

ADVENT... A TIME FOR REFLECTION... A TIME OF PROMISE... A TIME FOR HOPE - Third Sunday of Advent

We're almost there! We're getting closer to that wondrous day of our Lord's birth. Advent, the time of longing for the Savior, the time of anticipation is nearly over. The Church is a refuge during this time of preparation.

Catholic churches look and feel different during Advent. We're reminded of Lent, only shorter, with the purple vestments and the absence of the Gloria, that Christmas song sung by the angels at Bethlehem so long ago. Today's pink vestments reassure us the wondrous birth is fast approaching. Are we ready? Are we ready to greet the Light of the world? How have we prepared for this long awaited event? That event the prophets foretold and we experience, in a special way, during the Mass when Christ, the Son of God, comes to us completely and whole in the Eucharist.

The Christmas lights that are all around us serve as a reminder that Jesus Christ the light of the world is coming to fulfill the prophesies of old and to reassure us that salvation is near. Take a moment in your busy preparation for Christmas and once again reflect on today's readings.

Take a moment for quiet reflection and listen for the voice of God to speak to your heart.

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

Third Sunday of Advent - Do you rejoice in the Lord? Is He asking you to consider a vocation as a priest? Please contact the Vocations Office to speak with Father Brian Capuano: (804) 359-5661; vocations@richmonddiocese.org, or Rev. J. Scott Duarte at (804) 557-3962, sduarte@richmonddiocese.org.

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION: GIVE BACK THROUGH YOUR IRA

During this time of giving, a distribution from your IRA is a great way to give back to the Church! Did you know: if you are 72 or older, you can make your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA straight to our parish. Giving through your IRA is EASY! To learn how you can make an impact through your IRA right now, contact your financial advisor or Maggie Keenan at the Catholic Community Foundation, (804) 622-5221; email to Maggie at: mkeenan@richmonddiocese.org.

Please make your gift as soon as possible so you can ensure it is received by December 31st, 2021!

From the Bishop...

"Dear Fr. Duarte, On behalf of everyone in the Diocese of Richmond, I want to extend my deepest thanks and sincere congratulations to you and the parishioners of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton for exceeding your 2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal parish target.

While this past year has had its fair share of ups and downs, your commitment and that of your parishioners to the ministries of the Catholic Church has been unwavering. Your parishioners' generous gifts to the Annual Diocesan Appeal are helping us to engage the next generation, provide for those in need and build Catholic communities in many important ways throughout the Diocese.

As you know, your parish will be receiving a portion of the money collected through the Annual Appeal which you can use towards local priorities. I hope you will take the opportunity to share with your parishioners how these funds will be used to benefit their parish and thereby strengthen the mission of advancing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Finally, I wanted to mention one point which I think is important to remember and, as Saint Paul reminds us, we are a family of faith, called to build up one another in faith, hope and love.

With profound gratitude to you and your parishioners in helping to build our family of faith through the Annual Diocesan Appeal, I remain

Sincerely in Christ,
Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout
Diocese of Richmond"



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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

