

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send?’” Do you think the Lord wants to send you as a priest? 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.

ANNUAL SCOUT MASS

Sunday, March 12th, 3pm at St. Mary Catholic Church, Richmond, VA
Each year, all youth and adults involved with Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, American Heritage Girls or Trail Life in the Diocese of Richmond are invited to attend the annual Scout Mass, where those who have earned religious emblems throughout the past year will be honored. All scouts who earned emblems in 2022 will receive an email invitation for their family to attend this event. All scouts, troop leaders, and families who wish to attend are asked to RSVP at: <https://evangelizerichmond.org/events/2023-scout-mass/>.

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.

2023 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

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

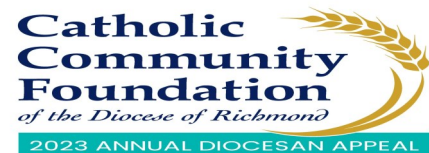
Many of you have received a letter from Bishop Knestout asking for your support. For those of you who have not received a mailing or had an opportunity to respond, we will be conducting our digital in-pew process the weekends of Feb. 25/26 and March 4/5 to direct donations to the diocesan secure website: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

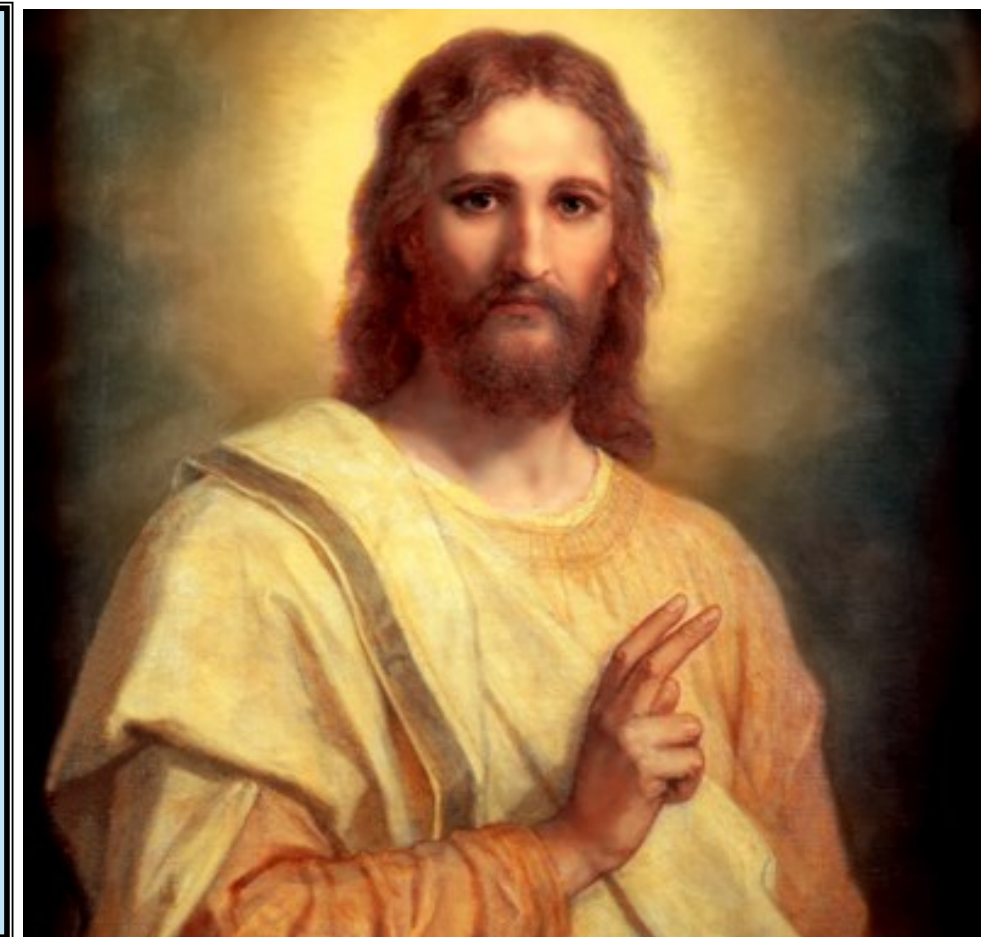
Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM; Sunday: 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered Saturdays at 5:00 PM and by appointment.

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 5, 2023

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection.

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's Image, Heinrich Hofmann, 1894

Parish Staff

Pastor:	Rev. J. Scott Duarte, J.C.D.	804-557-3962
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Parish Musicians:	Elisabeth Satterley and Michael Horvath	804-932-4125

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. 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

Monday, Feb. 6—St. Paul Miki and Companions

5:30 PM—RCIA Mtg.

Tuesday, Feb. 7—Weekday

Wednesday, Feb. 8—St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita

4:30 PM—BLAZE Mtg.

Thursday, Feb. 9—Weekday

Friday, Feb. 10—St. Scholastica

Saturday, Feb. 11—Vigil

5:00 PM—Confessions
5:30 PM—Mass: Special Intention

Sunday, Feb. 12—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



“And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well.”
James 5:15

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. Lorna Schmitz, 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.

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!

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

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

Feb. 6 Memorial of St. Paul Miki and Companions

Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a,5-6,10&12,24&35c/Mt 4:23/Mk 6:53-56

Feb. 7 Tues. of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-9/Ps 119:36,29b/Mk 7:1-13

Feb. 8 Wed. of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

Gn 2:4b-9,15-17/Ps 104:1-2a,27-28,29bc-30/Jn 17:17b,17a/Mk 7:14-23

Feb. 9 Thurs. of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-5/Jas 1:21bc/Mk 7:24-30

Feb. 10 Memorial of St. Scholastica

Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2,5-7/Acts 16:14b/Mk 7:31-37

Feb. 11 Sat. of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2,3-4abc,5-6,12-13/Mt 4:4b/Mk 8:1-10

Feb. 12 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 11:25/Mt 5:17-37

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.

A GENTLE REMINDER

Checks that are missing signatures or dates, filled out with last year's date or have a discrepancy between the written amount and the amount written in the box are being rejected by the bank's scanners. This results in a call to the office to pick up and correct the entire deposit and re-submit it to the bank which is very time consuming. Please check your contribution for accuracy before placing it in the collection basket at Mass. Thank you!

NUN RUN FOOD DONATIONS

On the first weekend of each month, there is a collection for the Poor Clare nuns and the Little Sisters of St. Francis. Donated items can be placed in the collection box in the Commons Area of the Church. The next collection date is: **Feb. 4/5**. Thank you for your support of this ongoing ministry.

2023 GRASS-CUTTING TEAMS

Come one and all for a service opportunity with plenty of fresh air and sunshine. Team members and substitutes are needed for the 2023 spring/summer grass-cutting schedule. 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.

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.

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.

OFFICE CLOSING

The parish office will be closed on Thursday, February 9, 2023.

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.