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.

FOSTER THE GOOD: A SPEAKER SERIES FOR ALL MINISTERS AND VOLUNTEERS

Tuesday, Aug. 24 from 12:30-1:30 pm—August Topic: Suicide Prevention & Awareness Presented over Zoom

This month, the Foster the Good session from the Office of Evangelization will focus on Suicide Prevention and Awareness. Deacon Frank Nelson of Holy Rosary in Richmond is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who currently operates a private outpatient counseling practice. He has been providing counseling services to children, adolescents, and adults for the past forty years. Due to the impact of COVID-19 and other stressors, he has seen an increase in domestic violence, depression, anxiety, and drug use in families and particularly among children. Please join us as we learn more about this important life issue in preparation for Suicide Prevention Awareness month in September.

If any of our volunteers are interested in this session, register for the Tuesday, August 24th Foster the Good here to get the Zoom link: bit.ly/FostertheGoodAugust2021

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

"Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood you have no life in you." Are you being chosen to give life to His people as a priest? 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.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary August 15, 2021

Almighty ever-living
God, who assumed
the Immaculate Virgin
Mary, the Mother
of your Son, body and
soul into heavenly
glory, grant, we pray,
that, always attentive
to the things that
are above, we may
merit to be sharers of
her glory.

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.



The Coronation of the Virgin, Diego Veláquez, 1641-1644

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, Aug. 14—Vigil 5:00 PM—Confessions

5:30 PM—Mass: Special Intention (livestreamed)

Sunday, Aug. 15—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 AM—Mass: †George & Jean Stine 11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

Monday, Aug. 16—St. Stephen of Hungary

Tuesday, Aug. 17—Weekday

Wednesday, Aug. 18—Weekday *Office Closed

Thursday, Aug. 19—St. John Eudes

Friday, Aug. 20—St. Bernard

Saturday, Aug. 21—Vigil

5:00 PM—Confessions

5:30 PM—Mass: Special Intention (livestreamed)

Sun., Aug. 22—Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM—Mass: †Robert Reamy 11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

** There will be NO Public Daily Mass this week at the Church.

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.

"And the prayer offered in Taith will make the sick person well."

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

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.

<u>Donation options</u>: Sign-up for E-giving on the parish website at <u>seascatholicchurch.org</u>; 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!

OFFICE CLOSING

Please note the parish office will be closed this week on Wednesday, August 18, 2021.

REDISCOVERING THE MASS

Are you seeking to rediscover your friendship with Jesus? Haven't been to Mass in a while and wondering where to start? Start by getting to know Jesus again through prayer. It doesn't matter how long it's been since you have been to Mass. You are always invited to encounter Jesus in the Mass. "Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." John 6:35

Additional resources are available on the USCCB website at: https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass.

Scripture Readings

Saturday, Aug. 14 Memorial of St. Maximilian Kolbe
Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a&5,7-8,11/Mt 11:25/Mt 19:13-15
Sunday, August 15 The Solemnity of the Assumption of
the Blessed Virgin Mary

1 Chr 15:3-4,15-16/Ps 132:6-7,9-10,13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/ Lk 11:28/Lk 11:27-28

Mon., Aug. 16 Mon. of the Twentieth Wk. in Ord. Time Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-37,39-40,43ab&44/Mt 5:3/Mt 19:16-22 Tues., Aug. 17 Tues. of the Twentieth Wk. in Ord. Time Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9,11-14/2 Cor 8:9/Mt 19:23-30

Wed., Aug. 18 Wed. of the Twentieth Wk. in Ord. Time Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-7/Heb 4:12/Mt 20:1-16

Thurs., Aug. 19 Thurs. of the Twentieth Wk. in Ord. Time Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5,7-10/Ps 95:8/Mt 22:1-14

Friday, Aug. 20 Memorial of St. Bernard

Ru 1:1,3-6,14b-16,22/Ps 146:5-6ab,6c-10/Ps 25:4b,5a/ Mt 22:34-40

Saturday, Aug. 21 Memorial of St. Pius XRu 2:1-3,811; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-5/Mt 23:9b,10b/Mt 23:1-12 **Sunday, August 22 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**Jos 24:1-2a,15-18b/Ps 34:2-3,16-21/Eph 5:21-32/Jn
6:63c,68c/Jn 6:60-69

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.

<u>Per the Virginia Dept. of Health</u> (Effective August 11, 2021):

- Unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated individuals should wear masks in public indoor settings.
- Fully vaccinated individuals do not need to wear a mask; however, masks should be worn in indoor settings in areas of substantial and high transmission.
- Any person not wearing a mask shall not be required to produce documentation that they are vaccinated or that they have an underlying medical condition.

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 took effect on June 26/27, 2021. Please read the full statement on the bulletin board in the Commons Area or on the website.

RECORDED/LIVESTREAMED MASSES

Due to COVID-19, Mass (at SEAS Parish each Saturday 5:30 PM Vigil Mass and Holy Days of Obligation) 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.

UNVEILED: A PRE-CANA PROGRAM

\$170/couple

Various Times & Locations

Unveiled is the Diocese of Richmond's marriage preparation program designed for engaged couples preparing to be married in the Catholic Church. Each session is facilitated by a married couple who will help the engaged couples attending to explore the core topics:

- Communication & Intimacy
- Theology of Marriage
- Spirituality of a Marriage

These core topics are communicated by way of engaging videos featuring married couples, priests, theologians, and physicians. This rich content serves as the springboard for deeper discussion between each couple. The times of conversation throughout the session usually begin with a time of journaling combined with private dialogue between each couple. There are also occasions for facilitated larger group discussions and opportunities to interact with the other couples attending the session.

Visit the Evangelization website for more information and to register:

https://evangelizerichmond.org/marriage/.

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.



Schedule: K of C meetings have resumed on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM in the SEAS Social Hall.

Soccer Challenge: Open to all boys and girls 9-14 years old on Sept. 18, 2021 at the New Kent High School. Contact GK Jeffrey Gargiulo at jrgarg55@yahoo.com.

Prayer Request: Please remember in prayer: the Gothreau family, the Cashin family, the Almeida family, the Cason family, and all our military, law enforcement, first responders and their families.

Membership: To learn more about the Knights of Columbus at SEAS Parish and all we do to help our pastor, parish and community, please contact Deputy Grand Knight, James Ginter at:

jandaginter@comcast.com.

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

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthy life is a defined dogma of the Catholic Church. The Feast of the Assumption, celebrated every year on August 15, is a very old feast of the Church, celebrated universally by the sixth century. It commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven, before her body could begin to decay—a foretaste of our own bodily resurrection at the end of time. Because it signifies the Blessed Virgin's passing into eternal life, it is the most important of all Marian feasts.

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.