

## NOVA'S WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM AUG. 25:

**Calendar:**

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**NOVA joined PAX today** for liturgy with our dear Joe Nangle, OFM, and with discussion and refreshments following. Joe, in his homily, celebrated the unity of our two communities and the decision more than 60 years ago to follow Vatican II with love, not fear. And he challenged us to meet Pope Francis' call for synodality in the same spirit.

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**Next Sunday's** presider and planners will be Quinn Conners, O. Carm., and Linda and Jack Christie. The scribe will be Cathy Goldschmidt, who needs written copies of announcements made.

— submitted by Phil and Alicia Cackley

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**A NOVA "Zoom-Lite" meeting** will be held this week on Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. Steve Ruth invites anyone interested joining in a an informal discussion (described as "fun, a bit frivolous, and guaranteed to be easygoing and interesting") on a wide range of topics of the participants' choosing. Past topics s have included travel, books, movies, and sports. The meeting link is: <https://gmu.zoom.us/j/92105664580>

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**Save the date: September 29, 3:15-5 p.m.** for an important meeting of Voice at Fairfax High School - Nancy Veldhuis invites all community members to attend. In an email to community members yesterday Nancy wrote: "From time to time at NOVA we talk about the ministry of presence. Here is a time when your physical presence can go a very long way to benefit the underserved in our local area, especially our youth . . . Stand with our Youth and Families Assembly from 3:15 -5 pm at Fairfax High School, 3501 Lions Run, Fairfax, VA from 3:15-5pm VOICE is planning an assembly with local and regional elected officials to highlight our community's urgent need for improved behavioral health centers. gain their commitment, and mobilize community members to advocate for better support systems and resources. We need a sizeable turnout from NOVA to do our part for this important campaign." Refer to Nancy's email for further details.

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Liturgy Planner for **August 11 liturgy**: Charly Miller (presider), Clyde and Judy Christofferson. Nova Scribes: Alicia and/or Phil Cackley, who need announcement in writing.

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**Save the date:** Our long-awaited liturgy workshop will be held on October 12, 2-5 p.m. Fr. Francis Gargani, John Mooney and Gloria Mog are working on the workshop content and are open to all input. Please email John or Gloria with your ideas. The workshop will be held at Francis' home, the Redemptorist Provincial House, 312 7<sup>th</sup> St NE in Washington D. C. More details and registration information to come.

**from Dinne Carroll:**

Dear dear NOVA,

On every Sunday. So here I am reminding you again especially now in summer. When the school year ends, children lose access to the crucial school-sponsored breakfast and lunch programs that they rely on during the school year.

Let's see if we can increase our regular donations!!

Thanks!! And also a reminder about other great things to donate:

low sodium soup in pop-top cans

canned tuna or chicken

canned fruit in light syrup

peanut butter

plain pasta

canned beans

cooking oil

\*\*Also don't forget to make your NOVA \$ donations during the summer! please! You can put it in the very week the announcements remind you of the cereal and non perishable food collection basket on Sunday, send a check to Joe Formoso (treasurer), donate on website ([novacatholic.org](http://novacatholic.org)) with PayPay donate button.

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**from David Mog** - Please let us all be aware that when we only extend one arm in Blessing, etc., it can remind many of the Holocaust. Therefore, let us extend two arms when we do such. Thanks.

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2) Book group to be rescheduled— A meeting of the Nova book group had been scheduled for July 28. However, Cathy Goldschmidt sent word via email that she has fallen and has a vertebral fracture and feels unable to host the gathering. At liturgy this morning, it was briefly discussed and decided it would be better to reschedule the session to another date in the future. Stay tuned.

3) PAX liturgy with Joe Nangle — PAX has sent an invitation to Nova to join them for a liturgy with Fr. Joe Nangle presiding. The date is Sunday Aug. 25, 9 am, at St Luke Catholic Church in McLean. It's possible there will be coffee and discussion following the liturgy, which will be Zoomed (the liturgy, not the discussion).

