

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

“Morning by morning He wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.” Listen in prayer daily to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, seek to know your vocation. Please contact the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661; email to: vocations@richmonddiocese.org or contact Father J. Scott Duarte, (804) 557-3962; email: sduarte@richmonddiocese.org.

NUN RUN FOOD DONATIONS

Reminder: This weekend, *April 1/2* is our monthly food collection date for the Poor Clare nuns and the Little Sisters of St. Francis. Please drop off food and non-perishable donations to the collection box in the Commons Area of the Church. When donating, please make sure the food containers/packages are sealed by the manufacturer as we are unable to accept partially opened goods or goods that are way past the expiration date. Thank you for your generosity. It is most appreciated!

ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

From the Catholic Community Foundation of the Diocese of Richmond...

“Thank you to the parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish for Sharing His Love with Others and for exceeding the 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal goal! Your generosity is a true reflection of your trust in the Lord.”

CHRISM MASS


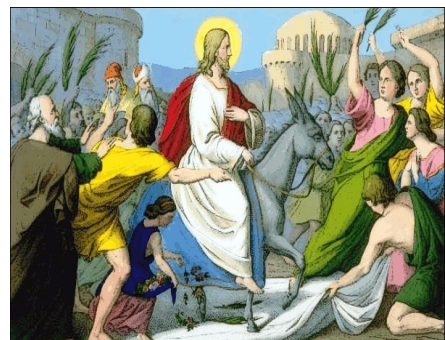
The celebration of the Chrism Mass will take place on **Monday, April 3, 2023 at 6:00 PM** at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. There is no need to register to attend the Mass. Most of the pews will be accessible for general seating. The Chrism Mass is open to all the faithful. Please note there will be parking available in VCU decks that allow public parking.

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.

Palm Sunday

On this day the Church remembers Christ’s entrance into Jerusalem to accomplish the Paschal Mystery. The commemoration on this day, with the blessing of palms and the procession, is not an historical re-enactment of Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem but rather a ritual action that marks our entry into Holy Week and the celebration of the Christian Passover.

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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.

Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion
April 2, 2023

Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Savior to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Entry into Jerusalem
Hippolyte Flandrin, 1842

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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, April 1—Vigil

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

Sunday, April 2—Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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

Monday, April 3—Monday of Holy Week

5:30 PM—RCIA Mtg.

Tuesday, April 4—Tuesday of Holy Week

7:00 PM—Choir Practice

Wednesday, April 5—Wednesday of Holy Week

Thursday, April 6—Holy Thursday

7:00 PM—Mass: Pastor's Intention

Friday, April 7—Friday of the Lord's Passion

10:00 AM—Confessions
3:00 PM—Confessions
7:00 PM—Adoration of the Holy Cross & Holy Comm.

Saturday, April 8—Holy Saturday Vigil

7:30 PM—Mass: All those being baptized this Easter

Sunday, April 9—The Resurrection of the Lord

8:30 AM—Easter Mass: People of the Parish
11:00 AM—Easter Mass: Thomas Bartelson

***There is no public daily Mass this week and no Sacrament of Reconciliation on Holy Saturday.**

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 and home-bound of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, our local community and the Catholic Diocese of Richmond. Also, please remember in prayer all "the elect" called to receive the Easter Sacraments this year.

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 Mrs. Caroline Joseph, Mr. Walter Burchanowski, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Rev. Charles Saglio, Jr., Rev. Stephen McNally, Msgr. Joseph P. Lehman, III, Mrs. Maryjane Fuller, Mrs. Irma Gregory 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!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE (APRIL 6-9)

- **Holy Thursday:** Holy Mass at 7:00 PM
- **Good Friday:** Liturgy of the Adoration of the Holy Cross and Holy Communion at 7:00 PM
- **Easter Saturday:** Great Vigil of Easter and Mass of the Resurrection at 7:30 PM
- **Easter Sunday Masses:** 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

***Good Friday Update:** Father Scott will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) on Good Friday, April 7th, at 10:00 AM and at 3:00 PM. Also, the Church will be open for private Stations of the Cross from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM.

****Office Closing:** The parish office will be closed on Easter Monday and Tuesday, April 10-11, 2023.

Scripture Readings

April 1 Saturday of the Fifth Week of Lent

Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10,11-12abcd,13/Ez 18:31/Jn 11:45-56

April 2 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Mt 2:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9,17-20,23-24/Phil 2:6-11/Phil 2:8-9/Mt 26:14—27:66

April 3 Monday of Holy Week

Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1-3,13-14/Jn 12:1-11

April 4 Tuesday of Holy Week

Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-4a,5ab-6ab,15&17/Jn 13:21-33,36-38

April 5 Wednesday of Holy Week

Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10,21-22,31&33-34/Mt 26:14-25

April 6 Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper

Ex 12:1-8,11-14/Ps 116:12-13,15-16bc,17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:34/Jn 13:1-15

April 7 Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2,6,12-13,15-17,25/Heb 4:11-16/Phil 2:8-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

April 8 Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil

Gn 1:1—2:2/Ps 104/Gn 22:1-18/Ps 16/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-6,17-18/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-6/Bar 3:9-15,32—4:4/Ps 19/Ez 36:16-17a,18-28/Ps 42/Ps 118/Rom 6:3-11/Mt 28:1-10

April 9 The Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a,37-43/Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23/Col 3:1-4/1 Cor 5:7/Jn 20:1-9

Parish News

PARISH-WIDE PICNIC

Sunday, April 23rd, 12:00 PM

Everyone is invited to attend the parish-wide picnic scheduled for April 23, 2023, after the 11:00 AM Mass.

This event is being sponsored by our Knights of Columbus Council 14034. The menu will include hamburgers, hot dogs, french fries, beverages and assorted goodies.

Please make plans to attend and enjoy fellowship with your SEAS parishioners. All are welcome.

CRS RICE BOWLS

Please return your filled CRS Rice Bowls to the basket in the Commons Area of the Church during the Easter season, if you have not already done so. Many thanks to all who participated in this Lenten outreach in support of the work of Catholic Relief Services around the world.

HOLY THURSDAY

PARISH CHARITIES COLLECTION

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. Donations can be placed in a plain envelope since the bi-monthly mailing does not have a designated envelope. 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/>.

GOOD FRIDAY—CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND COLLECTION

As a reminder, once again this year on Good Friday, April 7, 2023, there will be a collection for Christians in the Holy Land.

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.

BUILDING & GROUNDS Volunteers Needed...

SEAS Parish is in need of volunteers to help with landscaping this spring and summer with weeding, pruning, mulching, cleaning gutters and blowing leaves from the shrubbery beds and around the church buildings to keep the sidewalks clear. If you would like to assist, please call 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.

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.

Parish-Wide Picnic: Everyone is invited to attend the parish-wide picnic on April 23, 2023, after the 11:00 AM Mass. This event is sponsored by the K of C. The menu will include hamburgers, hot dogs, french fries and other goodies.

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.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 4th from 7:00-8:30 PM. If you are interested in joining the choir or assisting with Holy Week, please make plans to attend or speak with Beth Ann Luther or Debbie Grosser after 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.