

POPE ESTABLISHES WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY - By Vatican News staff reporter

Following the Angelus on Sunday, Pope Francis announced the institution of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will take place each year on the fourth Sunday in July, close to the feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

Recalling the upcoming feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple – when the elderly Simeon and Anna encountered the child Jesus and recognized Him as the Messiah – Pope Francis said, “the Holy Spirit even today stirs up thoughts and words of wisdom in the elderly.” The voice of the elderly “is precious,” he said, “because it sings the praises of God and preserves the roots of the peoples.”

The elderly, he continued, “remind us that old age is a gift and that grandparents are the link between the different generation, to pass on to the young the experience of life.”

The elderly must not be forgotten

The Holy Father said he instituted the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly because “grandparents are often forgotten, and we forget this wealth of preserving roots and passing on” what the elderly have received.

He emphasized the importance of grandparents and grandchildren getting to know one another, because “as the prophet Joel says, grandparents seeing their grandchildren dream.”

First fruits of the Amoris Laetitia Family Year

In a press release following the announcement, Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Prefect of the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life, the establishment of the Day of Grandparents and the Elderly “is the first fruits of the Amoris Laetitia Family Year, a gift to the whole Church that is destined to continue into the future.”

He added, “The pastoral care of the elderly is a priority that can no longer be postponed by any Christian community. In the encyclical *Fratelli tutti*, the Holy Father reminds us that no one is saved alone. With this in mind, we must treasure the spiritual and human wealth that has been handed down from generation to generation.”

The statement from the Dicastery notes that Pope Francis is expected to celebrate the first World Day by presiding at Mass on the evening of Sunday, 25 July, in St Peter’s, subject to health measures in place at the time. Closer to the Day, the Dicastery “will announce further initiatives that will mark the event.”

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

“Before the foundation of the world God chose us in Christ.” For what vocation has God chosen you in Christ? Might it be to serve the Church in the priesthood? Please 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.

Year of St. Joseph Prayer

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God’s Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. 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.

*Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 11, 2021*

O God,
who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honor.

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 the Redeemer, Tiziano Vecellio (Titian), 17th Century

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*

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Parish Schedule

Saturday, July 10—Vigil
5:00 PM—Confessions
5:30 PM—Mass: Rev. Bryan Wyke (livestreamed)

Sunday, July 11—Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM—Mass: Special Intention
11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

Monday, July 12—Weekday

Tuesday, July 13—St. Henry

Wednesday, July 14—St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Thursday, July 15—St. Bonaventure
11:00 AM—Mass: Special Intention

Friday, July 16—Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Saturday, July 17—Vigil
5:00 PM—Confessions
5:30 PM—Mass: †Andrew Cason (livestreamed)

Sunday, July 18—Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM—Mass: Special Intention
11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

***Daily Mass this week is on Thursday at 11:00 AM.**

SEAS Parish Prayer List



Please hold in prayer this week all the sick, suffering and home-bound of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish and the Catholic Diocese of Richmond.

Those who have died are remembered in a special way, especially those who passed away due to complications of COVID-19.

“And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well.”
James 5:15

For an end to the pandemic:

Let us pray, dearly beloved, for a swift end to the coronavirus pandemic that afflicts our world, that our God and Father, will heal the sick, strengthen those that care for them, and help us all to persevere in faith.

Almighty and merciful God, source of all life, health and healing, look with compassion on our world, brought low by disease; protect us in the midst of the grave challenges that assail us and in your fatherly providence, grant recovery to the stricken, strength to those who care for them, and success to those working to eradicate this scourge.

Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Parish Contributions

If you are a registered SEAS parishioner and would like contribution information, please contact the parish office at 804-932-4125.

Donation options: Sign-up for E-giving on the parish website at seascatholicchurch.org; mail your contributions to our mailing address: PO Box 648, Quinton, VA 23141; drop off contributions at Mass or to the office during office hours, M-F 9am-2:30pm.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

BED & DRESSER AVAILABLE

If anyone is in need of a like-new double mattress, headboard, bed frame and dresser, and can remove the items this week, please contact the parish office for address and further details at 932-4125.

BAPTISM ANNOUNCEMENT

SEAS Parish would like to announce that Waylon Forrest Wells, infant son of Christopher and Christian Wells and grandson of Gary and Pam Marx and great-grandson of Gene and Marilyn Griffin, will be receiving the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, July 18, 2021, after the 11:00 AM Mass.



