

SEAS GRADUATES

If your special student is graduating this year from high school or college, please send an email to the parish office with any pertinent information you would like to share with the parish. We would love to recognize your graduate and highlight their unique journey this year to graduation.

NUN RUN FOOD DONATIONS

The first weekend of the month is our monthly food collection for the Poor Clare Nuns and the Little Sisters of St. Francis. Please drop off all donations to the Church during office hours by the weekend of **May 30/31**. Thank you for your continued support and generosity of this ongoing ministry.

MANY THANKS!

Many thanks to all our volunteers who have been helping with online Mass, especially Irma Gregory, Bobby & Mary Brooks, Greg & Iris Davis, James Giffin, Jacob Rogers, Beth Ann Luther and Virginia Walsh. Your gracious good will and support have been an inspiration. Also, a BIG thank you to those who helped us prepare to safely open for this weekend’s Masses: Greg Davis, Gary Marx, Jr., Pam & Gary Marx, and Marilyn & Gene Griffin. Also, thank you to our landscaping volunteers—Barrie Deis, Ted Anthony, Jack Simzak, Sam Shaw, John Leyo, Greg Barlage and our favorite trimming and mulch champion for making our grounds so nice and inviting!!

OTHER NEWS...

June 23, 2020 Primary Elections

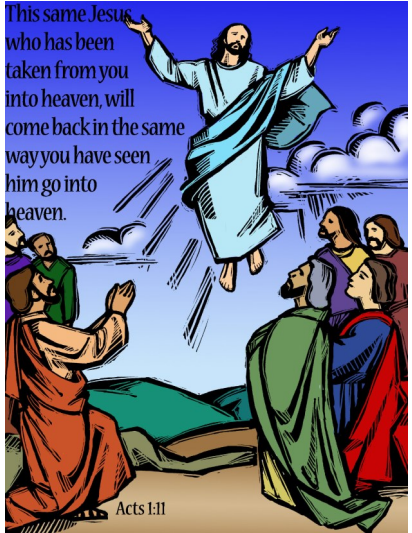
The primary elections scheduled for June 9, 2020, by the governor’s executive order, have been moved to June 23, 2020. For more information, visit <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/index.html> or call 804-966-9699.

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS—MAY 24, 2020

The Ascension of the Lord

“They received the Holy Spirit.” The Blessed Virgin Mary intercedes for your faithfulness to the vocation to which the Spirit is leading you. Do you think God may be offering you the grace of serving Him and His people as a priest or in the consecrated life? Please contact the Vocations Office to speak with Father Brian Capuano: (804)-359-5661, or send an email to: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

Best Wishes for a safe and meaningful Memorial Day as we take some time to reflect and honor all those who have fought and sacrificed to preserve our liberty.



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Twitter: twitter.com/SEASQuinton
Office Hours: M-F 9:00 AM-2:30 PM
WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil—5:30 PM
Sunday—8:30 AM & 10:45 AM
Until further notice the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment through the office.

The Ascension of the Lord
May 24, 2020

Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



The Ascension of Christ
Benvenuto Tisio da Garofalo, 1510-1520

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*

Parish Staff

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Parish Schedule

Saturday, May 23 —Vigil
5:00 PM—Confessions
5:30 PM—Vigil Mass: Special Intention

Sunday, May 24—The Ascension of the Lord
8:30 AM—Mass: People of the Parish
11:30 AM—Mass: Special Intention

Monday, May 25—St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII; St. Mary Magdalene de’ Pazzi
*Office Closed

Tuesday, May 26— St. Philip Neri

Wednesday, May 27—St. Augustine Canterbury
11:00 AM—Mass: Special Intention

Thursday, May 28—Easter Weekday

Friday, May 29—Easter Weekday

Saturday, May 30—Vigil
5:00 PM—Confessions
5:30 PM—Vigil Mass: †Nancy Maldonado

Sunday, May 31—Pentecost Sunday
8:30 AM—Mass: Special Intention
11:30 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

