NOVA'S WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM OCT. 18:

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Sunday, Nov. 15: NOVA's 2027 Liturgy Lottery begins.

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Benefit concert for Immigrant Rights Sunday, Oct. 25 at 3 p.m. All proceeds will support AYUDA's legal, social and language services in the D.C.-area immigrant community. At Catherine Loveless' home.

Cabaret Night: 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22 at Holy Redeemer Residence, 3112 7th Street, N.E. Cost is $25. RSVP to Fr. Francis Gargani. Reception to follow with food and drink.

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Our NOVA Community has received an invitation from Farm of the Child, a Catholic mission serving vulnerable children and families in Honduras, to attend an event at which the Keyes Family -- Joe and Sally and their daughter Christy -- will be recognized for their "amazing and generous impact for the community in Honduras." Joe also sponsored Farm of the Child as a NOVA project a few years ago. This event, a free-of-charge fundraiser, is Nov. 7 at Catholic University. All of the members of NOVA Catholic Community are invited. A link with information

and the means to RSVP can be found here: https://www.farmofthechild.org/events/dc2026.

Live Zoom with families in Gaza: A charity that some of us support, Person2Person International, (P2P) will hold a live Zoom with the 8 displaced families they help in Gaza from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7. Here is the link to Register. You can learn more about the P2P project and the 8 families here.

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Tuesday, Oct. 13: Games Day at Keyes, 1-4 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 15 through Sunday, Oct. 18: Please pray for a Men's KAIROS Prison Weekend; Fr. Tuck is on the team.
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Gloria Mog has a couple of spots left in her upcoming five-session Climate Course, Oct. 21 through Nov. 18 on Zoom. For more information and to register: **https://forms.gle/hmjeK6MPogFJLuiF8.**

From Fr. Francis: PLEASE extend invitation to our Cabaret program of Anna Bergman at 7 p.m. Thursday Oct. 22, with reception of food and libations to follow. At Fr. Francis' place.

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Pat Sodo announced that she and Don have passed along the beautiful NOVA Prayer Quilt made by Anita Martineau to Teddi Ahrens for her Tom. She also showed the Prayer Pillow that goes with the Prayer Quilt usually. Today, it was passed on to Jeanne Clarkson who is recovering from back surgery.

Speaking of prayers, let us all pray for Pope Leo XIV regarding the removal of a nodule on his lung someday this coming week.

From Clyde Christofferson:
“NOVA Community: Welcoming Everyone”

The Homily/Dialogue at the Liturgy of the Word has long been central to the community’s experience with the Spirit. After hearing the readings and a homily the floor is open to anyone who feels called to respond. A story about a recent event may prompt further stories and reflections by other members of the community.

At one liturgy the priest spoke about the Gospel of Matthew regarding Peter walking on water and the prophet Elijah experiencing God through a gentle whisper. The homily addressed feelings of helplessness and hopelessness in modern life, particularly among Generation Z, and emphasized that true hope involves envisioning future possibilities and reaching out to connect with others.

In response someone told a story about a misunderstanding. A homeless man asked her for help getting a sandwich at Subway which he had ordered. She went to Subway but there was no sandwich waiting there. She felt she had been deceived, and she felt helpless, like Peter sinking: what the homeless man really wanted was for her to bring him a sandwich.

So she paid for Subway to make a sandwich, and brought it to him: “Here’s a sandwich. And I gotta say, I'm really sad. You set me up. There wasn't anything there at Subway.” After a pause, the man said "You need to trust me. I would never do something like that. I didn't say Subway. I said Starbucks.”

So I go over to Starbucks and walk in, and there's a bag with my name written on it -- the sandwich for my friend the homeless man. I felt humbled. I thought the worst, and as he said, "Trust me.”

Other members of the community followed with stories of their own. The Spirit is at work.

