

**ADVENT... A TIME FOR REFLECTION... A TIME OF PROMISE... A TIME FOR HOPE AND FAITH—Fourth Sunday of Advent**

At last, it is the last week of Advent. Only a few more days until Jesus, the Christ, the savior of the world comes to us. This is Christmas. It is not about a day. Christmas is about a person, Christ. We spend four short weeks preparing for this long anticipated birth.

These next few days will be hectic and our thoughts will be concentrated on the preparations for the Christmas holiday. Give yourself the most precious gift of all and take a moment to reflect in silence on this miracle of miracles. Take a moment to listen for the voice of God to speak to your heart. It is in these quiet moments that we can hear Him speak. It is in these quiet moments that we can know His will for our lives. It is in these quiet moments that we can tell Him how much we love Him and thank Him for His love for us. Without that love we are nothing. Without Christmas there can be no Easter, no redemption.

*Take a moment for quiet reflection and listen for the voice of God to speak to your heart.*

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION—FAQS**

**Why do Catholics mark their forehead, lips and heart before the reading of the Gospel?**

When the Gospel is about to be read, the priest says: ‘A Reading from the Gospel according to St. \_\_\_\_.’ The congregation then responds, ‘Glory to You Oh Lord,’ making a small cross with their thumb over their forehead, lips, and heart.

The reason for making a cross during this period of the Mass is to highlight the importance of the Word of God we are about to hear. We make a cross on our forehead to indicate we *believe* the Gospel. The cross on our lips is to indicate that we *profess* the words of the Gospel and the cross over our hearts is to indicate we *love* the word of God.

**OFFICE OF VOCATIONS**

“When Joseph awoke he did as the angel of the Lord directed him.” Are you prayerfully vigilant about discovering your vocation in Christ? Might He be inviting you to the priesthood? Please contact the Vocations Office to speak with Fr. Michael Boehling or Fr. Brian Capuano at: 804-359-5661; [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).

**A PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS**

Child of Bethlehem, grant that we may share with all our hearts in this profound mystery of Christmas, put into our hearts this peace for which we sometimes seek so desperately and which you alone can give us.

Help us know one another better, and live as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father.

Reveal to us also your beauty, holiness and purity.

Awaken in our hearts love and gratitude for your infinite goodness.

Join us all together in your love, and give us your heavenly peace.

Amen.

*Pope St. John XXIII*



*Madonna and Child*  
Marianne Stokes (1905)

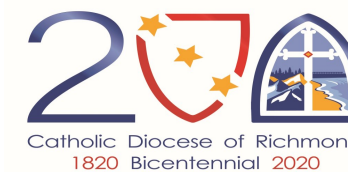


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Office Hours:  
**Monday-Friday 9:00 AM-2:30 PM**

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*  
*December 22, 2019*



SEAS New Church Exterior

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**On the mission of the Church...**

“The parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God’s word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration. In all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelists. It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a centre of constant missionary outreach... to make them environments of living communion and participation, and to make them completely mission-oriented.”

From Pope Francis’ *Evangelii Gaudium*

**P**our forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Weekend Mass Schedule:**

Saturday Vigil.....5:30pm  
Sunday.....8:30 & 10:45am

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered each Saturday at 5:00 PM and by appointment.

## Parish Schedule

### Saturday, Dec. 21—Vigil Mass

5:00 PM—Confessions  
5:30 PM—Mass: †Richard Brooks

### Sunday, Dec. 22—Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM—Mass: People of the Parish  
9:30 AM—Rel. Ed. Grades K-9 NO CLASSES  
10:45 AM—Mass: Special Intention  
11:45 AM—Rel. Ed. Grades 10-12 NO CLASSES

### Monday, Dec. 23—Late Advent Weekday

6:30 PM—New Church Building Committee Mtg.

