

NOVA'S WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM DEC. 22:

Calendar:

Tuesday, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve liturgy, Falls Church, 5 p.m. (gather at 4:45 p.m.).

Sunday, Dec. 29: No liturgy at Kenmore.

Sunday, Jan. 12: NOVA's 57th anniversary with 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:

1. Christmas Eve liturgy: NOVA's Christmas liturgy is at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24 at the Center for Spiritual Enlightenment, 222 N. Washington St., Falls Church. Please gather at 4:45 p.m. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. Please bring finger foods to share. Parking is on Washington Court (off Washington St.) ONLY at the green and blue signs designated for public parking. You may also park in the Kaiser Permanente Garage across the street off of Park Ave. on the second level. Public parking is allowed after 5 p.m. but on Christmas Eve no one has had a problem parking there a little early. This liturgy will not have Zoom capability.

2. Sunday, Dec. 29, Feast of the Holy Family, there will be NO MASS AT KENMORE. We will see you back there Jan. 5 for the Feast of the Epiphany.

3. 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, 2025, 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.

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

5. 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](#).

6. Reading suggestions. Marie Schum-Brady recommends "Opus," by Gareth Gore, a new look at the influence of the sect Opus Dei, reported by a financial journalist. Gil Fuentes recommends David Brooks' "[The Shock of Faith: It's Nothing Like I Thought It Would Be](#)": https://www.nytimes.com/2024/12/19/opinion/faith-god-christianity.html?unlocked_article_code=1.jk4.mB6l.iChM90fev9bQ&smid=url-share

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Christmas Eve liturgy. The presider is Francis Gargani, CSsR, and planner is John Mooney. The scribe will be Linda Christie who needs announcements in writing.

FROM DEC. 15:

Calendar:

Tuesday, Dec. 17, 8 a.m. (EST): Funeral of Jude-Una Wachter livestreamed.

Saturday, December 21: Funeral of Fr. Joe Nangle at Our Lady Queen of Peace.

Tuesday, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve liturgy, Falls Church, 5 p.m. (gather at 4:45 p.m.).

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

Announcements:

Jeanne and Tom Clarkson's grandchild **Jude-Una Clarkson Wachter's funeral** will be livestreamed on Tuesday, Dec. 17. Below you will find a copy of Tom's earlier email with the link to the funeral service, where you will find how to access the livestream. Remember, 1 p.m. in London is 8 a.m. here.

The funeral of our beloved padre, Joe Nangle OFM, will be at Our Lady Queen of Peace here in Arlington on Saturday, Dec. 21. The wake will be at 11 a.m. and the Mass at 12 noon. OLQP is a small church and Joe was loved by many people and communities, so consider carpooling and arriving early.

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Next Sunday is the Fourth Sunday in Advent. The planners will be Charley Miller OFM, Pat and Chuck Albert and Larry & Cathy Goldschmidt. The scribe will be Markie Harwood who needs announcements in writing.

Text of Tom's email about the funeral of his grandchild. You can find a link to the livestream on the service website.

Dear NOVA friends,

Please see below a link to the funeral announcement for our dear grandchild, Jude/Una Clarkson Wachter. The service will be on December 17, 2024, in London and it will be live-streamed.

<https://www.poetic-endings.com/remembering-jude-una-clarkson-wachter>

Thank you for all the prayer and support that you have given us at this sad time.

FROM DEC. 8:

Upcoming events/Dates to remember

Saturday, Dec. 14 — VOICE appeal at Arlington County Board meeting, Arlington County building, 2100 Clarendon Blvd, 8:15-9:30 am

Saturday, Dec. 14 — Advent Day of Recollection, Greenbelt, MD, 2-4 pm

Sunday, Dec. 15 — sale of baskets and other handmade items for Educate the Girls, at Kenmore, after liturgy

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Announcements

1) VOICE appeal for behavioral health programs — Nancy Veldhuis asked us to come on Saturday morning and stand in support as a VOICE speaker testifies for Teen Behavioral Health through afterschool programs. Come between 8:15 and 9:30 am, on Saturday, Dec. 14. VOICE is asking the Arlington County Board to follow through on setting up these afterschool programs. Come to the board meeting room on the 3rd floor of the county office building, 2100 Clarendon Blvd, in Arlington. (see more details below)

