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Newsletter of the NOVA Community November, 2007

Chair Notes

The Thanksgiving season is upon us. The commercial world is beginning to turn it into another opportunity to expand their bottom line, sandwiched between Halloween and Christmasbut what is Thanksgiving ?

The purveyors of the pen have provided us with the historical myth of Pilgrims, native American Indians, and turkeys. It is a wonderful , fanciful tale but neither bears much resemblance to the truth nor tells us much about Thanksgiving. St. Luke's gospel tells us that Jesus healed ten lepers and one, only one, came back to thank Jesus for his healing . The one who did was a foreigner, an outcast in Jewish society. He, however, was told that he was healed by Jesus.

Thanksgiving is a transformation of the heart. Many of us are blessed so abundantly. We have loving friends and family in our lives, a caring spiritual community, a source of income, a home, sufficient food on our tables, safe water supplies, and the list goes on. We have so muchbut do we stop regularly to give thanks? In Jesus' days he healed ten lepers but only one gave thanks. Are we that one leper or are we among the nine others who undoubtedly are pleased but do not take time to thank God who is the provider of all good things?

Psalm 103:

"As a father cares for his children, so does the Lord care for those who love Him.

The merciful goodness of the Lord endures for those who love Him."

Is it therefore not correct and proper to thank

God for the love and blessings God bestows on us?

The author of "The Secret" echoes what Earl Nightingale said and learned from the Holy Scriptures: "We are what we think about! If we think in negative terms we become negative while if we think appreciative, positive, or grateful thoughts we become positive, appreciative, and thankful.

John Maxwell, the philosopher, also wrote:

"When you change your thinking you change your belief.

When you change your beliefs, you change your expectations,

When you change your expectations, you change your attitude.

When you change your attitude you change your behavior.

When you change your behavior, you change your life."

Let us change our attitude to one of gratitude, every moment of every day.

I give thanks for each of you who have shared your gifts of presence with the Nova community over the last four decades, no matter how close or far away you may be when you read this newsletter. Happy Thanksgiving and may God continue to bless us all abundantly.

~John Veldhuis



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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

Keeping In Touch:

Some of our community members are not connected to us through email and as a result do not receive time-sensitive messages that go out periodically on our electronic Nova 911 or Discussion list. If you are not connected electronically and wish to receive these important messages, e.g., last minute changes in the Nova Schedule or other immediate community life events, please call Rose Barrett, (703) 241-3854. Rose will contact you by phone if the need arises.

November Birthdays, etc.

- 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 Ormanda
- 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
- 27 Mary Gillmarten
- Natalia Mercado-Violand
- Mike Timpane
- 29 Joanna Chase
- Julie Hainer-Violand
- Rich Rosenberg
- 30 Arthur Rosenberg



Newsletter Deadline is November 25....

Year C — Cycle 1

Liturgies

NOVEMBER MUSIC LIAISON Linda Rosenberg

November 1 – All Saints Day (Thursday)

Readings (Not at Kenmore)

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

Psalm 24:1-6

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

November 4 – 31st Sunday/Ordinary Time

John Haughey, SJ -- Meg Sullivan/John
Mooney/Kathy Scheimer

Wisdom 11:22--12:1

Psalm 145:1-2, 8-11, 13, 14

2 Thessalonians 1:11--2:2

Luke 19:1-10

November 11 – 32nd Sunday/Ordinary Time

Bill Callahan -- Nancy and John Veldhuis

2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

Psalm 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15

2 Thessalonians 2:16--3:5

Luke 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

November 18 – 33rd Sunday/Ordinary Time

Joe Kenna -- Christoffersons

Malachi 3:19-20

Psalm 98:5-9

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Luke 21:5-19

November 25 -- Christ the King - Solemnity

Jim Scullion, OFM -- Peggy Meyer

2 Samuel 5:1-3

Psalm 122:1-5

Colossians 1:12-20

Luke 23:35-43

DECEMBER MUSIC LIAISON Linda Rosenberg

December 2 – 1st Sunday Advent

Quinn Connors, O.Carm. -- J Tarrant,
Alida Yath

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122:1-9

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:37-44

Sat, Dec 8 -- Immaculate Conception

No liturgy at Kenmore

Genesis 3:9-15, 20

Psalm 98:1-4

Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12

Luke 1:26-38

December 9 – 2nd Sunday Advent

TBA -- Jeanne Clarkson

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17

Romans 15:43

Matthew 3:1-12

December 16 – 3rd Sunday Advent)

TBA -- Susan Jelinek, Linda
Rosenberg, Kathy Scheimer

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

Psalm 146:6-10

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

December 23 – 4th Sunday Advent

TBA -- Teddy Ahrens +

Isaiah 7:10-14

Psalm 24:1-10b

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-24

Announcements . . .



