

SYNOD 2021-2023

Many thanks to the pastoral council and everyone who participated in the parish discussions on the Synod on Synodality and the themes of "community, participation and mission" over the last two weekends. Your participation was greatly appreciated as we were able to submit our parish summary by the deadline and share how we are encountering others and the Holy Spirit in participating in the life of the Church.

K OF C BICYCLE RAFFLE

The Knights are selling tickets to win two bicycles. The tickets are \$5.00 each with a chance to win one of the two bikes. Please see any Knight to purchase your tickets. The drawing will be held on Easter Sunday. You need not be present to win.

GUIDELINES FOR LENT AND EASTER 2022

Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed. *Abstinence* is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when health or the ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, April 15, are days of fast and abstinence. All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

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.

THE "NUN RUN"

We are very blessed to have two communities of Religious Women living in New Kent County. The Poor Clare Nuns in Barhamsville in eastern New Kent and the Little Sisters of St. Francis in Quinton in western New Kent.

The Poor Clare Nuns are at Bethlehem Monastery praising God and interceding for His suffering people. They are a cloistered community who work and pray primarily in silence. If you would like to entrust your special needs and intentions to their prayers, please contact them at 757-566-1684.

The Poor Clares are vegetarian but do eat fish twice a week. They can use canned veggies, fruit, rice, flour, salt, canned tuna and salmon as well as paper products, toothpaste and soap.

The Little Sisters of St. Francis' Seton House provides care for severely physically and mentally challenged adults who require 24/7 care. The Little Sisters are a missionary community of Catholic sisters who reach out to the poor and marginalized. The sisters come from Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda and their Mother House is in the Diocese of Lugazi, Uganda. The Little Sisters, in collaboration with associates, staff, benefactors, donors and volunteers are actively involved in works of mercy.

Seton House is located at 4801 Huntsman Trail, Quinton, VA 23141. The sister's convent is located at 11300 Continental Road, Quinton, VA 23141.

The sisters appreciate canned foods, soups, gelatin desserts, puddings, paper goods, laundry detergent, bleach, disinfectant wipes, non-latex gloves and wash cloths for bathing the residents.



ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH

2631 Pocahontas Trail, P.O. Box 648, Quinton, VA 23141

OFFICE: 804-932-4125 FAX: 804-932-8126

RECTORY: 804-557-3962

Email: secretary@seascatholicchurch.org

Website: www.seascatholicchurch.org

Facebook: facebook.com/SEASCatholic

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 Fourth Sunday of Lent March 27, 2022

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come.

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 Return of the Prodigal Son (detail)
Murillo, 1667-70

Parish Staff

Pastor:	Rev. J. Scott Duarte, J.C.D.	804-557-3962
Secretary & Bulletin Editor:	Rose Reed seassecretary@verizon.net	804-932-4125
Parish Council Members:	Greg Davis, Matt Luther, JoAnne Rial, Ginger Mary and Michelle Boyer	
Finance Council Members:	Greg Barlage, Harold Wayne, Irma Gregory and Paul Tran	
Sacristan Emerita:	Irma Gregory	804-932-8298
Sacristan Assistants:	Mary Brooks & Iris Davis	
Parish Organist (Saturday):	Amos Goldie amosgold@gmail.com	804-932-4125
Parish Organist (Sunday):	Position Open	804-932-4125

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, March 26—Vigil

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

Sunday, March 27—Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

Monday, March 28—Lenten Weekday

1:00 PM—RCIA Mtg. (SEAS Conf. Rm.)
4:30 PM—BLAZE Mtg. (SEAS Conf. Rm.)

Tuesday, March 29—Lenten Weekday

7:00 PM—Lenten Penance Service

Wednesday, March 30—Lenten Weekday

11:00 AM—Mass: Special Intention

Thursday, March 31—Lenten Weekday

Friday, April 1—Lenten Weekday

6:30 PM—Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper

Saturday, April 2—Vigil

5:00 PM—Confessions
5:30 PM—Mass: Dr. William McKenna

Sunday, April 3—Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

***Daily Mass is on Wednesday at 11am.**

SEAS Parish Prayer List



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

PRAYER FOR THE SICK:

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

Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing all, we ask you to bless your friends who are sick.

Give them the strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience in pain.

Let them recover their health, so that, restored to the Christian community, they may joyfully praise your name, for you live and reign for ever and ever.
Amen.

