

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the state in life God has prepared for you? If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, 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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE—FEBRUARY 22 THROUGH APRIL 2

40 Days for Life is a peaceful, sidewalk prayer vigil, aimed at supporting women in crisis pregnancy with prayer and resources including housing, counseling, medical care, ultrasounds, education and more. We encourage the faithful of the diocese to choose a recurring time and day to participate during the season of Lent. The goal of the pro-life community is to provide a mother with everything she might need to keep her child and be supported as their child grows. Visit <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/richmond> for more information or to sign up for vigil hours.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

From Greg & Christine Barlage...

Last fall we decided to go to a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) Experience, and we wanted to share a few thoughts. We thought everything was going fine in our marriage, but with many changes in our lives the last few years, we felt like we needed a little boost. We came across WWME while on the diocese website and thought why not give it a try. As a bonus, there happened to be a WWME weekend at the beach in NC. After the WWME weekend, we decided to take our experience and put it into practice. It has been a major blessing for our marriage. Even if you get along great as a couple, a WWME experience can make it better. It was like that 35-year maintenance checkup we needed. Everyday life can cause you to lose touch with your spouse. A WWME Experience can put you back on track. We believe we are a much better couple, better parents, and better Christians because of it. We would like to invite every couple to check it out at <https://wwme.org/> and if it looks good to you, go for it and apply for a weekend. If you have any questions, please contact us at gbarlage@verizon.net (804-519-3276) or chrisbarlage@verizon.net (804-921-4873).

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: mkeenana@richmonddiocese.org.

2023 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Welcome to the 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal—Sharing His Love with Others

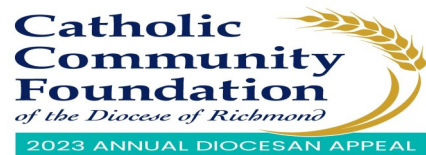
Many of you have received a letter from Bishop Knestout asking for your support. For those of you who have not received a mailing or had an opportunity to respond, we will be conducting our digital in-pew process the weekends of Feb. 25/26 and March 4/5 to direct donations to the diocesan secure website: <https://richmondatholicfoundation.org/appeal-2/>.

Each gift that is contributed to the Appeal makes a big difference because the gifts enable our Diocese to deliver needed ministries and services such as heating and grocery assistance to families through the Fuel and Hunger Fund, health insurance and long-term care for our retired priests, and tuition for our future priests to attend the seminary.

In addition, all parishes receive back a portion of their funds collected to be used for important local priorities. This year, the funds returned to SEAS Parish will be added to our maintenance fund to provide for our parish properties.

The Diocese has set the total goal for SEAS Parish this year at \$16,580.00.

All pledges can be paid in monthly installments. Thank you in advance for your support.



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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 First Sunday of Lent
February 26, 2023*

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.

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 Temptation of Christ
Juan de Flandes, 1500

Parish Staff

Pastor:	Rev. J. Scott Duarte, J.C.D.	804-557-3962
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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, Feb. 25—Vigil
5:00 PM—Confessions
5:30 PM—Mass: Special Intention

Sunday, Feb. 26—First Sunday of Lent
8:30 AM—Mass: Special Intention
11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

Monday, Feb. 27—St. Gregory of Narek

Tuesday, Feb. 28—Lenten Weekday

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

Thursday, March 2—Lenten Weekday
7:30 PM—K of C Virtual Mtg.

Friday, March 3—St. Katharine Drexel
6:30 PM—Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM—Lenten Soup Supper (SEAS Hall)

Saturday, March 4—Vigil
5:00 PM—Confessions
5:30 PM—Mass: Special Intention

Sunday, March 5—Second Sunday of Lent
8:30 AM—Mass: Special Intention
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.

And those who have died are remembered in a special way, especially Walter Burchanowski, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Rev. Charles Saglio, Jr., Rev. Stephen McNally, Msgr. Joseph P. Lehman, III, Mrs. Maryjane Fuller, Mrs. Irma Gregory, Fr. John Abe and the earthquake victims of Turkey and Syria.

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!

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) Prayer Request

This weekend, our RCIA Catechumens, Jackie O'Connor, Forrest Parker and Brandon Smith, along with their sponsors, families and members of the RCIA team, will celebrate the Rite of Election at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond with Bishop Knestout. From this point on our Catechumens will be among “The Elect,” those chosen in Christ to receive the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Please keep Jackie, Forrest, Brandon, and all the Catechumens of our Diocese, in your prayers as they undertake with generous hearts and souls what God asks of them.

