

NOVA'S WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM MARCH 2:

Calendar:

Wednesday, March 5 -- Ash Wednesday service at the Clarksons, 2635 Wooster Ct, Vienna, 22180, at 2:00 PM. Please RSVP to: Clarkson.Jeanne@gmail.com..

Monday, March 24 - Nova Women's Journey Group will meet from 4-5:30 p.m. on Zoom.

Sunday, March 30 - Liturgy with the Pax Community at Kenmore.

Sunday, May 4 - Discussion of Emma Violand-Sanchez's book following liturgy.

Following Communion at today's liturgy, Dan Altman of Northern Virginia RAFT (Resettling Afghan Families Together), briefly discussed the accomplishments as well as the challenges faced by this local nonprofit that, since 2021, has helped approximately 300 Afghan families get settled into their local residences by finding and delivering furniture and providing other household needs. Volunteers have also assisted these families in registering their children for school, in obtaining health care and driver's licenses, and in many other ways. Currently, several members of our own community are helping Afghan newcomers improve their English language skills. Locating housing and helping with rental costs is an ongoing challenge RAFT. To learn more about RAFT and how you may be able to help, visit www.novaraft.org.

From Tom Clarkson:

1. NOVA DIRECTORY: Last Thursday, Feb. 27, Tom sent out a draft copy of the March 2025 NOVA Directory. If you didn't receive that email, please tell Tom by email and he'll send it again: toclarkson@gmail.com. Please review the entries for your family if you haven't already and tell Tom if any corrections are needed. No need to reply if your entries are ok.
2. POSTPONING DISTRIBUTION OF JOBS GUARANTEE FLYERS ON MARCH 6: Given that the Dems in Congress are in a super crisis mode, Tom is postponing this for a couple of months. He'll be in touch with all those who volunteered when he's rescheduled it.
3. GARDEN WORK FOR RONALDO: Ronaldo Vail (father of our refugee family from Guatemala) is available for garden work, however, his schedule at Target varies. Please call Ronaldo directly @ 731-618-1459 to set up a time. He welcomes extra work around the garden and home.

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Emma's Book: Emma's memoir Dreams and Shadows An Immigrant's Journey will be published in mid-March. Emma is taking orders. For NOVA members, the price is \$20.

Check out Emma's website (www.emmaviolandsanchez.com) regarding dates where she will also be selling her book at specific locations. Currently it is not being sold on Amazon.

Food for AFAC: As always, don't forget to bring boxes of cold cereal and other food donations to the liturgy at Kenmore on Sundays. NOVA has been connected with the Arlington Food Assistance Center for all of the nonprofit's 35-year existence. AFAC is now serving more than 3,700 families every week. Please remember to bring a box or two of cold cereal, or peanut butter, canned tuna, canned soup (in pop-top cans), plain pasta or canned beans.

The March 9th liturgy will be the First Sunday of Lent. The planners are Gino Correa, OFM and Helen Michie. The scribes will be Alicia and Phil Cackley, who will need any announcement in writing.

FROM FEB. 23:

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Please consider participating in the hopefully national Do Not Buy Anything Day, also known as an Economic Blackout Day this Friday, Feb. 28th. If you must purchase something, try to do so from a small, independent and local business.

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Anita Martineau is still looking for 12-inch squares of all-cotton fabric for a Nova quilt she is making. This will be a good use for those pieces you were saving for "some day" projects that never happened. Bring them to Anita or Victoria next Sunday.

From Steve Ruth, Jeanne Clarkson and Joe Keyes: Urge two Republican representatives to continue to refuse reductions in benefits for the poor. Rep. GT Thompson, head of the House Agriculture Committee, (<https://thompson.house.gov/> or 202-225-5121) has stated that he is against reducing benefits like [SNAP](#). Here is his [statement](#). Pennsylvania Republican Rob Bresnahan (<https://bresnahan.house.gov/> or 202-225-5546) has taken a similar independent stand. Story [here](#) – third segment down. Please consider complimenting these two Republicans for their stand, with a short email. This week, the House will be considering the Senate budget blueprint, which includes huge cuts.