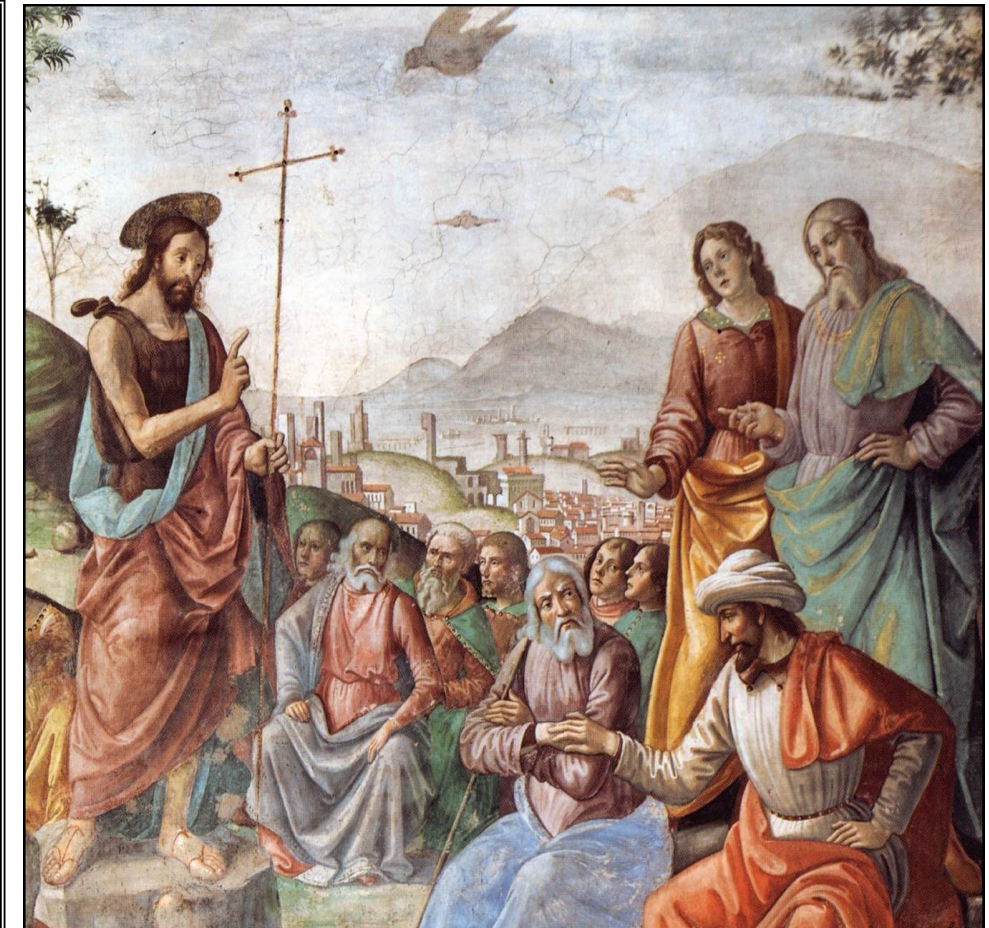
Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM; Sunday: 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered Saturdays at 5:00 PM and by appointment.

*The Third Sunday of Advent
December 12, 2021*

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.

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 Preaching of St. John the Baptist
Domenico Ghirlandaio (fresco detail) 1486-90

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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, Dec. 11—Vigil
8:30 AM—K of C St. Nicholas Breakfast
5:00 PM—Confessions
5:30 PM—Mass: †Francis A. Boestfleisch (livestreamed)

Sunday, Dec. 12—Third Sunday of Advent
8:30 AM—Mass: The Wayne Family
9:30 AM—Rel. Ed. Class
11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

Monday, Dec. 13—St. Lucy

Tuesday, Dec. 14—St. John of the Cross

Wednesday, Dec. 15—Advent Weekday

Thursday, Dec. 16—Advent Weekday
7:30 PM—K of C Mtg.

Friday, Dec. 17—Late Advent Weekday

Saturday, Dec. 18—Vigil
5:00 PM—Confessions
5:30 PM—Mass: Special Intention (livestreamed)

Sunday, Dec. 19—Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:30 AM—Mass: Special Intention
11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish
12:00 PM—Rel. Ed. Christmas Festival

***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 faith will make the sick person well.”
James 5:15

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.

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!

DECEMBER HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Holy Hour

Thursday, December 23 - 7:00pm (with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, ending with Benediction. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available during the Holy Hour.)

Christmas

(Holy Day of Obligation)
Friday, December 24 - 2:00pm
(overflow seating in SEAS Social Hall)
Saturday, December 25 - 11:00am (no 5:30pm Mass)

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sunday, December 26 - 8:30am & 11:00am

Mary, The Holy Mother of God
(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)
Friday, December 31 - 7:00pm

Scripture Readings

Sat., Dec. 11 Saturday of the Second Week of Advent
Sir 48:1-4,9-11/Ps 80:2ac&3b,15-16,18-19/Lk 3:4,6/
Mt 17:9a,10-13

Sunday, Dec. 12 Third Sunday of Advent
Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-6/Phil 4:4-7/Is 61:1/Lk 3:10-18

Monday, Dec. 13 Memorial of St. Lucy
Nm 24:2-7,15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab,6&7bc/Ps 85:8/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday, Dec. 14 Memorial of St. John of the Cross
Zep 3:1-2,9-13/Ps 34:2-3,6-7,17-19&23/Mt 21:28-32

