

PARISH OFFICE EMAIL ADDRESS

Beginning January 1st, the parish office will be phasing out the old verizon.net email addresses to the new office email address listed on the parish website: secretary@seascatholicchurch.org. This email address is currently up and running if you would like to transition early. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE PROGRAM

This weekend Nov. 28/29 will kick off our annual Christmas Angel Tree program. Angel Tree tags will be available on the Christmas tree in the Commons Area of the Church. Please take a tag and purchase the item on the tag. This year SEAS Parish is sponsoring six local families. All wrapped gifts, with Angel tag attached, will be **due back to the Church on Wednesday, December 16th.**

ADVENT... A TIME FOR REFLECTION... A TIME OF PROMISE... A TIME FOR HOPE - Today is the First Sunday of Advent

In its simplest terms, Advent is the time we prepare for Christ. It's the great liturgical season of waiting, but not a passive waiting. We yearn, we search, and we reach out for the God who will come to us in human flesh.

The First Sunday of Advent is the first day of the Church year and marks the beginning of our journey toward Christmas. We prepare for everything we consider important... And how we prepare for Christmas says something about what our priorities are.

"The Prophecy Candle" urges us to listen. YOU my Lord, are urging us to listen. For you have a lot to say. So much to say, in fact, that what you had to say could not be restricted to words or confined to paper. What you had to communicate to me is so important that you had to say it in person. "The Word became flesh" - a human being.

How will you prepare for Christmas this year?

Pray: As I anticipate the birth of the Word enfleshed this season I ask that you open my heart so I may willingly and consciously prepare for you to enter my life in a deeper capacity. For this and all your graces I thank and praise you, Lord my God. Amen.

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.

#GIVECATHOLIC ON DEC. 1

This year the Catholic Diocese of Richmond will be participating in #iGiveCatholic on Dec. 1st. Like Black Friday, Small Business Saturday and Cyber Monday, Giving-Tuesday has become part of the post-Thanksgiving season. It is a 24-hour online giving event for the faithful across the nation (and the world) to unite and raise as many charitable dollars as possible for participating Catholic parishes, schools and ministries.

Visit Richmond.iGiveCatholic.org to donate on our SEAS page and track the progress of our parish and diocesan organizations throughout the day.



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Office Hours: M-F 9:00 AM-2:30 PM
WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil—5:30 PM
Sunday—8:30 AM & 11:00 AM
The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered Saturdays at 5:00 PM and by appointment.

First Sunday of Advent November 29, 2020

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.

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.



Annunciation
Pablo de Matteis, 1712

Parish Staff

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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, November 28—Vigil

5:00 PM—Confessions
5:30 PM—Vigil Mass: Special Intention

Sunday, November 29—First Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM—Mass: Special Intention
9:30 AM—Rel. Ed. NO CLASSES
11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

Monday, November 30—St. Andrew, the Apostle

Tuesday, December 1—Advent Weekday

Wednesday, December 2—Advent Weekday

11:00 AM—Mass: Special Intention

Thursday, December 3—St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Friday, December 4—St. John Damascene

Saturday, December 5—Vigil

5:00 PM—Confessions
5:30 PM—Vigil Mass: Special Intention

Sunday, December 6—Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM—Mass: Special Intention
9:30 AM—Rel. Ed. Classes (SEAS Social Hall)
11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

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

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 are mailing in contributions and utilizing the website for online electronic giving!

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP OPTIONS

The parish budget is 100% dependent on Offertory contributions. Half of the income comes by electronic means and half through the regular weekend collections. 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 (<https://seascatholicchurch.org/support-your-parish/>).
- 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!

OFFICE CLOSING

The parish office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26/27.

Also, the parish office will be closed in December on the following dates: December 9-10, December 24-25, and December 29th. Thank you.

