OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

"Let each of you lead the life that the Lord has assigned, to which God has called you." Do you think the Lord is calling you to the priesthood? 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.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish is enrolled in Kroger Community Rewards. You can help support the SEAS New Church Fund by shopping at Kroger and using your Kroger Plus Card.

To enroll, visit https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards. Click on "Link Your Shoppers Card" and get started. The parish account number is: CF801.

BLESSING OF THROATS NEXT WEEKEND

In honor of St. Blaise, whose feast day falls on Friday, February 3, 2023, we will be having the Blessing of Throats at Masses next weekend, Feb. 4/5. Two candles are blessed, held slightly open, and pressed against the throat as the blessing is said.

St. Blaise's protection of those with throat troubles comes from a legend that a boy was brought to him who had a fishbone stuck in his throat.

The boy was about to die when St. Blaise healed him.

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: <u>mkee-nan@richmonddiocese.org</u>.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD Thursday, February 2, 2023 11:00 AM Mass

Today the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas day, since the blessing of candles is included in today's liturgy. If you would like to have your candles blessed at the daily Mass on Thursday, Feb. 2nd at 11:00 AM, please see Mary Brooks before Mass begins so she can direct you where to place your candles. Thank you!

Knights of Columbus Council 14034 Jeffrey Gargiulo, PGK at the 50th Annual March for Life Washington, DC, January 20, 2023



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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 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 29, 2023

Grant us,
Lord our God,
that we may
honor you with
all our mind, and
love everyone in
truth of heart.

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.



Christ the Judge, Fra Angelico, 1447

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, Jan. 28—Vigil 5:00 PM—Confessions

5:30 PM—Mass: †John Swierczek

Sunday, Jan. 29—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM—Mass: People of the Parish 11:00 AM—Mass: Birthday of Tom Cashin

Monday, Jan. 30—Weekday 5:30 PM—RCIA Mtg.

Tuesday, Jan. 31—St. John Bosco

Wednesday, Feb. 1—Weekday 4:30 PM—BLAZE Mtg.

Thursday, Feb. 2—The Presentation of the Lord

11:00 AM—Mass: Special Intention 7:30 PM—K of C Virtual Mtg.

Friday, Feb. 3—St. Blaise; St. Ansgar

Saturday, Feb. 4—Vigil 5:00 PM—Confessions

5:30 PM—Mass: Special Intention

Sunday, Feb. 5—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

*Daily Mass this week is on Thursday at 11:00 AM.

SEAS Parish Prayer List



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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.

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.

And those who have died are remembered in a special way, especially Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Rev. Charles Saglio, Jr., Rev. Stephen McNally, Msgr. Joseph P. Lehman, III, Mrs. Maryjane Fuller, Mrs. Gertrude Langford, Mrs. Mabel Rhymes Hart, Mrs. Irma Gregory, Mrs. Alice R. Iacovone, Baby Epps and Fr. John Abe.

Parish Contributions

If you are a registered SEAS parishioner and would like contribution information, please contact the parish office at 804-932-4125.

<u>Donation options</u>: Sign-up for E-giving on the parish website at <u>seascatholicchurch.org</u>; 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!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS & SOUP SUPPERS DURING LENT Volunteer Coordinator Needed

A volunteer coordinator or team is needed to continue offering public Stations of the Cross and Vegetarian Soup Suppers on Fridays during Lent at SEAS Parish. Duties include: soliciting volunteers through in-person, phone calls and/or bulletin announcements to lead the Stations and make soup, creating a roster of volunteers to publish in the bulletin and signing out a church key and an alarm code in order to open up on Fridays and lock up after the Stations of the Cross and soup supper has finished. Due to safe environment regulations, it is necessary that the coordinator remain on site during this event.

If volunteers are not available, public Stations and soup suppers will not be scheduled and only private and outdoor Stations will be available.

For questions or to volunteer, please contact the parish office at 804-932-4125.

Scripture Readings

Jan. 28 Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas

Heb 11:1-2,8-19/Lk 1:69-73,75/Jn 3:16/Mk 4:35-41

Jan. 29 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:12a/Mt 5:1-12a

Jan. 30 Mon. of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20-24/Lk 7:16/Mk 5:1-20

Jan. 31 Memorial of St. John Bosco

Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-28&30-32/Mt 8:17/Mk 5:21-43

Feb. 1 Wed. of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time Heb 12:4-7,11-15/Ps 103:1-2,13-14,17-18a/Jn 10:27/

Feb. 2 Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7-10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:32/Lk 2:22-40

Feb. 3 Fri. of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1,3,5,8b-9abc/Lk 8:15/Mk 6:14-29

Feb. 4 Sat. of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time Heb 13:15-17,20-21/Ps 23:1-3a,3b-6/Jn 10:27/Mk 6:30-34

Feb. 5 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Jn 8:12/Mt 5:13-16

Parish News

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

The season of Lent begins at Midnight on the morning of Ash Wednesday, February 22. SEAS Parish will be celebrating Ash Wednesday Masses (with Imposition of Ashes) at 12:00 PM and 7:00 PM.

2022 TAX STATEMENTS

Contribution statements for 2022 were mailed out from the parish this week. Please take a few minutes to review your statement and contact the parish office at 932-4125 if you have any questions.

NUN RUN FOOD DONATIONS

Items donated for the monthly Nun Run help support two communities of women religious, the Poor Clare Nuns and the Little Sisters of St. Francis.

The cloistered Poor Clares are vegetarian but eat fish twice a week. They can use canned veggies, fruit, rice, flour, salt, canned tuna and salmon as well as toothpaste, paper products and soap. The Little Sisters of St. Francis appreciate canned foods, gelatin desserts, puddings and soups as well as paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, bleach, disinfectant wipes and wash cloths for bathing their residents.

On the first weekend of each month, there is a collection for both communities. Donated items can be placed in the collection box in the Commons Area of the Church. The next collection date is: <u>Feb. 4/5</u>. Deliveries to the two communities of women religious occur on the Monday or Tuesday after the first weekend of the month.

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.

FUEL & HUNGER GRANT

We are pleased to share that St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish has been awarded \$2,000.00 from the Catholic Diocese of Richmond Fuel and Hunger Fund for 2023. These funds are made possible through the Diocesan Annual Appeal and will aid our parish (through the parish charities fund) in continuing the important work of supporting those in need throughout our local community.

PARISH CHARITIES FUND

SEAS Parish has two yearly collections for our Parish Charities Fund. This fund allows us to provide food baskets to local families at Thanksgiving through our Rel. Ed. Service Project, food and fuel assistance in emergency situations, as well as assistance with utility disconnect notices, etc., and urgent needs referred from our local NKDSS.

Our next upcoming Parish Charities collection is on Holy Thursday, April 6, 2023. Contributions to the parish charities fund can also be made at any time throughout the year by placing the donation in the collection basket marked for this fund. Also, electronic donations may be made to this fund at anytime on the SEAS Parish website at: https://seascatholicchurch.org/support-your-parish/

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.

Virginia March for Life: On Feb. 1, 2023, the Virginia March for Life will be held at the steps of the State Capital in Richmond. The rally will begin at 12pm and the March will start at 1pm. Contact Jeffrey Gargiulo at irgarg55@yahoo.com for more information.

Prayer Request: Please remember in prayer: the Kulick family, 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.

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish would like to announce that Karli Ann Zilberfarb and Blake Michael Johansen will be celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage next Saturday, February 4, 2023 after the 5:30 PM Vigil Mass.

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.