2) Advent Day of Recollection, Saturday, Dec. 14 — Gloria Mog let us know that Fr. Ted Keating will again offer his wisdom at a guided Advent Day of Recollection on Saturday, Dec. 14, from 10 am to 2 pm at the Greenbelt Catholic Community. The topic is "Maintaining the peace of God in a world of chaos and violence." It will be in the room where Greenbelt has their Sunday liturgies: 25 Crescent Road, 2nd floor, Greenbelt, MD 20770. RSVP to Trudy Conrad if you'd like to go: tconrad03@aol.com. Contact Gloria if you have any questions or would like to carpool. Bring a sandwich; some refreshments will be served.

3) Educate the Girls basket sale, next Sunday — Nancy also wanted us to know that Educate the Girls, which supports educational opportunities for girls in Uganda, will hold a basket and handicraft sale at Kenmore, after liturgy next Sunday (Dec. 15) This year the group have some new items for sale, including colorful tote bags, All proceeds go to providing the opportunity for a basic education through secondary school to girls in a rural village of Uganda who would otherwise go without an education. Donations to Educate The Girls are also cheerfully accepted. In addition, Nancy said the "Starv'n Artist," Chris Swanberg (Nancy's son), will return with his holiday sale of woodburn art pieces, to include nature scenes, Civil War motifs, Star Wars motifs, comic book characters etc.

4) Christmas Eve liturgy in Falls Church, 5 pm — Nova's Christmas liturgy will be held on Dec. 24 at 5 pm. at the Center for Spiritual Enlightenment, 222 N. Washington St., in Falls Church. Please gather at 4:45. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. Parking is on Washington Court (off Washington St.) ONLY at the green and blue signs designated for public parking. You may also park in the Kaiser Permanente Garage across the street off of Park Ave.

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5) Donations to Christ House — Joe Keyes suggested that Nova members consider making a donation to the Arlington diocesan Catholic Charities Parish Christmas Collection, which goes to support Christ House (which provides food aid for unhoused individuals and is located in Old Town Alexandria). Joe said he got the idea after reading an item in the Catholic Herald (you can find it online here:

<https://www.catholicherald.com/article/local/parish-collection-benefits-diocesan-catholic-charities/>

) Joe suggested sending a check to the diocese and make a note that you are a member of the Nova Catholic Community. Here's the address for donations: Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington, P.O. Box 1900, Merrifield, VA 22116-1900

6) Socks and Gloves for Christ House — As Nova has done for many, many years, please consider bringing warm socks or gloves next Sunday — wrapped and marked for men or women — to be distributed at the Monday night meal that Nova supports every December. Tim White said he would happily accept the gifts, which find grateful recipients among the Christ House clients.

7) Peace and Social Justice meeting moved — Meg Tuccillo told us that the Peace and Social Justice projects meeting has been moved from January to Sunday, Feb. 2, at Kenmore, after liturgy.

8) Food donations for AFAC — Finally, please don't forget to bring food donations for the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) to liturgy each Sunday. Nova has supported AFAC for more than 3 decades; the need is not growing less — more than 4,000 families are coming for food assistance every week. Boxes of cold cereal are good; but you can also bring peanut butter, low-sodium canned beans or vegetables, canned tuna or other protein-rich items.

The presider and planner for **next Sunday's liturgy** will be Fr. Charley Miller, OFM, and Gloria Mog. The scribe for announcements will be Cathy Goldschmidt, who (as usual) needs written copies of announcements made. — submitted by Phil and Alicia Cackley

Here is the full text of Nancy's VOICE announcement:

Saturday, December 14th, 8:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Come and stand in support as our VOICE speaker testifies for Teen Behavioral Health through Afterschool Programs

2100 Clarendon Blvd, third floor

Parking: In the garage under the building, metered parking on the street

Metro: Courthouse

Background:

Earlier this year we were able to get \$2 million in the budget for an after-school initiative to help address Teen Behavioral Health issues.

