

NOVA'S WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM FEB. 22:

CALENDAR:

Wed., Feb 25th – Nova Game day at Keyes', 1-4 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 28th - Game Evening at Marie Schum-Brady's, 7 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 28th - Alexandria Singers Concert.

Wed. March 11th — Lenten mini-retreat in Arlington, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Fri., March. 27th - VOICE Action at Kenmore 7 p.m.

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Marie Schum-Brady is also offering a Game Night next Sat., Feb. 28th at 7 p.m. at her home.

From Katie Ahrens Kiskovec: Kara is a Brownie in Girl Scouts this year and is having fun with many of her peers, learning a lot about herself and getting involved in her community. She set a goal to sell 100 boxes of cookies, and she appreciates your help with reaching that goal. Online sales are pretty easy. You can either click on or cut and paste the link (just below) that will take you to a page where you then put in her specific code. General Girl scout cookie page:

gsdigitalcookie.com/code. You will be prompted to enter a code for which girl scout you want to

buy from, and you put in Kara's code: FUA722PD. Choose "Get In-Person delivery" to avoid

shipping charges, and I will bring orders on Sundays in the next few weeks as they are

processed. I will not be here next week though, as we are going to NJ for the weekend. If you

prefer to order "the old fashioned way" on paper and with cash, that's fine too. I can take your

order and record it and collect money when cookies arrive. I will contact you via email to let you

know when orders arrive so you know when to bring payment. Thank you so much for your

support!

On Friday, March 27th, there will be a VOICE action at Kenmore at 7 p.m. This is to request Arlington approve funds for an extension of the very successful two years Pilot Program at Kenmore regarding after school activities for MS and HS students. Meg has attended some of these 'classes' that have included cooking, coding and other really interesting courses.

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February 28, 5:45-9 p.m. at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Washington. All are welcome to this free event! Please register, spread the word, consider donating, and sign up to volunteer.

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Letters from “Priests Against Genocide”: Also, Fr. Jacek has sent us 2 open letters from “Priests Against Genocide” urging Catholic Church leaders not to participate in Trump’s Board of Peace. Here are the links:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/115VUWC_L4VsDD6P38Q4E1150BII2vUPb/view?usp=sharing

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pb-Z4XPdzaTL07OrUxxurhBwFddRyNym/view?usp=sharing>

Fr. Jacek Feb. 25 report on his visit to the West Bank. Fr. Jacek says: On Wednesday, February 25 at 7 p.m., I’ll be giving a personal testimony focused on my recent two weeks in the West Bank and the opportunities for action during this special Jubilee Year focused on St. Francis of Assisi and the need for contemporary witness for peace. The Catholic Caucus of the Christians for Free Palestine is providing a zoom forum for me. Here is the link to register:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/AJo4ERX2Qgu7KWIlxKhMRw#/registration>

New Nova Directory: Tom Clarkson sent out a new NOVA Directory, February 2026 Edition. If you didn’t receive it in your email, please notify Tom at toclarkson@gmail.com.

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Next Sunday March 1st is the Second Sunday in Lent. The planners are Quinn Conners, O.Carm and Pat Sodo. The Scribe will be Judy Christofferson who, as always, needs announcements in writing.

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Next Sunday is the First Sunday in Lent. The planners are Charley Miller OFM and Clair Lamb. The scribe will be Linda Christie who, as always, needs announcements in writing.

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Announcements

1) Nova directory corrections due today — Tom Clarkson said he needs any final corrections by midnight tonight (Sunday, Feb. 8) to the latest edition of the Nova directory. Tom has sent several emails, most recently yesterday (Saturday), with an attached draft of the directory. If you have not done so already, please find that email and check your family's entry, and get any corrections to Tom so he can incorporate them in the new directory (which is available on the password-protected page of the Nova website; we stopped printing copies of the directory several years ago). Tom asks that you email him with corrections at toclarkson@gmail.com Alternatively, if you didn't receive an email from Tom with a draft directory attached, please email him and he will send you one.

