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Newsletter of the NOVA Community

September, 2006

Chair Notes: *What's Next?*

We are nearing the end of a glorious summer. Where has the time gone? Our Sunday services in the natural cathedral of Lacey Woods Park are coming to an end and we are getting ready to move back to our Kenmore Middle School home.

This summer we met visitors from far and wide and were refreshed by the return of our college students. We were stimulated, challenged, and motivated by the Peace Series.

So what next? September signals the coming of the annual community retreat at Shrine-mont. This year's theme, "The Playground of God" will focus on joy and laughter as a natural part of our spiritual journey. If you have never participated in a Nova retreat or haven't participated in one for a while, please make a special effort to attend. The retreat is one of the highlights of the community year and allows us to experience community in a relaxed, natural setting.

Plans are underway for a monthly series of adult education discussions. More details to come. We are indebted to John Mooney and Peggy Becker for the interesting and informative series.

Questions arise from time to time about Nova which I think many of us may take for granted but which may puzzle new members

and visitors. What makes Nova different from other Catholic communities? What is the history of the Nova Catholic Community? How is the Nova Catholic community organized? What social action programs are the community involved in? How can I get involved? How **do** we communicate our story?

One of our greatest concerns is the "graying" of the Nova membership. What can we do to rejuvenate our membership? How can we attract young families? What do we have that would make young families want to return and bring their friends?

These and many other questions we will explore in the months ahead. With our multi-gifted membership, willingness to solve problems and with the grace that God has provided us so abundantly, I am confident that we'll have many vibrant and lively discussions in our search for answers in the months ahead.

Peace,

~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
 [Lacey Woods]

[Kenmore]
Liturgy begins at 10:15 am—Gather at 10:00 am
 [Kenmore]

Newsletter Deadline is Sunday, September 24....

September Birthdays, etc.

- 2 Bob & Helen Michie (Anniversary)
- 3 Brian Ferguson
- 6 Alida Yath
- 8 Barbara Formoso
Cathy Showalter
- 9 Gloria Mog
- 10 Karen Coale
- 13 Hetty Irmer
Adam Clarkson
- 14 Christopher Iskander
Joseph Kane
Jonie Whalen-Peck
- 16 Dave Gillmarten
- 18 John Michie
- 23 Bob Michie
- 24 Juliet Boyne
- 25 Nicco Mele
- 27 Daniel Cackley
- 28 Richard Markey
- 29 Ted Miller

Please Note:

This is an abridged newsletter.

Please read carefully. Some info may be missing. Somehow, this edition has bypassed the “normal” editorial scrutiny.

We promise to do better next time.

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Liturgies

SEPTEMBER MUSIC LIAISON ...
Charlie & Amy Bailey

OCTOBER MUSIC LIAISON ... Charlie &
Amy Bailey

September 3 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Francis DiSpigno, OFM – David Mog
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8
Psalm 15:2-5
James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

September 10 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bill Callahan – Emma Violand-Sanchez
Isaiah 3 5:4-7
Psalm 146:7-10
James 2:1-5
Mark 7:31-37

September 17 — Nova Retreat

September 24 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joe Nangle, OFM -- Formosos
Wisdom 2:17-20
Psalm 54:3-6, 8
James 3:16-4:3
Mark 9:30-37

At Kenmore!

October 1 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for Mass
Numbers 11:25-29
Psalm: 19:8, 10, 12-14
James 5:1-6
Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

October 8 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for Mass
Genesis 2:18-24
Psalm: 128:1-6
Hebrews 2:9-11
Mark 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

October 15 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for Mass
Wisdom 7:7-11
Psalm: 90:12-17
Hebrews 4:12-13
Mark 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

October 22 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for Mass
Isaiah 53:10-11
Psalm: 33:4-5, 18-20, 22
Hebrews 4:14-16
Mark 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

October 29 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for Mass
Jeremiah 31:7-9
Psalm: 126:1-6
Hebrews 5:1-6
Mark 10:46-52

Editor's Note:

Due to the editor's technical problems, the planners/presiders for the month of October are not available. We hope this is a temporary situation.

