

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF RICHMOND STATEMENT ON THE CLOSING OF SHALOM HOUSE RETREAT CENTER

For Immediate Release: February 3, 2021

(Richmond, Va.) – Today, the Catholic Diocese of Richmond announced the pending sale of the Shalom House Retreat Center located in Montpelier, approximately 20 miles outside of Richmond. The 90-acre property has been used as a religious retreat facility for groups and individuals wishing to spend time in prayer and reflection. The Shalom House Retreat Center has run operating deficits in recent years, and the pandemic has also created additional financial shortfalls. As a result of the pending sale, reservations at the Shalom House Retreat Center have been suspended.

The new owners are expected to purchase the property for an estimated \$900,000. The closing sale is estimated for mid-February.

Prior to the property being listed for sale, the diocese consulted with the Diocesan Finance Council, Diocesan Real Estate Committee and other diocesan advisory bodies. The diocese purchased the property in 1981, and the facility opened its doors as Shalom House in 1983. The diocese continues to own 9.9 acres of land adjacent to the property.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

2/13 - 6:30 PM Visioning for Lent and Life (Supplies needed for this spiritual vision board exercise includes old magazines to cut, scissors, glue stick, and a large piece of paper or a poster board). Space is limited; Please RSVP before February 11th by emailing Angele White (angelecw32@aol.com). Zoom link provided after RSVP Registration is received.

2/20 - 6:30 PM B&W Black History Family Night (Recommended for children ages 8 to 12 with Parental/Guardian participation encouraged). Please RSVP before Feb. 16 by sending an email to Angele White (angelecw32@aol.com) Zoom link provided after RSVP Registration is received.

2/21 – 7pm “THE BLACK CHURCH: This is our Story, This is our Song” Film Screening on PBS – register at https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DS6P6ovsT_m_utl_xrHXpQ

2/21 – 3-5pm (for Young Adults Ages 18-39 years old) “Journeying Together African American Catholic Young Adult Gathering (hosted by the African American family” sponsored by the USCCB – register at <https://forms.gle/stN3W2pWYujgS2fJ9>

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.

PRIVATE PRAYER TIME

If you would like to schedule an hour of private prayer time in the Church during the week, please call the parish office at 932-4125 and we will be happy to assist you.

WELCOME

Please extend a warm SEAS welcome to Father Michael Baltrus of the Diocese of Nashville, who is visiting the area and will be concelebrating Mass this weekend, Feb. 6/7.

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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.

*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 7, 2021*

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unflinching care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection.

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 Healing the Mother of Simon Peter's Wife (John Bridges, Birmingham Museum of Art, 1839)

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 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

Monday, February 8—St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita

Tuesday, February 9—Weekday

Wednesday, February 10—St. Scholastica

Thursday, February 11—Our Lady of Lourdes

11:00 AM—Mass: †Dr. Thomas R. Golden

Friday, February 12—Weekday

Saturday, February 13—Vigil

5:00 PM—Confessions
5:30 PM—Vigil Mass: †Patricia Arsenault

Sunday, February 14—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM—Mass: †June Micher
9:30 AM—Rel. Ed. Class (SEAS Social Hall)
11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

*Daily Mass will be 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 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 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.

MASSES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish will be celebrating Mass for Ash Wednesday with the following schedule:

Tuesday, February 16th—Vigil Mass, 7:00 PM
(livestream also on [Facebook.com/SEASCatholic](https://www.facebook.com/SEASCatholic))
Wednesday, February 17th—Mass, 12:00 PM

Scripture Readings

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

Monday, Feb. 8 Mon. of the Fifth Week in Ord. Time

Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a,5-6,10&12/Mt 4:23/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday, Feb. 9 Tues. of the Fifth Week in Ord. Time

Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-9/Ps 119:36,29b/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday, Feb. 10 Memorial of St. Scholastica

Gn 2:4b-9,15-17/Ps 104:1-2a,27-29bc,38/Jn 17:17b,17a/
Mk 7:14-23

Thurs., Feb. 11 Thurs. of the Fifth Week in Ord. Time

Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-5/Jas 1:21bc/Mk 7:24-30

Friday, Feb. 12 Fri. of the Fifth Week in Ord. Time

Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2,5-7/Acts 16:14b/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday, Feb. 13 Sat. of the Fifth Week in Ord. Time

Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2,3-4abc,5-6/Mt 4:4b/Mk 8:1-10

Sunday, Feb. 14 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 13:1-2,44-46/Ps 32:1-2,5,11/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Lk 7:16/
Mk 1:40-45

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; 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.