Our experience as a community over many decades is one of welcome and anticipation. We trust in the work of the Spirit and see that work in all who venture into our community, a community centered on liturgy and social action. This trust in the Spirit has priority over societal categories and welcomes everyone: LGBT members, those who are remarried after divorce, and others on one societal margin or another who seek refuge and a listening heart in our community.

The women and men of our community have come to share without distinction the ministries and leadership roles that enable us to be a community, an intentional eucharistic community which is itself a family. The Catholic Church that is our mother has not fully accommodated this sense of equality, and women called to priestly ministry have gone to other Christian communities to fulfill their calls to service, returning as they wish to the same welcome that supported and blessed their leaving.

We anticipate that justice within the larger society and church is coming and we take joy in being a refuge in the meantime. It is heartening to see, in Pope Leo’s announcement of a meeting with regional bishops in October 2026, that the fruits of Amoris Laetitia are ripening to focus on works of social justice as the measure of the vitality of families, a focus which can overcome facile use of societal categories that marginalize.

We are not a perfect community and not all those looking for a home have found it here. Staying in the community often means a call to participation not only in planning for liturgical communion but also in mission to those in need and for reform of the society we live in. It is our hope that the larger community that is the church will find itself to be a welcoming heart for all seeking refuge and an ally of those who fight for the betterment of humankind.

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Wednesday, October 21. 11a.m. – 12:30.p.m. (Eastern).
What is a Small Christian Community and How to Start One.
Sponsored by Spirit Unbounded, We Are Church Int'l, Catholic Church Reform Int'l , and Int'l Church Reform Network.
Four types will be presented: Home/Online-based SCCs; Parish-based SCCs (covering Lectionary-based SCCs and Faith Sharing SCCs); University-based SCCs and Young Adult SCCs; Liturgy-based SCCs.
After presentations, participants choose the type of interest to them and gather in breakout rooms, then return to main room where participants share what ideas were sparked and what they intend to do as follow through. To join: click on is https://zoom.us/j/2429500175: Password is spirit.

From John Reeder:
Low Income Housing Assistance in Arlington: Fixing a broken system to focus more on the lowest-income renters using housing grants/vouchers, a panel discussion with experts and community forum.
Date: 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov 12.
Where: Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy Street, Arlington VA (near Ballston)
Why: Arlington County residents continue to struggle to meet housing costs, and the greatest burden is on renters earning under $46,000 a year (under 40% area median income). Public funds are not targeted sufficiently to help these lowest-income renters. It is critical that county government be strategic in allocating resources to target these housing challenges in a fair and equitable way.
Who: GMU professor Terry Clower (Center for Regional Analysis); Kyla Gilchrist, Mid-Atlantic region senior organizer, National Low Income Housing Coalition; and Charles Albert, NOVA Catholic Community will discuss these issues, solutions and answer questions from audience.
Background information: Arlington County's Housing Program focuses primarily on the acquisition/funding of committed affordable units (CAFs) for housing, and rental grants limited to only 1,600 households. Although 12,000 CAFs have been added over the past 40 years, only 3% of the lowest-income households (those making generally under $46,000 a year) have been served. The vast majority of low-income households are unserved, having to find other available housing, often becoming housing burdened or severely housing burdened.
Sponsored by: The NOVA Catholic Community https://www.novacatholic.org and the National Low-Income Housing Coalition https://nlihc.org/

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FROM OCT. 4:
Here are the announcements from NOVA's Oct. 4 liturgy:
Calendar:
Monday, October 5, 4-5:30 p.m. – The NOVA Women's Journey Group will meet on Zoom.
Sunday, October 25 – Following the liturgy, the NOVA Book Group will meet at the Goldschmidt's home.
Sunday, November 8 -- Following the liturgy, there will be an agape and a "swap." (explanation below)

Announcements:
Monday, October 5 from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.: All NOVA women are invited to a monthly meeting of the NOVA Women's Journey Group on Zoom. Gloria Mog provided a link to this meeting and helpful information about this month's meeting topic from the meeting facilitator, Clare Robert.