NOVA is praying for ...

Cece Michollotti's 3 year old granddaughter (**Abby Jo Ellis**) underwent surgery last month to correct a birth problem. She suffered a setback after surgery and was placed in ICU at Pittsburgh Children's Hospital.

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Greg Swanberg (**Nancy Veldhuis's** son) who lives in the Escondido area of Southern California and as many others, are straining financially and emotionally from the savage wild fires.

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Mary Grace and other activists protesting Blackwater actions in Iraq. Mary was arrested when she walked onto Blackwater's property and knelt on the pavement. She was charged with second-degree trespassing. The protest was organized by the Norfolk Catholic Worker and Blackwater Watch, an activist group based in Durham, N.C.

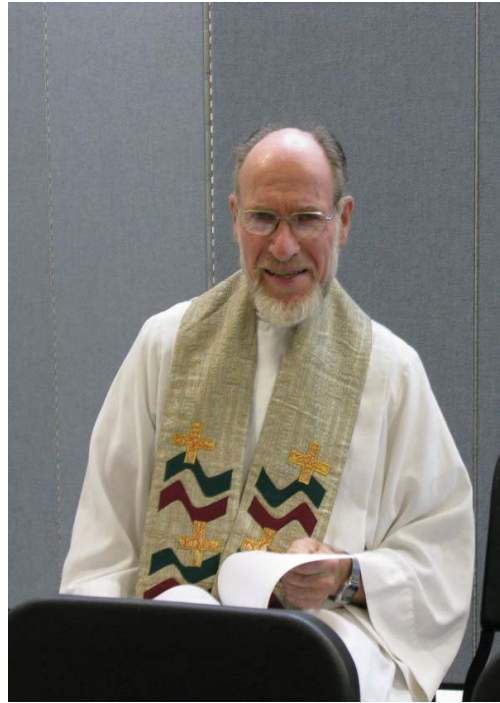
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Sonja Donahue at Goodwin House in Alexandria. Although Can't come? Her address is 4800 Filmore Street, #210, Alexandria, VA 22311... (703) 824-1246 Sonja continues to pray for us!

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Joe Reap, may he rest in peace, passed away on October 16. Our prayers are with him, his wife Anne and son Sean. Mary Grace offers *"We can be assured that this gentle, wise, intelligent and passionate man is in the Light of Love forever! We pray for strength especially for his wife and son, Sean, who will miss him so deeply. And for HEC and his work community who will miss him in all we do."*

When he's not praying ...



**He runs and finishes the Army 10-miler!
Congratulations, Bill Callahan**

IRAQ Casualty Toll

US Military Deaths	3,837
Suicides	128
Civilian Deaths	75,598—82,369
American Wounded	27,753
" " Returned to Service	15,432

Announcements, Meetings —

November 4, 2007, 5:00 pm

**A General Meeting: NOVA's Response to Social Injustice:
Times change. Do we need to change with them?**

Potluck at Meg Tuccillo's home

2532 N. Ridgeview Road, Arlington, VA, 703-522-3213

Everyone's efforts are needed to help us make sense of our path for the coming years.

Over the past year, the NOVA community has delved into a greater understanding of peace issues and Catholic Social Teaching, both of which inform our social justice efforts. While keeping our financial and action commitments to existing Social Justice Projects, we have also re-committed ourselves to deeper involvement in Social Justice as a way of honoring the past 40 years as an intentional Eucharistic community.

In response to the community survey on social justice in the spring, NOVA supported the Affirmandis' decision to volunteer in El Salvador with Co-Partners for Campesinas. This generated a variety of other outcomes : fundraising in the form of a yard sale, the wonderful benefit concert and ultimately the challenge the Affirmandi have brought to us: what are we going to do about immigration? We've also deepened our commitment to care of the Earth, and we have begun outreach to a Muslim women's group. A Peace Covenant was circulated at the retreat that had us crossing borders—the covenant will have a meeting devoted exclusively to the topic on Nov. 18.

We have also found a niche: providing a temporary assist to prevent families from sinking into irreparable difficulties such as homelessness. Christmas was brightened by helping families give gifts to their children who would otherwise receive nothing.

The Social Justice committee has been listening to the community and pulling together all the threads of interest to try to form the warp of our path. We now need to weave the pattern. The committee believes we should continue our commitments to current projects that have active participation from a Nova member/sponsor for the duration of 2008 as we shape our path.

Consider this thought from Marie Dennis:

"We are beginning to understand that 'love one another as I have loved you' is a commandment to love inclusively, even beyond the boundaries of the human family – that our love for the human community is meager and inadequate if it doesn't spill out into right relationships with the rest of creation upon which human well-being now and in the future depends."