Scripture Readings

Sunday, November 29 First Sunday of Advent

Is 63:16b-17,19b;64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19/1 Cor 1:3-9/
Ps 85:8/Mk 13:33-37

Monday, November 30 Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle

Rom 10:9-18/Ps 118:1-8,19-21,25-27a/Is 55:6/Mt 7:21,24-27

Tuesday, December 1 Tuesday of the First Week of Advent

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 2 Wednesday of the First Week of Advent

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a,3b-6/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 3 Memorial of St. Francis Xavier

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1&8-9,19-21,25-27a/Is 55:6/Mt 7:21,24-27

Friday, December 4 Friday of the First Week of Advent

Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1,4,13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday, December 5 Saturday of the First Week of Advent

Is 30:19-21,23-26/Ps 147:1-6/Is 33:22/Mt 9:35—10:1,5a,6-8

Sunday, December 6 Second Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-5,9-11/Ps 85:9-14/2 Pt 3:8-14/Lk 3:4,6/Mk 1:1-8

Parish News

PUBLIC MASS GUIDELINES Occupancy—50% (70 Individuals) Guidelines:

Face coverings—All present for the liturgy ages 5 and older must wear a cloth face covering, as recommended by the CDC, WHO and Governor of Virginia when present for any Mass or liturgical celebration.

Vulnerable category—Those in the vulnerable category (65+ adults, people who are immunocompromised) are encouraged to remain home as per CDC and the governor recommendations.

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 Richmond 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.

The **5:30 PM Saturday Vigil Mass** is being recorded for use on SEAS and various Diocesan digital media accounts of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, including, but not limited to, the websites of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond and *The Catholic Virginian*, and social media platforms of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond. Photography and/or screenshot images from the livestream may be used for *The Catholic Virginian* print edition.

If you do not wish to be captured by recordings, please refrain from attending the 5:30 PM Saturday Vigil Mass.

Additional Considerations:

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

Communion—Sanitize hands when entering/leaving Church. Bring personal supply to use before receiving Communion if possible. Consider receiving Holy Communion in the hand. After receiving Communion, step 6 feet to the side, lower/lift mask, consume the host, put mask back in place and return to your seat.

Current Mass times are:
Saturday Vigil Mass, 5:30 PM;
Sundays, 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM.

We ask that you arrive 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass to allow time to be seated.

Church Entrance Questions (Updated):

- Do you or anyone in your household have a fever (temperature is 100.4 degrees or higher)?
- In the past two (2) weeks, have you or anyone in your household presented symptoms of COVID-19, such as a fever, chills, sore throat, cough, shortness of breath, muscle pain, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea, with no alternative diagnosis?
- Have you had a positive diagnostic test for the virus that causes COVID-19 in the prior 10 days?
- In the past two (2) weeks, have you or anyone in your household been exposed—less than six (6) feet for a cumulative 15 minutes over a 24 hour period—to anyone who has tested positive for or exhibited symptoms of COVID-19 (with no alternative diagnosis) without wearing the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention?

If any individual or household responds "yes" to any question or are not wearing a cloth face covering (if they are age 5 and older), they are not permitted to enter the Church.

Please take a few minutes to review these questions prior to entering the Church.

Questions regarding public Mass should be directed to the SEAS Parish Office: 804-932-4125.



Schedule: Meetings have resumed virtually only, until further notice.

Prayer Request: Please remember in prayer: Jeffrey & Roberta Gargiulo, Levie Edmond, Leonard R. Rapozo, Cherie Gothreau & Wanda Pleva, Carol Trent, John (Jackie) J. Gothreau, Fred Graf, Joshua C. Gothreau, Cathy Iwaskey, Al Polson, Kate Nixon, Elizabeth Robertson, Tony Martinez, our law enforcement, military families, and those not known to us in need of prayers.

Upcoming Events: "Keeping Christ in Christmas" card sale runs through Nov. 22nd. Pick up Nov. 28/29 after Mass. For further details and pricing information, please contact Talon Almeida at (804) 801-7068. Calls accepted 10am-6pm M-F; 11am-4pm Sat. & Sun. Flyers are located on the Commons Area bulletin board and the parish website on the bulletin info page.

Thanksgiving food basket deliveries—many thanks to Bill Abell and the K of C volunteers for helping out with this yearly ministry.

Family of the Month: The K of C November Family of the Month is parish secretary Rose Reed & family. Congratulations!

Membership: To learn more about the Knights of Columbus at SEAS Parish, please contact Membership Director, Tony Cassano; tony@gobucketlisttravel.com.

To learn more about the Knights of Columbus in Virginia, visit 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 confidential Victim Assistance Reporting 24-Hour Number at 1-877-887-9603.