2) Ash Wednesday service Feb. 18 — Jeanne Clarkson reminded us about the community-led liturgy that is planned for Ash Wednesday, at noon, at the Clarksons' home in Vienna. A simple

lunch of soup will follow the service. Please let Jeanne know if you plan to attend, so she can prepare accordingly. Her email address is jeannenova2018@gmail.com

3) Lenten mini-retreat on March 11 — Gloria Mog repeated her announcement concerning the March 11 Lenten mini-retreat that will take place at the Missionhurst location in Arlington. Fr. Gino Correia is expected to lead the retreat, which will be from 10 am to 3 pm. If you plan to go, please register with Linda Christie as soon as possible so Gloria and other planners know how many to expect. You can email Linda at jacklinc@verizon.net

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5) Palestine Immersion Experience Feb. 28 — Tom Clarkson also mentioned (again) the Palestine Immersion Experience that Christians for a Free Palestine members are organizing for Feb. 28, from 5:45 to 9 pm, at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Washington DC. Contact Tom for more information about how to register. In addition, Tom said our friend Fr. Jacek has asked us to support children living in Gaza. Here is a link that will take you to their signup page: <https://cmep.org/let-children-live/> where you will receive the name of a Palestinian child alive today and lift them up in prayer and advocacy.

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7) Food for AFAC — Finally, please continue to bring boxes of cold cereal and canned protein (e.g. tuna) or low-sodium vegetables to liturgy each week. Eric Carroll takes them to the Arlington Food Assistance Coalition (AFAC), which continues to serve as many as 4,000 clients per week. In these wintry weeks, when schools are closed, many families don't have a regular source of meals (such as school lunches) — which means support from AFAC is all the more important.

The presider and planners for next Sunday's liturgy will be Fr. Francis Gargani, CSsR, and the Peace and Social Justice Team. The scribe for announcements will be Cathy Goldschmidt, who (as usual) needs written copies of announcements made. — submitted by Phil and Alicia Cackley

FROM FEB. 1:

Calendar

Monday, Feb. 2, 4 p.m. -- Women's Journey Group meeting on Zoom.

Tuesday, Feb. 3, 7:30 p.m. – Bible Study Group meeting on Zoom.

Sunday, Feb. 8, after Liturgy – NOVA Book Group discussion at the Goldschmidts' home.

Wednesday, Feb. 18, 12 noon – Ash Wednesday service at the Clarksons' home.

Wednesday, Feb. 22, 3 p.m. – VOICE Annual Meeting at Arlington UUCA

Wednesday, March 11, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. – Lenten Mini-Retreat at the Missionhurst Retreat Center in Arlington.

Acknowledgements

Following NOVA's liturgy on Zoom today, Dianne and Markie led community members in a review and discussion of the Community's Peace and Social Justice projects. Amazingly, the meeting, which included helpful slides, explanations of proposed funding increases and decreases, community questions, answers, and approvals, was concluded in about an hour. Kudos to Dianne, Markie, and all those who contributed.

Linda Christie's birthday is tomorrow! As an active community member, Linda arranges the schedule of those of us who email the weekly announcements and emails the monthly birthday list of community members. She also provides much-appreciated help with setting up and putting away of accoutrements ("stuff") for our liturgies at Kenmore, just to name a few of her community contributions. Happy Birthday, Linda!

Announcements

Tomorrow, the Women's Journey Group will meet at 4 p.m. on Zoom. Gloria Mog will email the Zoom link. Even if you haven't attended previous meetings, you are encouraged to attend.

On Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. the Bible Study group will meet on Zoom. The group is currently reading and discussing The Separation of Church and Hate. Chapters 7 and 8 will be discussed at this meeting. John Vedhuis leads this group..

Next Sunday, Feb. 8, the NOVA Book Group will meet following the liturgy at the home of the Goldschmidts. The group will discuss The Separation of Church and Hate by John Fugelsang. If you plan to attend this meeting, please notify Cathy Goldschmidt by tomorrow.

On Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18, at noon, there will be a community-led liturgy and simple soup meal at the Clarksons' home. If you plan to attend, RSVP Jeanne Clarkson at jeannenova2018@gmail.com.

