

**ADVENT... A TIME FOR REFLECTION... A TIME OF PROMISE... A TIME FOR HOPE**

At last, it is the last week of Advent. Only a few more days until Jesus, the Christ, the savior of the world comes to us. This is Christmas. It is not about a day. Christmas is about a person, Christ. We spend four short weeks preparing for this long anticipated birth.

These next few days will be hectic and our thoughts will be concentrated on the preparations for the Christmas holiday. Give yourself the most precious gift of all and take a moment to reflect in silence on this miracle of miracles. Take a moment to listen for the voice of God to speak to your heart. It is in these quiet moments that we can hear Him speak. It is in these quiet moments that we can know His will for our lives. It is in these quiet moments that we can tell Him how much we love Him and thank Him for His love for us. Without that love we are nothing. Without Christmas there can be no Easter, no redemption.



**UNVEILED: A PRE-CANA PROGRAM**  
\$170/couple—various times and 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](mailto:marriageprep@richmonddiocese.org) or visit the Catholic Diocese of Richmond Office for Evangelization marriage web page at: <https://evangelizerichmond.org/marriage>.

**NUN RUN FOOD DONATIONS**

The next date for our monthly food and nonperishable items to be collected for the Poor Clare nuns and Little Sisters of St. Francis is Sunday, **Jan. 1st**. Please drop off all donations to the collection box located in the Commons Area of the Church. Thank you for your support and generosity for this ongoing ministry.

**OFFICE OF VOCATIONS**

God chose to become man to lead us in a path of righteousness, is God calling you to grow in holiness? He may be inviting you to the priesthood.

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



**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.

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*  
*December 18, 2022*

**P**our forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.

**Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**



*Joseph's Dream, Daniele Crespi, 1620-30, Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna, Austria*

**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***

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## Parish Schedule

### Saturday, Dec. 17—Vigil

5:00 PM—Confessions  
5:30 PM—Mass: †Dianne Saari  
6:30 PM—K of C Mtg.

### Sun., Dec. 18—Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM—Mass: †Bill Barlage  
9:30 AM—Rel. Ed. Classes K-8  
11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

### Mon., Dec. 19—Late Advent Weekday

### Tuesday, Dec. 20—Late Advent Weekday

7:00 PM—Choir Practice

### Wednesday, Dec. 21—St. Peter Canisius

5:30 PM—RCIA Mtg.

### Thursday, Dec. 22—Late Advent Weekday

### Friday, Dec. 23—St. John of Kanty

\*Office Closed

### Saturday, Dec. 24—Vigil

3:00 PM—†Isabel Servantez  
5:30 PM—Mass: People of the Parish

### Sun., Dec. 25—The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

11:00 AM—Mass: †Fr. James Guttendorf

\*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 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](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!

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Saturday, Dec. 24—3:00 PM (children's) & 5:30 PM

Sunday, Dec. 25—11:00 AM (no 8:30 AM Mass)

### MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Saturday, Dec. 31—5:30 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday, Jan. 1—8:30 AM & 11:00 AM Masses

### RITE OF ACCEPTANCE

This Sunday, December 18, 2022, we celebrate the Rite of Acceptance at the 8:30 AM Mass, formally asking the Church to accept our catechumens, Jackie O'Connor and Brandon Smith, as members of the Elect—those chosen by God for Baptism—and to pray for our candidates' continued growth in the Spirit.

## Scripture Readings

### Dec. 17 Sat. of the Third Week of Advent

Gn 49:2,8-10/Ps 72:1-4ab,7-8,17/Mt 1:1-17

### Dec. 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-6/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:23/Mt 1:18-24

### Dec. 19 Mon. of the Fourth Week in Advent

Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a,5-6ab,16-17/Lk 1:5-25

### Dec. 20 Tues. of the Fourth Week in Advent

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-4ab,5-6/Lk 1:26-38

### Dec. 21 Wed. of the Fourth Week in Advent

Sg 2:8-14/Ps 33:2-3,11-12,20-21/Lk 1:39-45

### Dec. 22 Thurs. of the Fourth Week in Advent

1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1,4-7,8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

### Dec. 23 Fri. of the Fourth Week of Advent

Mal 3:1-4,23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab,8-10&14/Lk 1:57-66

### Dec. 24 Sat. of the Fourth Week of Advent

2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16/Ps 89:2-5,27&29/Lk 1:67-79

### 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

## 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

This year SEAS Parish is sponsoring 10 children and 2 elderly at-home parishioners. All wrapped gifts, with Angel Tag attached, are due back this Sunday, Dec. 18th. Our delivery and pick-up date will be Monday, Dec. 19th.

### 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 for Christmas from December 23-27, 2022 and for New Year's on Monday, January 2, 2023.

### CHRISTMAS BULLETIN DEADLINE—DEC. 22

The Christmas bulletin will be printed on Dec. 22. All requests for announcements should be received prior to Noon on Dec. 22 for consideration.

### 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.

### CHOIR PRACTICE

The music ministry team will be having choir practice this Tuesday, Dec. 20th from 7:00-8:30 PM. If you are interested in joining the choir, please make plans to attend or speak with Beth Ann Luther or Debbie Grosser after Mass.

### 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.

### 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 at 804-932-4125 for any updates or news.

### SIMBANG GABI 2022

The Simbang Gabi Kick-Off Mass will be held at Holy Cross in Lynchburg on Dec. 15 at 6:00 PM. Bishop Knestout will be celebrating the Mass. If you wish to participate in this beautiful Filipino Christmas Novena Celebration, please contact the office for the full schedule or for dates/times in our local area.

### MISSING INFO FOR SUBMITTED MASS INTENTION

A Mass Intention request was placed in the collection basket at Mass, but due to missing information cannot be scheduled at this time. If you placed a Mass Intention request for a 5:30 PM Vigil Mass in the collection basket and it has not been scheduled, please contact the parish office.



**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](mailto:James.Ginter@kofc.org).

To learn more about the K of C in Virginia, visit our website: [kofc.org/joinus](http://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.