

**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](http://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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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.

*Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion*  
*March 28, 2021*

**Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Savior to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection.**

**Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**



Entry into Jerusalem, Hippolyte Flandrin 1842

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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 27—Vigil**

5:00 PM—Confessions

5:30 PM—Vigil Mass: †Rafael Maldonado

**Sunday, March 28—Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

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

**Monday, March 29—Monday of Holy Week**

**Tuesday, March 30—Tuesday of Holy Week**

**Wednesday, March 31—Wednesday of Holy Week**

**Thursday, April 1—Holy Thursday**

7:00 PM—Mass: †Deceased Priests

**Friday, April 2—Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord**

7:00 PM—Liturgy of the Veneration of the Cross & Holy Communion

**Saturday, April 3—Holy Saturday**

7:00 PM—Vigil Mass: †Deceased Family & Friends of Father Duarte

(\*No Confessions or 5:30 PM Mass)

**Sunday, April 4—Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

8:30 AM—Mass: Special Intention

11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

## 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 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](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!

### REMAINING HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE (MARCH 27-APRIL 4)

- **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, March 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

**Monday, March 29 Monday of Holy Week**

Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1-3,13-14/Jn 12:1-11

**Tuesday, March 30 Tuesday of Holy Week**

Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-4a,5ab-6ab,15&17/Jn 13:21-33,36-38

**Wednesday, March 31 Wednesday of Holy Week**

Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10,21-22/Mt 26:14-25

**Thursday, April 1 Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper**

Ex 12:1-8,11-14/Ps 116:12-13,15-16bc/1 Cor 11:23-26/  
Jn 13:34/Jn 13:1-15

**Friday, April 2 Good Friday of the Lord's Passion**

Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2,6,12-13/Heb 4:14-16/Phil 2:8-9/  
Jn 12:1—19:42

**Saturday, April 3 Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil**

Gn 1:1-2:2/Ps 104:1-2,5-6/Gn 22:1-18/Ex 14:15—15:1/  
Ex 15:1-6,17-18/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2,4-6,11-13/Rom 6:3-11/  
Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23/Mk 16:1-7

**Sunday, April 4 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

Acts 10:34a,37-43/Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23/Col 3:1-4/  
1 Cor 5:7b-8a/Jn 20:1-9

## 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.

### NUN RUN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Many thanks to Carol Reamy who has been coordinating the Nun Run the last few years. Carol is stepping down due to family obligations and SEAS Parish is looking for new volunteers who can assist JoAnne Terrell each month with this ongoing ministry. Please call the parish office if you are able to help out.

### 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.

### 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).

### BUILDING & GROUNDS THANK YOU!

**Our thanks and appreciation to...**

- Barrie Deis for the maintenance work on our parish mower equipment this week. The Z-turn and riding mower were serviced with oil changes, new filters, sharpened blades, etc., along with being washed up and readied for spring.
- Gene Griffin for repairing the damaged phone lines at the parish. Gene worked this past Thursday and Friday to isolate the repair inside and outside the buildings and get the phone lines up and running again.
- The Ginter family for volunteering for landscaping work this spring and summer at the parish.

Thanks to all our volunteers who give so generously of their time and talents!

### 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.*