

NOVA'S WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM MAY 24:

Calendar:

Saturday May 30, 1 p.m.: NOVA book club at Reeder's.

Sunday, May 31: Circle of Leaders at Keyes' home.

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Next Sunday is the Feast of the Holy Trinity. The planners will be Charley Miller, OFM, and Jeanne and Tom Clarkson. The scribe will be Markie Harwood, who needs announcements emailed to her.

FROM MAY 17:

CALENDAR:

Wednesday, May 20, 9 a.m.: Fund Care, Not ICE rally and march.

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David Mog invites us to experience a Quaker Meeting: As those who attended today's liturgy know, Gloria will be in Detroit next Sunday for the Women's Ordination Conference. When she is away on a Sunday, I often attend the Bethesda Quaker Meeting that is held on the campus of Sidwell's Lower School. I will be happy to have a few interested members of NOVA join me at this Meeting. If you would like to attend, please send me an email or phone our landline and leave a message: 703-522-1812. I plan to leave at 10:20 a.m. for the 11 a.m. Meeting.

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Steve Ruth invites us to join the NOVA Lite Zoom group on Wednesday, May 20 at 1:30 p.m. We've covered a lot of topics and what they always have in common is that they are light, easy, interesting, and sometimes funny. Hope you'll join us:

Time: May 20, 2026 01:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://gmu.zoom.us/j/98476253563>

Meeting ID: 984 7625 3563

Passcode: 860844

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Next Sunday is Pentecost. The planners will be Fr. Ted Keating, SM, and Linda Rosenberg. The scribe will be Linda Christie who needs announcements emailed to her.

FROM MAY 10:

Calendar:

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From Nancy Veldhuis: May 13, from 5-7 p.m., VOICE Happy Hour Celebration, Bunnyman Brewing, 14140 Parke Long Ct. A-C, Chantilly, VA 20151. NOVA members are invited to celebrate the culmination of years of work in our local communities, championing Homes for All legislation to include Faith In Housing, Accessory Dwelling Units, and Parking Reform. For all who have contributed in large or small ways, let's join our interfaith VOICE partners to celebrate this pro-home legislation. see email from Nancy sent on Friday, May 8, Subject: May 13 Happy Hour Celebration for additional details and to sign up. The sign-up link:

https://secure.everyaction.com/0m0PE4FlkkeonUWpXQXK_A2?emci=64a777ae-a248-f111-8ef2-000d3a14b640&emdi=695b7202-e24a-f111-8ef2-000d3a14b640&ceid=4541958

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Person2Person International Help for Families in Gaza: As Katie Akbar spoke about last week, her organization [Person2Person International](#) supports nine displaced families in Gaza, enabling them to eat daily during a time of ongoing starvation and deprivation of housing and medical care. Tom and Jeanne Clarkson, plus a third parishioner, are supporting this project regularly. The following are urgently needed:

- Donations, preferably on a monthly basis. 100% of donations go straight to the families. Donations can be made [here](#) or, even better, straight into the P2P account via Venmo (best for setting up recurring donations), Zelle, or PayPal to Katherine-Akbar at 703-300-6231 or kmakbar1@yahoo.com.
- A volunteer to do donor follow-up (and ideally, new donor cultivation) to ensure we have enough money to distribute every Saturday (1-2 hours/week).
- A volunteer to create and send out a newsletter report to our donors (1-2 hours/month).
- A volunteer to assist the capable women in becoming Arabic tutors or expanding their tutoring businesses, so they can become self-supporting (1-2 hours/month).
- A volunteer to update our website (WordPress skills required, several hours one time).
- Students to take weekly Arabic tutoring (\$50 an hour).
- Get more information about the project [here](#) or contact Katie at 703-300-6231 or kmakbar@p2pinternational.org.

Let's help the widows, orphans and hungry, as Jesus so often asked us to do!

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FROM MAY 3:

Calendar:

Through Sunday, May 17: Pro bono coaching before and during International Coaching Week.

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From Clair Lamb: On May 4, Clair will present NOVA's housing proposals at the Arlington County Town Hall. The event is open to all. Registration information is here:

<https://us.openforms.com/Form/bb2bddcd-08d2-4846-9b0e-9a36a3bfd913>

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Next Sunday is the first Sunday of the month. Please plan to stay after liturgy for the agape and conversation. If you wish to be an angel, please notify Sally of what you will bring.

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Tuesday, April 21: Polls open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. to vote on Virginia redistricting amendment.

Wednesday, April 22: Faith in Housing bill before General Assembly.

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From Nancy Veldhuis: Governor Spanberger has signed the Faith in Housing bill with amendments. Join VOICE in encouraging your legislators in the General Assembly to [support the amended bill](#) when it comes before them on Wednesday, April 22. For more details, see Nancy's April 17 email.

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Support Formoso granddaughter's school fundraiser: Emilia Formoso attended liturgy this morning and asked our support for a fundraiser at her daughter's school, St. Ambrose in Cheverly, Md. Contact Emilia (703-929-8576 or eformoso@gmail.com) before Friday, April 24, if you'd like to buy a raffle ticket. Top prizes are \$1,000, \$500 and \$250.

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Two reminders:

- Please silence your phones before entering our liturgy space on Sundays.
- Please bring back any Pyxes (take-home Communion boxes).

From Tom Clarkson:

- Raquel Pastor's paper on threats to children in Mexico: Raquel works on the problems of threatened and missing children in Mexico. Please click on the following link to read her paper. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WskQis5XyCckTorCBE3X5lMqV4CZwOVn/edit?usp=drive_link&oid=100463953567423917507&rtpof=true&sd=true
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FROM APRIL 12:

Calendar:

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From Linda Christie: Please bring back any Pyxes (take-home Communion boxes).

From Tom Clarkson:

– Please Vote “Yes” on Redistricting by April 21. You may vote early, in-person from Monday, April 13 through Saturday, April 18. The final day to vote is Tuesday, April 21. To find your early or day-of voting location, please use this link:

<https://www.elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/polling-place-lookup/>

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Calendar:

Monday, April 6: NOVA Women's Journey Group will meet on Zoom at 4 p.m.

Monday, April 6: A Zoom discussion in memory of Joe Nangle will be at 8 p.m.

Tuesday, April 7: At 4 p.m., the first in a five-course series entitled "Understanding Climate Change" will be held on Zoom.

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Also on April 6, Father Ted Keating, SM, invites all Nova members to a Zoom discussion at 8 p.m. This is a fundraiser in memory of Father Joe Nangle, OFM, who in his lifetime was devoted to the cause of nonviolence. Two speakers, Bishop Joe Stowe, OFM, Conv., Diocese of Lexington, and Martha Ines Romero, Pax Christi International, will give their remarks on "With Hope to Courage." To RSVP, or make a gift, visit: www.PaxChristiFund.org/Nangle.

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By popular request: Below is Grace Kelly's pineapple casserole from this morning's Agape. (It's called "Do-se-Do," but she doesn't know why.)

2 Large cans of crushed pineapple (Drain well.)

4 Tablespoons of corn starch

4 Well beaten eggs

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