

For Immediate Release: March 2, 2021

Little Sisters of the Poor Choose Accordius Health as New Operator of St. Joseph's Home

The Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout has released the following statement:

"In October 2019, the Little Sisters of the Poor announced that they had made the difficult decision to withdraw from St. Joseph Home in Henrico. Mother Jeanne Mary promised that the sisters would not leave until everything had been fully handed over to a suitable buyer. "Today, the sisters have announced that that day has come.

"The special charisms of the Little Sisters of the Poor – the spirit of being a family and creating a home for those in need – will be deeply missed in the Diocese of Richmond, but we fully support the sisters as they discern how their community can provide the best care possible for those to whom they minister.

"I offer prayers of gratitude for all the Little Sisters who have served at St. Joseph Home, and I pray that they will find a welcoming family atmosphere wherever they are assigned. I continue to pray for increased vocations to the Little Sisters and to other consecrated religious communities so that their missions may be strengthened in the years to come."

To read the full press release from the Little Sisters of the Poor, [click here](https://richmonddiocese.org/bishop-barry-c-knestout-statement-on-little-sisters-of-the-poor-announcing-a-buyer-for-st-josephs-home-in-henrico-county/) (https://richmonddiocese.org/bishop-barry-c-knestout-statement-on-little-sisters-of-the-poor-announcing-a-buyer-for-st-josephs-home-in-henrico-county/) or read the full release on the bulletin board in the Commons Area of the Church.

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.

Third Sunday of Lent March 7, 2021

O God,
author of every
mercy and of all
goodness, who in
fasting, prayer and
almsgiving have shown
us a remedy for sin,
look graciously on this
confession of our
lowliness, that we,
who are bowed down
by our conscience, may
always be lifted up by
your mercy.

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.



Expulsion of the Money-Changers from the Temple (fresco), Giotto di Bondone (Scenes from the Life of Christ), 1304

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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 6—Vigil

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

Sunday, March 7—Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM—Mass: People of the Parish
11:00 AM—Mass: †Leona Lilly

Monday, March 8—St. John of God

Tuesday, March 9—St. Frances of Rome

Wednesday, March 10—Lenten Weekday

Thursday, March 11—Lenten Weekday

11:00 AM—Mass: Special Intention

Friday, March 12—Lenten Weekday

Saturday, March 13—Vigil

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

Sunday, March 14—Fourth Sunday of Lent

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 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 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!

BLAZE 7TH & 8TH GRADE GIRLS PROGRAM

BLAZE is the Walking with Purpose ministry for seventh and eighth grade girls. The mission of BLAZE is to use Scripture to speak truth into the hearts of young girls who are bombarded by lies about their true worth and beauty.

BLAZE is coming soon to SEAS! The first weekly lessons will start in March. Each week, participants will be led through a short lesson based on a lie found in the world and a truth found in Scripture. The group is currently deciding what evening of the week to meet.

Girls are filled with questions. They have doubts, they desire clarification, and they want to share their thoughts in a space that will allow them to make their relationship with God personal and meaningful. **Registration is required so materials can be ordered.** Register your 7th or 8th grade daughter for BLAZE or learn more by contacting Donna Thomson at seas.dthomson@verizon.net. You can also learn more about the BLAZE ministry at walkingwithpurpose.com/blaze.

Scripture Readings

Sunday, Mar. 7 Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8-11/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

Monday, Mar. 8 Monday of the Third Week of Lent

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2,3;43:3,4/Ps 130:5,7/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday, Mar. 9 Tuesday of the Third Week of Lent

Dn 3:25,34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab,6&7bc,8-9/Jl 2:12-13/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday, Mar. 10 Wed. of the Third Week of Lent

Dt 4:1,5-9/Ps 147:12-13,15-16,19-20/Jn 6:63c,68c/
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, Mar. 11 Thursday of the Third Week of Lent

Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2,6-9/Jl 2:12-13/Lk 11:14-23

Friday, Mar. 12 Friday of the Third Week of Lent

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a,8bc-11ab,14&17/Mt 4:7/
Mk 12:28-34

Saturday, Mar. 13 Saturday of the Third Week of Lent

Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4,18-21ab/Ps 95:8/Lk 18:9-14

Sunday, Mar. 14 Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chr 36:14-16,19-23/Ps 137:1-6/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:16/
Jn 3:14-21

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 FOOD DONATIONS

Reminder: This weekend, **March 6/7** is our monthly food collection date for the Poor Clare nuns and the Little Sisters of St. Francis. Please drop off all donations to the collection box in the Commons Area of the Church. Delivery date is Monday, March 8th. Thank you for your support and generosity towards this monthly ministry.

2021 GRASS-CUTTING TEAMS

Come one and all for a service opportunity with plenty of fresh air and sunshine! Team members and substitutes are needed for the 2021 Spring/Summer grass-cutting schedule. If you were on the schedule last year and are again able to volunteer, or if you are new to the parish and would like to get involved, please contact the parish office at 932-4125. *Thank you!*

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. To learn more about the Knights of Columbus in Virginia, visit 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: jhochenberger@cox.net; or Donna Thomson at: seas.dthomson@verizon.net