

NOVA'S WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM MARCH 24:

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** After the Easter Liturgy next Sunday, there will be an Agape. Everyone, please bring some type of finger food for this! Thanks.**

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*I, Linda, will add this list every time I am the Scribe.

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March 19 is St. Joseph's day, as Rosemarie reminded us. Give thanks for someone named Joseph today!

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Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. The planners will be Charley Miller, OFM and Teddi Ahrens and team. The scribe will be Linda Christie, who will need written announcements. Because of the solemn nature of the liturgy, spoken announcements will be kept to a minimum.

FROM MARCH 10:

Upcoming events/Dates to remember

Monday, March 11 — VOICE appeal to attend Alexandria City Council budget meeting, at 5:15 pm

Wednesday, March 13— 2nd Zoom meeting for Nova's synodal process, at 8 pm

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Announcements

1) Dream Project fundraising raffle — Emma Violand-Sanchez introduced members of the parents group of the Dream Project, who were on hand to sell tickets to a fundraising raffle that will take place in June. Former Dream Project scholar Girasol O'Neill (now an art teacher in Arlington Public Schools) showed his painting and explained the symbolism behind its composition. A full-sized reproduction of the painting is first prize in the raffle. There are a number of other prizes, including cash amounts. Tickets are \$10 each. If you didn't get a ticket at liturgy today, you can purchase them online, using Venmo or Zelle mobile payments apps. Check with Emma for details or look at her March 8 email.

2) VOICE appeal to Alexandria council — Nancy Veldhuis said VOICE is looking for NOVA members who live in Arlington and Fairfax to show up tomorrow night at an Alexandria City Council budget hearing to help advocate for two approved affordable housing projects, yet to be funded for the third year in a row. 5:15 pm to 7 pm, Alexandria City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria. You can sign up here: <https://secure.everyaction.com/Metqc-gBzU2jeAjXJIFZdg2>

3) Synodal process Zoom meeting Wednesday — Clyde Christofferson let us know that over the last two years Nova has submitted two documents to the Synod Office in Rome. A third submission is due May 15. To prepare that submission, he hopes to hear from as many members of the community as possible. One meeting is still to be held, beginning at 8 pm on Wednesday night, over Zoom.

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5) Bunk beds for Afghan family — Carolyn Miller asked us to be on the lookout for a bunk bed that could be donated to the Afghan refugee family that Nova is helping. They have 5 children, who are currently sleeping on the floor. Mattresses aren't needed, only the frame. Contact Carolyn for more info or to help.

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Tom's other announcement:

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Sun., March 10th Fourth Sunday of Lent/Laetare Sunday - Rose or Pink are appropriate colors

Sun., March 17th - 4-6p.m. ,ini Lenten Retreat via ZOOM w/ Fr. Ted Keating

Thu, March 21 – Shane MacCarthy's tour of Capitol Bldg, 11:30am

Sun, April 7 – Mike & Gen Timpane fundraising walk for PathForward

Sun., April 14th - NOVA Book Club meets after M

Announcements

Shane MacCarthy's invite to join him, Thurs March 21 @ 11:30am, for several-hour **docent tour of Capital Bldg** (busy scene because it'll be Cherry Blossom time.)

Carolyn M thanked Community for generous response of household stuff, kids' clothes & money for 3 (new to US) **Afghan families**. She is tutoring one of 8 kids (and the Mom) in English.

Both Tom C. & Marie S-B spoke of the need for us to work to **get poor people registered to vote**, get them rides to the polls, etc. Tom C and others participated in this week's DC "March on Poverty" event. He reinforced message that all needs for housing, healthcare, food security would be underwritten if Fed legislation provided \$16/hour guaranteed wage! (See Tom's simple 2 clicks – 2 Congress effort to push for this.)

Scott Miller (Director of **PathForward**, formerly ASPAN), reported that 700 individuals have been provided with indep housing units, while PathForward still staffs the Courthouse area 24/7 homeless shelter. They seek daytime volunteers to work with chef & serve breakfast (often 30 people), lunch at Noon (often 60 people) and dinner @ 6Mark your calendars for post-liturg 1st Sunday in April (4/7) Mike & Gen Timpane fundraising WALK @ Kenmore. Walk & donate, or just donate if walking ain't easy. See Clyde C's earlier Emails for Weds & Sun mtgs about continued efforts toward RC Church synod plans.

From Yaneth Spaine on behalf of Little Friends For Peace: Join the **2024 Best Buddies Walk** at 9 a.m. Saturday April 27 on the National Mall at 7th and Madison Drive. See Yaneth for the QR code to register.

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3. LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR RONALDO AND HIS FAMILY

Ronaldo & Nohemi’s asylum lawyer has asked for friends to send letters saying good things about him, especially if they have done something for you, for NOVA, or

for others. Please notarize your signature (lots of UPS stores have notary services) and give them to Tom next Sunday. Click [here](#) for the lawyer's instructions.

FROM FEB. 25:

Calendar

Monday, February 26th: Visit Senator Warner's office

Wed.. Feb. 28th - resumption of Study of the Book of Exodus

Fri., March 1st A NOVA Chorus Concert 7:30 p.m.

Sun., March 3rd is another First Sunday with Snacks and Coffee following Mass

Sun., March 3, 3-5 pm —annual VOICE meeting, in Burke

Sunday, March 17 4-6 PM: mini Lenten retreat with Fr. Ted Keating

Sun., April 7th Path Forward Walk after Mass to honor Mike Timpane

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Announcements

The Care for Creation Team has sent a number of emails with **suggestions for Lent**. Now we have pulled those ideas together in a suggested action plan. It is:

- Observe Meatless Mondays– or one additional plant-based meal weekly.
- Read [Laudate Deum](#), Pope Francis' "apostolic exhortation" on the climate crisis.
- Take Catholic Climate Covenant's [Laudate Deum Action Pledge](#).
- Attend the March 17 mini-retreat with Father Ted Keating: "A Conversion of the Heart: From Chardin to Laudate Deum."

This information is on the website and will be in the announcements with links to Laudate Deum and the Lenten pledge.

From Nancy Veldhuis: **Annual VOICE meeting** March 3 from 3 to 5 P M. This gathering will set the stage for the rest of the year, with VOICE delving into discussions about organizing priorities, budget approval and the selection of a Strategy Team. The meeting will be held at Accotink UUC, 10125 Lakehaven Ct, Burke, VA 22015. To register for the event, click on this link: [VOICE registration](#)

Two announcements from Carolyn Miller:

- A new family with a small baby has just moved into the building where the family I am helping lives. They have nothing. If you have any baby furniture, beds, linens, carpets, etc. to donate please Let me know.
- The NOVA Chorus is having a Spring Concert this coming Friday, March 1st beginning at 7:30p.m. Parking is free at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915 E. Campus Drive, Alexandria, VA 22311. Free Admission, too, though donations are welcome. Featured will be The NOVA Chorus, The Arlington Community Chorus and Brentsville District High School.

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From Sally Keyes, two things:

- If you can help provide finger foods for next Sunday's First Sunday, please let Sally know at jskeyes@verizon.net
- Also, the current Tables of Six (or Seven) Timing is now through April.

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