

## A SCENT FROM HEAVEN

Our faith tells us that there is but one Church. Those of us on earth (the Church Militant) join together in prayer at the Holy Mass with those members, the saints, already in heaven (the Church Triumphant). The rich symbolism and theological significance of incense should be more than enough to encourage its use within the liturgy.

A lengthy quote from the great nineteenth century abbot and liturgist Dom Prosper Gueranger beautifully captures the use of incense at Mass and its direct association with the eternal worship offered our Lord in Heaven:

*“The blessing, which the Priest gives it (the incense) in the Mass, raises this production of nature to the supernatural order. Holy Church has borrowed this ceremony from Heaven itself, where St. John witnessed it. In his Apocalypse, he saw an Angel, standing, with a golden censer, near the Altar, on which was the Lamb, with four-and-twenty elders around him. (Apoc. 8:3) He describes this Angel to us, as offering to God the prayers of the Saints, which are symbolized by the incense. Thus, our Holy Mother the Church, the faithful Bride of Christ, wishes to do as Heaven does; and taking advantage of the veil of its mysterious secrets being even thus partially raised up by the Beloved Disciple, she borrows, for our earth’s imitation, the tribute of honour thus paid, yonder above, to the glory of her Spouse.” (The Holy Mass, pp. 12-13)*

Just a few things to ponder the next time you are blessed enough to experience the *smells and bells* of our beautiful Catholic Mass.

### OFFICE OF VOCATIONS—FEBRUARY 9, 2020

#### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Let your light shine before others” perhaps as a priest, deacon, sister or brother. Please contact the Vocations Office to speak with Fr. Brian Capuano: 804-359-5661; [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).

### VA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

#### Virginia March for Life—Feb. 13th

Last year’s first annual Virginia March for Life was a huge success as close to 7,000 people descended upon the Virginia Capital marching for the sanctity of every human life.

We look forward to seeing you this year on **February 13th** at the 2020 Virginia March for Life.

At 9:15am there will be a Mass at the Greater Richmond Convention Center, concelebrated by Bishop Knestout of the Richmond Diocese and Bishop Burbidge of the Arlington Diocese. At 10:30am we will visit with Va. General Assembly member offices followed by a Rally at the State Capitol at 11:45am, with the March for Life beginning at 12:45pm. Visit [www.vacatholic.org](http://www.vacatholic.org) for more details.



Commemorating the Bicentennial of the founding of the Diocese of Richmond.

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



## ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 9, 2020



SEAS New Church Exterior

### 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*

**Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. 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.

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## Parish Schedule

**Saturday, Feb. 8—Vigil Mass**  
5:00 PM—Confessions  
5:30 PM—Mass: †Buck Brooks

**Sunday, Feb. 9—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:30 AM—Mass: Special Intention  
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, Feb. 10—St. Scholastica**

**Tuesday, Feb. 11—Our Lady of Lourdes**

**Wednesday, Feb. 12—Weekday**  
11:00 AM—Mass: Special Intention  
11:30 AM—Ladies' Bible Study

**Thursday, Feb. 13—Weekday**

**Friday, Feb. 14—Sts. Cyril & Methodius**

**Saturday, Feb. 15—Vigil Mass**  
5:00 PM—Confessions  
5:30 PM—Mass: Special Intention

**Sunday, Feb. 16—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
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.

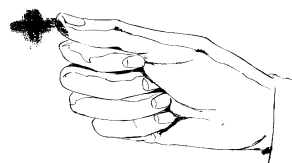


### SPECIAL REQUEST

The current balance on the rectory mortgage debt stands at \$18,025.32. As we will soon begin preparations for the season of Lent, we would ask that parishioners and visitors to SEAS Parish consider a special one time gift for Debt Reduction to pay off the rectory mortgage, which is now within our reach. Please prayerfully consider this special request which will enable us to dedicate ourselves more fully to the growth of the parish and the new church project. Thank you!