Now it's time to hold the county accountable for getting this after-school community of support up and running.

Many of our neighbors are living with fear, anxiety and uncertainty.

Parents are telling us.....

Now more than ever....

We want our teenagers off the streets and in safe afterschool programs...

Programs run by trusted compassionate adults...

Programs where staff, students and families are in close relationships...

Programs that are daily, free, & dynamic, where students are listened to and have agency over the activities & projects planned.

FROM DEC. 1:

Calendar:

Friday, December 6, 7:30 p.m. and **Saturday, December 7**, 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. – Alexandria Singers present a “Holiday Pops” concert

Sunday, December 8 – last Sunday for collection of gift cards or cash for gift cards by Markie or Dianne for families of refugees and others in need

Sunday, December 8, 5:00-7:30 p.m. --Vespers at Holy Redeemer Provincial Residence at 5:00 p.m. followed by light food, desserts, and beverages from 5:45-7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 15 – following the liturgy, Educate the Girls fundraiser including sale of handmade baskets and other items by Ugandan women; in addition, the “The “Starv’n Artist” will sell wood-burned birds and other scenes and themes.

Holiday Concert: You have three opportunities to enjoy the Alexandria Singers Christmas show, featuring a comedy song by Eileen Joyner and her husband, on December 6 at 7:30 p.m. or December 7 at 2:00 or 7:30 p.m. The location is Washington Street UMC, 109 S. Washington Street, Alexandria 22314. There are discounts for seniors, students, and children. Buy tickets at www.alexandriasingers.org or contact eileenjoyner@hotmail.com.

Donations of gift cards: Please remember the Peace and Social Justice Team’s request for donations of \$25 Target or Giant gift cards, or cash for gift cards, as Christmas gifts to the families of refugees supported by NOVA and to Arlington school social workers who then distribute them to families in need. We will collect your donations before and after the liturgy through December 8. If you donate through PayPal or by check, please indicate the donation is for gift cards.

Father Francis Gargani invites you to **Vespers at Holy Redeemer Provincial Residence** on December 8 at 5:00 p.m.

Educate the Girls Fundraiser: This year there will be some new and different items for sale, including colorful tote bags. All proceeds go to providing the opportunity for a basic education through secondary school for girls in a rural village of Uganda who would otherwise go without an education. Imagine the life circumstances an illiterate woman in this modern age would face.

Donations to Educate The Girls are also cheerfully accepted. The sale will be after the liturgy on December 15.

The “**Starv’n Artist**” will be back as well on the 15th with his wood burnings of birds, Civil War scenes, the very popular Star Wars themes, and scenes and symbols by request. If you have a particular image in mind for a gift that you would like to commission him for, please contact Chris soon so that he can have it ready for you on the 15. Chris Swanberg, at casjedi@yahoo.com

Clyde Christofferson announced that he will provide a report to the Community about the most recent meeting of the Synod on January 18, 2025.

The Nova Book group will meet after liturgy on Sunday, February 15 to discuss *The Women* by Kristin Hannah, a novel about women in the Vietnam war. In March we will discuss *James* by Percival Everett. More details will follow, but this will give you plenty of time to start reading.

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The **December 8th liturgy** will be the Second Sunday in Advent. The planners are Father Gino Correa, OFM, and Sandy Volpe and Bob Neumann. The Scribes will be Alicia and Phil Cackley, who will need any announcement in writing.

FROM NOV. 24:

CALENDAR:

December 1: Advent begins!

December 1 after liturgy: Co-Partners craft sale

December 1: Coffee and Treats Sunday since it is the First Sunday of the Month.

December 6 and 7: Eileen Joyner, her husband Terry and the Alexandria Singers.

December 14: Arlington County Board Meeting.

December 15: annual Educate the Girls Ugandan Baskets and Handcrafts Sale.

Announcements:

Gloria Mog announced that **Advent is beginning next Sunday, Dec. 1**. Please enter the worship space quietly. The theme this year is Hope.

Agape next Sunday, Dec. 1: Sally Keyes had a Sign-up Sheet for volunteers to bring finger foods. Sally will let us know if more volunteers are needed.