### Tuesday, Dec. 24—Christmas Eve

3:00 PM—Mass: People of the Parish  
5:30 PM—Mass: †Tom & Eileen Dailey

### Wednesday, Dec. 25—The Nativity of the Lord

10:45 AM—Mass: Pastor's Intention

### Thursday, Dec. 26—St. Stephen

### Friday, Dec. 27—St. John

### Saturday, Dec. 28—Vigil Mass

5:00 PM—Confessions  
5:30 PM—Mass: †Deacon William R. Hunt

### Sunday, Dec. 29—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:30 AM—Mass: People of the Parish  
9:30 AM—Rel. Ed. Grades K-9 NO CLASSES  
10:45 AM—Mass: Special Intention  
11:45 AM—Rel. Ed. Grades 10-12 NO CLASSES

## SEAS Parish Prayer List



Please hold in prayer this week all of our sick, home-bound, public servants and service members.

Please keep everyone who is serving in Iraq and Afghanistan and their family members in your prayers.

*Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.*

And for all our dearly departed: May all those who have died rest in the Lord's eternal peace. Amen.

## Parish Contributions

If you are a registered parishioner and would like contribution information, please contact the parish office at 804-932-4125. Thank you.



Catholic Diocese of Richmond  
1820 Bicentennial 2020

Commemorating the Bicentennial of the Founding of the Diocese of Richmond.

For more information, please visit [www.2020.richmonddiocese.org](http://www.2020.richmonddiocese.org).

### OFFICE CLOSING

The parish office will be closed for Christmas on Tuesday, Dec. 24th-Friday, Dec. 27th and for New Year's on Dec. 31-Jan. 1, 2020.

### CHRISTMAS

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Tuesday, Dec. 24—Vigil Mass, 3:00 PM & 5:30 PM  
Wednesday, Dec. 25—Mass, 10:45 AM

### MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Tuesday, Dec. 31—Vigil Mass, 5:30 PM  
Wednesday, Jan. 1—Mass, 11:00 AM

## Scripture Readings

### Sunday, Dec. 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-6/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:23/Mt 1:18-24

### Monday, Dec. 23 Monday of the Fourth Week of Advent

Mal 3:1-4,23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab,8-10&14/Lk 1:57-66

### Tuesday, Dec. 24 Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Advent

2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16/Ps 89:2-5,27&29/Lk 1:67-79

### Wednesday, Dec. 25 The Nativity of the Lord

Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-3,11-13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:10-11/Lk 2:1-14

### Thursday, Dec. 26 Feast of St. Stephen

Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4,6&8ab,16bc&17/Ps 118:26a,27a/Mt 10:17-22

### Friday, Dec. 27 Feast of St. John

1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12/Jn 20:1a&2-8

### Saturday, Dec. 28 Feast of the Holy Innocents

1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-5,7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18

### Sun., Dec. 29 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sir 3:2-6,12-14/Ps 128:1-5/Col 3:12-21/Col 3:15a,16a/

Mt 2:13-15,19-23

## Parish News

### ACCOMPANIST POSITION

SEAS Parish seeks an enthusiastic individual to accompany on piano or organ our two Sunday Masses and various Holy Days. Applicant should possess a strong knowledge and appreciation of Roman Catholic Liturgy and a thorough knowledge of the principles related to service playing. The ability to work with various ages and musical abilities is also preferred. Compensation will be commensurate with experience per the Diocese of Richmond guidelines. Interested candidates please send a resume with references to: [seassecretary@verizon.net](mailto:seassecretary@verizon.net); or P.O. Box 648, Quinton, VA 23141.

### USHERS NEEDED AT ALL WEEKEND MASSES

Ushers are needed at all Masses. Duties include: greeting worshipers, helping with seating, collections, communion flow and distributing the weekly bulletin after Mass finishes. Please contact the parish office at 932-4125 if you would like to help out.

### A GENTLE REMINDER

The parish office is only budgeted for 30 hours per week. Since all parish errands, mail and bank runs must come from these hours, it is strongly recommended that all appointments be made in advance.

