

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Are you looking to rediscover the spark that was there on your wedding day? Do you want to rediscover the best friend you had when you were first married? Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend for married couples who value their relationship and want a richer, fuller life together. Sign up for an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Jan. 27-29, 2023 in North Myrtle Beach, SC and Feb. 3-5, 2023 in Warrenton, Virginia. Early sign up is recommended. For more information, visit our website at: <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/> or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org or 757-690-1369.

OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The Office for Evangelization, at the Pastoral Center in Richmond, is looking for an Administrative Assistant for Communications and Office Support. This position supports the office in its mission to further evangelization efforts across the Diocese. This position is responsible for implementing and maintaining a communication plan through social media, newsletters, print materials and online presence. They assist with the production of resources for parishes and individuals. Additionally, they have ownership of event registration processes and financial procedures for the office. The ideal candidate will be team oriented, flexible, creative, and be able to draw from the beauty of the Catholic Church as they assist in evangelization efforts. This position is a full time (35 hours a week), non-exempt position. It requires occasional work in the evening and on weekends. To apply please visit bit.ly/3X178xT.

ADVENT (BEGINS THIS SUNDAY)

The church year begins with the First Sunday of Advent. The stole and chasuble of the priest is violet or a shade of purple. Advent is seen as a time of preparation, anticipation and hope. "Prepare ye, the way of the Lord." Surprisingly, on the third Sunday of Advent, the church celebrates the halfway mark and so suggests pink or rose as the color of the day. Like children, we get excited when we are half way there and pink symbolizes that joy with a color that holds onto the purple but promises the white of Christmas! During Advent, each Sunday we light a candle on the advent wreath to count down the Sundays until Christmas. One candle is lit for each week of the season.

In the Cycle Year A which begins this week in the Catholic Church's lectionary of Scripture readings for Mass, the Gospel passage almost every Sunday is taken from St. Matthew.

In the New Testament we meet St. Matthew only indirectly through the Gospel that bears his name. Matthew's Gospel is one of the longest books in the New Testament and has exercised great influence in Christian life over the centuries. It has even been called the most important book ever written. Saint Matthew primarily writes to the Jewish Christians of the time. This can be seen in the opening of his Gospel with the genealogy of Jesus and his frequent references to Jewish law.

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

"The Lord is our righteousness."
Are you being called to bring the Word of God as a priest?

Please contact the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661; email to: vocations@richmonddiocese.org or contact Fr. J. Scott Duarte, (804) 557-3962, email: sduarte@richmonddiocese.org.



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.



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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.

First Sunday of Advent November 27, 2022

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.

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 Annunciation, 1490-95
Jean Hey

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, Nov. 26—Vigil
5:00 PM—Confessions
5:30 PM—Mass: Special Intention

Sun., Nov. 27—First Sunday of Advent
8:30 AM—Mass: People of the Parish
11:00 AM—Mass: Little Sisters of St. Francis

Mon., Nov. 28—Advent Weekday

Tuesday, Nov. 29—Advent Weekday

Wednesday, Nov. 30—St. Andrew
11:00 AM—Mass: †Irma Gregory

Thursday, Dec. 1—Advent Weekday
7:30 PM—K of C Virtual Mtg.

Friday, Dec. 2—Advent Weekday

Saturday, Dec. 3—Vigil
5:00 PM—Confessions
5:30 PM—Mass: †Gertrude Langford

Sun., Dec. 4—Second Sunday of Advent
8:30 AM—Mass: Donna & Angelo Gray
9:30 AM—Rel. Ed. Classes K-8
11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

*Daily Mass is on Wednesday at 11:00 AM.

SEAS Parish Prayer List



Please hold in prayer this week all the sick, suffering and home-bound of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, our local community and the Catholic Diocese of Richmond.

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

PRAYER FOR THE SICK:

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.

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!

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Masses for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation on Thursday, Dec. 8th, will be at 12:00 PM and 7:00 PM.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

Masses for Christmas, a Holy Day of Obligation will be on Saturday, Dec. 24th at 3:00 PM and 5:30 PM and on Sunday, Dec. 25th at 11:00 AM only. There will be no 8:30 AM Mass on Christmas Day.