In the meantime, you know who you are!!! Please review the readings for your liturgy. Clyde has correct info for the rest of the year.

Thanks for your patience!

Important Dates & Activities

September 10....CANCELLED....

Nova's last program on Peacemaking which was to be presented by Marie Keefe has been cancelled for today. Stay in touch, as it may just be postponed. However, instead of this program, NOVA will participate in the Walk For Unity following this date's liturgy.

September 30, 7:30 pm (1st session)

LET US NOURISH OUR FAITH! Adult Education for 2006-2007

We are very excited to be facilitating a wonderful program for refreshing and deepening our knowledge and understanding of the basics of our faith. It is a series of video presentations by Father Michael Himes, a popular preacher and professor of theology at Boston College. It is designed to be used in adult formation, RCIA, college theology courses and in small communities like NOVA. Fr. Himes (brother of Ken Himes) is known for his ability to present the deepest dimensions of the Christian faith in a style that is engaging and challenging. In this series of ten videos he provides insights into the basics of the Catholic faith.

Title: THE MYSTERY OF FAITH:
AN INTRODUCTION TO CATHOLICISM

The program topics are: "Tradition", "Grace", "Baptism", "Eucharist", "Church", "Reconciliation", "Sacraments of Vocation", and "Salvation". The program will be offered monthly, at a NOVA member's home. It will include a viewing of the 20 minute video and some guided and open discussion. We plan

to have the programs on either Saturday evenings or Sunday afternoon or evenings. We will begin in September (Saturday, September 30 at 7:30 pm). Jean Mendez has graciously agreed to be our hostess for this program which will be on "Tradition". Directions to her house will be available at liturgies or you can contact Jean or Peggy Becker.

There will be a sign up list available for people to host additional monthly sessions. It will be up to each host to select a suitable date for the month (in coordination with other NOVA activities). If you would like to host one of these gatherings, speak with Peggy Becker who is facilitating the adult education program for this year. Peggy's contact info: xoobrent@cox.net or 703 913-1330.

September 10... 9:00 am—5:30 pm Georgetown U. Conference (free registration) co-sponsored by The Gandhi Institute for NonViolence....
"Nonviolence in the Age of Terrorism."

September 11... 11:30 am — Lincoln Memorial, Also by Gandhi Institute. For more info, www.gandhiinstitute.org

September 10... 1:30 NOVA Participates in the DC "Walk for Unity". This year's Walk begins at 1:30 pm at the Washington Hebrew Congregation, 3935 Macomb Street NW, Washington, DC 20016. Walkers will hear talks, concerts and be greeted by National Cathedral, various ambassadors, Vatican Embassy, multiple religious heads, while walking east on Embassy Row. Pauses will be taken at the Kahil Gibran meditation garden, Islamic mosque and finally culminate at the Gandhi memorial.

"The difference between what we do and what we are capable of doing, would suffice to solve most of the world's problems..." ~M.K. Gandhi

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September 11 — from Dianne for the Non-Violent Peace Force.

Very dear Nova folks,

100th Anniversary 9/11

On September 11, 1906 the Birth of Satyagraha Mohandas Gandhi convened a meeting in Johannesburg, South Africa, to mobilize his community to oppose racially degrading legislation.

That September 11th, more than 3000 people solemnly pledged to disobey the proposed law, despite the consequences, without the use of violence. You can read about Satyagraha: <http://www.nvpf.org/np/english/workadayforpeace/briefhistory.asp.html>

Nonviolent Peaceforce, <http://www.nvpf.org>, a Nova social justice project suggests we participate by:

1. RESOLVE to break the cycle:

I choose to break the cycle of violence.
I will seek to resolve my own conflicts without violence; and I will encourage nonviolent responses to conflict by my neighbors, governments, and civilians worldwide.

2. Work a Day for Peace

<http://www.nvpf.org/np/english/workadayforpeace/howto.asp.html>

3. I am suggesting the possibility of "as many as possible" Nova folks would go to the Nonviolent Peaceforce site and buy a \$10 peace bond

<http://nonviolentpeaceforce.org/english/pb1/>
as an individual and collective gesture to mark our wonderful series of discussions this summer.

