

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 2, 2020

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

Are you ready for “a living encounter with the Lord in his people?” Are you being called by the Lord to serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Please contact the Vocations Office to speak with Fr. Brian Capuano: 804-359-5661; vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

VOCATIONS

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to all our SEAS “birthday babies” celebrating their special day during the month of February: Andy Antonellini, Nancy Berberich, Linda Donohoe, Jacob Edicola, Linda Edwards, Gertrude Gentry, Robert Gentry, Marianne Gesotti, J.J. Gothreau, Theresa Grasser, David Hill, Lori Hill, Sarah Hirsch, Gillian Hope, Reina Irby, Joanne Kullick, Gertrude Langford, Matt Luther, Melody Mary, Cory McBride, Sally McClintock, Finn Miller, Katie Molitoris Brown, Sergio Negrete, Sister Mary Nwachukwu, John Pham, Jean Phaup, Hal Repasky, David Shaw, Bruce Tarr, Camden Trezza, Mathieu Trezza, Allison Van Pelt, Nevada Wagner and Lisa Wayne.



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

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

The Presentation of the Lord February 2, 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*

Almighty ever-living God, we humbly implore your majesty that, just as your Only Begotten Son was presented on this day in the Temple in the substance of our flesh, so, by your grace, we may be presented to you with minds made pure. 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, Feb. 1 —Vigil Mass

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

Sunday, Feb. 2—The Presentation of the Lord

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

Monday, Feb. 3—St. Blaise; St. Ansgar

Tuesday, Feb. 4—Weekday

6:30 PM—Catholics Come Home Program

Wednesday, Feb. 5—St. Agatha

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

Thursday, Feb. 6—St. Paul Miki & Companions

1:30 PM—SEAS Knitting Group (Web of Hope)
7:00 PM—K of C Business Mtg.

Friday, Feb. 7—Weekday

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. 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, 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
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Founding of the Diocese of Richmond.

For more information, please visit
www.2020.richmonddiocese.org.

DEBT REDUCTION PAYMENT

An additional principle payment was sent in this week in the amount of \$2,500.00. We would like to thank everyone for their support and generosity as we pay down the rectory mortgage ahead of schedule.

NUN RUN FOOD DONATIONS

This weekend, **February 1/2** is our monthly food donation date for the Poor Clare nuns and the Little Sisters of St. Francis. Please drop off all donations to the collection box in the Commons Area of the Church. Thank you for your continued support of this ongoing ministry.

Scripture Readings

Sunday, Feb. 2 Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7-10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:32/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Mon., Feb. 3 Mon. of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

2 Sm 15:13-14;30;16:5-13/Ps 3:2-7/Lk 7:16/Mk 5:1-20

Tues., Feb. 4 Tues. of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

2 Sm 18:9-10,14b,24-25a/Ps 86:1-6/Mt 8:17/Mk 5:21-43

Wed., Feb. 5 Memorial of St. Agatha

2 Sm 24:2,9-17/Ps 32:1-2,5-7/Jn 10:27/Mk 6:1-6

Thurs., Feb. 6 Memorial of St. Paul Miki & Companions

2 Sm 24:2,9-17/Ps 32:1-2,5-7/Jn 10:27/Mk 6:1-6

Friday, Feb. 7 Fri. of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31,47&50,51/Lk 8:15/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday, Feb. 8 Sat. of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9-14/Jn 10:27/Mk 6:30-34

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

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.

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 at the **beginning of February.**

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 and start date, please contact Donna Thomson at 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.

Please consider inviting neighbors, friends or family members that may benefit from our ministry to join us for refreshments, fellowship and information on **Tuesday evening, Feb. 4th** at 6:30 PM in the Religious Education building. RSVPs greatly appreciated but not required. For additional information contact Donna Thomson at 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 current 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—Volunteers Needed

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. 6th, Business 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 J. Robert Krezel, Cathy Iwaskey, Kevin Almeida, 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, 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 Ed Gillikin as Knight of the Month for January. *Congratulations and many thanks Ed!*

Family of the Month: Congratulations to the January Family of the Month, Ed Gillikin, Sr. and 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; jrsimzak@aol.com. To learn more about the K of C in Virginia, visit the Knights of Columbus website at: 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.