COME, pray, participate in laying out the path. Eat, too! –The Social Justice Committee

Announcements, Meetings —

Anniversary Accommodations

If you are a NOVA "out-of-towner" or know of a NOVA "out-of-towner" who would like to celebrate NOVA's 40th anniversary with us and need a place to stay, please know that local NOVA members with an extra room to share invite you to spend the night/weekend with them. Please contact me to reserve a place for you.

Teddi Ahrens <<mailto:ritaahrens@aol.com>>
or telephone: 571-201-8622

Gunston Food Distribution: Volunteers for November, December

November 1 Kathy S, Lani, Tim
November 8 Cecilia, Tim, Jerry
November 15 Kopp and Cece, Lani
November 21 (Wednesday) Eric,
Marie Claire
November 29 Glen and Syd

December 6 Cecilia, Kathy S,
Cathy G/ Peter
December 13 Tim, Jerry, Lani
December 20 Glen and Syd, Lani
December 27 Cackley family

Don't forget to bring cereal to Nova on Sundays to be given to families on Thursdays for the Food Distribution. Cereal is very much appreciated by the children and it is best when there is enough cereal to give some to every family.

Thanks for your support of the Gunston project!

~Dianne

Visit the Prisoners - or, well, maybe at least write!

"When you visited the least of these in prison, you visited me." —good ol' Jesus
Can you please take five minutes to write to the Slobig's son, Tim, who is in prison? The Slobig's were members of NOVA long ago. His dad, Frank, wrote, "It would be amazing if he got an avalanche of mail from NOVA members."*

His address is: Timothy Michael Slobig
Inmate No. 071246
Charles Cty Detention Center
6905 Crain Highway
La Plata, MD 20646

There are also lists of political prisoners around the world at the Amnesty Writer's site www.amnestyusa.org/freedomwriters, and Jonah House site www.jonahhouse.org, the JH listing includes prisoners arrested for "Crossing the Line at the School of the Americas, the USA taxpayer funded school which trained Noriega and at least ten other oppressive dictators.

*Letters to the prisoners only are allowed: No enclosures, stamps or other pre-written material may be sent. However, you can write on pamphlets or tracts and then send them, but no separate enclosures are allowed. Anyone who wants to visit a USA prison must have their name added to a visitors list ahead of the visit. Can take a month for clearance.

Respectfully submitted by **Mary Grace**

Announcements, News —

Following in the Footsteps of Jesus *An Overview of Catholic Social Teaching*

Sponsored by Parish Social Ministry of
**Church of the Nativity Parish, St. Mary of Sorrows Parish
and Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington**

Noted speakers will help us explore the main ideas that are found in the Church's documents on Catholic social teaching. Each session will provide an opportunity for discussion and a question and answer period.

This 8-session series was developed in response to the results of a survey in June at Nativity and St. Mary of Sorrows parishes. Guest speakers will be encouraged to include a broad range of issues reflecting the concerns of parishioners as expressed in the survey.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Tuesday Evenings, 7:30 – 9:00 pm

*** At St. Mary of Sorrows Church** **+ At Church of the Nativity**
5222 Sideburn Rd., Fairfax, VA 22032 **6400 Nativity Lane, Burke, VA 22015**

- * November 13, 2007 ***“Life and Dignity of the Human Person”***
Rev. Matthew Hillyard, OSFS, Principal, Bishop Ireton High School
- * December 4, 2007 ***“The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers”***
Thomas Shellabarger, Policy Advisor, Urban and Economic Issues, USCCB
- * January 15, 2008 ***“Call to Family, Community, and Participation”***
Joan Rosenhauer, Coordinator, Special Projects, Department of Social Development and World Peace, USCCB
- + February 12, 2008 ***“Option for the Poor and Vulnerable”***
Donna Grimes, Education Specialist, Catholic Campaign for Human Dev., USCCB
- + March 25, 2008 ***“Rights and Responsibilities”***
Walt Grazer, Grazer and Associates, LLC, formerly a USCCB policy advisor on human rights
- + April 8, 2008 ***“Care for God’s Creation”***
Speaker to be determined
- + April 29, 2008 ***“Solidarity”***
Speaker to be determined

For information contact: Anne Murphy, Catholic Charities, 703-841-3831; Joe Pettit, Nativity, 703-455-4937; or Pat Seiler, St. Mary's, 703-978-4141, x18



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Northern Virginia Chapter Social Justice 101 ||

Location: Congregation Etz Hayim
2920 Arlington Blvd.
Arlington, VA 22204 (703)979-4466

