

From the Bishop...

“Dear Father Duarte and Parishioners,

It was truly my pleasure to be with you to celebrate Confirmation. Thank you very much for the monetary gift and the 3 bottles of wine, presented to me from the New Kent Winery. I will think of you whenever I am enjoying a taste.

I enjoyed the tour of the beautiful and well-maintained Church and Rectory, and I agree that there is great potential for growth in New Kent. Hopefully, once the restrictions for gatherings have lifted, you will be able to make more progress with the plans you have prepared.

Meanwhile, please be assured of my prayerful support. With every best wish, I remain,

Sincerely in Christ,
Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout
Bishop of Richmond”

Our Lady of Fatima

We celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima on May 13.

Mary appeared to three peasant children near Fatima, Portugal, six times between May 13 and October 13, 1917, and asked for prayers for world peace and an end to World War I, for sinners, and for the conversion of Russia. She entrusted the children with three secrets, regarding devotion to her Immaculate Heart, a vision of hell, and a “bishop in white” shot by soldiers firing bullets and arrows. Many connect the third secret to the attempted assassination of Blessed Pope John Paul II on May 13, 1981, and the pope thanked Mary for guiding the bullet and saving him. At the Vatican, Pope Francis has stood before the statue of Our Lady from the Fatima shrine and formally entrusted the world to Mary.

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

“Those who love Me will keep my word.” Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Father Brian Capuano, Vicar for Vocations, Catholic Diocese of Richmond (804) 359-5661, vocations@richmonddiocese.org or Father J. Scott Duarte at (804) 557-3962, sduarte@richmonddiocese.org.

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.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit
and guide us throughout the Diocese of Richmond as we embark on our third century in Your service.
We humbly ask You to strengthen our trust in You and our eagerness to share the Gospel message with others.
Enkindle in us a keen desire to grow in our relationship with You and to encounter You in Your sacraments.
Through the intercession of Mary, Star of the New Evangelization, and St. Vincent de Paul, may we experience a new Pentecost and a profound renewal of faith in our diocese, our parishes, our families, and our hearts.
Amen.



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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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 9, 2021

Grant,
almighty God,
that we may
celebrate with heartfelt
devotion these days
of joy, which
we keep in honor
of the Risen Lord,
and that what we
rely in remembrance
we may always
hold to in
what we do.

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.



Stories of the Passion, Maestà Altarpiece, Duccio di Buoninsegna, 1308-11

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, May 8—Vigil
5:00 PM—Confessions
5:30 PM—Mass: †Petra Maldonado

Sunday, May 9—Sixth Sunday of Easter
8:30 AM—Mass: People of the Parish
11:00 AM—Mass: The Boyer Family

Monday, May 10—St. Damien de Veuster

Tuesday, May 11—Easter Weekday

Wednesday, May 12—Sts. Nereus & Achilleus; St. Pancras

Thursday, May 13—Our Lady of Fatima
11:00 AM—Mass: †Patricia Twiford Golden

Friday, May 14—St. Matthias, Apostle

Saturday, May 15—Vigil
5:00 PM—Confessions
5:30 PM—Mass: †Mary Rudolph

Sunday, May 16—The Ascension of the Lord
8:30 AM—Mass: First Communicants & Families
11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

****Daily Mass 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 the Offertory. If you are able, please continue to support the parish with your donations:

- Sign-up for online e-giving at: [seascatholicchurch.org](https://seascatholicchurch.org/support-your-parish/) 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!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ANNOUNCEMENT

We would like to announce that Rachel Hirsch, Joey Mauro and Adrian Mercado will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion next Sunday, May 16, 2021, at the 8:30 AM Mass. The families are expecting extra guests so seating for this Mass will be very limited. Although overflow seating will be available in the social hall, you may wish to switch to one of the other Masses next weekend.

SPECIAL REQUEST

A SEAS parishioner is in need of help at home getting around for about six weeks after having suffered a serious foot injury. Flexible schedule. If you are able to assist, please contact the parish office at 932-4125.

A GENTLE REMINDER

If you are assisting the Altar Guild with laundering altar linens such as purificators, finger towels, etc., please return the cleaned items to the Church in a timely manner. We have a large number of items that haven’t been returned as of yet. Thank you. Thank you.

Scripture Readings

Sunday, May 9 Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48/Ps 98:1,2-4/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 14:23/ Jn 15:9-17

Monday, May 10 Monday of the Sixth Week of Easter
Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-5,6a&9b/Jn 15:26b,27a/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday, May 11 Tuesday of the Sixth Week of Easter
Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab,2cde-3,7c-8/Jn 16:7,13/ Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday, May 12 Wed. of the Sixth Week of Easter
Acts 17:15,22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2,11-14/Jn 14:16/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday, May 13 Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter
Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1-3ab,3cd-4/Jn 14:18/Jn 16:16-20

Friday, May 14 Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle
Acts 1:15-17,20-26/Ps 113:1-8/Jn 15:16/Jn 15:9-17

Saturday, May 15 Sat. of the Sixth Week of Easter
Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3,8-10/Jn 16:28/Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday, May 16 Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3,6-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:19a,20b/Mk 16:15-20

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 responds “yes” to any of the Entrance questions or are not wearing a cloth face covering (if they are age 5 and older), they are not permitted to enter the Church.

ECUMENICAL NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

May 13-22, 2021

You are invited to participate in an ecumenical Novena to the Holy Spirit, May 13-22, commemorating the 120th anniversary of the Pentecostal movement. The movement began in 1897 when Pope Leo XIII decreed that this novena would occur annually prior to Pentecost Sunday. Catholic bishops and Pentecostal leaders will lead us in prayer for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our world to change hearts and overcome what divides us. The concluding event will be the Pentecostal Vigil celebrated by Pope Francis at 9:00 PM Rome time (3:00 PM EDT). More information, including resources and instructions on how to participate in the international prayer service can be found at www.Pentecost.cmax.tv.


OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We would like to express our deepest sympathy to Carol Reamy and the entire Reamy family on the death of Carol’s husband, Robert Reamy. Bob passed away peacefully at home on Monday, May 3, 2021. Many of you may fondly remember how much love and care Carol and Bob put into updating the SEAS landscaping and maintaining it for many years. A private family graveside service will be held in the Veteran’s Garden at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens in Norfolk, Virginia. Please pray for the happy repose of Bob’s soul and for peace and comfort to Carol and the Reamy family.

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.

 **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Dedicated volunteers are needed to serve as lectors and ushers at the 5:30 PM Saturday Vigil Mass and the 11:00 AM Mass on Sundays. Training will be provided. Please call Mary Brooks at 804-795-5183 if you would like to help out.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 16, 2021

In the Province of Baltimore, which includes the Diocese of Richmond, the Ascension of the Lord is transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 16, 2021.

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY!

We wish all our mothers a happy and healthy Mother’s Day!

*Loving God,
as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children,
so you watch over your Church.
Bless our mother.
Let the example of her faith and love shine forth.
Grant that we, her family,
may honor her always
with a spirit of profound respect.
Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*