From Archer: On Sunday, December 1, there will be a sale of Central American crafts in the cafeteria after liturgy to benefit Copartners of Campesinas. Please bring your Christmas list!

From Eileen J: Come see the Alexandria Singers Christmas show Holiday Pops, featuring another comedy song, with Eileen Joyner and her trusty hubby Terry Lewis. Three chances to see us in Old Town Alexandria: Friday December 6th at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, December 7 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Even Santa will be at the Saturday matinee. Discounts for seniors, students and children. Buy tickets at alexandriasingers.org or contact eileenjoyner@hotmail.com.

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From Christina Smith's son Xan who made an announcement about the Eastern Service Workers: All volunteer organizations in South Philadelphia (where Xan now lives) attempt to bridge the gap between income and expenses and petition the government and organizations to make good on the promises they have made to the people we serve. We picket, attend public hearings, provide food, medical care, legal advice and clothing. Last week Xan and 30 volunteers packaged and delivered food to 80 families for Thanksgiving week. Regarding fundraising for this, please see Christina if you would like to have a calendar re this Association. The suggested donation is \$20.

It was delightful to see both Xan Smith and also **Luisa Pastor (daughter of Raquel and Emilio)** at NOVA today. The Announcements time began with a video Luisa had brought to

share with us about the good work being accomplished by NOVA's donation to the group known as Oaxaca School Project. You can read more about it on NOVA's website under Peace and Social Justice. Look for current projects. Our money, in effect, pays for the fueling of vehicles used to deliver services and other things to special needs families.

There was a second collection last Sunday for the **Rental Assistance fund**. If you have not yet participated, you can do so by sending your check or electronic transfer to Joe Formoso. Be sure to mark it for the Rental Assistance Fund.

Last week Markie sent emails to the **Peace and Social Justice project sponsors** asking them to update their information for 2025. If you are a project sponsor and did not get an email from her, please let her know. Also, if you would like to suggest a new project for 2025, please let Dianne or Markie know.

Food for AFAC. Please continue to bring healthy cold cereal and other items for AFAC to liturgy on Sundays. The need is not going away. Also needed are: low sodium soups in pop-top cans, canned fruit in light syrup, peanut butter, plain pasta, canned beans, cooking oil.

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. Please click [here](#) for [directions to his home](#).

Next Sunday is The First Sunday of Advent! The Presider and Planner are Quinn Conners, O. Carm. and Clair Lamb. The scribe will be Judy Christofferson who will need all announcements in writing.

FROM NOV. 17:

CALENDAR:

December 1 after liturgy: Co-Partners craft sale

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On Sunday, December 1 there will be a **sale of Central American crafts** in the cafeteria after liturgy to benefit Co Partners of Campesinas. Bring your Christmas list!

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Next Sunday is The Feast of Christ the King. The planner of the CLL is Barbara Formoso. The scribe will be Linda Christie who will need all announcements in writing.

FROM NOV. 10:

Upcoming events/Dates to remember

Friday, Nov. 15, 10 am — memorial service for Rich Rosenberg in Oakton

Sunday, Nov. 17 — Nova book group, after liturgy, at the Goldschmidts' home in Arlington

Announcements

1) Second collection for rental assistance — Dianne Carroll and Markie Harwood asked the community to donate to Nova's rental assistance fund. The collection will be taken during next Sunday's liturgy (and, as always, you can make your donation on-line before then). Nova has helped 80 families since the beginning of 2024, distributing \$134,000. More funds are needed to get through the rest of this calendar year — please be generous. (See below for the full text of Dianne and Markie's announcement.)

2) Rich Rosenberg's memorial this Friday — A memorial mass and celebration of the life of Richard Rosenberg will be held this Friday, Nov.15, at 10 am at Unity Church of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, in Oakton, Virginia.

3) Liturgy lottery, 3 Sundays left — David Mog said three more Sundays need planners for the coming liturgical year, including one each in Advent and Lent. Contact David if you can take one of the dates.