Scripture Readings

Saturday, July 10 Sat. of the Fourteenth Wk in Ord. Time
Gn 49:29-32;50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-4,6-7/1 Pt 4:14/Mt 10:24-33

Sunday, July 11 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-14/Eph 1:3-14/Eph 1:17-18/Mk 6:7-13

Mon., July 12 Mon. of the Fifteenth Wk. in Ord. Time
Ex 1:8-14,22/Ps 124:1b-3,4-8/Mt 5:10/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tues., July 13 Tues. of the Fifteenth Wk. in Ord. Time
Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3,14,30-31,33-34/Ps 95:8/Mt 11:20-24

Wed., July 14 Memorial of St. Kateri Tekakwitha
Ex 3:1-6,9-12/Ps 103:1b-7/Mt 11:25/Mt 11:25-27

Thurs., July 15 Memorial of St. Bonaventure
Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1&5,8-9/Mt 11:28/Mt 11:28-30

Friday, July 16 Fri. of the Fifteenth Wk. in Ord. Time
Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13,15&16bc,17-18/Jn 10:27/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday, July 17 Sat. of the Fifteenth Wk. in Ord. Time
Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1&23-24/2 Cor 5:19/Mt 12:14-21

Sunday, July 18 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/Jn 10:27/Mk 6:30-34

Parish News

Per the Governor of Virginia’s Executive Order 79 (effective May 28, 2021), public health restrictions have ended in the Commonwealth, apart from the continued guidance on mask wearing.

Masks—Fully Vaccinated: Effective May 15, 2021, fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask in any setting. In addition, fully vaccinated people do not need to supply proof of vaccination; parishes should not ask to see or check vaccination cards.

Masks—Unvaccinated: All present for the liturgy ages 5 and older must cover their mouth and nose with a mask when present for any Mass or liturgical celebration. Individuals who cannot wear a mask due to health reasons must speak directly with their pastor to receive an exception. Documentation of the medical need is not required.

Music Ministry: Choirs may resume as of May 28, 2021.

Hymnals and Worship Aids: Parishes may resume the use of hymnals and/or the use of worship aids.

Lifting the General Dispensation from the Obligation to Attend Mass (NEW): On June 2, 2021, the Bishops of the Province of Baltimore and the Archdiocese of Washington put out a statement lifting the dispensation of the Sunday and Holy Days Mass obligation in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, the Archdiocese of Washington, the Dioceses of Arlington, Richmond, Wheeling-Charleston and Wilmington that **takes effect on June 26th and June 27th, 2021.** Please read the full statement on the bulletin board in the Commons Area or on the website.

Recorded/Livestreamed Mass: Due to COVID-19, Mass (at SEAS each Saturday 5:30 PM Vigil Mass) is being livestreamed for use on our social media platforms and various Diocesan digital media accounts of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond and *The Catholic Virginian*. Photography and/or screenshot images may be used for *The Catholic Virginian* print edition. If you do not wish to be captured by livestreaming, please refrain from attending this Mass.

CATHOLICS COME HOME

The SEAS Catholics Come Home Ministry offers a compassionate and encouraging atmosphere for inactive Catholics to consider returning to our faith. If someone you know has been away from the faith for several years we would enjoy the opportunity to assist them in coming back. The goal of the ministry is to reach out to inactive Catholics inviting them to join us for hospitality and discussion, giving them time to consider the stirrings of their hearts.

The Catholics Come Home program is intended to help bridge the sometimes intimidating obstacles to returning. Please consider inviting neighbors, friends or family members that may benefit from our ministry to contact us. We will have an informational gathering in the near future and begin a session soon. For additional information please contact Donna Thomson at seas.dthomson@verizon.net.

A GENTLE REMINDER

Many parishioners and visitors attending Mass on the weekend often contact the parish office for items they believe they may have left in the pews. Please take a few minutes to secure your belongings and double check your area before you exit the Church.

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.

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.*



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 K of C at SEAS Parish, please contact Membership Director, Tony Cassano at:

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To learn more about the K of C in Virginia, visit kofc.org/joinus.

POOR CLARE NUNS

Your Poor Clare Sisters are here on Mt. St. Francis praising God and interceding for His suffering people. We sincerely thank the members of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish for your generosity. We pray daily for the needs of your parish and for your pastor, Fr. Scott Duarte.

If you would like to entrust your special needs and intentions to our prayers, please feel free to contact us, using the following information:

Regular mail: Bethlehem Monastery of Poor Clares, 5500 Holly Fork Rd., Barhamsville, VA 23011. Phone: 757-566-1684; Email: mtstfrancis@gmail.com.

To learn more about us, visit our website at: www.poor-clares.org.

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.