

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

As a reminder, SEAS Parish is enrolled in Kroger Community Rewards. You can help support SEAS New Church Fund by shopping at Kroger and using your Kroger Plus Card.

- To enroll your Plus Card, go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com.
- Click on “Create An Account.”
- Enter your email address and create a password, agreeing to terms and conditions.
- Enter your card number and our church name, “St. Elizabeth Ann Seton” or our account number, CF801.

Questions? Please contact the parish office at 932-4125.

SEAS LENDING LIBRARY

Although the local library may be closed, SEAS Lending Library is still available in the Commons Area of the Church. If you are in need of some reading material, right now is a good time to read up on the lives of the Saints, the history of the Church, the glories of Mary or maybe the story of Fatima. Items are available to sign out for two weeks. Please feel free to stop by during office hours or call to reserve your items.

SEAS GRADUATES

If your special student is graduating this year from high school or college, please send an email to the parish office at seassecretary@verizon.net 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.

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS—MAY 3, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Easter—World Day of Prayer for Vocations

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. Do you think God is calling you to serve the Church 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.

Parish Staff

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RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process of study and prayer for those who have never been baptized, were baptized in another Christian denomination and would like to become Catholic, or were baptized Catholic, but never received the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation. For more information about our programs at SEAS Parish, please contact the parish office at 932-4125.

OFFICE OF WORSHIP

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond Office of Worship has developed several resources to assist us as we continue to encounter Christ during this time.

Several important resources for daily prayer and daily Mass readings have been posted, such as links to free versions of GIVE US THIS DAY, MAGNIFICAT (<https://us.magnificat.net/free>) and prayers for Spiritual Communion. Visit <http://www.cdrworship.org/coronavirus> for more information.

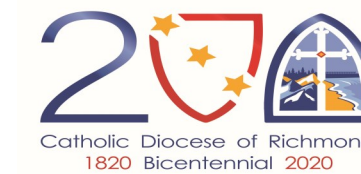
SEAS EMAIL LIST

If you have not been receiving our parish-wide emails, please contact the office so we can update your information and keep you “in the loop.” Thank you!



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Facebook: facebook.com/SEASCatholic
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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter May 3, 2020

**Almighty
ever-living God,
lead us to a
share in the joys
of heaven,
so that the
humble flock
may reach
where the brave
Shepherd has
gone before.**

**Who lives and
reigns with you
in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
one God,
for ever and
ever.
Amen.**



The Good Shepherd
Philippe de Champaigne, 17th Century

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 Schedule

Saturday, May 2 —Vigil

5:30 PM—Vigil Mass: People of the Parish
(view on Facebook.com/SEASCatholic or Parish website)

Sunday, May 3—Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM—Mass: Bishop Knestout at the Cathedral (view on richmonddiocese.org/livestream)

Monday, May 4—Easter Weekday

Tuesday, May 5—Easter Weekday

Wednesday, May 6—Easter Weekday

Thursday, May 7—Easter Weekday

Friday, May 8—Easter Weekday

Saturday, May 9—Vigil

5:30 PM—Vigil Mass: People of the Parish
(view on Facebook.com/SEASCatholic or Parish website)

Sunday, May 10—Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM—Mass: Bishop Knestout at the Cathedral (view on richmonddiocese.org/livestream)

SEAS Parish Prayer List

Prayer of Pope Francis to Our Lady, Health of the Sick, to implore her protection during the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic:

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation 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 Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings 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 deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.



Parish Contributions

If you are a registered parishioner and would like contribution 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!

RECTORY MORTGAGE HAS BEEN PAID OFF!

