

### OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

**The Epiphany - "Opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts."**  
Are you beginning to see your life as a gift to be given to the Lord as a priest? Please contact the Vocations Office to speak with Father Brian Capuano: (804) 359-5661; [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org), or contact Rev. J. Scott Duarte at (804) 557-3962, [sduarte@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:sduarte@richmonddiocese.org).

### 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](mailto:seas.dthomson@verizon.net).

### RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Or in learning more about Catholicism, or know someone else who is? SEAS Parish offers a program for those who are seeking God and a journey of faith or would like to learn more about the Catholic faith. For more information, please contact the parish office at 932-4125 or email [seas.dthomson@verizon.net](mailto:seas.dthomson@verizon.net).

### IRA QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION

**A Gift Anyone Can Make:** Want to support your parish but think you cannot afford to give? There are ways to give today while still preserving your retirement assets. If you are 72 or over, a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA directly to the parish helps the parish and provides you with tax benefits. 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](mailto:mkeenan@richmonddiocese.org).

### A PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS

Child of Bethlehem, grant that we may share with all our hearts in this profound mystery of Christmas, put into our hearts this peace for which we sometimes seek so desperately and which you alone can give us.

Help us know one another better, and live as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father.

Reveal to us also your beauty, holiness and purity.

Awaken in our hearts love and gratitude for your infinite goodness.

Join us all together in your love, and give us your heavenly peace. Amen.

*Pope St. John XXIII*



*Madonna and Child*  
Marianne Stokes (1905)



## ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 Epiphany of the Lord January 2, 2022

**O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime 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.**



Adoration of the Magi (Bartolomé Esteban Murillo, Toledo Museum of Art, Ohio), 17th Century

### Parish Staff

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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, Jan. 1—Vigil

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

### Monday, Jan. 3—Christmas Weekday

### Tuesday, Jan. 4—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

11:30 AM—Mass: Special Intention

### Wed., Jan. 5—St. John Neumann

### Thurs., Jan. 6—St. André Bessette

7:30 PM—K of C Mtg.

### Friday, Jan. 7—St. Raymond of Peñafort

### Saturday, Jan. 8—Vigil

5:00 PM—Confessions  
5:30 PM—Mass: †Nancy Maldonado

### Sunday, Jan. 9—The Baptism of the Lord

8:30 AM—Mass: Special Intention  
11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

**\*Mass for the Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is on Tuesday at 11:30 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.**

“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](http://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!**

### MASS FOR THE MEMORIAL OF SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON Tuesday, January 4th—Mass: 11:30 AM Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton 1774-1821

Elizabeth Ann Bayley was a convert to Catholicism. She married William Magee Seton, a merchant, at the age of 19 and had 5 children. After she became a widow at the age of 29, she became a Catholic and founded the first Catholic free school in America. She eventually founded the American chapter of the Daughters of Charity in 1809 whose schools and orphanages grew in number. After many years of working with the poor and orphans, she died of tuberculosis at the age of 47. In 1975, she became the first native-born citizen of the United States to be canonized as a saint. She is the patron saint of converts, those who have lost parents, widows, those ridiculed for their piety, as well as our parish patron saint.

## Scripture Readings

**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/  
Mt 2:1-12

**Monday, Jan. 3 Monday after Epiphany**  
1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8,10-12a/Mt 4:23/Mt 4:12-17,23-25

**Tuesday, Jan. 4 Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**  
1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-4,7-8/Lk 4:18/Mk 6:34-44

**Wed., Jan. 5 Memorial of St. John Neumann**  
1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2,10,12-13/1 Tm 3:16/Mk 6:45-52

**Thursday, Jan. 6 Thursday after Epiphany**  
1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2,14&15bc,17/Lk 4:18/Lk 4:14-22

**Friday, Jan. 7 Friday after Epiphany**  
1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-15,19-20/Mt 4:23/Lk 5:12-16

**Saturday, Jan. 8 Saturday after Epiphany**  
1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-6a&9b/Mt 4:16/Jn 3:22-30

**Sunday, Jan. 9 The Baptism of the Lord**  
Is 42:1-4,6-7/Ps 29:1-4,9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 9:7/Lk 3:15-16,21-22

## 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.

### NEW TO THE AREA? WELCOME!

Registration forms are located at both entrances to the Church or visit the parish office and we will be happy to assist you!

### 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 [seassecrretary@verizon.net](mailto:seassecrretary@verizon.net); P.O. Box 648, Quinton, VA 23141.

### 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

This weekend, Jan. 1/2, is our monthly food collection for the Poor Clare nuns and Little Sisters of St. Francis. 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!

### FUEL & HUNGER GRANT

We are pleased to share that St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish has been awarded \$2,000.00 from the Catholic Diocese of Richmond Fuel and Hunger Fund. These funds are available through the generous support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal by the people of the diocese and will allow us to continue to support those in need in our local community.



**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](mailto:jrgarg55@yahoo.com) for more information.

**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 a meal will be served starting at 12:30 PM.

**Congratulations to the Knight and Family of the Month:** Congratulations to Jim Giffin, Knight of the Month for all his efforts to make the Councils fundraiser a great success. Congratulations as well to Bobby Mary and family, Family of the Month, for their generosity and true spirit of charity to the Thanksgiving food basket families.

**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](mailto:jrgarg55@yahoo.com). To learn more about the K of C in Virginia, visit [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus).

### THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all our SEAS volunteers who served at our Christmas and New Year's Masses. You truly are a great blessing and all our visitors and fellow parishioners were greatly appreciative of your service and dedication to SEAS Parish.

### 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.