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

SEAS Parish Prayer List

Prayer of Pope Francis to Our Lady, Health of the Sick, to im-
plore her protection during the COVID-19 coronavirus pan-
demic:
*O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salva-
tion and hope.*

*We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the
Cross you participated in Jesus’ pain, with steadfast faith.*

*You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are
certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee,
joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.*

*Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Fa-
ther’s will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our suffer-
ings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the
Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.*

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas - we who are put to the test - and deliv-
er us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Parish Contributions

If you are a registered parishioner and would like con-
tribution info, please contact the parish office at 804-
932-4125. We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to all
who have recently mailed in contributions and signed
up for online e-giving. We thank you for your support
and generosity!

OFFICE CLOSING

The parish office will be closed for Memorial Day on
Monday, May 25, 2020 and in June while the secretary is
on vacation from June 15-26, 2020.

Volunteers will be needed to cover the church phone line
and open up for private prayer as well as for when the
cleaning crew works on Mondays.

If you are *Virtus* trained and would like to assist, please
call the parish office at 932-4125. Thank you.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP OPTIONS

The parish budget is 100% dependent on Offertory contri-
butions during the year. Half of the income comes by
electronic means and half through the regular weekend
collections. During these difficult times, if you are able,
please continue to support the parish through your dona-
tions:

- Sign-up for online e-giving through the parish’s web-
site at: seascatholicchurch.org and select the red
“Donate Online” button at the top ([https://
seascatholicchurch.org/support-your-parish/](https://seascatholicchurch.org/support-your-parish/)).
- Mail your regular contributions to our mailing ad-
dress: PO Box 648, Quinton, VA 23141.
- Drop your contributions off to the parish office during
office hours. Thank you!

Scripture Readings

Sunday, May 24 The Ascension of the Lord
Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3,6-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:19a,20b/
Mt 28:16-20

Monday, May 25 Monday of the Seventh Week of Easter
Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab,4-5acd/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday, May 26 Memorial of St. Philip Neri
Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11,20-21/Jn 14:16/Jn 17:1-11a

Wed., May 27 Wednesday of the Seventh Week of Easter
Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30,33-35a/Jn 17:17b,17a/Jn 17:
11b-19

Thurs., May 28 Thursday of the Seventh Week of Easter
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a&5,7-11/Jn 17:21/Jn 17:20-26

Friday, May 29 Friday of the Seventh Week of Easter
Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2,11-12,19-20ab/Jn 14:26/
Jn 21:15-19

Sat., May 30 Saturday of the Seventh Week of Easter
Acts 28:16-20,30-31/Ps 11:4,5&7/Jn 16:7,13/Jn 21:20-25

Sunday, May 31 Pentecost Sunday
Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1,24,29-31,34/1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13/
Jn 20:19-23

Parish News

RE-OPENING FOR PUBLIC MASS

Bishop Knestout and the offices of the
Diocese have shared that the suspen-
sion of Masses is lifted beginning with
the Vigil Mass this Saturday, May 23,
2020, with approval of a parish re-
opening plan which SEAS has re-
ceived. In accord with the direction of
the governor, public worship will
begin with a 50% capacity limit, main-
taining 6 feet from other people (as
defined by the CDC) by all gathered.

Guidelines:

Face coverings—All present for the
liturgy ages 3 and older must wear
face coverings, as recommended by
the CDC, WHO and Governor of Vir-
ginia when present for any Mass or
liturgical celebration.

Vulnerable category—Those in the
vulnerable category (65+ adults, peo-
ple who are immunocompromised) are
encouraged to remain home as per
CDC and the governor recommenda-
tions.

Dispensation from the obligation to
attend Mass—Due to the capacity
limit for liturgies which limits the
number of faithful who can attend
Mass and recognizing that those in the
vulnerable category should remain
home, Bishop Knestout dispenses all
of the faithful of the Diocese of Rich-
mond from the obligation to attend
Mass on Sundays and holy days until
further notice.

