RESTRUCTURING OF DIOCESAN PASTORAL CENTER OFFICES

To strengthen and better support the Catholic Diocese of Richmond's parishes and ethnic and college communities, Bishop Barry C. Knestout announced the restructuring of two Pastoral Center offices and the establishment of a new office, effective January 26, 2021.

The Office for Evangelization will now support youth, young adult and campus ministries, and a new, stand-alone Office of Social Ministries and Respect Life has been established. Andrew Waring, acting director of the Office for Evangelization, has been promoted to director. He joined the Office for Evangelization in 2014 as associate director for campus ministry. Prior to working at the Pastoral Center, Waring served as the director of campus ministry at Old Dominion University and was employed by the Youth Apostles Institute. He has also served the Catholic Campus Ministry at George Mason University and Marymount University. Waring earned a master's degree in religious education with a concentration in youth and young adult ministry from Fordham University. He also holds a bachelor's degree in history and religious studies from James Madison University.

The newly structured **Office of Social Ministries and Respect Life** will support all aspects of social ministries, prison ministry and Respect Life ministries.

Rachael Laustrup, associate director of social ministries at the Diocese of Richmond, has been promoted to director of the Office of Social Ministries and Respect Life. She joined the diocese in 2018. Laustrup holds a master's degree in international human rights from the University of Denver and a bachelor's degree in international relations from the University of San Diego. She also holds certificates in international human rights law and restorative justice ministry. Laustrup has previously worked with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in Micronesia.

The **Office of Christian Formation** has been realigned to incorporate Hispanic Christian formation, previously overseen by the Office of Ethnic Ministries.

The **Office of Ethnic Ministries** will continue to focus on the pastoral, sacramental, devotional, linguistic, cultural and communal support of ethnic groups within the Diocese of Richmond, which includes the Asian, Hispanic and Native American communities. The diocese continues its search for a director of ethnic ministries.

The **Office for Black Catholics** remains unchanged as a stand-alone office supported managerially by the Office of Ethnic Ministries.

SNOW POLICY

In the event of snow or ice prior to the weekend Mass schedule, please check the SEAS voicemail at 804-932-4125, the SEAS website at https://seascatholicchurch.org/ or the SEAS Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/SEASCatholic for any changes, announcements, or updates. As always, please use your discretion to determine if you feel it is safe for you to drive according to your neighborhood conditions.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are interested in helping out at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, please contact the office at 804-932-4125. Volunteers are needed in a variety of ministries, especially collection counters, greeters/ushers, altar guild members and for landscaping/grass-cutting teams.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Today the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas day, since the blessing and procession of candles is included in today's liturgy. If you would like to have your candles blessed at the daily Mass on Tuesday, Feb. 2nd at 11:00 AM, please see Mary Brooks before Mass begins so she can direct you where to place your candles. Thank you!

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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.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 31, 2021

Grant us, Lord our God, that we may honor you with all our mind, and love everyone in truth of heart.

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.



Christ the Judge (Fra Angelico), 1447

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 30—Vigil

5:00 PM—Confessions

5:30 PM—Vigil Mass: The Jordan Family

Sunday, January 31—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM—Mass: †Giles Hofmeyer 9:30 AM—Rel. Ed. Classes

11:00 AM-Mass: People of the Parish

Monday, February 1-Weekday

Tuesday, February 2—The Presentation of the Lord

11:00 AM—Mass: †Joan Kathleen Goertz

Wednesday, February 3—St. Blaise; St. Ansgar

Thursday, February 4—Weekday

Friday, February 5—St. Agatha

Saturday, February 6-Vigil

5:00 PM—Confessions

5:30 PM—Vigil Mass: †Petra Maldonado

Sunday, February 7—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM—Mass: People of the Parish 11:00 AM—Mass: †Norma Wilson

*Daily Mass will be on Tuesday 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. 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 I Box 648, Quinton, VA 23141.
- Drop your contributions off to the parish office during office hours. Thank you!

WOMEN'S ROSARY GROUP

The SEAS Women's Group welcomes everyone to join us in praying the Rosary every Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM via Zoom. We will be lifting our hearts in prayer for our country, the Church and the people of our parish. We also welcome your prayer intentions. Please send an email to Mrs. Donna Thomson at seas.dthomson@verizon.net to receive the meeting link and password.

NUN RUN FOOD COLLECTION

Our next monthly food collection for the Poor Clare nuns and the Little Sisters of St. Francis is the weekend of **Feb. 6/7.** Please drop off all food and nonperishable donations to the collection box in the Commons Area of the Church. Thank you for your support of this ongoing ministry.

Scripture Readings

Sunday, Jan. 31 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2,6-9/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mt 4:16/Mk 1:21-28
Monday, Feb. 1 Mon. of the Fourth Week in Ord. Time
Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20-24/Lk 7:16/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday, 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
Wed., Feb. 3 Wed. of the Fourth Week in Ord. Time
Heb 12:4-7,11-15/Ps 103:1-2,13-14,17-18a/Jn 10:27/

Mk 6:1-6
Thurs., Feb. 4 Thurs. of the Fourth Week in Ord. Time

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Friday, Feb. 5 Memorial of St. Agatha
Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1,3,5,8b-9abc/Lk 8:15/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday, Feb. 6 Memorial of St. Paul Miki & Companions
Heb 13:15-17,20-21/Ps 23:1-3a,3b-6/Jn 10:27/Mk 6:30-34
Sunday, Feb. 7 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4,6-7/Ps 147:1-6/1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23/Mt 8:17/ Mk 1:29-39

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.

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.



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

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.

WOMEN'S VIRTUAL LENTEN GATHERINGS Beginning Wednesday, February 17th at 6:30 PM

The SEAS Women's Group will be using the eResource daily devotional entitled "Words for the Weary" by Ann Naffzinger as a spring board for a weekly discussion.

The Women's Group will host a weekly virtual gathering via Zoom every Wednesday at 6:30 PM. Join us for prayer, fellowship and discussion on the suggested reflections intended to help ease the difficulties, frustrations and anxieties of this time, while assisting us in identifying the hidden graces and hope our Lord offers us.

All are welcome to join—even if you are unable to commit to attending every Wednesday. Come join us for an encouraging time of fellowship.

To register for the Wednesday group and receive your free devotional, meeting link and password, please email Joanne Kulick at jhoch-enberger@cox.net or Donna Thomson at seas.dthomson@verizon.net.