

OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS LAUNCHES VIRTUAL ACADEMY

The Diocese of Richmond has announced open enrollment for the newly formed Saint Vincent de Paul Virtual Academy (SVVA), a full-time, online learning school for families seeking a quality Catholic school curriculum for their children at home. Classes for grades 8-12 will begin this fall. Named for the patron saint of the diocese, Saint Vincent de Paul Academy will operate under the guidance of administration and staff from Peninsula Catholic High School (PCHS) in Newport News, but it will be managed by the Office of Catholic Schools.

“The existence of a full-time virtual school has always been a goal for us. We’ve wanted to provide another option for families in our diocese who, because of where they live, aren’t close to a traditional brick and mortar Catholic school but desire the rigorous, faith-based curriculum that incorporates Catholic principles,” said Kelly Lazzara, superintendent for the Office of Catholic Schools. “The pandemic provided an opportunity to really test the digital systems already in practice, with the current faculty at Peninsula Catholic allowing us the advantage to streamline and see what was possible and manageable.”

Since 2016, PCHS has offered digital learning days several times a year. For this school year and due to COVID-19, PCHS students had the option of learning face-to-face or virtually. In-person students are now accustomed to some of their classmates participating with them in a virtual setting. In February 2021, PCHS announced it would permanently add its own online program for high school students wishing to graduate from Peninsula Catholic. SVVA is a distinct and separate virtual school running in sync with the PCHS virtual education program.

“This is a vision for the future and an exciting time for Catholic education in the Diocese of Richmond,” observed Jenny Franklin, principal of Peninsula Catholic. “We know an all-virtual option is an interest parents are pursuing because of the flexibility it offers and the learning style that fits a student’s needs. We know there are families in our diocese who want access to the spiritual growth a Catholic education offers for their teen, and SVVA provides such an opportunity – online from anywhere. We know students of active-duty military families can now have the option to always call a school home no matter where their parent is assigned in the world, offering a consistent school environment for them.”

Saint Vincent de Paul Virtual Academy (SVVA) includes: Choice between full-time and part-time students. Full-time students are seeking a diploma from SVVA. Part-time students are not, paying per course and complementing a homeschool learning structure as a component of a blended learning environment. SVVA is strictly academics. The program does not include athletics, extracurricular or social activities. Students attending full-time receive a diploma from SVVA. Individuals would still have to apply and meet eligibility requirements. Applications would be approved by the SVVA Enrollment Committee.

For additional information and to learn about the enrollment process for Saint Vincent de Paul Virtual Academy (SVVA), visit www.PeninsulaCatholic.org.

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.



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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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 21, 2021

**By your help,
we beseech you,
O Lord our God,
may we walk
eagerly in that
same clarity with
which, out of love
for the world,
your Son handed
himself over to
death.**

**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.**



Maestà (detail from back crowning panel), Duccio di Buoninsegna, c. 1308-11

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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, March 20—Vigil
5:00 PM—Confessions
5:30 PM—Vigil Mass: †Tommy Biggerstaff

Sunday, March 21—Fifth Sunday of Lent
8:30 AM—Mass: †Lenny Brown
11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

Monday, March 22—Lenten Weekday

Tuesday, March 23—St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
***Office Closed**

Wednesday, March 24—Lenten Weekday

Thursday, March 25—The Annunciation of the Lord
11:00 AM—Mass: Special Intention

Friday, March 26—Lenten Weekday

Saturday, March 27—Vigil
5:00 PM—Confessions
5:30 PM—Vigil Mass: †Rafael Maldonado

Sunday, March 28—Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
8:30 AM—Mass: Little Sisters of St. Francis
9:30 AM—Rel. Ed. Class K-8th (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

Prayers to St. Joseph Proposed by the Holy Father:

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

*Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph, whose power makes
the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times
of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection
the serious and troubling situations that I commend to
you, that they may have a happy outcome. My beloved
father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I
invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with
Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as
great as your power. Amen.*

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 thanks to all who are mailing in contributions & utilizing the website for 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!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE (MARCH 27-APRIL 4)

- **Palm Sunday:** Saturday Vigil at 5:30 PM and Sunday Mass at 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM
- **Holy Thursday:** Holy Mass at 7:00 PM
- **Good Friday:** Liturgy of the Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion at 7:00 PM
- **Easter Saturday:** Great Vigil of Easter and Mass of the Resurrection at 7:00 PM
- **Easter Sunday Mass:** 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Scripture Readings

Sunday, Mar. 21 Fifth Sunday of Lent
Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:25a,26/Jn 11:1-45
Monday, Mar. 22 Monday of the Fifth Week of Lent
Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30/Ps 23:1-3ab,4-6/Ez 33:11/Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday, Mar. 23 Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Lent
Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3,16-21/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday, Mar. 24 Wed. of the Fifth Week of Lent
Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95/Dn 3:52-56/Lk 8:15/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday, Mar. 25 Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
Is 7:10-14;8:10/Ps 40:7-8ab,9-11/Heb 10:4-10/Jn 1:14ab/Lk 1:26-38
Friday, Mar. 26 Friday of the Fifth Week of Lent
Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3abc,4-7/Jn 6:63c,68c/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday, Mar. 27 Saturday of the Fifth Week of Lent
Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10,11-12abcd,13/Ez 18:31/Jn 11:45-56
Sunday, Mar. 28 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
Mk 11:1-10/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9,17-20,23-24/Phil 2:6-11/Phil 2:8-9/Mk 14:1—15:47

Parish News

PUBLIC MASS GUIDELINES Occupancy 50% (70 Individuals):

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

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

Church Entrance Questions:

- 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 of the **Church Entrance** 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.

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 at 932-4125 or the online calendar (<https://seascatholicchurch.org/>) for any changes in scheduling before heading over to the Church.

SEAS EMAIL LIST

If you have not been receiving our parish-wide emails, please contact the parish office so we can update your information and keep you in the communication loop. Some of our members have outdated email addresses that "bounce" back. Thank you!

EASTER OFFICE CLOSING & BULLETIN DEADLINE

The parish office will be closed for the Easter holiday on Good Friday and Easter Monday, April 2nd and April 5th.

The bulletin deadline for the Easter bulletin will be Wednesday, March 31st with the bulletin being printed on Thursday, April 1st.

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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. To learn more about the Knights of Columbus in Virginia, visit kofc.org/joinus.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

SEAS Parish is enrolled in Kroger Community Rewards. You can help support SEAS New Church Fund by shopping at Kroger and using your Kroger Plus Card.

- To enroll your Plus Card, go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com.
- Click on "Create An Account."
- Enter your email address and create a password, agreeing to terms and conditions.
- Enter your card number and our church name, "St. Elizabeth Ann Seton" or our account number, CF801.

Questions? Please contact the parish office at 932-4125.

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.