SEAS Parish is pleased to announce a great joy. We have paid off our remaining rectory mortgage debt. We wanted to thank all our loyal supporters for their generosity in making this achievement possible. Any remaining debt reduction online and envelope contributions will go to our maintenance fund so we can keep up with repairs and regular maintenance unless we hear otherwise from donors regarding their contributions. If you have a recurring debt reduction donation, we ask that you consider switching to our maintenance fund as we will be deleting the debt reduction option from our online giving fund list.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP OPTIONS

Many people have asked how they can continue to financially support SEAS Parish while public Masses are suspended. The parish budget is 100% dependent on Offertory contributions during the year. Half of the income comes by electronic means and half through the regular weekend collections. With the suspension of public Masses, we will lose about half of our income. During these difficult times, if you are able, please continue to support the parish through your donations:

- Sign-up for online e-giving through the parish's website at: seascatholicchurch.org and select the red "Donate Online" button at the top.
- Mail your regular contributions to our mailing address: PO Box 648, Quinton, VA 23141.
- Drop your contributions off to the parish office during office hours. Thank you!

Scripture Readings

Sunday, May 3 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a,36-41/Ps 23:1-3ab,4-6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:14/Jn 10:1-10

Monday, May 4 Monday of the Fourth Week of Easter

Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3;43:3-4/Jn 10:14/Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday, May 5 Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Easter

Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-7/Jn 10:27/Jn 10:22-30

Wed., May 6 Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Easter

Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3,5,6&8/Jn 8:12/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday, May 7 Thursday of the Fourth Week of Easter

Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3,21-22,25&27/Rv 1:5ab/Jn 13:16-20

Friday, May 8 Friday of the Fourth Week of Easter

Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-11ab/Jn 14:6/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday, May 9 Saturday of the Fourth Week of Easter

Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1-3ab,3cd-4/Jn 8:31b-32/Jn 14:7-14

Sunday, May 10 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2,4-5,18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:6/Jn 14:1-12

Parish News

COVID-19 UPDATE

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Bishop Barry C. Knestout has temporarily suspended all Masses, Events, Activities and Meetings throughout the Catholic Diocese of Richmond until further notice.

Bishop Knestout and the COVID-19 Task Force continue to monitor the evolving guidance from government and health officials, especially those in the Commonwealth. While the exact date and the guidance that will be provided are still unknown as to when we can loosen restrictions in our parishes, schools, and campus ministries, we are preparing for several situations to help the faithful return to our parishes as safely as possible.

The Task Force has issued a newsletter for what to expect at Masses when Virginia re-opens in phases, which is available on the diocesan website at: richmonddiocese.org.

To view Masses and liturgies until we re-open, please continue to visit the parish Facebook page at:

[Facebook.com/SEASCatholic](https://www.facebook.com/SEASCatholic) or the parish website seascatholicchurch.org/View-Mass. Bishop Knestout is livestreaming private celebration of 10 am Sunday Mass at the Cathedral. Visit richmonddiocese.org/livestream.

SEAS Parish will be open for **private prayer only** during office hours. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment.

For the upcoming week, the parish office will be **open Monday-Friday from 9am-3pm.**

THE ROSARY DURING MAY

This May, during the month dedicated 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 centuries 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> for more information.

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.

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to John Leyo for our Religious Education building roof top leaf cleaning. John has been kind enough to remove the piles of leaves from the roof vents which have a tendency to clog the vent openings and cause a few ceiling wet spots. Periodically removing the trouble areas has prevented us from having larger leak problems. This in turn saves the parish from having to shell out from our maintenance fund for a contractor.

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 2nd/3rd**. As a reminder, the Poor Clares are mostly vegetarian. They avoid sugar and can always use canned tuna or salmon. The Little Sisters can eat most everything. Paper products are also gratefully accepted by both orders.

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: Due to the flu outbreak, 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 Polson, Kate Nixon, Fr. R. Smith, Eileen Simzak, Elizabeth Robertson, Ann Gillikin, Ed Gillikin, Sr., Tony Martinez, our law enforcement, military 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 Virginia, visit the K of C website at: kofc.org/joinus.

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 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 are in the planning stages for upcoming information sessions for inactive Catholics and/or parishioners who want more information, new dates to follow soon.

Please consider inviting neighbors, friends or family members who may benefit from our ministry to participate.

For additional information, please contact Mrs. Donna Thomson at seas.dthomson@verizon.net.