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FROM SEPT. 27:
CALENDAR:
Friday-Sunday October 2nd-4th - NOVA Retreat.
Sunday, October 4th - NO NOVA Mass at Kenmore due to the Retreat.
Monday, October 5th - NOVA Women's Group meets via ZOOM 4-5:30 p.m.
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– Bring a jacket and rain gear.
– Bring chairs for the Priest' Porch regarding Happy Hours.
– Bring snacks and wine or beer, etc. There will be other drinks available for us like ice water, coffee, lemonade.
– Bring a journal if you want to take notes.

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Marlene Shade needs folks with some extra freezer space to contact her regarding some 30,000 cookies being readied for an upcoming KAIROS Retreat that takes place in a prison.

From Catherine Loveless: Former NOAA climate communicators who were laid off – Rebecca Lindsey, her sister Mary Lindsey, and colleague Anna Eshelman – launched Climate.us on June 23, a new independent nonprofit website that restores and preserves 15 years of federal climate data after the original Climate.gov was shut down.

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From Nancy Veldhuis: On NOVA's FB page, there is a post about a man named Kenneth. NOVA helped him attend college. He is now the head of a group in Uganda caring for disabled children. Nancy recommends that we all read this post.

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Maryland with Charley Miller, OFM, presiding. The planners will be the NOVA Retreat Team. Judy Christofferson will be the scribe and needs all announcements in writing please.

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FROM SEPT. 13:
CALENDAR:

Monday September 14: Seats available at the game tables! Have fun and exercise your brain during Game Afternoon at the Miller's home at 1 pm!
Thursday September 17: 6-8pm. Chili dinner gathering to highlight the work of JUST NEIGHBORS at Keyes' home.
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From Sally: You are invited to bring yummy goodies for next Sunday's agape.
From Eileen: Prayer Vigil 2-4 pm, Saturday September 19.
From Joe: The Keyes are hosting a chili dinner gathering with a speaker from JUST NEIGHBORS, 6-8 pm Thursday September 17. Please let Joe and Sally know if you'd like to join.
From Markie: We have an opportunity to support Pax Christi international and its mission of peace and nonviolence: Next Sunday, Sept. 20, come to liturgy with a sign you have made with a message such as:
– I vow for peace.
– We choose nonviolence.
– Peace begins with us.
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From Tom: How to Donate to Avani and Zoe's Bake Sale with a Credit Card: For those of you who would like to donate to Avani and Zoe's Gaza Family with a Credit Card, please use this link: https://gofund.me/83502ec0a

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CALENDAR:

Monday, September 7 – Zoom meeting of the NOVA Women's Journey Group, 4:00-5:30 p.m. Gloria Mog will send the Zoom link before the meeting.
Tuesday, September 8 - Zoom meeting to discuss Elia Delio's book "The Not Yet God," 4-5:30 p.m.
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From Pat Sodo: AN IDEA FOR MAKING THE LECTIONARY EASIER FOR OUR PADRES TO READ. When your kids went to college, did you ever raise up their bed (to accommodate storage underneath) by using cement blocks or "risers" that you stood the legs on? Our altar table is low, and it may be a challenge to read from the lectionary. Some padres won't want any accommodation; but, if they do, there's a box on top of our sacristy lockers that contains four risers.

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FROM AUG. 16:
CALENDAR:
Wednesday, August 19 - NOVA Game Day at Keyes, 1 p.m.
Sunday, August 23 - VOICE Meeting 3-5 p.m.
Monday, August 24 - YIMBY New Policy Club Meeting 7:30-9 p.m.
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Twenty-five NOVA members gathered on Zoom Aug. 12 to discuss Ilia Delio's book, "The Unbearable Wholeness of Being." It was a lively interchange sharing "gems of insight or information we gleaned," thoughts about the nature of God, the role of religion and the evolutionary perspective that Ilia brings to all of these subjects. We talked in large and small groups and all said they felt it was a very valuable experience to have before the Community goes on retreat. Our next discussion will be on her book: "The Not-Yet God: Carl Jung, Teilhard de Chardin, and the Relational Whole." All were encouraged to watch or listen to a few of her many lectures or podcasts, particularly if you're finding the books difficult to follow. We'll meet again on Tuesday, September 8, 4-5:30 p.m. on Zoom.