From Catherine Loveless: Register here for [A Conversation with David Brooks & Judy Woodruff](#) on Democracy at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25 at Mount Vernon and on Zoom. Free.

Meg announced that plans are underway for a NOVA Movie Night at the Keyes' home, specific date to be determined. The still fairly new film Conclave is being considered. It just won Best Picture at the UK version of our Academy Awards.

Also from Meg: We are thankful to Nico Islander for his thoughtfully crafted land acknowledgement. Planners, please use this wording at the beginning of your liturgy program:: It is during this time that with hope and humility we acknowledge the efforts of elders past and present who continue to fight to reclaim the land which has been taken from them. Today we gather on the ancestral lands of the Nacotchtank, Kanawha, and Pamunkey people as well as other tribes that formed part at any time of the Powhatan Confederacy.

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From Carmela Ormando: Here is the information on the book, Unbuild Walls. This is part of Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) NoVa's Study and Struggle book group. The gathering

will be at my home (4107 N 34 St) on Sunday, March 2, 3-5pm. There is also a virtual option. Please register at the tinyurl from SURJ. Here is a recent talk she gave on why immigrant justice needs abolition: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jtg5YpYHeCs>

Scheduled Nationwide Protests:

- Friday, February 28 - Hit Them In Their Profits - Economic Blackout Protest NO SPENDING FOR 24 HOURS
- March 7-14 - Oligarch #1 Protest: Amazon - NO BUYING FROM AMAZON
- March 14 - NATIONAL STRIKE - All workers, businesses and higher education organizations

From Linda Christie: Thirty lonely but beautiful actions you can take right now which probably won't magically catalyze a mass movement against Trump but that are still wildly important: <https://thewhitepages.net/p/thirty-lonely-but-beautiful-actions>

From Tom Clarkson:

1. Please let Tom know if you can help distribute flyers to Democrats' offices on Capitol Hill on March 6, around 11:00 AM. With 25 volunteers delivering the flyers it should take about an hour. We also need 25 people to call the offices and tell them we're coming. So far we have 5 callers and 6 Distributors. If you want to know whether you're one of those, Tom sent you an email.
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Clyde reminds us of the **update of Synodal Process** information on Saturday, February 22 at 2 PM. Hear how the synodal process is gathering steam throughout the world, and what NOVA can learn from this. The link for joining in this update

is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81954153258?pwd=TVJqdmdPaDhaYmFKaGJ5MjFkRURoQT09T>

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FROM FEB. 9:

Upcoming events/Dates to Remember

Sun. Feb. 16 — Nova book group meeting, after liturgy, the Goldschmidts' home

Sat. Feb. 22 — Nova synod group meeting, 2 pm, on Zoom

Sun. Feb. 23 — VOICE annual meeting, 3-5 pm, Woodbridge

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4) Jim Coriden's passing — Meg announced that a longtime member of Nova's padre cadre, Fr. Jim Coriden, passed away on Saturday morning. Jim was a canon lawyer who taught at the Washington Theological Union and was well known as a canon law expert. He wrote a number of books, including *An Introduction to Canon Law*. Meg recalled that Jim came to support her and other Nova members at a meeting several years ago with staff in the bishop's office, when the diocese was making uncomfortable inquiries about Nova's status as an intentional eucharistic community. "He was a savior for Nova," Meg said.

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The presider and planners for **next Sunday's liturgy** will be Fr. Francis Gargani, CSsR, and Steve and Diana Ruth. The scribe for announcements will be Cathy Goldschmidt, who needs written copies of announcements made. — submitted by Phil and Alicia Cackley

FROM FEB. 2:

Calendar

Tuesday, February 4: 7:30 p.m., Zoom meeting of Bible Study Group.

