ignatius Spiritual Exercises, we are actively developing thoughts inline with Social Justice. We want your ideas.

Please take some time to think of some possible exercises that would:

- Sensitize/awaken compassion
- Generate a discipline which then becomes second nature
- Peak interest in serving the poor.

We are most interested in those that we each could perform individually, in our daily lives. Marie Keefe mentions some of them on page 1 of this newsletter. Some ideas were to actually talk to the individuals who often have people just pass by. This is a little more than “random acts of kindness” and more of a search of how we can be more like Christ.

Please forward your ideas to Dianne Carroll.

Calendar—2005

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Please remember NOVA's Saints in prayer

Bob Birch

Tom Leckey

Paul Birch

Tom Lowrey

Rose Birch

Louis Mendez

Julie Byrne

Paty Violand Mercado

Mary Chaison

Ruth Mausert-Mooney

Tony & Pat Chavez

Michelle Murray

Michael De Groot

Aubrey Osborne

John DeOrnellas

Jim Provost

Lisa Todaro Friedman

Grover & Nancy Stock

Fran & Jim Grady

Henrietta Walsh

Dean Houck

Marji Weber

Bob Hovda

George White

Marcy Jacomet

Kate Wholey

Phil Land

May they and the souls
of the faithful all,
.... rest in peace *Amen*



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