

POPE FRANCIS DECLARES YEAR DEDICATED TO ST. JOSEPH

VATICAN CITY—Marking the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being declared patron of the universal Church, Pope Francis proclaimed a yearlong celebration dedicated to the foster father of Jesus. In a Dec. 8 apostolic letter, “Patris Corde” (“With a father’s heart”), the pope said Christians can discover in St. Joseph, who often goes unnoticed, “an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble.”

“St. Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can plan an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all...,” he said.

The Apostolic Penitentiary, a Vatican tribunal that deals with matters of conscience, also issued a decree Dec. 8 stating that plenary indulgences will be granted to Catholics not only through prayer and penance, but also through acts of justice, charity and piety dedicated to the foster father of Jesus.

Among the conditions for receiving an indulgence are a spirit detached from sin, receiving sacramental confession as soon as possible, receiving Communion as soon as possible and praying for the Holy Father’s intentions.

However, the decree also highlighted several ways to obtain the indulgence throughout the year, including to those who “meditate on the prayer of the ‘Our Father’ for at least 30 minutes or take part in a spiritual retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph.”

As a “just man,” the document continued, who guarded “the intimate secret that lies at the bottom of the heart and soul,” St. Joseph practiced the virtue of justice in “full adherence to the divine law, which is the law of mercy. Therefore, those who, following the example of St. Joseph, will perform a corporal or spiritual work of mercy, will also be able to obtain the gift of the plenary indulgence,” it said.

Indulgences will also be granted to families and engaged couples who recite the rosary together and thus imitate the “same climate of communion, love and prayer lived in the Holy Family.”

Other acts of devotion include entrusting one’s daily activities and prayers for dignified employment to St. Joseph, reciting the litany or any “legitimately approved” prayer to St. Joseph. During this time of pandemic, the Apostolic Penitentiary also decreed that special indulgences will be granted to the elderly, the sick and all those who “for legitimate reasons are prevented from leaving their home” by “reciting an act of piety in honor of St. Joseph and committed to fulfilling the conditions as soon as possible.”

A PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS

Child of Bethlehem, grant that we may share with all our hearts in this profound mystery of Christmas, put into our hearts this peace for which we sometimes seek so desperately and which you alone can give us. Help us know one another better, and live as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father. Reveal to us also your beauty, holiness and purity. Awaken in our hearts love and gratitude for your infinite goodness. Join us all together in your love, and give us your heavenly peace. Amen.

Pope St. John XXIII



*Madonna and Child
Marianne Stokes (1905)*



ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH

2631 Pocahontas Trail | P.O. Box 648, Quinton, VA 23141
OFFICE: 804-932-4125 FAX: 804-932-8126 RECTORY: 804-557-3962
Email: seascatholic@verizon.net; Website: www.seascatholicchurch.org



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 & 11:00 AM
The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered Saturdays at 5:00 PM and by appointment.

*The Epiphany of the Lord
January 3, 2021*

O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory.

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.



Adoration of the Magi (Bartolomé Esteban Murillo, Toledo Museum of Art, Ohio), 17th Century

<i>Parish Staff</i>		
Pastor:	Rev. J. Scott Duarte, J.C.D.	804-557-3962
Secretary & Bulletin Editor:	Rose Reed seassecretary@verizon.net	804-932-4125
Parish Council Chairman:	Greg Davis pcchair@seascatholicchurch.org	804-932-4125
Parish Council Members:	Greg Davis, Matt Luther, JoAnne Rial, Ginger Mary and Michelle Boyer	
Finance Council Chairman:	Greg Barlage	804-519-3276
Finance Council Members:	Greg Barlage, Harold Wayne, Irma Gregory and Paul Tran	
Sacristan & Altar Guild Coordinator:	Irma Gregory	804-932-8298
Parish Organist (Saturday):	Amos Goldie amosgold@gmail.com	804-932-4125
Parish Organist (Sunday):	Position Open	804-932-4125

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, January 2—Vigil

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

Sunday, January 3—The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 AM—Mass: †Molly Starr
11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

Monday, January 4—Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

Tuesday, January 5—St. John Neumann

Wednesday, January 6—St. André Bessette

11:00 AM—Mass: John J. Bagley, III

Thursday, January 7—St. Raymond of Peñafort

Friday, January 8—Christmas Weekday

Saturday, January 9—Vigil

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

Sunday, January 10—The Baptism of the Lord

8:30 AM—Mass: †Fr. James Guttendorf
9:30 AM—Rel. Ed. Classes (Social Hall)
11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

*Masses on Monday & Wednesday this week 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!

MASS FOR THE MEMORIAL OF SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON

Monday, January 4th—Mass: 11:00 AM

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton 1774-1821

Elizabeth Ann Bayley was a convert to Catholicism. She married William Magee Seton, a merchant, at the age of 19 and had 5 children. After she became a widow at the age of 29, she became a Catholic and founded the first Catholic free school in America. She eventually founded the American chapter of the Daughters of Charity in 1809 whose schools and orphanages grew in number. After many years of working with the poor and orphans, she died of tuberculosis at the age of 47. In 1975, she became the first native-born citizen of the United States to be canonized as a saint. She is the patron saint of converts, those who have lost parents, widows, those ridiculed for their piety, as well as our parish patron saint.

Scripture Readings

Sunday, January 3 The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13/Eph 3:2-3a,5-6/Mt 2:2/Mt 2:1-12

Monday, January 4 Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8,10-12a/Mt 4:23/Mt 4:12-17,23-25

Tuesday, January 5 Memorial of St. John Neumann

1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-4,7-8/Lk 4:18/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday, January 6 Wednesday after Epiphany

1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2,10,12-13/1 Tm 3:16/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday, January 7 Thursday after Epiphany

1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2,14&15bc,17/Lk 4:18/Lk 4:14-22

Friday, January 8 Friday after Epiphany

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-15,19-20/Mt 5:12-16

Saturday, January 9 Saturday after Epiphany

1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-6a&9b/Mt 4:16/Jn 3:22-30

Sunday, January 10 The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4,6-7/Ps 29:1-4,9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Jn 1:29/Mk 1:7-11

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.

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

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.

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

NUN RUN FOOD COLLECTION

Our next monthly food collection for the Poor Clare nuns and the Little Sisters of St. Francis is this weekend **Jan. 2/3**. Please drop off food and nonperishable donations to the collection box in the Commons Area of the Church for delivery on Monday. Thank you!



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.

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.

HOME BLESSINGS FOR THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

This Sunday is the Feast of the Epiphany. In imitation of the magi, who, according to Matthew's Gospel, came to the home of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, we ask Christ to visit our home and to bless all who live there. After Mass, please pick up a blessing prayer to inscribe above the door: "20+C+M+B+21" for the new year and the Latin words "*Christus mansionem benedicat*" — May Christ bless this house.

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.