Thanks for your consideration--xxoo

~Dianne

September 30, 8:45 am — 3 pm, Triangle VA
Peace with God
Peace with all Creation
(Mass (8:45 am))

Keynote: Sr. Miriam Mitchell, SHSp., MPS
Session Speakers:

Judy Okay, Chesapeake Bay Program —
Care for the Water

Tim Kautza, NCRLC — *Care for the Land*
Roxana Barilla, USCCB — *Care for the Children*
Fr. Bob Menard, OFM — *Keeping it Simple*

\$10 (lunch included if paid by 9/25)

St. Francis of Assis Parish

18825 Fuller Heights Rd, Triangle VA 22172

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Arlington Diocese Peace & Justice Commission
3rd Annual Conference

**Sunday,
Sept 24...**

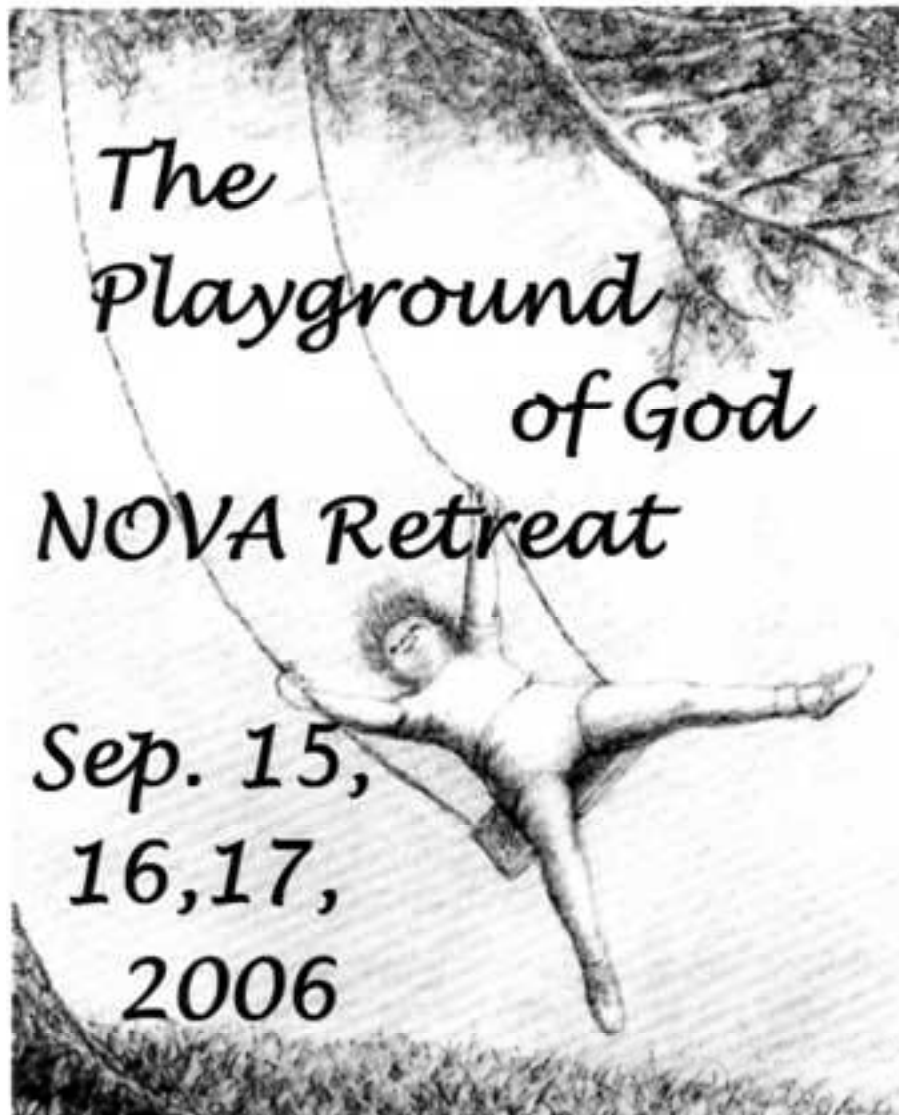
**Nova
Returns to**

KENMORE!!!

