

NOVA Announcements for September 2, 2018:

Today after liturgy we had a blessing for Helen and Bob Michie who celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary with cake, good wishes, and Grace and John too. Many more happy years to you!

Also after liturgy John Mooney gave a report on the disturbing situation in Nicaragua and on its effect on the work of John XXIII Institute. Its work continues, but in a reduced way. John will go to Nicaragua in January.

**RETREAT!** If you are not signed up and wish to go, contact Kopp immediately. He will be turning in numbers to Shrinemont tomorrow.

There will be a **Nova general meeting at 5:00 PM on Saturday, September 22** at Meg's. There will be a potluck dinner with meeting to follow. The chairs will send out an agenda the week before the meeting.

A fundraiser for Pax Christi will take place on **Sunday, September 16 from 5:00 to 7:30 PM at Marymount University in Arlington. Tickets start at \$100.** It will feature a talk by NCR's Vatican correspondent Joshua McElwee. To rsvp, or for more info: go to <https://www.paxchristifund.org/flying-with-the-pope> If you cannot attend, you can go to the same website to donate to Pax Christi.

**Arlington Community Foundation's 2018 Spirit of Community award goes to our own Dr. Emma Violand-Sanchez!** To celebrate Emma's contributions to Arlington, there will be a luncheon at the Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel on Thursday, September 27 from 11:30 – 2. RSVP by September 20 to [bit.ly/acfsoc2018](http://bit.ly/acfsoc2018)

As we return to Kenmore, we resume the **First Sunday gatherings** that give us time to chat with others after liturgy. Once again, we will be providing simple snacks for this time together starting with October 7. We need three volunteers each month to furnish light refreshments. You can sign up after liturgy or contact Judy C. directly at [judy@crclaw.com](mailto:judy@crclaw.com)

**Update on dreamer Daniel Sanchez.** His mother has had her cancer surgery and is recovering. Eric delivered the generous donation of Safeway cards that were collected last week which will help them with food expenses. However, Daniel has lost part of his scholarship at Marymount because the private donor who furnished \$5,000 of it is unable to continue because he has cancer. Carmela and Eric are trying to find out how we can help Daniel and will get back to the community.

**The school supplies that were collected** in August were delivered to the families a week ago. The kids were excited to get their new things (as excited as you can be about school starting), and the mothers were all very appreciative. With some of the cash donation we were able to buy Target cards for each family for any extra needs.

Carmela has asked us to send out this announcement for a friend in Pax: **Alexandria's award-winning Space of Her Own (SOHO) program** seeks creative adult female volunteers to provide girls in need with social, emotional, academic and creative enrichment through mentorship and visual arts instruction. Interested? Attend an information session on Wednesday, Sept 5, from 6:30-7:30pm, in the Art League Gallery, located on the first

floor of the Torpedo Factory Arts Center. Follow this link to learn more and to register. <http://spaceofherown.org/>

Next Sunday, Sept. 9, will be our last Sunday at Walter Reed Community Center. The planners will be Dan Madigan with Kate Doherty and Emma Violand. The scribe will be Markie Harwood who will really appreciate announcements in written form. Submitted by Cathy Goldschmidt

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**From:** Jack & Linda Christie <jacklinchristie@gmail.com>

**To:** NOVA Catholic Community <novacatholiccommunity@googlegroups.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, August 26, 2018 2:09 PM

**Subject:** NOVA Announcements for August 26, 2018

The following announcements were either made at the close of liturgy today or carried over from previous ones:

Please remember that next Sunday, Sept. 2nd is the **First Sunday** of the month and, in addition to cereal, NOVA collects **paper products for Doorways**. Thank you for both.

Several people brought **Safeway Gift Cards** or made donations today for Daniel's Mom who is having cancer surgery tomorrow. Thank you. Those who forgot or were not at liturgy can either bring such next week OR send them to Dianne Carroll at home.