4) Nova book group meets next Sunday — Cathy Goldschmidt reminded us that the Nova book discussion group will meet, after liturgy, at the Goldschmidts' home, in Arlington. The group will discuss *The Violin Conspiracy*, a novel by Brendan Slocumb.

5) Garden work for Ronaldo — Tom Clarkson asked us to consider finding jobs for Ronaldo Vail (father of a refugee family from Guatemala). He has a job at Target but he is available for garden work because 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](#).

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Here is the full text of Dianne and Markie's announcement:

We pray for Kanika and her three children, whose husband and father died last month. Kanika paid funeral and burial expenses and then needed NOVA's help to pay her November rent.

We pray for Amalia, a single mother of two boys, one of whom has developmental delays and autism and requires 24-hour care. Amalia can only work during the 30 hours of supervised care she has for her child. Before coming to NOVA for help, she was facing eviction.

We pray for Kamila, the mother of three teen-agers. She has a good job with the school system, but due to a medical emergency and the expense of cleaning up a bedbug infestation, she needed NOVA's help with rent.

We pray for Angelica and Juan, parents of three. When their 5-year-old was hospitalized for a severe infection, they missed five weeks of work between them. NOVA helped with one month's rental payment to help the family get back on their feet.

These are just a few of the 80 families NOVA has helped since January through the rental assistance program, through which Arlington school social workers refer families who are facing eviction in these times of high rents. \$134,000 has been distributed through the rental program so far this year. As part of the NOVA regular commitments, \$30,000 was approved for January and June, another \$68,000 was contributed through the special collection in June and other individual donations from NOVA members, and we now come to you with a request for additional funding to get us through the end of the year. Last year's projection was that we would take two special collections for this during the year.

We will take a collection next Sunday for this program. You can also donate through PayPal on the NOVA website. Thank you for your generosity.

FROM NOV. 3

Calendar:

Saturday, November 9, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. – Redemptorist Lecture Series speaker

Sunday, November 10 – NOVA General Meeting following the liturgy

Friday, November 15, 10:00 a.m. – Memorial Service for Rich Rosenberg

Sunday, November 17 – NOVA Book Club meeting following the liturgy at the Goldschmidt's home. In addition, before and after the liturgy a "free flea market exchange" of items will be held at the school.

Today, **Joe Kenna**, one of NOVA's beloved padre cadre, celebrated a final liturgy with the community before he leaves for Yakima, Washington. Community members shared their appreciation of Joe both during and following the liturgy. We will miss Joe very much and will remember him in our thoughts and prayers for a well-deserved joyful and peaceful retirement.

All are invited to attend the "**Voices of Vision and Hope**" Redemptorist Lecture Series on Saturday, November 9, at the Redemptorist Provincial Residence, 3112 7th St. N. E. in D.C. from 9:30 a.m. (coffee) - 12:30 p.m. Tim Shriver will discuss "The Gospel in Disguise." Please let Father Francis know if you are planning to attend: francescogcssr@yahoo.com/718-644-5127.

A **NOVA General Meeting** will be held next Sunday following the liturgy. A light lunch will be provided. Please let Sally Keyes know if you can provide food, such as cheese, fruit, veggies, coffee cake, etc. The meeting will follow immediately. All are encouraged to participate. Please let Meg and/or Jeannie know SOON if there is a topic you would like discussed at this meeting.

A memorial mass and celebration of the life of **Richard Rosenberg** will be held on Friday, Nov.15 at 10 a.m. in the Unity Church of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, in Oakton, Virginia.

On November 17, the **NOVA Book Group** will meet after liturgy at the Goldschmidt's. The group will discuss *The Violin Conspiracy* by Brendan Slocumb. Please let Cathy Goldschmidt know by November 10 if you plan to attend.

Also on November 17, a **free flea market exchange** will be held before and after the liturgy. You are invited to donate one or two items that are new or in excellent condition that you think someone else might like. In turn, you should plan to take one or two items someone else donated.

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The **November 10 Liturgy** will be the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. The planners are Father Francis Gargani, CSsR and the Peace & Social Justice Team. The Scribes will be Alicia and Phil Cackley, who will need any announcement in writing.