Sunday, February 16: The Nova Book Group will meet to discuss "The Women" by Kristin Hannah following the liturgy.

Saturday, February 22: Synod Group Meeting at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom

Sunday, February 23: Voice Annual Meeting

At a general meeting following liturgy today, the community approved \$150,350 in annual commitments for 2025. More information about these commitments will be on the website soon.

In the wake of the tragic Jan. 29 air crash over the Potomac River, the Capital Region Community Foundation has partnered to launch a crisis response fund to aid impacted families, first responders, and nonprofit organizations supporting recovery and healing. You can donate [here](#).

By popular request, John Veldhuis reports that the Bible Study group will change from meeting on Wednesdays to Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. Please note that the next meeting is on February 4. The group will continue its study of Jesus and the Eucharist, Chapter 4, which is a fascinating and very informative explanation of the importance of this celebration in our church

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Quilt Project: Anita Martineau would like to make a Prayer Quilt for NOVA members who are ill or just need a lift during a difficult time. It would be passed from person to person and signed by NOVA members as well as members who benefit from it. The main purpose of the quilt is to

reflect the powerful, loving spirit of our community. If you would like to contribute a 12" x 12" 100% woven cotton square (a colorful material preferred), please give your squares to Anita at next Sunday's liturgy (Feb. 9). Solids or small prints are best. If anyone has sewing skills and would like to help make the quilt, please let Anita know. For people who attend liturgies via Zoom, Anita's mailing address is: 300 South Harrison Street, Arlington, VA 22204. Her email is: anitamartineau@verizon.net

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FROM JAN. 26:

Calendar

Wednesday, January 29th: Bible Study resumes.

Friday, January 31st: NOVA Men's meeting via Zoom.

Sunday, February 2nd: Annual community meeting following the liturgy on Peace & Social Justice projects. There will be an Agape in connection with this. Please let Sally Keyes know what you will be bringing. She requests "no cookies please" and maybe more substantial food like small sandwiches? Thank you!

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Saturday, February 22nd: follow-up Synod Group Meeting at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Sunday, February 23rd: VOICE annual meeting.

From Markie and Dianne: Today was the second Sunday for NOVA's special collection for victims of the Los Angeles-area wildfires. Please let Dianne or Markie know if you still plan to contribute. "Immigrants, especially undocumented day laborers, are the reliable and essential second responders who step up for the difficult, dangerous work of disaster recovery, but they are also exposed to the risk of arrest and deportation." You can donate at [PayPal on the NOVA website](#) or by check written to NOVA Catholic Community. Please note that your donation is for wildfire relief. Thank you for your generosity.

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The main goal in making this quilt is that it is inclusive and reflects the powerful, loving spirit shared in this community.

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Immigration
Law & Justice
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If you are driving along border states, you may be pulled over by Border Patrol and could encounter checkpoints. They can pull you over if they have reasonable suspicion of an immigration violation or a crime, and they may ask questions about your status. They can continue to detain you to inquire about your status, **but they cannot force you to speak or to sign anything.**



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The NOVA Care for Creation Team is regrouping to plan community activities for 2025. Several members have needed to step off the team, so we welcome participation by anyone at Nova. Our next meeting is on Zoom on Thursday, January 23 at 2:15 p.m. Those who are able to will also attend a webinar that day from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. to hear theologian Elizabeth Johnson and others speak on the the Catholic Climate Covenant's jubilee theme, "Pilgrimage of Hope." Gloria will send that link out to the whole community. If you would like to join the Care for Creation Team, let Gloria know at gloriamog@verizon.net.

