

**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.

**Why do Catholics bow during the recitation of the Creed?**

The Nicene Creed is the profession of what we believe as Catholics.

You begin the bow at the words “*by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary,*” and rise once you have said “*and became man.*” A “*profound bow*” is a bow at the waist, in the manner of the Japanese when they greet people.

The reason we bow at that point in the Creed is because it is when we express our belief in the most fundamental mystery of Christianity: That in Jesus Christ, God actually became man, born of a woman by the power of the Holy Spirit. This is the **Incarnation**, the most sacred moment in all of human history. Therefore, we bow in honor of that event.

**OFFICE OF VOCATIONS**

“**God has sent the spirit of His Son into our hearts.**”

If the Spirit of Jesus is prompting you to love and serve Him as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother, please contact the Vocations Office of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond to speak with Father Michael Boehling or Father Brian Capuano: 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*

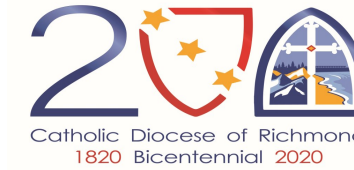


*Madonna and Child*  
Marianne Stokes (1905)



**ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*  
*December 29, 2019*



The Adoration of the Shepherds  
Giorgione, 1505

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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 evangelisers. 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*

**O** God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, 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. 28—Vigil Mass

5:00 PM—Confessions  
5:30 PM—Mass: †Deacon William “Bill” 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

### Monday, Dec. 30—Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas

### Tuesday, Dec. 31—Vigil Mass

5:30 PM—Mass: †Joseph Francis Parker, Sr.

### Wednesday, Jan. 1—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

### Thursday, Jan. 2—Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

### Friday, Jan. 3—Christmas Weekday

### Saturday, Jan. 4—Vigil Mass

5:00 PM—Confessions  
5:30 PM—Mass: †Nancy Maldonado

### Sunday, Jan. 5—The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 AM—Mass: †Lena & †Matie Winbauer, †Evelyn Enrought, †Josephine Knight, †Gerald Ellgass, †Donald Gentry & †Erlene Gentry (Gertrude Gentry’s Loved Ones)  
9:30 AM—Rel. Ed. Grades K-9 NO CLASSES  
10:45 AM—Mass: People of the Parish  
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.



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).

**HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020!**

May this New Year bring you joy and may each day be blessed with peace, prosperity, good health and happiness too!

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**  
(Holy Day of Obligation)  
Tuesday, Dec. 31—Vigil Mass, 5:30 PM

### OFFICE CLOSING

The parish office will be closed for New Year’s on Dec. 31-Jan. 1, 2020 and on Jan. 10-Jan. 13, 2020.

## Scripture Readings

**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

**Mon., Dec. 30 Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas**

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a,8b-10/Lk 2:36-40

**Tues., Dec. 31 Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas**

1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2,11-13/Jn 1:14a,12a/Jn 1:1-18

**Wed., Jan. 1 Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3,5,6,8/Gal 4:4-7/Heb 1:1-2/Lk 2:16-21

**Thurs., Jan. 2 Memorial of Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen**

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1-3ab,3cd-4/Heb 1:1-2/Jn 1:19-28

**Fri., Jan. 3 Christmas Weekday**

1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1,3cd-6/Jn 1:14a,12a/Jn 1:29-34

**Sat., Jan. 4 Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1,7-9/Heb 1:1-2/Jn 1:35-42

**Sun., Jan. 5 The Epiphany of the Lord**

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13/Eph 3:2-3a,5-6/Mt 2:2/ Mt 2:1-12

## 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.

### ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON FEAST DAY - JANUARY 4TH

Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton was a convert to Catholicism. She married at the age of 19 and had five children. After she became a widow at the age of 29, she became a Catholic and founded the first Catholic free school in America. She eventually founded the American chapter of the Daughters of Charity which has over 4000 members today. She died in 1821 at the age of 47.

To find out more about her life story, please visit the SEAS Lending Library in the Commons Area of the Church for available books about Mother Seton.

### HOME BLESSINGS FOR THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Next Sunday is the Feast of the Epiphany. In imitation of the magi, who, according to Matthew’s Gospel, came to the home of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, we ask Christ to visit our home and to bless all who dwell there.

After Mass, please pick up a blessing prayer and a piece of chalk to inscribe above the door: “20+C+M+B+20” for the new year and the Latin words “*Christus mansionem benedicat*,” -- May Christ bless this house.

## 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 J. Robert Krezel, 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 Ed Gillikin as Knight of the Month for December *Congratulations and many thanks Ed!*

**Family of the Month:** Congratulations to the December Family of the Month, Jim Giffin and family. *Thank you for all you do in support of the Knights and SEAS Parish!*

**Current Activities/Events:** Helping Hands at New Kent Senior Food Pantry, Food for Families Drive, Nun Run Support Purchases, Knights in Action Parish Support and Nun Travel Support.

**Membership:** To learn more about the K of C at SEAS Parish, please contact Membership Director, Jack Simzak; [jrrsimzak@aol.com](mailto:jrrsimzak@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.