Carmela announced that some nine or ten NOVA folks have signed up for the **Second Wed. evening dinner** with members of the L'Arche Community. Please contact Carmela at if you want to go in September or some other upcoming month. Carmela's cell phone number is (202) 368-6010.

Bill Hobbs announced that he and Dianne Carroll (NOVA's communication team) met on Saturday night met with the Co-Chairs (Jeanne Clarkson, Barbara Formoso and John Veldhuis) along with the Co-Chair of Liturgy Gloria Mog and the Chair of NOVA's Peace and Social Justice Committee Marie Keefe to discuss the **NOVA website** and its social media tools. In the short-term, we will be making some adjustments to the website to make it more user friendly both for the internal NOVA Community and more appealing to external visitors. We will be reducing some of the 'verbiage' and increasing the photo imagery. We will make the menus easier to use and will reduce some of the circular nature of links on the site.

You will already notice the weekly announcements have been moved to "This Week @ NOVA" as has the calendar. The liturgy pages have been split - so there is a page about our worship together as well as a resource page for liturgy planning - both on the side menu. We have hidden some items that are no longer current or widely used - they now exist behind the "curtain".

We believe that we will move to a new website design in the next twelve months, given the limitations of the current platform.

And speaking of liturgy, just a reminder to everyone to please **silence your cell phones** during liturgy at NOVA. Several community members have noted how distracting it is and disrespectful to the purpose of coming together each week to celebrate and be present to one another and the liturgy. If you have an emergency or need that cannot wait, please step outside to use your cell phone. Thank you!

from Judy & Clyde Christofferson: **Bethany House** of Northern Virginia is presenting The **7th Annual Garden of Light Gala**. Bethany House's mission is to protect and empower the families who have fled domestic violence. It is also one of the groups NOVA regularly supports.

Pertinent information:  
Crowne Plaza  
901 N. Fairfax Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Thursday, Oct. 4, 2018  
6 - 9 p.m. \*Delicious cuisine, live entertainment and live auction items

Ticket price: \$100  
Table of 10: \$900

Tickets can be purchased at [bit.ly/bhnvgol](http://bit.ly/bhnvgol)

Also, a reminder about **Flying with the Pope**: a conversation with Joshua McElwee, Vatican Correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter.  
Sunday, September 16, 2018 5 - 7:30 p.m.

Marymount University  
2807 N. Glebe Road, Arlington, VA 22207 Parking is available.

To purchase Tickets or make a Donation, please go to [PaxChristiFund.org](http://PaxChristiFund.org)  
All proceeds will support Pax Christi International, the global Catholic peace movement with 120 member organizations.

Pat Sodo thanks everyone for his or her donation of books brought to liturgy today for her Women's Prison Ministry.

Teddi Ahrens: Eve and friends continue to paint the house while big pots of healthy soups and stews simmer on the stove. She shares it later "out the back door."

Her latest request for a women's craft project is for T-shirts. Any condition, any size, faded colors, I imagine. (Not sure of that.)

And of course, when you're sorting for the end of summer, set aside extra jackets, hats, mittens for her homeless friends there in Martinsburg. Also, any staple food items, disposable diapers, etc., would also be most appreciated. Thank you.

Teddi also reported on **Baby Kara** who is teething, standing up and hanging onto things as she begins her 19 weeks of chemo. One down, 18 to go. YAY for Kara!

Gloria Mog reminds everyone that NOVA has two more weeks at Walter Reed Community Center, then the retreat, then we **return to Kenmore Middle School on Sunday, September 23rd.**

Please see the email that David Mog sent out this past week regarding his thanks about how NOVA's \$4,000 Grant to **Elders Climate Action** was used in support of a Webinar Series this summer as well as the recordings that will be made available to literally the whole world via YouTube. In addition, ECA will participate in a major climate event in San Francisco on September 15th and excerpts from the recorded webinar will be on display at that event.