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Sun., February 2 — meeting on Nova's Peace and Social Justice projects, after liturgy, at Kenmore

Announcements

1) Sunday collection (give regularly!) — Dianne Carroll noted that, in recent years, the January collection has been low (only \$480 for all of January last year). However, Nova has regular commitments to social justice programs that we need to send money to monthly, Dianne said. So please remember to give regularly to Nova! You can drop a donation in the collection basket at liturgy on Sunday, or send a check in the mail to our treasurer, Joe Formoso, or make a donation on-line, using either debit or credit card, or PayPal — go to this link: <https://www.novacatholic.org/donations.html> Additionally, Dianne said she and Markie Harwood are investigating effective ways that Nova members can make donations to help those affected by the wildfires in Los Angeles. She expects to have a list of possibilities available by next Sunday.

2) Nova Lite discussion on Wednesday — Steve Ruth said he will host another Nova Lite discussion on Zoom this Wednesday, at 1:30 pm. The purpose is to “relax, share and enjoy ... hobbies, travel, sports, TV favorites, whatever comes to mind.” He promised a low-key and enjoyable session. You can use this Zoom link: <https://gmu.zoom.us/j/96770795>

3) Synod update Saturday afternoon — Clyde Christofferson reminded us that he will hold an update on the Synod recently held at the Vatican in Rome, and on what next steps are likely. Join Clyde on Zoom from 2 to 3:30 pm Saturday (Jan. 18). Clyde notes that the session will be recorded for later viewing, but if you can, please come and participate! Here's the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81954153258?pwd=TVJqdmdPaDhaYmFKaGJ5MjFkRURoQT09>

4) Cereal for AFAC — Finally, please remember to bring donations of cold cereal and other food items (peanut butter, low-salt veggies in pop-lid cans, tuna or other proteins) for the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) to liturgy each week. AFAC is serving over 4,000 families each week and needs our on-going help. Meg Tuccillo related that she recently heard Charlie Meng (the group's CEO) say that “our biggest need is always cereal.”

Next Sunday, Nova will have a community-led liturgy. Jeanne Clarkson is the planner. The scribe will be Judy Christofferson, who needs written copies of any announcements that you would like included in this email. — submitted by Phil and Alicia Cackley

**FROM JAN. 5:
CALENDAR**

January 8: 7 PM Bible Study resumes

January 12: Nova 57th Anniversary celebration Agape after liturgy

Saturday, Jan. 18: Update on Synod on Zoom.

Sunday, Feb. 2: Peace and Social Justice projects meeting, at Kenmore, after liturgy.

Sunday, Feb. 23: VOICE annual meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday, January 12 we will celebrate **Nova's 57th Anniversary** with an agape after liturgy. If you can bring food for the celebration, please notify Sally Keyes.

Pat Sodo will be **accepting books** next Sunday, Jan. 12 for the Prison Book Project.

Tables for Six committee will meet later this week to organize new groups for the winter/spring round of meals. If you wish to join, or wish to withdraw for this round, please contact any member of the committee: Archer Heinzen, Cece Michelotti, Sally Keyes, or Cathy Goldschmidt.

Bible Study resumes this Wednesday at 7 PM. Refer to John's email if you wish him to send you the Zoom link so that you can join.

Nova has been invited to join the **Movie Moments of Grace** group of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Georgetown. The first Zoom discussion will be of The Father with Anthony Hopkins and Olivia Coleman on January 24. You must sign up by January 22 to receive the Zoom link. More details will be copied at the end of these announcements. Contact Joe Keyes if you have any questions. This writer agrees that "The film does a heartbreakingly effective job of realistically depicting the impact of dementia" and is well worth watching even if you do not plan to join the discussion.

Update on Synod. Clyde invites all to an update and discussion of the Synod and what the "synodal process" holds for NOVA going forward. This session on Saturday, Jan. 18, from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Zoom at the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81954153258?pwd=TVJqdmdPaDhaYmFKaGJ5MjFkRURoQT09>.

"Although the session will be recorded for later viewing, please come and participate in the live session if you can," Clyde says.

Peace and Social Justice meeting moved — The Peace and Social Justice projects meeting has been moved to Sunday, Feb. 2, at Kenmore, after liturgy.