Recorded Mass—will continue to be
offered on our Facebook and web
page for the present time.

Additional Considerations:

Seating—Families/households will be
seated on one side and individuals on
the other, every other pew to maintain
distancing.

Mass times—Please note we have
adjusted Mass times on Sundays to
8:30 AM and 11:30 AM to allow
enough time between for proper exit-
ing and sanitizing between Masses.
We ask that you arrive 30 minutes
prior to the start of Mass to allow time
to be seated.

Church Entrance Questions—Prior
to entrance, a usher will ask 3 ques-
tions: Have you or anyone in your
household had a fever in the past 2
weeks? Do you or anyone in your
household have a new cough or short-
ness of breath?

Have you come into contact with
anyone who is positive with Covid-
19 in the past 2 weeks?
**If any individual or household
responds “yes” to any question
or are not wearing a face cover-
ing (if they are age 3 and older),
they are not permitted to enter
the Church.**

Mass Sign-Up—Parishioners are
invited to respond by email to the
following questions: Are you
ready to return to public Mass?
How many household members
will attend? Which Mass would
you prefer to attend?

Arrival Times & Exiting—
Parishioners are asked to arrive
approximately 30 minutes early
since ushers will be leading parish-
ioners to their seating area. Pews
will be filled front to back and after
Mass we will exit one pew at a
time from the back to front to
maintain distancing.

Volunteers—will be needed each
week to serve as extra ushers and
to help with sanitizing the Church
after each Mass. If you are plan-
ning to attend Mass and able to
help out, please contact the parish
office at 932-4125 to arrange train-
ing.

Additional details have gone out
to parishioners by email. If you
did not receive our email, please
contact the parish office at 932-
4125 so we can get all the details to
you and answer any questions you
may have.

Each and every parishioner is inte-
gral to the re-opening process in
order to meet the virus control
standards and we welcome your
participation.

DIocese of Richmond
Office of the Bishop

Bishop Knestout encourages any-
one aware of sexual abuse of mi-
nors on the part of clergy or staff
of our diocese to notify civil au-
thorities, call the Attorney Gen-
eral’s Clergy Abuse Hotline at 1-
833-454-9064, and reach out to the
confidential Victim Assistance
Reporting 24-Hour Number at 1-
877-887-9603.

KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Meeting Schedule: All K of C
activities and meetings have been
CANCELED until further notice.

Prayer Request: Please remember
in your prayers Jeffrey & Roberta
Gargiulo, Levie Edmond, Leonard
R. Rapozo, Agnes Cashin, Cherie
Gothreau & Wanda Pleva, Carol
Trent, Kevin Almeida, John (Jackie)
J. Gothreau, Fred Graf, Joshua C.
Gothreau, Cathy Iwaskey, Al Pol-
son, Kate Nixon, Fr. R. Smith, Ei-
leen Simzak, Elizabeth Robertson,
Ann Gillikin, Ed Gillikin, Sr., Tony
Martinez, our law enforcement, mil-
itary families, and those not known
to us in need of prayers.

Membership: To learn more about
the K of C at SEAS Parish, please
contact Membership Director, Jack
Simzak; jrrsimzak@aol.com. To
learn more about the K of C in Vir-
ginia, visit the K of C website at:
kofc.org/joinus.

THE ROSARY DURING MAY

This May, during the month dedicat-
ed to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Pope
Francis has invited the faithful to
renew their love for the Most Holy
Rosary, a prayer fully immersed in
the Gospel. Vatican News has an
article which looks at the dedication
of various Popes throughout the cen-
turies to this ancient devotion. Visit
the Vatican News website at:
[https://www.vaticannews.va/en/
pope/news/2020-04/the-popes-and-
the-rosary.html](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-04/the-popes-and-the-rosary.html) for more info.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL
COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are
truly present in the Most
Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I
desire to possess You within my
soul. Since I am unable at this
moment to receive You

Sacramentally, come at least
spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as being already
there, and unite myself wholly
to You. Never permit me to be
separated from You.

Amen.