

A GENTLE REMINDER FROM POPE FRANCIS

This life will go by fast.

Don't fight with people, don't criticize your body so much, don't complain so much.

Don't lose sleep over your bills. Look for the person that makes you happy. If you make a mistake, let it go and keep seeking your happiness.

Never stop being a good parent. Don't worry so much about buying luxuries and comforts for your home, and don't kill yourself trying to leave an inheritance for your family. Those benefits should be earned by each person, so don't dedicate yourself to accumulating money.

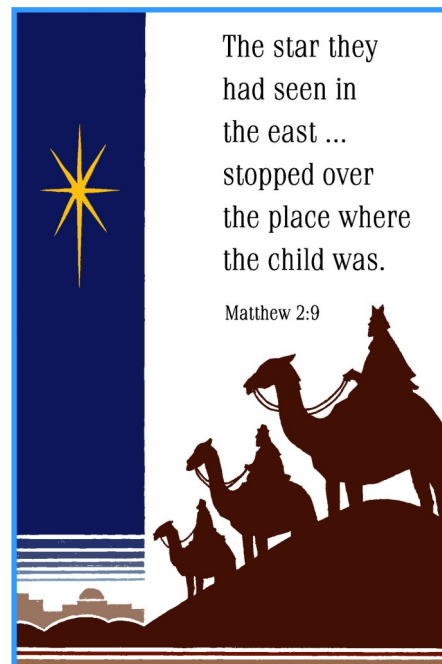
Enjoy, travel, enjoy your journeys, see new places, give yourself the pleasures you deserve. Allow dogs to get closer. Don't put away the fine glassware. Utilize the new dinnerware; don't save your favorite perfume, use it to go out with yourself; wear out your favorite sport shoes; repeat your favorite clothes.

So what? That's not bad. Why not now? Why not pray now instead of waiting until before you sleep? Why not call now? Why not forgive now? We wait so long for Christmas; for Friday; for Reunions; for another year; for when I have money; for love to come; when everything is perfect... Look

Everything perfect doesn't exist. Human beings can't accomplish this because it simply was not intended to be completed here. Here is an opportunity to learn. So take this challenge that is life and do it now... Love more, forgive more, embrace more, love more intensely and leave the rest in God's hands. Amen.

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

“He gave power to become children of God.” If you think you may be called to share the Father's love as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother, please contact the Vocations Office to speak with Fr. Michael Boehling or Fr. Brian Capuano: 804-359-5661; vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



The star they had seen in the east ... stopped over the place where the child was.

Matthew 2:9



Commemorating the Bicentennial of the founding of the Diocese of Richmond.
For more info, please visit www.2020.richmonddiocese.org.

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ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH

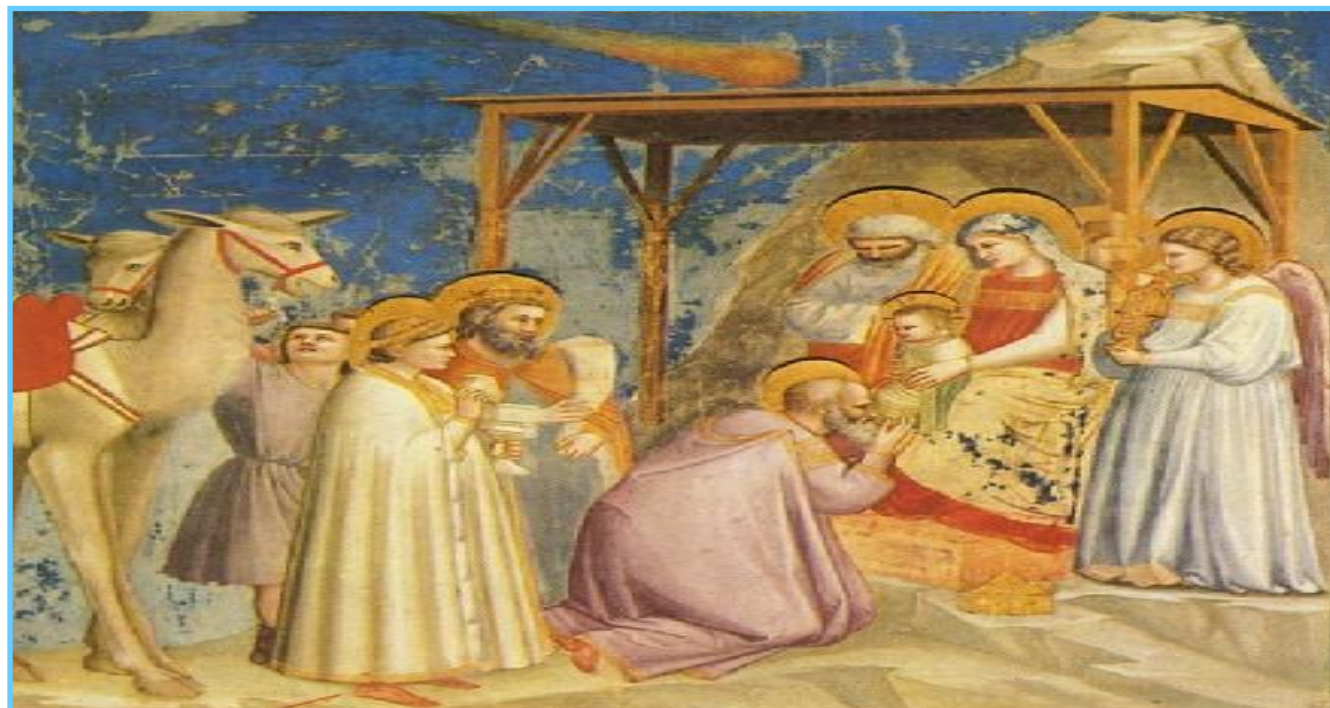
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Office Hours:
Monday-Friday 9:00 AM-2:30 PM