VOICE annual meeting. Nancy asks that we save the date for this meeting: 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 23 at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 1400 G St, Woodbridge. “Among other things, come and celebrate NOVA/VOICE accomplishments for the year with our fellow interfaith members,” she says. More details and sign up [here](#).

Food Donations for AFAC: Not only should we celebrate our 57 years, but also the 35 years that Nova has helped support AFAC in its mission to provide food for thousands of families every week. Your regular contribution of cereal, peanut butter, and canned proteins are very much needed in this cold season.

Next Sunday we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord. The planners are Quinn Conners, O.Carm., and Gloria Mog. The scribes will be the Cackleys.

Information on Holy Trinity Movie Moments of Grace Zoom discussion:

Dear Friends of Movie Moments of Grace (MMOG),

Happy New Year! The MMOG discussion of the first film of 2025 will take place on Friday, January 24th, at 7:30 pm on Zoom. We will be discussing *The Father*, a 2020 psychological drama film, directed by Florian Zeller in his directorial debut. A French–British co-production, the film stars Anthony Hopkins as an octogenarian Welsh man living with dementia, with Olivia Colman starring as his daughter.

The Father grossed \$24 million worldwide on a \$6 million budget and was acclaimed by critics, who lauded the performances of Hopkins and Colman, as well as the production values and the portrayal of dementia. Among a host of nominations and wins, *The Father* received six nominations at both the 93rd Academy Awards and the 2021 British Academy Film Awards (BAFTA). The film won the Academy Award and the BAFTA for Best Adapted Screenplay, and Mr. Hopkins won for Best Actor. Since then, it has been cited by many critics as one of the best films of the 21st century.

SYNOPSIS:

This is the story of an 80-year-old man (Hopkins), who refuses all assistance from his daughter (Colman), as he begins to suffer from the overwhelming and unnerving symptoms of dementia, and what is likely Alzheimer's Disease. As he tries to make sense of his ever-changing circumstances, he begins to doubt his loved ones, his own mind, and even the fabric of his reality. The film does a heartbreakingly effective job of realistically depicting the impact of dementia and Alzheimer's disease - on the patient as well as the caregivers.

OFFICIAL TRAILER: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4TZb7YfK-JI>

HOW TO WATCH: *The Father* is available to rent on AppleTV+ and Fandango At Home for \$3.99; and in Ultra High Definition (4K) on Google Play movies and Amazon Prime Video for \$3.59. If you have a subscription (or want to sign up for a free trial), it is available to stream on STARZ, through Hulu, Roku, YouTube TV, Sling TV, and Amazon Prime Video.

Screen the film on your own, at any time, and then join our discussion on January 24th. We suggest you watch the movie as close to the discussion date as you find convenient, since the more vivid your memory of the movie, the richer the discussion will be.

For all the movies this season, our discussions will continue to be in the virtual mode, using Zoom. To join us for *The Father*, simply reply “YES” to this email as soon as possible, indicating the number/names of persons included in your reply. Although I enjoy hearing from you at any time, it is not necessary to reply, unless you are registering to attend.

Please reply as soon as possible, but not later than 10PM on Wednesday, January 22nd; you will receive an acknowledgement of your reply. The Zoom link for the discussion will be sent the evening of Thursday, January 23rd, the day before the discussion.

If you submit a timely reply to attend, but do not have the Zoom link by Friday morning, January 24th, please contact me at fitsimmons01@comcast.net, but not later than 11AM. [Bill and I will be celebrating our 55th Wedding Anniversary on the 24th, starting with Mass at 11:30AM, so it is unlikely that I will be reading or responding to emails later in the day. ;-)]

The list of films chosen for this season, the scheduled dates for the Zoom discussions, and links to view the trailers and available streaming options are also on the excellent MMOG website:

<https://trinity.org/ignatian-spirituality/movie-moments>