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Save the date for a March 27 at Kenmore for a VOICE Action Rally - Keep Kids Learning! A 275+-person Action - to tell the County Board: Preserve progress on after-school programming for at-risk kids and develop a roadmap for expanding it to help youth in need!

From Linda Christie: On Wednesday, March 11, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. there will be a Lenten Mini-Retreat Day at Missionhurst Retreat Center in north Alington. Fr. Gino Correa will be leading those who attend through a day of prayer, inspiration and reflection to deepen and support our Lenten journey together. If you wish to attend, please register with Linda Christie at jacklinc@verizon.net. Suggested donation at the door: \$20/person. Please bring your own lunch; coffee/tea/water provided.

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Next Sunday is the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The planners are Charley Miller, OFM, the Christies and the Ruths. The scribes will be the Cackleys, who need any announcements in writing.

FROM JAN. 25:

Calendar:

Tuesday, Jan. 27: Bible Study via Zoom.

Thursday, Jan, 29: Lobby Day at Virginia's General Assembly.

Thursday, Jan, 29, 7-8 p.m.: Talk via Zoom on Palestine featuring Mary Grace and Carmela.

Sunday, Feb. 1 after liturgy: General Meeting to discuss Social Action Budget. There will be an agape!

Monday, Feb. 2, 4 p.m.: Women's Journey group on Zoom. Gloria Mog facilitates.

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Saturday, Feb. 28: Palestinian Immersion Experience.

Wednesday, March 11: Lenten mini-retreat with Gino Correa, OFM.

Thursday, March 26 and Friday, March 27: Demonstrations near the Pentagon.

Announcements:

The housing proposal meeting will be rescheduled, most likely on a weekday via Zoom.

First-hand report on Palestine: What's it really like to live in Palestine today? Find out Thursday, Jan 29 from 7-8 p.m. on Zoom, as Carmela, Mary Grace and others share

their experiences from visiting the occupied West Bank last Christmas. You are welcome to invite friends and members of your community. Please register here:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/jJoHLFZPRwu739axviYbOA>

The General Meeting to consider social justice project funding for 2026 will be after liturgy on Sunday, Feb. 1. There will be an agape to sustain you for the meeting. Kindly let Sally Keyes know this week what you plan to bring. Finger foods are preferred. Markie sent an email Jan. 24 with the sponsors' proposals. Please take time to read them this week and be ready to discuss them on Sunday.

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Sign up please with Linda Christie: jacklinc@verizon.net. First come, first served.

Suggested donation at the door: \$20/person. Bring your own lunch. Coffee/tea/water provided.

NOVA's Women's Group meets the first Monday of the month via Zoom. The next gathering is Monday, Feb. 2 beginning at 4 p.m.

Bible Study meetings on Zoom with John Veldhuis have been moved to Tuesdays. Sign up with John if you have not done so. Chapters 5 and 6 of "The Separation of Church and Hate" will be discussed.

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Upcoming Events/Dates to Remember

Wednesday, 7:30 pm — Bible Study with John Veldhuis (on Zoom).

Sunday, Jan. 18 — meeting about affordable housing resolution, after Liturgy at Kenmore.

Sunday, Feb. 1 — Nova general meeting, after Liturgy, at Kenmore.

Announcements

1) Affordable housing resolution, next Sunday — Don't forget that after liturgy next Sunday (Jan. 18), Nova will discuss a possible resolution to the Arlington County board on the question of funding for affordable housing. For the text of the resolution under consideration, see the end of this bulletin.

2) Bible Study resumes Wednesday on Zoom — John Veldhuis said his Bible Study group will resume its weekly meetings, starting this Wednesday (Jan. 14) at 7:30 pm, on Zoom. For more details or to get the Zoom link, contact John.

3) Tables for Six starting again — Cathy Goldschmidt let us know that the Tables for Six gatherings will begin again in the spring. The group planners will meet tomorrow (Monday Jan.12) to re-shuffle the tables for the Spring gatherings. If you would like to change your status -- join or decline for the upcoming months -- please contact Cathy or Sally Keyes. If they don't hear from you, they will assume that you are happy with your current arrangement.