**Liturgy
starts at 10:15 am...gather at 10 am**



NOVA Retreat



Take time to
laugh - it
is the music
of the soul.
~anonymous

**If you have
not yet made a
reservation...
... it's not too
late...**

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He works
Wonders....

*God's playground is creation. Our focus for the 2006 NOVA retreat is
the rekindling of our playful spirit so that we can bring gusto,
enthusiasm and passion back into our lives.*

RETREAT PLAYMATES

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING:

CHILD PHOTOGRAPH WHICH REMINDS YOU OF YOUR PLAYFUL SELF
BOARD GAMES, ANY KIND OF GAMES, SPORTS EQUIPMENT, CARDS, BOOKS, BINOCULARS,
RAIN GEAR, SNACKS, WINE, WHATEVER IS LEGAL THAT
HELPS YOU TO RELAX AND ENJOY GOD'S PLAYGROUND

More dates and activities ...

Try a new search engine ...

The Search for God

PAX Community Adult Education Sundays, 6:00 p.m.

Meeting at
St Luke Orthodox Church,
McLean, VA

Light Refreshments Served
Contact:

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September 24
Rev. Leon Hooper, SJ,
Woodstock Theological Center
The History of God: Can God Grow Up?

October 15
Rev. Ted Keating, SM, Provincial
Experiencing Spirituality:
Contemplation and the Fullness of the Human

November 12
Professor Lillian Bisson,
Marymount University
The Mystic Journey

September 17th, 2:30 - 5:00pm
**St. Charles Borromeo Catholic
Church**

**3304 N. Washington Blvd.
in Arlington, VA 22201**

For event details and registration
please visit:

[http://ga4.org/interfaithcenter/
events/novasju/details.tcl](http://ga4.org/interfaithcenter/events/novasju/details.tcl)

Join us in Arlington as the North-
ern Virginia Chapter of the Virginia
Interfaith Center for Public Policy
hosts Social Justice U!

October 15 — 5:30 pm

The **Annual Liturgy Meeting** will
be held on Sunday, October 15th at
5:30 pm at Gloria and David
Mog's home.

Liturgical Coordinators will give a
report on their area and the floor
will be open for suggestions, prob-
lem-solving, new and creative
ideas, etc. Y'all come. Pot-luck at 5:30, meet-
ing starts at 6:45 pm.



From Frank Moan, SJ....

Dear Nova Community —

Thanks for thinking of me. I'm doing okay. Others are far more in need of your prayers. I'm always happy to read your monthly newsletter.

Greetings to all.

God bless,

/s/ Frank Moan SJ

[Editors Note: maybe the newsletter has healing powers?...God bless you, Frank.

In Memoriam....

Virginia M. Kennedy

Jeanne Clarkson's mother died peacefully this month.

Pray for her, Jeanne and her family.

We will be missing Jeanne standing in receiving the Eucharist to her homebound mother.



Arriving at the Environmental Liturgy — Sept 3rd....
...notice — no gasoline used!



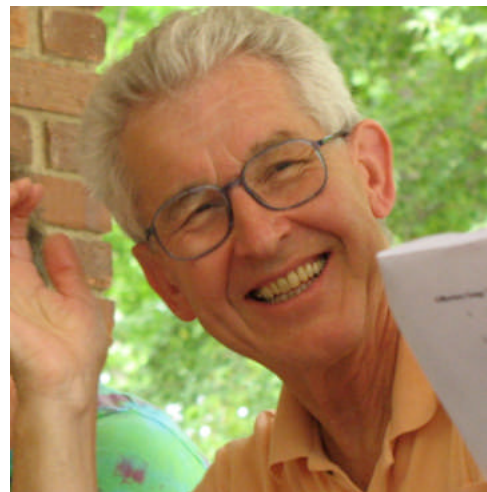
Special blessing for Jeanne Clarkson's family in memory of Jeanne's mom, Virginia Kennedy

*Let God gather to Himself
what He has planted
in His garden.....
He takes nothing out of season
St. Francis de Sales*

Seen at liturgy this summer



Some of the Baileys



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