Wed., Dec. 15 Wednesday of the Third Week of Advent
Is 45:6c-8,18/Ps 85:9ab&10-14/Is 40:9-10/Lk 7:18b-23

Thurs., Dec. 16 Thursday of the Third Week of Advent
Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2&4,5-6/Lk 3:4,6/Lk 7:24-30

Friday, Dec. 17 Friday of the Third Week of Advent
Gn 49:2,8-10/Ps 72:1-4ab,7-8,17/Mt 1:1-17

Sat., Dec. 18 Saturday of the Third Week of Advent
Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2,12-13,18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Sunday, Dec. 19 Fourth Sunday of Advent
Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:38/
Lk 1:39-45

Parish News

LIVESTREAMED MASSES

Due to COVID-19, Mass and Holy Days of Obligation are 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE 8:30 AM MASS

In order to continue to schedule the 8:30 AM Mass, volunteers are needed to coordinate: arrive at approximately 8:00 AM to open up and set up the altar, station volunteers as ushers, lectors, etc. Training will be provided. Please contact the parish office if you are able to volunteer for this ministry.

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to Robert & Tina Gentry who have volunteered to come in on December 17th to clean and set up the SEAS Social Hall for overflow seating for our Christmas Masses. You have our heartfelt thanks!

CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

All wrapped gifts are due back to the Church by Sunday, Dec. 19th. If you were unable to pick up an Angel tag and would still like to donate, grocery and store gift cards will be gratefully accepted and can be placed in the collection basket at Mass.

IRA DONATION WITH NO NAME

An IRA distribution was received this week in the mail, but does not identify the donor. Please contact the parish office if you believe this might be your contribution.

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.

SUNDAY ACCOMPANIST POSITION

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish seeks an enthusiastic individual to accompany on piano or organ our two Sunday Masses and various Holy Days.

Applicant should possess a strong knowledge and appreciation of Roman Catholic liturgy and a thorough knowledge of the principles related to service playing. The ability to work with various ages and musical abilities is also preferred.

Compensation will be commensurate with experience as per the Catholic Diocese of Richmond guidelines.

Interested candidates please send a resume with references to seassec-retary@verizon.net; P.O. Box 648, Quinton, VA 23141.

OFFICE CLOSING DATES & BULLETIN DEADLINE

The parish office will be closed from Thursday, Dec. 23-Monday, Dec. 27 for Christmas and on Friday, Dec. 31 for the New Year's holiday.

The Christmas bulletin deadline is: Wednesday, Dec. 22 at 12 noon. The New Year's bulletin deadline is Thursday, Dec. 30 at 12 noon.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Volunteer ushers are needed, especially for the Christmas Eve Mass at 2:00 PM, to assist with overflow seating and directing parishioners from the SEAS Social Hall to the Church during Holy Communion. Duties include: opening up the social hall, turning on the camera, lighting candles, and locking up after Mass. Please contact the parish office if you plan to attend this Mass and are able to help out.



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

March for Life: The 49th March for Life will be held in Washington, D.C. on January 21, 2022. Once again there will be buses provided at no charge to those who wish to attend. Contact Jeffrey Gargiulo at jrgarg55@yahoo.com for more information.

K of C Council Christmas Party: The Council will hold its annual Christmas party on Dec. 18th at Mexico Restaurant in Sandston. Contact Kevin Almeida at alexandre2018@yahoo.com for more information.

November Knight/Family of the Month: Richard Mervicker was selected as the Knight of the Month for November. As a new Knight Richard has stepped up to help the Council. The Family of the Month selected for November was the Jeffery Miller family. Jeffery and Liz have been instrumental in helping the Council with its printing needs.

Thanksgiving Baskets Thank You: Many thanks to the seven Brother Knights who volunteered to deliver the Thanksgiving Food Baskets to those families in need in New Kent County.

Prayer Request: Please remember in prayer: the Gillikin family, 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 St. Elizabeth Ann S Parish and all we do to help our pastor, parish and community, please contact GK Jeffrey Gargiulo at: jrgarg55@yahoo.com. To learn more about the K of C in Virginia, visit kofc.org/joinus.

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.