

### OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

“He gave power to become children of God.” If you think you may be called to share the Father’s love as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother, 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).

### 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 on-going ministry.

### CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor the Consecration to the Holy Family during each Mass next weekend. The consecration is to help families live out the joy of Christ through prayer and asking for the aid or intercession of the perfect son, Jesus Christ, Mary, the perfect mother and Joseph, who is the model for every father. Although the formal consecration will occur at all Masses next weekend, it is suggested that each family pray together each day for the week before the consecration. A prayer card will be handed out by the K of C this weekend in preparation.



### 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).

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### 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 Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) December 25, 2022

**Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, as we are bathed in the new radiance of your incarnate Word, the light of faith, which illumines 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.**



*Madonna and Child*, Sano di Pietro, 1406-81

### 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. 24—Vigil

3:00 PM—Mass: †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

### Mon., Dec. 26—St. Stephen, the First Martyr

\*Office Closed  
1:00 PM—Sacrament of Baptism

### Tuesday, Dec. 27—St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

\*Office Closed

### Wednesday, Dec. 28—The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

### Thursday, Dec. 29—St. Thomas Becket

### Friday, Dec. 30—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

### Saturday, Dec. 31—Vigil

5:00 PM—Confessions  
5:30 PM—Mass: †Tom & Eileen Dailey; †Irma Gregory

### Sun., Jan. 1—Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

8:30 AM—Mass: Priests of the Diocese of Richmond  
11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

**\*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, especially Mrs. Maryjane Fuller, Fr. John Abe and Msgr. Joseph P. Lehman, III.**

## 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!**

### SOLEMNITY FOR 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

### BAPTISM ANNOUNCEMENT

We would like to announce that Maxwell Waschko Strawn, infant son of Evan and Madelyn Strawn of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, will be receiving the Sacrament of Baptism on Monday, December 26, 2022, at 1:00 PM. Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism will be Father Ned J. Blick, visiting priest from the Catholic Diocese of Wichita, who is Maxwell's great-uncle.

## Scripture Readings

### 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

### Dec. 26 Feast of St. Stephen, First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4,6&8ab,16bc&17/Ps 118:26a,27a/Mt 10:17-22

### 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

### Dec. 28 Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-5,7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18

### 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

### Dec. 30 Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6,12-14/Ps 128:1-5/Col 3:15a,16a/Mt 2:13-15,19-23

### 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

### Jan. 1 Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3,5,6,8/Gal 4:4-7/Heb 1:1-2/Lk 2:16-21

## 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.

### ANGEL TREE UPDATE

Many thanks to all those who so generously donated gifts for this year's Christmas Angel Tree program. Deliveries and pick up of gifts took place this past week to help eight local families experience good will and a brighter Christmas holiday.

Special thanks to Melody & Ginger Mary for assisting with preparing the Angel Tree tags, the New Kent Christmas Mother program for the donated Christmas stockings and to Food Lion for the donation of food boxes.

While it has been a pleasure to coordinate this outreach effort over the past fifteen years, due to the increase in office responsibilities, the parish secretary will no longer be heading up this effort going forward.

If you feel called to share your time and talents in this annual ministry, please contact the parish office for additional details and a list of responsibilities. Training will be provided. Thank you.

### 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 804-932-4125.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### BLESSING OF HOMES FOR THE 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 Feast of the Epiphany and pick up a blessing prayer and a piece of chalk to inscribe above the door: "20+C+M+B+23" for the year, and the Latin words "Christus mansionem benedicat," May Christ bless this house.

### 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.*



**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.

**Consecration to the Holy Family:** From Dec. 24, 2022 to Jan. 3, 2023, prior to Mass the Knights will lead the prayer for the Consecration to the Holy Family. Prayer cards will be handed out at each Mass.

**Thanks to All Parishioners:** A heartfelt thank you to all parishioners who donated baby products to the East End Pregnancy Center. Your donations will go a long way to helping pregnant women after the birth of their child.

**Polar Plunge Feb. 4, 2023:** Life Director, Jeffrey Gargiulo, will be plunging into the icy waters of the Atlantic to raise funds for the Virginia Special Olympic Athletes. If you would like to donate to support this worthy cause, please contact Jeffrey at [jrgarg55@yahoo.com](mailto:jrgarg55@yahoo.com) for a secure link.

**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 K of C Council at SEAS 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 Knights of Columbus 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.