THANK YOU FR. BOB!

Many thanks to Fr. Robert Brownell, retired priest of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond for celebrating our two Ash Wednesday Masses. You have our heartfelt thanks.

Scripture Readings

Feb. 25 Saturday after Ash Wednesday
Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-6/Ez 33:11/Lk 5:27-32

Feb. 26 First Sunday of Lent
Gn 2:7-9;3:1-7/Ps 51:3-6,12-14&17/Rom 5:12-19/Mt 4:4b/Mt 4:1-11

Feb. 27 Monday of the First Week of Lent
Lv 19:1-2,11-18/Ps 19:8-10,15/2 Cor 6:2b/Mt 25:31-46

Feb. 28 Tuesday of the First Week of Lent
Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7,16-19/Mt 4:4b/Mt 6:7-15

March 1 Wednesday of the First Week of Lent
Jn 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4,12-13,18-19/Jl 2:12-13/Lk 11:29-32

March 2 Thursday of the First Week of Lent
Est C:12,14-16,23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab,2cde-3,7c-8/Ps 51:12a,14a/Mt 7:7-12

March 3 Friday of the First Week of Lent
Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-4,5-7a,7bc-8/Ez 18:31/Mt 5:20-26

March 4 Saturday of the First Week of Lent
Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2,4-5,7-8/2 Cor 6:2b/Mt 5:43-48

March 5 Second Sunday of Lent
Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:5/Mt 17:1-9

Parish News

STATIONS OF THE CROSS & SOUP SUPPERS DURING LENT

During Lent we will be having Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 6:30 PM. Upcoming Lay Leaders are:
3/03/23—James Ginter
3/10/23—John Leyo
3/17/23—Edward Gillikin, Sr.
3/24/23—Mark Dupuis
3/31/23—Volunteer Needed

A meatless soup supper will follow Stations in the SEAS Social Hall. Volunteer soup makers are still needed. Current volunteers are:

3/03/23—James Ginter
Volunteer Needed
3/10/23—John Leyo
Mike & Lillian McElhinney
3/17/23—Edward Gillikin, Sr.
Volunteer Needed
3/24/23—Mark Dupuis
Volunteer Needed
3/31/23—Evelyn & Herbert Chappell
Volunteer Needed

If you would like to help out, please contact K of C Faith Director, James Ginter at james.ginter@kofc.org or K of C Life Chairman Jeffrey Gargiulo at jrgarg55@yahoo.com.

There is also a sign-up sheet to make soup on the bulletin board in the Commons Area.

WELCOME!

Please extend a warm SEAS welcome to Fr. James Arsenault, pastor of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church in Richmond who is celebrating Mass with us this Saturday, February 25, 2023. We thank you for your support and prayers!

NUN RUN FOOD DONATIONS

Next weekend, **March 4/5**, is our monthly collection for the Nun Run Food Donations for the Poor Clare nuns and Little Sisters of St. Francis. Please place all donations in the collection box in the Commons Area of the Church. Thank you for your continued support of this monthly ministry.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Each year during Lent we invite you to take a Rice Bowl in support of the global work of Catholic Relief Services. During the season of Lent, please pray and reflect on the poverty both here and around the world. Place donations in your Rice Bowl during this time and return your filled Rice Bowl during the Easter season. Rice Bowls are available at both Church entrances. Thank you for your support of this Lenten sharing.

GUIDELINES FOR LENT

Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when health or the ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

Fasting, almsgiving and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

2023 GRASS-CUTTING TEAMS

Team members and substitutes are needed for the 2023 spring/summer grass-cutting schedule. We are especially in need of volunteers for the 3rd week of the month. If you were on the schedule last year and are still able to volunteer, or if you are new to the parish and would like to get involved, please contact the parish office at 932-4125.

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.

Thank you All: Thanks to all the Knights and parishioners who so generously donated to the Virginia Special Olympics Polar Plunge this year. Because of your generosity, Jeffrey Gargiulo was able to raise \$1,352 to support the Virginia Special Olympic athletes.

Stations of the Cross: The council is seeking volunteers to help lead the Stations of the Cross at SEAS Parish during Lent. We also need volunteers to provide vegetarian soup and bread for the suppers after the Stations of the Cross. Please contact Jeffrey at jrgarg55@yahoo.com to volunteer.

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 Casano 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.