

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

“God has sent the spirit of His Son into our hearts.” If the Spirit of Jesus is prompting you to love and serve Him as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother, 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.

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.



FROM THE USCCB...

Please join us in praying for his holiness, Pope-Emeritus Benedict XVI:

Let us pray. Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear our prayers for your sick servant Benedict for whom we implore the aid of your tender mercy, Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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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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)



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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 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God January 1, 2023

O God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray, that we may experience the intercession of her, through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life, 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, Giovanni Battista Salvi da Sassoferrato, 17th Century

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. 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

Mon., Jan. 2—Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen
*Office Closed

Tuesday, Jan. 3—The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Wednesday, Jan. 4—Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
11:00 AM—Mass: Special Intention

Thursday, Jan. 5—St. John Neumann
7:30 PM—K of C Virtual Mtg.

Friday, Jan. 6—St. André Bessette

Saturday, Jan. 7—Vigil
5:00 PM—Confessions
5:30 PM—Mass: Special Intention

Sun., Jan. 8—Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
8:30 AM—Mass: Special Intention
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, 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; 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!

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023!

May this New Year bring you joy and may each day be blessed with peace, prosperity, good health and happiness too!

ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Christmas flower donations were received this past week by John & Mary Ann Keogh and by Joseph & Victoria Snavely in memory/honor of Gloria Snyder and Joseph Snavely, Sr.

THANK YOU

A donation to the parish was received last week in the amount of \$11,405.95 for the maintenance fund, to be used for the remaining rectory maintenance. Many thanks to our generous SEAS family for their continued support of our parish!

Scripture Readings

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

Jan. 2 Memorial of Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1,2-3ab,3cd-4/Heb 1:1-2/Jn 1:19-28

Jan. 3 Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1,3cd-6/Jn 1:14a,12a/Jn 1:29-34

Jan. 4 Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1,7-9/Heb 1:1-2/Jn 1:35-42

Jan. 5 Memorial of Saint John Neumann

1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-5/Jn 1:43-51

Jan. 6 Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-15,19-20/Mk 9:6/Mt 1:7-11

Jan. 7 Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-5&6a&9b/Lk 7:16/Jn 2:1-11

Jan. 8 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

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.

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's Feast Day is Wednesday, January 4, 2023. In honor of this special day, we will be celebrating Mass at 11:00 AM.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first American saint, was born in New York City as Elizabeth Ann Bayley in 1774. She was brought up Episcopalian, but later became a convert to Catholicism. She was married at the age of 19 to William M. Seton and had five children. After she became a widow at the age of 29, she became a Catholic and foundress of the American parochial school system. She eventually founded the American chapter of the Daughters of Charity, which has over 4000 members today. She is the Patron Saint of our parish. She died in 1821 at the age of 47.

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 CLOSING

The parish office will be closed for New Year's on Monday, January 2, 2023.

PRIVATE PRAYER TIME

If you would like to schedule private prayer time in the Church during the week, please call the parish office at 932-4125 and we will be happy to assist you. Any changes to the office schedule will be updated to the parish voicemail or website calendar.

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.

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 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 Cassano family, the Gargiulo family, the Griffin 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.

To learn more about the Knights of Columbus 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.