In gratitude to the many NOVA members who are participating in the three summer Climate Actions being held at local farmers markets to spread the word that we need to act now: "CLIMATE CAN'T WAIT." The Virginia Chapter of Elders Climate Action is taking the lead in setting up these events and the turnout and response has been great. Special thanks to Dianne Carroll for designing and producing a huge poster board thank-you "card" for Rep. Don Beyer who has consistently fought for climate issues; Markie Harwood who is helping with the very early morning set-up at two of the 3 events; Eric Carroll who produced 18 sign-holding sticks that make quite an impression at the markets. There is one action left on Saturday, September 5 from 8-9:30 a.m. at the Falls Church Farmers Market. Notify gloriamog@verizon.net if you're able to help or sign up here: https://www.mobilize.us/climateactioncampaign/event/994967
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Please note Fr. Gino's new address:
Gino Correa, OFM
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From Victoria: Is anyone missing a lovely teal-colored serving bowl? If not claimed by next Sunday, it will be donated. Right now it is in the left-hand cabinet in the closet, but will be displayed on the Entrance Table on August 23.

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From Joe Keyes:
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Everyone is encouraged to join the Zoom discussion of "The Unbearable Wholeness of God," by Ilia Delio THIS Wednesday Aug 12, 4-5:30 p.m. Helpful suggestions to support our understanding in anticipation of the retreat: read the last few pages of each chapter of the book, before attempting the whole book; look at the related podcasts; join Wednesday's Zoom discussion, even if you have not yet read the books.

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The Virginia Chapter of Elders Climate Action is coordinating climate awareness events at three Farmer's Markets in the next month to counteract "climate hushing" -- the campaign that has politicians and citizens not talking about climate issues lest it be considered politically unwise. We will not be hushed! Our provided signs and t-shirts will shout out the urgency to address climate problems and reach voters before midterm campaigning starts in earnest. We've selected early morning hours when it's coolest and foot traffic is the heaviest at the markets. We need volunteers to show up on these mornings, don a new "Climate Can't Wait" t-shirt and get our critical message out. If you have not already signed up, sign up below to volunteer at one or more of the events from 8:00-9:30 a.m.:
Saturday, Aug. 15th at Court House:
https://www.mobilize.us/climateactioncampaign/event/994949
Sunday, Aug. 16th at Westover, 5863 Washington Blvd.:
https://www.mobilize.us/climateactioncampaign/event/994959
Saturday, September 5th, Falls Church at City Hall, 300 Park Ave.:
https://www.mobilize.us/climateactioncampaign/event/994967

The Nova Book Group will meet after liturgy on Sunday, August 16 at the Goldschmidt's. We will be discussing "The Covenant of Water" by Abraham Verghese. If you are planning to come, please notify Cathy by TODAY Sunday, August 9.

It's Back to School time! Please consider a contribution to school social workers who distribute gift cards for our school children. If you contribute by check, please note on your check that your contribution is for school social worker/school children gift cards.
Send money to families in Gaza: Katie Akbar raises money and sends it directly to Palestinian families in Gaza. Here's how you can give:
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Call Congress for a Job Guarantee: Here's what you can say:
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Wednesday, August 12 – 4-5:30 p.m., Zoom discussion of "The Unbearable Wholeness of God" by Ilia Delio.
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Friday-Sunday – October 2-4 - Annual community retreat at Bon Secours.

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