

THANK YOU TINA WHITEHEAD!

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Tina Whitehead who has checked in on and visited with some of our elderly and homebound parishioners for many years at SEAS Parish. Tina has delivered cooked meals and helped those in need, especially Mrs. Gertrude Gentry, who has not been able due to health issues to attend Mass the last few years. Tina has delivered news and gifts from the parish with a smile and we are so fortunate to have her here. *Thank you Tina!*

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

Christmas - "He gave power to become children of God." If you think you may be called to share the Father's love as a priest, please contact the Vocations Office to speak with Father Brian Capuano: (804) 359-5661; vocations@richmonddiocese.org, or contact Rev. J. Scott Duarte at (804) 557-3962, sduarte@richmonddiocese.org.

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 explore the core topics of communication and intimacy, theology of marriage and spirituality of marriage. Questions and requests for registration information can be sent to marriageprep@richmonddiocese.org or visit the Catholic Diocese of Richmond Office for Evangelization marriage web page at: <https://evangelizerichmond.org/marriage/>.

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!

OUR CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Lord, as we look forward to our holiday celebrations, Help us to focus on Your incarnation and not our stress.

Lord, as we anticipate gift giving, Help us focus on the joy of Your presence, and not on our struggle with materialism.

Lord, as we anticipate Christ's arrival, Help us to focus on spiritual preparation, and not on frantic activity.

Lord, as we hope for a season of peace, Help us to pray for the world and not only our narrow concerns.

Let us pray for a renewal of our spirits, That we may truly rejoice.

Lord, let us put You before all things.

Amen.



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Office Hours: M-F 9:00 AM-2:30 PM

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 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
December 26, 2021*

**Grant, we pray,
almighty God, that,
as we are bathed in
the new radiance of
your incarnate
Word, the light of
faith, which
illuminates our
minds, may also
shine through in
our deeds.**

**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.**



Adoration of the Magi, 1304-06
Giotto di Bondone

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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. 25—The Nativity of the Lord
11:00 AM—Mass: †Fr. James Guttendorf
(*there will be no 5:30 PM Vigil Mass)

Sunday, Dec. 26—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
8:30 AM—Mass: †Tom & Eileen Dailey
11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

Monday, Dec. 27—St. John, Apostle & Evangelist
***Office Closed**

Tuesday, Dec. 28—The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
***Office Closed**

Wed., Dec. 29—Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas

Thurs., Dec. 30—Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas

Friday, Dec. 31—Vigil for the Solemnity of Mary
***Office Closed**
7:00 PM—Mass: People of the Parish

Saturday, Jan. 1—Vigil for the Epiphany of the Lord
5:00 PM—Confessions
5:30 PM—Mass: Victims of Tornadoes

Sunday, Jan. 2—The Epiphany of the Lord
8:30 AM—Mass: Special Intention
11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

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 parish office during office hours, M-F 9:00am-2:30pm.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE:
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 Vigil Mass

The Epiphany of the Lord
Saturday, January 1 - 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday, January 2 - 8:30am & 11:00am



Scripture Readings

Saturday, Dec. 25 The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-3,11-13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:10-11/Lk 2:1-14

Sunday, Dec. 26 Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sir 3:2-6,12-14/Ps 128:1-5/Col 3:12-21/Col 3:15a,16a/Lk 2:41-52

Monday, Dec. 27 Feast of St. John, Apostle & Evangelist
1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12/Jn 20:1a & 2-8

Tuesday, Dec. 28 Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs
1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-5,7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18

Wed., Dec. 29 Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas
1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a,2b-3,5b-6/Lk 2:32/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday, Dec. 30 Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas
1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a,8b-10/Lk 2:36-40

Friday, Dec. 31 Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas
1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2,11-13/Jn 1:14a,12a/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday, Jan. 1 Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3,5,6,8/Gal 4:4-7/Heb 1:1-2/Lk 2:16-21

Sunday, Jan. 2 The Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13/Eph 3:2-3a,5-6/Mt 2:2/Lk 2:1-12

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 8:00 AM to open up, 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.

BLESSING OF HOMES FOR EPIPHANY

The Sunday after New Year's Day is the Feast of the Epiphany. In imitation of the magi, who, according to Matthew's Gospel, came to the home of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, we ask Christ to visit our home and to bless all who reside there. Come join us at Church on the Epiphany and pick up a blessing prayer and a piece of chalk to inscribe above the door: 20+C+M+B+22 for the year, and the Latin words "Christus mansionem benedicat." May Christ bless this house.

Many thanks to all who donated for Christmas flowers. This funds poinsettias for our altar and for flowers throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons!

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 seassecretary@verizon.net; P.O. Box 648, Quinton, VA 23141.

OFFICE CLOSING DATES & BULLETIN DEADLINE

The parish office will be closed from Thursday, Dec. 23-Tuesday, Dec. 28 for Christmas and on Friday, Dec. 31 for the New Year's holiday. The New Year's bulletin deadline is Thursday, Dec. 30 at 12 noon.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

When New Kent County public schools are closed due to poor weather conditions, the parish office and Church will be closed. On the weekend, please check the parish website or call the parish office voicemail for any updates or news.

NUN RUN FOOD DONATIONS

The next weekend for our monthly food and nonperishable items to be collected for the Poor Clare nuns and Little Sisters of St. Francis is Jan. 1/2. Please drop off all donations to the collection box in the Commons Area of the Church. Deliveries will be made the beginning of the week of Jan. 3. We thank you for your support of this ongoing ministry!



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.

Consecration of the Holy Family: On January 1-2, 2022, there will be a special Mass for the Consecration of the Holy Family where Father Scott will say a special prayer. All are welcome!

Epiphany Celebration: On January 9, 2022, the K of C will hold an Epiphany Celebration event in the SEAS Social Hall. The story of the Epiphany will be told, and refreshments served. Time to be determined.

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.