

**2021 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL**

Welcome to the 2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal—Building Our Family of Faith. Many of you have received a letter from Bishop Knestout asking for your support. For those of you who did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we are conducting our digital in-pew process this weekend to direct donations online at the diocesan secure website: <https://richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal/>.

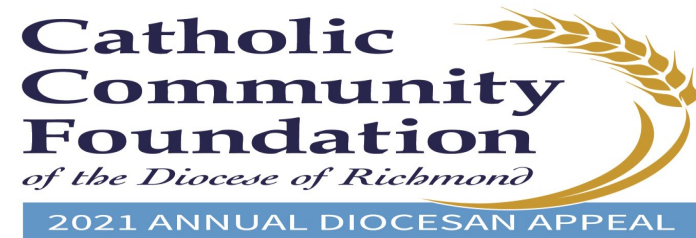
Each gift that is contributed to the Appeal makes a real difference because the gifts enable our Diocese to deliver needed ministries and services such as heating and grocery assistance to families through the Fuel and Hunger Fund, health insurance and long-term care for our retired priests, and tuition for our future priests to attend the seminary.

In addition, all parishes receive back a portion of their funds collected to be used for important local priorities. This year, the funds returned to SEAS Parish will be added to our maintenance fund to upgrade our HVAC with air purifiers in the near future.

The Diocese has set the total goal for SEAS Parish this year at \$13,950.00.

All pledges can be paid in monthly installments. Thank you in advance for your support.

Full details can be found at: <https://richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal/>



**REGULATIONS FOR FASTING AND ABSTINENCE**

*Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.*

*Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.*

*Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.*

*Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.*



**ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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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 Lent  
February 21, 2021*

**Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.**

**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.**



The Temptation of Christ (fresco, detail 6), Sandro Botticelli, Sistine Chapel, 1445-1510

Parish Staff		
<b>Pastor:</b>	Rev. J. Scott Duarte, J.C.D.	804-557-3962
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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, February 20—Vigil

5:00 PM—Confessions  
5:30 PM—Vigil Mass: †Bonnie Bean

### Sunday, February 21—First Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM—Mass: †Giles Hofmeyer  
11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

### Monday, February 22—The Chair of St. Peter

### Tuesday, February 23—St. Polycarp

### Wednesday, February 24—Lenten Weekday

### Thurs., February 25—Lenten Weekday

11:00 AM—Mass: Special Intention

### Friday, February 26—Lenten Weekday

### Saturday, February 27—Vigil

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

### Sunday, February 28—Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM—Mass: Poor Clare Nuns  
9:30 AM—Rel. Ed. Class (SEAS Social Hall)  
11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

\*Daily Mass this week is on **Thursday 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 web-site 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](https://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!

### PRAYER REQUEST

Our parish community is invited to pray for all of our students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 28, 2021 at SEAS Parish. This Saturday marks their Confirmation retreat and we pray that they will continue to grow in their commitment to live the gospel faithfully. Please continue to remember all our Confirmation students at SEAS and throughout our Diocese in your prayers each day throughout this Lenten Season!

### PRIVATE PRAYER & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish is open for private prayer and private Stations of the Cross during office hours. As always, it is recommended that you check the parish voicemail or online calendar for any changes in scheduling before heading over to the Church. Thank you.

## Scripture Readings

### Sunday, Feb. 21 First Sunday of Lent

Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-9/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mt 4:4b/Mk 1:12-15

### Monday, Feb. 22 Feast of the Chair of St. Peter

1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a,4-6/Mt 16:18/Mt 16:13-19

### Tuesday, Feb. 23 Tuesday of the First Week of Lent

Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7,16-19/Mt 4:4b/Mt 6:7-15

### Wednesday, Feb. 24 Wed. of the First Week of Lent

Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4,12-13,18-19/Jl 2:12-13/Lk 11:29-32

### Thursday, Feb. 25 Thursday of the First Week of Lent

Est C12,14-16,23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab,2cde-3,7c-8/Ps

51:12a,14a/Mt 7:7-12

### Friday, Feb. 26 Friday of the First Week of Lent

Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-7a,7bc-8/Ez 10:31/Mt 5:20-26

### Saturday, Feb. 27 Saturday of the First Week of Lent

Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2,4-5,7-8/2 Cor 6:2b/Mt 5:43-48

### Sunday, Feb. 28 Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18/Ps 116:10,15-19/Rom 8:31b-34/  
Mt 17:5/Mk 9:2-10

## 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 prayers.

**Membership:** To learn more about the Knights of Columbus at SEAS Parish, please contact Membership Director, Tony Cassano at:

[tony@gobucketlisttravel.com](mailto:tony@gobucketlisttravel.com).

To learn more about the Knights of Columbus in Virginia, visit [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus).

### WOMEN'S VIRTUAL LENTEN GATHERINGS

#### Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

The SEAS Women's Group are using "Words for the Weary" by Ann Naffzinger's (PDF download—

**Individual pages**  
<http://products.pastoral.center/pc/pc109e/1/download-tn31/Words%20for%20the%20Weary%202021.pdf>; PDF download – **For booklet printing**

<http://products.pastoral.center/pc/pc109e/1/download-tn31/Words%20for%20the%20Weary%202021%20booklet.pdf>) as a spring board for a weekly discussion.

Joanne Kulick will lead a weekly virtual gathering via Zoom every Wednesday evenings at 6:30. Join us for prayer, fellowship and discussion on the suggested reflections. Our discussion is intended to assist us in identifying the hidden graces and hope our Lord offers us in these challenging times. 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 evening group and receive email reminders, meeting link and password, email Joanne Kulick at:

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