Emma shared that her Mom Emma Sanchez celebrates her **100th Birthday** on September 1st. Wow and Congratulations to her!!!

We are excited for the **upcoming retreat with Jan Phillips**. The dates are Sept. 14-16th at Shrine Mont. The theme for the weekend is : "The Image,the Word, the Story: Tools for Transformation." Kopp Michelotti says there might be room for one or two more folks if anyone is still interested. Call him at (703-241-0789) ASAP. Jan has given workshops, retreats, seminars in many different settings and to many different groups. Please see a few of the comments listed below.

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*Jan's weekend with us was illuminating, transforming, profound and fun. Women left with a deeper appreciation of their own creative abilities and power to affect change.*

*"Elaine Hirschenberger, SSSF | Dorothy Bock, SSSF*

*Womenspace Founders, Rockford, IL*

*"Jan, your retreat was great! Thanks so much for sharing your many gifts and inviting me to stretch."Anne Marie Dean, CSJ*

*"Jan Phillips' workshops cut to the core of what keeps us from fulfilling our creative destinies. She is insightful and compassionate, a loving friend and masterful teacher.Her books are great, but the experience of Jan in person is revelatory and life-changing."Deborah BurgessVideo Producer, Toronto, Canada*

*"With passion and wit, eloquence and pith, Jan Phillips encourages an open, robust and world-affirming spirituality. I heartily recommend her! "Murphy Via de Cristo United Methodist Church, Scottsdale, AZ*

*Time spent with Jan Phillips is transformative. In whatever context, Jan's breath of wisdom, open heartedness and commitment to world service ignites the souls of those who have the good fortune to be in her presence. Her visionary thinking, humor, spontaneity, and expanded consciousness catalyzes an embodiment of our own soul/personal potential. Jan models the change for good that is now.Peg Vernon, PhD; Clinical Psychologist*

*"After Jan's talk, we came away with a renewed commitment to our work, the inspiration to be more creative, and a greater sense of team work." William Lieberman  
Director of Planning and Operations, Metropolitan Transit Development Board, San Diego*

\*\*\*\*\**We have recommended two of Jan's books, - No Ordinary Time and Divining the Body (available on www.smile.amazon), but she has more listed on her website. We are sure our shared weekend will nourish our souls and be a joy-filled experience and please remember all the other wonders of Shrine Mont already listed by Marlene. Jeanne and Archer*

**Next week's presider is Drew Christiansen SJ and the planner is Helen Michie. The scribe next week will be Cathy Goldschmidt who will really appreciate written announcements. Submitted by Linda Christie**

NOVA Announcements for August 19, 2018:

Hello all,

Here are the announcements from today's liturgy-in-the-park with members of the Nova and Pax communities:

1) **Community-led liturgy** — Don't forget that next week, Aug. 26, we are back at Walter Reed Community Center, starting at 9:45 a.m., for a community-led liturgy that Carmela Ormando will organize.

2) **Climate action webinar** — David Mog reminded us that there will be a webinar this Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. by Elders Climate Action (one of the groups Nova supports) on ways to be active on climate change. David said he sent out an email with details on how to register for the webinar. If you can't find that email, go to <http://www.eldersclimateaction.org/> and click on the "Get Engaged" tab for links to this upcoming webinar, as well as three others that were posted earlier this summer.

3) **Women's Prison Book Project** — Pat Sodo will collect books at liturgy next Sunday, 8/26, for the Women's Prison Book Project. Please bring paperbacks or CDs that you would like to donate. Actually, any book is welcomed — if you have hardbacks to donate, they will be taken to a used bookstore for credit toward appropriate paperbacks. If you have questions, please give Pat a call at 703-298-3219.

4) **Collection for Daniel's family** — Next Sunday, we will take a special collection to help the family of Daniel Sanchez, a Dreamer that Nova has supported. Daniel's mother has been diagnosed with ovarian cancer and will have surgery Aug. 27. Her sister will be staying with them while she convalesces. To help the family with meals, we will be collecting Safeway gift cards or donations toward a gift card at liturgy on 8/26. For more information about this, contact Carmela Ormando.