4) Nova's YouTube videos — Dianne Carroll noted that Nova's videos, which are available on YouTube, are unlisted (i.e., not easy to find for the general public). She sent an email Saturday with a link to Nova's page on YouTube with 17 different videos, covering a variety of community events. You can find Dianne's email or you could click on this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLE0rRU3i8VXjzzS28ktu7kWTI3aaLz2p>

5) Poor People's Campaign election effort — Tom Clarkson reminded the community that he has sent out information regarding the Poor People's Campaign's effort to promote participation in the upcoming elections. You can get involved in that effort. For the full text of Tom's announcement (and two others, on the jobs guarantee and garden work for Ronaldo), see below.

6) Save the date Oct. 12 liturgy workshop — John Mooney let us know about a liturgy workshop that Fr. Francis Gargani has invited us to, from 2 to 5 pm, on Saturday, October. 12. It will be held at the Redemptorist Provincial House, where Francis lives, in Northeast DC. More details to come later.

7) Nova's annual retreat — Jeanne reminded us about the dates for the Nova retreat, Sept. 6 — Sept. 8, to be held at the Bon Secours retreat house in Maryland. Fr. Ken Himes will be the facilitator. For complete info about the retreat and how to sign up, look for Anne Passin's email to the community sent on July 8 (actually, two emails!)

8) Food for AFAC — Keep those boxes of cold cereal (and other food donations) coming! Nova has been connected with the Arlington Food Assistance Center for all of its 35-year existence. Summer is a time when many Arlington families need more help (because school is out and children don't have access to school-provided breakfast and lunch). AFAC is now serving more than 3,700 families every week. Please bring a box or two of cold cereal, or peanut butter, canned tuna, canned soup (in pop-top cans), plain pasta or canned beans.

Next Sunday's presider and planners will be Fr. Gino Correa, OFM, and Cece and Kopp Michelotti. The scribe for announcements is scheduled to be Cathy Goldschmidt, but that may change. Be prepared to give (or send electronically) written copies of announcements made to the scribe.

— submitted by Phil and Alicia Cackley

Here is the full text of Tom's announcements:

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The 40 million workers who earn less than \$18/hour thank you. Please click [here](#) to see last week's video, "[Policy 1st Personality 2nd](#)".

2. GARDEN WORK FOR RONALDO

Ronaldo Vail (father of our refugee family from Guatemala) has resumed working at Target four days a week; however, his schedule at Target varies. Please call Ronaldo directly at 731-618-1459 to set up a time. He welcomes extra work around the garden and home. Please click [here](#) for [directions to his home](#).

3. POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

As we know, the goal of the Poor People's Campaign is to gain electoral votes in swing states by getting more poor and low-income voters to the polls in 2024 than in 2020. Therefore, it makes sense for us to concentrate our canvassing efforts on Virginia. See Point 1) below for a good way to canvass in Virginia. For other ways to get out the vote in Virginia and in other places see Point 2) below.

1) So far, the best canvassing effort that I've come across is the NAACP Arlington branch's voter engagement effort this summer. They provide voting information/services to residents of affordable housing properties, at their doors. The coordinator for this effort is a lady named Benedetta (Detta) Kissel. She is extremely well organized and will provide you with all the material that you need to canvass at her events.

a) She would like our group (NOVA Catholic, PAX, and TNT4RJ) to canvass Gates of Ballston – on or about Aug 28. This is a huge complex (464 units) which is a garden apartment complex. It gets hot and there are stairs, so it is not easy going. She could use at least 8 people to do that complex. More would be better. But it has many residents who are primarily Spanish speakers, so we'd need to recruit some canvassers who can communicate in Spanish. Please let me know asap if you're available that day. Unfortunately, I'll be away at the end of August.

b) Detta needs help at the Apex building-- Set for July 25 (256 units). One person, a Spanish speaker, has signed up for this event. It is inside with elevators, so pretty easy going. Sign up [here](#).

c) Detta also needs help at the Arbor Heights building -- Proposed for Sept 9 (198 units). This is a garden apt complex--hot, and with stairs. Sign up [here](#)

d) Please [visit this page to sign-up](#) for one of her many other upcoming events. Spanish speakers can usually find a spot in one of her events.

e) If an event has enough volunteers but you'd like to go with one of her volunteers to learn how they canvass, Detta says that you can send her an email at [dettakissel@gmail.com](mailto:dettakissel@gmail.com) and ask her if you can join.