4) Books for Women's Prison Book Project — Pat Sodo said she will be at Nova for the next two weeks and will be happy to accept donations for the Women's Prison Book Project. You can donate hardback books, paperbacks, or old DVDs. Anything that doesn't go directly to the women's group will be traded in at a used bookstore for credit.

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6) Lenten Day of Reflection? — Gloria Mog asked for a show of interest in a possible Lenten Day of Reflection, to take place in early March. Contact Gloria if you need more details.

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11) Anniversary photo slideshow on the website — Dianne Carroll put today's photo slideshow (made for Nova's 58th anniversary, today) on the Nova website: <https://www.novacatholic.org/> Or possibly go to the photos page on the same website: <https://novacommunity.weebly.com/> Or just content yourself with reviewing all the materials up on the website from our last big anniversary (the 50th), at this link: <https://www.novacatholic.org/nova--50.html>

The presider and planners for next Sunday's liturgy will be Fr. Francis Gargani, CSsR, and Sally and Joe Keyes. The scribe for announcements will be Cathy Goldschmidt (who needs written copies of announcements made). — submitted by Phil and Alicia Cackley

Here is the text of the Affordable Housing resolution:

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NOVA Catholic Community Resolution on Adjusting Low-Income Housing Assistance in Arlington County

Proposal #1: We urge the Arlington County Board to use its Expense for Housing Budget to fund the construction of any new affordable housing developments in Arlington, only if at least 25% of the new units within them will be rented to households whose incomes are 40% of AMI or less, starting in FY2027.

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Rationale: There are about 10,000 rental households in Arlington County earning 40% of AMI or less, of which about 7,000 receive NO housing assistance of any type. These households must deal with market rate rentals as best they can. Increasing the number of housing grants will support those households that are struggling with rents now rather than waiting to obtain a prospective CAF unit in the future.

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Calendar

Monday, January 5, 4 p.m.: Women's Journey Group on Zoom.

Sunday, January 11: Liturgy celebrating the NOVA Community's 58th Anniversary followed by an agape.

Sunday, January 18: After-liturgy discussion of revised proposals regarding low-income housing in Arlington.

Sunday, February 1: After-liturgy General Meeting to discuss and approve the Community's Peace and Social Justice projects for 2026.

The Women's Journey Group will be at 4 p.m. Monday on Zoom. Click on the following link to join the discussion: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83607166574>. Even if you haven't attended previous meetings, you are encouraged to attend.

The celebration of the NOVA Community's 58th anniversary next Sunday, January 11, will be followed by an after-liturgy gathering with the opportunity to chat informally with others and share some goodies. Sally Keyes, coordinator of our monthly gatherings, would appreciate your willingness to bring a food item to share, such as fruit, raw vegetables, cookies, etc. Please email Sally what you plan to bring.

The Peace and Social Justice Team would like to gather all updates from sponsors of peace and social justice projects by Wednesday, January 15, in preparation for the community's February 1 General Meeting. Please try to email Markie your update by the 15th of this month or let her know if you have a problem meeting that deadline.

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Tom Clarkson provided the following information:

1. Let the Children Live Campaign

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2. SIGN THE AAD PETITION AND HELP THEM RAISE \$231

For those who would like to help the group Arlington for Palestine raise \$231 for supplies used for teach-ins and community events, here is the donation link: <https://gofund.me/7ff25df92>.

3. HEATHER COX RICHARDSON ON VENEZUELA

[Heather Cox Richardson](#) explains the seriousness of U.S. attack on Venezuela. Here's a link to her warning about how the administration's attack on Venezuela is destroying the international rule of law and attacks the U.S. Constitution:

<https://youtu.be/wu9QSeAI22I?si=hVk56NDINbJWy8wz>.

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Next Sunday is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The planners will be Quinn Connors, O. Carm., and Gloria Mog. The scribes will be the Cackleys, who need any announcements in writing.