### MASSES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish will be celebrating Ash Wednesday Masses (with Imposition of Ashes) February 26th at **12:00 PM** and **7:00 PM.**



## Scripture Readings

**Sunday, Feb. 9 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Jn 8:12/Mt 5:13-16

**Monday, Feb. 10 Memorial of St. Scholastica**  
1 Kgs 8:1-7,9-13/Ps 132:6-10/Mt 4:23/Mk 6:53-56

**Tues., Feb. 11 Tues. of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time**  
1 Kgs 8:22-23,27-30/Ps 84:3-5&10-11/Ps 119:36,29b/  
Mk 7:1-13

**Wed., Feb. 12 Wed. of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time**  
1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6,30-31,39-40/Jn 17:17b,17a/  
Mk 7:14-23

**Thurs., Feb. 13 Thurs. of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time**  
1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4,35&37,40/Jas 1:21bc/Mk 7:24-30

**Friday, Feb. 14 Memorial of Sts. Cyril & Methodius**  
1 Kgs 11:29-32;12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab,12-15/Acts 16:14b/  
Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday, Feb. 15 Sat. of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time**  
1 Kgs 12:26-32;13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab,19-22/Mt 4:4b/  
Mk 8:1-10

**Sunday, Feb. 16 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/  
Mt 11:25/Mt 5:17-37

## 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.

### HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHAT IS INVOLVED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

If you or someone you know has never been baptized or were baptized in another Christian denomination and would like more information on what it means to become a Catholic you are invited to join us for a casual informational session hosted by the RCIA ministry. A new session date is being planned, date to follow soon.

Anyone interested in learning what is involved in becoming Catholic is encouraged to join us.

*Please share this information with family, friends, co-workers and neighbors who may have asked questions about the Catholic faith.*

For questions or additional information, please contact Donna Thomson at [seas.dthomson@verizon.net](mailto:seas.dthomson@verizon.net).

### ALTAR GUILD VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to learn how to set up for Mass, launder altar tops and launder the sacred altar linens on a regular, consistent basis. We would like to have a team of trained volunteers to rotate so responsibilities can be shared.

If you are interested in helping out with this ministry which is so important to the life of the Church, please contact Mrs. Irma Gregory at 804-932-8298.

## RETURNING TO OUR FAITH MINISTRY

The SEAS Returning to Our Faith Ministry offers a compassionate and encouraging atmosphere for inactive Catholics to consider returning to our faith. The goal of the ministry is to reach out to inactive Catholics inviting them to join us for hospitality and discussion, giving them time to consider the stirrings of their hearts.

The "Catholics Come Home" program is intended to help bridge the sometimes intimidating obstacles to returning. The Faith Ambassadors from our parish will host an information session for inactive Catholics and/or parishioners that want more information, new date to follow soon.

*Please consider inviting neighbors, friends or family members that may benefit from our ministry to join us.*

For additional information please contact Mrs. Donna Thomson at [seas.dthomson@verizon.net](mailto:seas.dthomson@verizon.net).

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS & SOUP SUPPERS DURING LENT

During Lent we will be having Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 6:30 PM in the Church when volunteers are available. The updated schedule follows:

2/28/2020—Greg & Iris Davis  
3/06/2020—*Volunteers Needed*  
3/13/2020—John & Marilyn Loyo  
3/20/2020—*Volunteers Needed*  
3/27/2020—*Volunteers Needed*  
4/03/2020—The Ginter Family

A meatless soup supper will follow the Stations of the Cross in the Rel. Ed. Building. Soup makers are still needed as we are in the process of putting together a volunteer list.

If interested in assisting or for more details, please contact the parish office at 932-4125.



**Meeting Schedule:** K of C Council 14034 meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7:00 PM in the SEAS Hall. Next meeting: Feb. 20th, General Meeting. \*\*Fellow Brother Knights, dinner will be served at each meeting so please consider coming to the meetings. We appreciate your support!

**Prayer Request:** Please remember in your prayers Leonard Rapozo, Evan & Peter Ginter, J. Robert Krezel, Cathy Iwaskey, Kevin Almeida, Al Polson, Kate Nixon, Eileen Simzak, Fr. R. Smith, John Brazier's Family, Adell Clark, Eddie Baird, John (Jackie) J. Gothreau, Fred Graf, Joshua C. Gothreau, Elizabeth Robertson, Ann Gillikin, Ed Gillikin, Sr., Tony Martinez, 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 Gene Griffin as Knight of the Month for February. *Thank you Gene for all you do for our council and SEAS Parish!*

**Family of the Month:** Congratulations to the February Family of the Month, James and Alyssa Ginter & family. *Many thanks for all your help and support!*

**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 K of C website at: [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus).

### 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.