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

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 WEEK SCHEDULE (April 9-17)

- **Palm Sunday:** Saturday Vigil at 5:30 PM and Sunday Mass at 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM
- **Holy Thursday:** Holy Mass at 7:00 PM
- **Good Friday:** Liturgy of the Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion at 7:00 PM
- **Easter Saturday:** Great Vigil of Easter and Mass of the Resurrection at 7:00 PM
- **Easter Sunday Mass:** 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

LENTE PENANCE SERVICE

Please join us on Tuesday, March 29th at 7:00 PM for a Lenten Penance Service.

Scripture Readings

Saturday, March 26 Saturday of the Third Week of Lent

Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4,18-21ab/Ps 95:8/Lk 18:9-14

Sunday, March 27 Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jos 5:9a,10-12/Ps 34:2-7/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3,11-32

Monday, March 28 Monday of the Fourth Week of Lent

Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2&4-7,11-12a/Am 5:14/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 29 Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Lent

Ez 47:1-9,12/Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9/Ps 51:12a,14a/Jn 5:1-16

Wed., March 30 Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Lent

Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9,13cd-14/Jn 11:25a,26/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday, March 31 Thursday of the Fourth Week of Lent

Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-23/Jn 3:16/Jn 5:31-47

Friday, April 1 Friday of the Fourth Week of Lent

Wis 2:1a,12-22/Ps 34:17-21&23/Mt 4:4b/Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30

Saturday, April 2 Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent

Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3,9bc-12/Lk 8:15/Jn 7:40-53

Sunday, April 3 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4,18-21ab/Ps 95:8/Lk 18:9-14

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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

March 2-April 10

You can help protect mothers and children by joining in this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion. Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers.

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

Vigil location: Outside the Planned Parenthood facility at 201 N. Hamilton Street in Richmond.

Vigil hours: 8am-5pm daily

Local contact: Barbara Constable
constablebarbara@gmail.com

Learn more... Get involved... and sign up for hourly prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address:

40daysforlife.com/Richmond

NUN RUN

NOTE OF GRATITUDE...

I would like to thank the parishioners for their kind donations. We have delivered 412.7 pounds of groceries in the first three months of 2022, which is over 100% increase over last year's total for the first quarter of 240 pounds. Thank you all for your generosity.

Sincerely,

JoAnne Terrell

Nun Run Team

(for the list of needed Nun Run donations please see the back of the bulletin)**

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.

WEEKEND ACCOMPANIST POSITION

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish seeks an enthusiastic individual to accompany on piano or organ our Saturday Vigil Mass and 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.

2022 ANNUAL APPEAL

“Together We Bestow His First Fruits”

Once again this year, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish is participating in the Annual Diocesan Appeal. The Appeal is the yearly opportunity to support the next generation, provide for those in need and build up our Catholic communities. Each gift that is contributed to the Appeal makes a real difference because the gifts enable our Diocese to deliver needed ministries and services such as health insurance and long-term care for our retired priests, tuition for our future priests to attend the seminary and heating and grocery assistance to families through the Fuel and Hunger Fund, from which we again this year received a grant to assist our local community.

In addition, all parishes receive back a portion of their funds collected to be used for important local priorities. This year, the funds returned to SEAS Parish will go towards the maintenance needs of our parish properties.

The Diocese has set the total goal for SEAS Parish at **\$17,160.00**.

All pledges can be paid in monthly installments. To donate online, go to the webpage for the Richmond Diocese Catholic Community Foundation Annual Appeal tab at: <https://richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal/> and click on the “Donate Now” button. Thank you in advance for your support.



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

Congratulations: Please congratulate John Leyo as the March Knight of the Month. Please also congratulate Mike and Donna Thomson as the Family of the Month for March. Many thanks for all your hard work for our council and for SEAS Parish.

Bicycle Drawing: The Knights are selling tickets to win two bicycles. The tickets are \$5.00 each with a chance to win one of the two bikes. Please see any Knight to purchase your tickets. The drawing will be held on Easter Sunday. You need not be present to win.

Baby Products Collection: The Knights will be collecting baby products in support of the East End Pregnancy Center (a faith-based organization) from April 22-May 15, 2022.

Lenten Fish Fry: On April 8, 2022, the Knights will hold its second fish fry in the SEAS Social Hall from 5-8pm. The price per plate will be \$11 in advance and \$12 at the door. Dine-in and take-out available.

Prayer Request: Please remember in prayer: Mark Kulick, 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 K of C at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 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 Knights of Columbus in Virginia, visit kofc.org/joinus.

COMMUNION PYX

If you have been given a communion pyx to take Communion home to a loved one who is sick and you are no longer using it, please return it to SEAS Parish. Thank you.

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.