The Epiphany of the Lord
January 5, 2020



The Adoration of the Magi
Giotto di Bondone, 1304-06

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*

May the splendor of your majesty, O Lord, we pray, shed its light upon our hearts, that we may pass through the shadows of this world and reach the brightness of our eternal home. 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, 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

Monday, Jan. 6—Christmas Weekday

Tuesday, Jan. 7—Christmas Weekday

Wednesday, Jan. 8—Christmas Weekday

11:00 AM—Mass: Special Intention
11:30 AM—Ladies' Bible Study

Thursday, Jan. 9—Christmas Weekday

Friday, Jan. 10—Christmas Weekday

Saturday, Jan. 11—Vigil Mass

5:00 PM—Confessions
5:30 PM—Mass: †Helen May Phelps

Sunday, Jan. 12—The Baptism of the Lord

8:30 AM—Mass: Special Intention
9:30 AM—Rel. Ed. Classes Grades K-9
10:45 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

*Daily Mass will be on **Wednesday at 11:00 AM.**

SEAS Parish Prayer List



Please hold in prayer this week all of our sick, homebound, 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

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OFFICE CLOSING

The parish office will be closed Jan. 10-Jan. 13.

FUEL & HUNGER GRANT

We are pleased to share that St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish has been awarded \$1,500.00 from the Catholic Diocese of Richmond Fuel and Hunger Fund. This will aid our parish in continuing the important work of supporting those in need throughout our local community.

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.

Scripture Readings

Sunday, 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

Monday, Jan. 6 Monday after Epiphany

1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8,10-12a/Mt 4:23/Mt 4:12-17,23-25

Tuesday, Jan. 7 Tuesday after Epiphany

1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-4,7-8/Lk 4:18/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday, Jan. 8 Wednesday after Epiphany

1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2,10,12-13/1 Tm 3:16/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday, Jan. 9 Thursday after Epiphany

1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2,14&15bc,17/Lk 4:18/Lk 4:14-22

Friday, Jan. 10 Friday after Epiphany

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-15,19-20/Mt 4:23/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday, Jan. 11 Saturday after Epiphany

1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 140:1-6a&9b/Mt 4:16/Jn 3:22-30

Sunday, Jan. 12 Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4,6-7/Ps 29:1-4,9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 9:7/Mt 3:13-17

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; 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

This 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.

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.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Best Wishes to all those at SEAS Parish who are celebrating their special day during the month of January: Gary Aguiar, Greg Barlage, Lilly Brown, Mike Brown, Tommy Cashin, Carl Ciaravino, Dianne Deis, Laurel Eaton, Robin Eaton, Eddie Edwards, Amanda Gentry, Matthew Gentry, James Giffin, Gregory Ginter, Jeannie Gothreau, Gene Griffin, Peggy Gutierrez, Bill Harris, Dennis Hill, Liam Johnston, Jan McArdle, Angelynn McDonald, John Mehalko, Samantha Miller, Rodan Peck, Eric Reynolds, Jack Richards, Scott Richards, Emily Salmon, Ronnie Schulze, Sam Shaw, David Stacklin, Bob Sweeney, Eileen Tarr, Madison Van Savage and Tatiana Weneck.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

If you have changed email addresses since registering, please contact the parish office so we can update our files. It is helpful to have current emails when we send out group emails regarding schedule or Mass time changes, especially during the winter when the weather can be unpredictable.

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. 16th, General 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; jrsimzak@aol.com. To learn more about the K of C in Virginia, visit the Knights of Columbus website at: 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.