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS—THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who made the Thanksgiving Basket project a success, especially Liz Miller, Tina Whitehead, Melody Mary, Sarah Miller, and everyone who donated financially, as well as the Rel. Ed. students, the Knights of Columbus who delivered the baskets and donated coats, and special thanks to Father Scott for supporting this very worthwhile cause. Thanks also to Food Lion for donating the turkeys and New Kent Winery for the donation of chardonnay wine. We provided meals to 13 families in our community. Please keep these families in your prayers this holiday season.

Scripture Readings

Nov. 26 Sat. of the Thirty-fourth Week in Ord. Time
Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2,3-7ab/Lk 21:36/Lk 21:34-36

Nov. 27 First Sunday of Advent
Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-9/Rom 13:11-14/Ps 85:8/Mt 24:37-44

Nov. 28 Mon. of the First Week of Advent
Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-4bcd,5-9/Ps 80:4/Mt 8:5-11

Nov. 29 Tues. of the First Week of Advent
Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17/Lk 10:21-24

Nov. 30 Feast of St. Andrew
Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 4:19/Mt 4:18-22

Dec. 1 Thurs. of the First Week of Advent
Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1&8-9,19-21,25-27a/Is 55:6/Mt 7:21,24-27

Dec. 2 Fri. of the First Week of Advent
Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1,4,13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Dec. 3 Memorial of St. Francis Xavier
Is 30:19-21,23-26/Ps 147:1-6/Is 33:22/Mt 9:35—10:1,5a,6-8

Dec. 4 Second Sunday of Advent
Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17/Rom 15:4-9/Lk 3:4,6/Mt 3:1-12

Parish News

8:30 AM LECTORS NEEDED

Additional dedicated lectors are needed at the 8:30 AM Mass. We are down to a small group who are stretched very thin. Please call the parish office at 804-932-4125 if you are able to help out.

2022 CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

There are still a few Angel Tree tags available in the Commons Area of the Church. Please take a tag and purchase the item on the tag. This year SEAS Parish is sponsoring 10 children and 2 elderly at-home parishioners. All wrapped gifts, with Angel Tag attached, are due back by Sunday, Dec. 18th. Our delivery and pick-up date will be Monday, Dec. 19th. Thank you for your support of this year's outreach to our local families in need.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process of study and prayer for adults who wish to join the Catholic Church, were baptized Catholic but never received the Sacraments of Penance, Holy Eucharist or Confirmation, are interested in exploring the Faith but are unsure about joining, or practicing Catholics who wish to learn a bit more about their Faith. For more information about our program at SEAS Parish, please contact the parish office at 932-4125.

OFFICE CLOSINGS FOR DECEMBER

The parish office will be closed on the following dates in December: December 12-13, 2022 and December 23-27, 2022.

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.

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.

MOVING?

Please notify the office so we can update our records.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Did someone you love pass away this past year? Would you like for them to be remembered during Mass? Place the person's name in the Book of Remembrance, which is located on the altar, to the left of the votive stand throughout the month of November.

A GENTLE REMINDER

Donations to the parish must be received by December 31, 2022 in order to be included in this year's contribution statements for tax purposes. Donations post-marked after December 31st will be for the 2023 calendar year. Thank you.

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The blessing of the Advent wreath takes place on the First Sunday of Advent or on the evening before the First Sunday of Advent.

Traditionally, three candles are violet and the fourth is rose colored, although four violet or white candles may be used.

The candles represent the four weeks of Advent, with the candle lit each week in accord with the current week of Advent. The rose candle is lit on the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday.



Schedule: K of C Council 14034 meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM. This is a virtual meeting. The second meeting is on the third Saturday of the month at 6:30 PM in the SEAS Social Hall. A dinner at a local restaurant for members, wives and parishioners will be held after the meeting.

East End Pregnancy Center Support: The Council and parish members are invited to donate baby products and clothing items, such as diapers, baby wipes, baby and toddler clothes, baby blankets and booties. We will collect these items from November 27th through December 18th, 2022, for the East End Pregnancy Center located in Richmond. The Pregnancy Center is a faith and Gospel based organization for helping women and parents through their pregnancy and after their child is born.

Prayer Request: Please remember in prayer: the Barrie Deis family, 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 Council at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish and all we do, please contact Membership Director James Ginter at: James.Ginter@kofc.org.

To learn more about the K of C in Virginia, visit our website: 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 the Richmond 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.