12/2/2007 from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Hosted By: Northern Virginia Chapter of the Virginia Interfaith Center
Ron Brandt, Northern Virginia Chapter Coordinator: ronbrandt@cox.net***** Ryan Rinn,
Grassroots Organizer: ryan@virginiainterfaithcenter.org, (804)643-2474
RSVP by: December 1, 2007 at 12:00 am (Eastern Time)
Details at <http://ga4.org/interfaithcenter/events/sj101/details.tcl>

The Northern Virginia Chapter of the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy
Presents:

“Social Justice 101”

A unique educational program designed by the Center to train and engage
faithful advocates

Sunday, December 2nd
4:00pm-6:00pm
Congregation Etz Hayim
2920 Arlington Blvd. (Rte 50)
Arlington, VA 22204

LEARN about policy issues for the upcoming General Assembly Session.
PRAY with other faith communities to amplify our collective voice. **ACT** to
effect positive change for all Virginians.

*Virginia Interfaith Center
P.O. Box 12516
Richmond, VA 23241
804-643-2474*

Invitation . . .

You are cordially invited
To
NOVA's 40th Anniversary Celebration
January 11-13, 2008



Friday – Gathering In

7PM – Pot Luck Dinner
Musical Memories
at
the home of Meg Tuccillo, Arlington

Saturday – Main Celebration

NOVA at 40

Giving Thanks For The Work To Be Done

at
John Calvin Presbyterian Church
6531 Columbia Pike
Annandale, Va 22003

4PM - Liturgical Celebration

Quinn Connors, O.Carm., Presider
Ken Himes, OFM, Homilist

6PM – Nova Gala

Catered dinner
Premiere: “The Nova Story” – film by Jim Furlong
A Festive Frolic – Ted Miller, emcee
(reservations required)

Sunday – Brunch & Round Table

Beyond 40 Years: A Challenge to Nova

10AM - 1PM

Reflections and Discussion by Nova's Padre Cadre
at
Kenmore Middle School, Arlington

Please register now at www.nova40th.info or leave a message on Nova's phone line,
703-852-7907, to request a reservation form by mail.

Donation: \$40.00/person

Make checks payable to Nova 40th Anniversary and give to Larry Goldschmidt or send to:
Nova 40th, 407 N. Livingston St. Arlington, VA 22203

On the registration form you are invited to answer the following question:

How has your time and/or connection with Nova impacted your life?

Further questions/concerns contact: Gloria Mog, 703-522-1812 or Dianne Carroll, 703-536-2616

Seen last month. . .



The Mariscals visit from Mexico.



Tom Karawaki and mom



Hayes continues to improve ...



Social Justice Liturgy Planners . . .



Rosa from El Salvador repays a visit



Lily Peck visits . . .



Victoria story-telling to NOVA kids

NOVA Saints

Bishop John Russell of Richmond

Tom Lowrey

Bob Birch

Ruth Mausert-Mooney

Paul Birch

Brenda McCormick

Rose Birch

Louis Mendez

Madeleine Bonsignore

Paty Violand Mercado

Julie Byrne

Michelle Murray

Mary Chaison

Aubrey Osborne

Tony & Pat Chavez

Al Perreira

Michael De Groot

Jim Provost

John DeOrnellas

Joe Reap

Gil Donahue

Grover & Nancy Stock

Fran & Jim Grady

Peggy Taylor

Dean Houck

Lisa Todaro

Bob Hovda

Henrietta Walsh

Arlene Hynes

Marji Weber

Marcy Jacomet

George White

Phil Land

Kate Wholey

Tom Leckey

*"And when you have reached the
mountain top, then you shall
begin to climb.
And when the earth shall claim
your limbs, then shall you truly
dance."
~Kahlil Gibran*





November, 2007



NOVA Calendar

Friday-Sunday, November 2-4, Call to Action Conference, Milwaukee
Saturday, November 3 – WomenCircles Retreat Day, (Oct *NN*, page 14)
— Peace Café, 3 Jerusalem Women, (Oct *NN*, page7)

Sunday, November 4 – Social Justice Meeting, 5:00 pm, page 5

Sunday, November 11 – Nicaraguan pottery & artworks sale, after liturgy (Quixote Center)

Tuesday, November 13 – Life & Dignity of the Human Person, page 7

Sunday, November 18 – General Meeting, at the Mogs, 5pm, (Oct *NN*, page 10)

Sunday, November 25– DEADLINE, December *Nova Notes*, page 2

Sunday, December 2 – No. VA Interfaith Advocacy, Etz Hayim Synagogue, page 8

Tuesday, December 4 – Dignity of Work & Rights of Workers, page 7

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Save Dates –

January 15, February 12, March 25 – Diocesan Catholic Social Justice Teaching Lectures