5) **Campus ministry appeal** — David Wigginton, the nephew of a Pax member, spoke about his upcoming involvement with InterVarsity, a Christian campus ministry group, to reach out to college students and help them figure out what they believe about everything. If you're interested, you can support him by going to this link:

[donate.intervarsity.org/support/David\\_Wigginton](https://donate.intervarsity.org/support/David_Wigginton)

Again, next Sunday will be a community-led liturgy, planned by Carmela Ormando. The scribe will be Linda Christie, who (as usual) would appreciate written copies of any announcements made.

— submitted by Phil and Alicia Cackley

**The following NOVA Announcements were made today, August 12, 2018:**

**Next Sunday, August 19, is our annual IEC Picnic at Lacy Woods Park. Liturgy will be at 9:30** with a picnic to follow. Please remember to bring extra chairs, since we hope that we will have many guests from other local Intentional Eucharistic Communities. Also, please bring picnic food (easy to eat, doesn't spoil during liturgy) to share. Drinks and paper goods will be provided. If you have mobility issues getting to the shelter at Lacy Woods, please alert a planner ahead of time so that all can be accommodated.

The following Sunday, August 26, we will be back at Walter Reed Community Center (9:45 AM) through September 9. September 16 will be the retreat and there will be no liturgy in Arlington. On September 23 we will return to Kenmore.

Meet at Meg Tuccillo's ([2532 N. Ridgeview Rd, Arlington](#)) at 6:30pm on Saturday, **August 18th** for dessert (bring your own to share.) As Clyde's been announcing, the **Peoples' Synod** in Dallas, Texas is scheduled for October 12-14. Conference organizers anticipate an alternative conference structure focused on multiple small-group discussions ("listening circles" plus reflection plus "sending forth" energy to work for change.) As a 'pilot test' for such discussions, NOVA will hold a evening's listening circle on two topics: the acceptance of women called to be priestly ministers in the RC Church, and welcoming undocumented immigrants in the USA. The People's Synod is an organization seeking to reform current practices in our church so they are more faithful to the Gospel.

**On Sunday, August 26 Pat Sodo will collect any books and CDs you want to donate to the Women's Prison Book Project.** The Women's Prison Book Project accepts paperbacks. Other books go to a used book store for credit toward appropriate paperbacks. Any Questions? Call her at 703 298 3219.

Clyde, Markie and John Mooney want to invite you to a post-retreat event Sunday evening, **Sept. 16.** Our dear Joe Nangle asked the three of us to serve as hosts for a fundraiser that evening to **support Pax Christi International.**

The event will feature the *National Catholic Reporter's* [Joshua McElwee](#), who, as Vatican correspondent and a peace advocate, has exceptional experience covering Pope Francis. He has traveled often on the papal plane and has followed closely Francis' remarkable efforts on behalf of migrants and marginalized people everywhere, the Earth and a more just and peaceful world. McElwee will share his deep insights into the Holy See's and Pope Francis's direct involvement in articulating a shift in Catholic theology toward active nonviolence and just peace

following a landmark conference on nonviolence and just peace co-sponsored by the Vatican and Pax Christi International in 2016.

The event will take place on **Sunday, September 16 from 5:00 to 7:30 PM at Marymount University in Arlington. Tickets start at \$100.** To rsvp, or for more info: go to <https://www.paxchristifund.org/flying-with-the-pope> We hope that many of you will be able to join us for this event. But if you cannot, you can go to the same website to donate to Pax Christi.

Next Sunday we will meet in at Lacey Woods Park just for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The planners will be Fr. Jacek Orzechowski OFM and Victoria Robinson. The scribes will be Alicia and Phil Cackley who will, as always, be grateful for written announcements. Submitted by Cathy Goldschmidt

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