Also, if you have an emergency outside of office hours that requires a priest, please contact the rectory. For all other parish-related emergencies outside of office hours, please contact the council chairmen. Contact info is located on the back of the bulletin.

### THANK YOU!

The families who received Thanksgiving food baskets and Christmas Angel Tree gifts from this year's program all wished to express their gratitude to our parishioners who so generously gave from their hearts to make it all possible. Also, a BIG thank you to all the K of C and parent volunteers, teachers, parishioners and the wonderful folks at Food Lion who helped make our outreach efforts even more successful. We could not get it all done without your amazing support!

## CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF RICHMOND BICENTENNIAL

Greg Davis has been selected to represent St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish as our Bicentennial Parish Liaison to the Diocese of Richmond for the 2020 Bicentennial year, which celebrates the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Richmond. There are many exciting activities planned in the commemorative year ahead, including special, diocesan-wide Masses; pilgrimages to historic churches; service opportunities; and a monumental celebration of the Eucharist never before held in Virginia called a Eucharistic Congress. Thank you, Greg Davis, for keeping us informed on the exciting activities in the year ahead! Visit the special bicentennial website: [2020.richmonddiocese.org](http://2020.richmonddiocese.org) for more information.

### FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion preparation classes will begin the week of January 5, 2020 in the SEAS conference room. Any parent who still needs to register their child should contact the parish office at 932-4125. A parent needs to attend all Sacrament preparation sessions with their child.

### NUN RUN FOOD DONATIONS

The next weekend for our monthly food donation for the Poor Clare nuns and the Little Sisters of St. Francis will be Jan. 4/5. Please drop off all donations to the collection box in the Commons Area.

### FROM THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF RICHMOND OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Bishop Knestout encourages anyone aware of sexual abuse of minors on the part of clergy or staff of our diocese to notify civil authorities, call the Attorney General's Clergy Abuse Hotline at 1-833-454-9064, and reach out to the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Jennifer Sloan at 1-877-887-9603.



**Meeting Schedule:** K of C Council 14034 meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7:00 PM in the SEAS Social Hall. Next meeting: Jan. 2nd, Business Meeting. \*\*Fellow Brother Knights, dinner will be served at each meeting so please consider coming to the council meetings. We appreciate your support!

**Prayer Request:** Please remember in your prayers Cathy Iwaskey, Kevin Almeida, Greg Davis, Iris Davis, Al Polson, Kate Nixon, Eileen Simzak, parents of Roberta Gargiulo, Fr. R. Smith, John Brazier's Family, Adell Clark, Howard Mikytuck, Eddie Baird, John (Jackie) J. Gothreau, Fred Graf, Joshua C. Gothreau, Elizabeth Robertson, Ann Gillikin, Ed Gillikin, our law enforcement, military families, and those not known to us in need of prayers.

**Knight of the Month:** K of C Council 14034 recognizes Jack Simzak as Knight of the Month for November *Congratulations Jack!*

**Family of the Month:** Congratulations to the November Family of the Month, Kevin, Lynette & Talon Almeida. *Thank you for all you do!*

**Current Activities/Events:** Helping Hands at New Kent Senior Food Pantry, Food for Families Drive, Nun Support Purchases, Knights in Action Parish Support and Nun Travel Support. KCIC Christmas cards are also available. Please contact Talon Almeida or GK Mark Kulick for ordering information.

**Membership:** To learn more about the K of C at SEAS Parish, please contact Membership Director, Jack Simzak; [jrsimzak@aol.com](mailto:jrsimzak@aol.com). To learn more about the K of C in Virginia, visit the Knights of Columbus website at: [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus).

### SNOW POLICY

In the event of snow or ice prior to the weekend Mass schedule when the parish office is closed, please check the SEAS voicemail at 804-932-4125 for any changes, announcements or cancellations. Also, please use your best judgement as to whether it is safe for you to drive from your neighborhood roads.