2) Please see this Google Document, "[Ways to Reach Poor and Low-income Voters](#)" for other ideas for canvassing, post carding, social media reaching, or phone-banking. Please add your ideas directly to [this page](#) so that we can all see them.

## **FROM JULY 7:**

### **Calendar:**

July 28 – NOVA Book Club meeting

September 6, 7, 8 – NOVA Annual Retreat at Bon Secours Retreat Center

### **Announcements:**

Following today's liturgy, Meg Tuccillo referred the community to her email yesterday regarding a relative of Father Joe Nangle who needs financial help during a difficult time for him. (Details are in an email attachment to Meg's email.) Donations were collected following today's liturgy. Email Meg if you weren't at today's liturgy but would like to make a donation.

**Donations of ribbons are needed.** Teddi Ahrens would appreciate ribbons you may have for an art project she does with children in Guatemala and El Salvador. The ribbons can be any color or design. The width should be between 3/8 inch-1 inch. Please bring your ribbons for Teddi to next week's liturgy.

**The next NOVA Book Club meeting** will be on July 28th following the liturgy. Please let Cathy Goldschmidt know by July 21st if you plan to attend. You still have time to read the book for the upcoming discussion: *The Kingdom, The Power and The Glory* by Tim Alberta. Cathy's email is [cmgolds@comcast.net](mailto:cmgolds@comcast.net)

Jeanne Clarkson reminds the community that NOVA's **annual retreat** will be held September 6-8. Jeanne will provide registration information soon.

Below, in addition to information on how to support the Job Guarantee effort and how to contact Ronaldo Vail for garden work, Tom Clarkson shares ideas for how you can help get out the swing vote in the upcoming election.

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### 3. **Poor People's Campaign**

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WE ARE THE SWING VOTE. In 2020 1/3 (85 million people) of the electorate were poor or low-income people, but 27 million of them didn't vote. If just 20% (5.4 million people) of these 27 million poor and low-income voters who didn't vote in 2020 went to the polls in 2024, they would have the power to sway elections in every state.

Our job in 2024 is to BRING OUT THE SWING VOTE. Here are a couple of ideas to get started! Please send me other ideas, too.

- NAACP Arlington Branch is holding voter engagement events this summer to provide voting information/services to residents of affordable housing properties, at their doors. The next event is Monday, July 8th..Please [visit this page to sign-up](#) for one of their upcoming events.

- The Rev. William J Barber asked us to commit to mobilize and touch 15 million poor and low-wage voters to tell them they have the power to rise and reconstruct our government. [Click here to sign on to the pledge.](#)

- Before the June 29<sup>th</sup> assembly, many of us contacted religious groups and other organizations that are connected to marginalized voters. See if any of them have Get out the Vote activities that we can help with and let me/us know.
- If you know of any post carding opportunities directed at marginalized voters, please let me/us know

**Food for AFAC:** AFAC was founded 35 years ago, and the Nova community has been an active supporter for all those years. The need for food assistance is not lessening. The organization's director recently noted that AFAC served 25 percent more families in the first three months of this year, which is over last year's number. Please continue to bring cold cereal, protein (such as peanut butter, canned tuna, etc.) and other food donations for the Arlington Food Assistance Center to liturgy each Sunday. Pick up a box of cold cereal when you go grocery shopping. The following food items are also needed: canned soup (in pop-top cans), canned fruits, canned beans, plain pasta, and peanut butter.

**July 14** will be a Community-Led Liturgy. Clair Lamb is the scheduled planner. NOVA Announcements Scribes: Alicia and Phil Cackley (who need your announcements in writing).