

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

“He became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him.” The gift of a vocation to the priesthood is discerned through prayer and grace. 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.

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY...

Lent is a time to open the doors of our hearts a little wider and understand our Lord a little deeper, so that when Good Friday and eventually Easter comes, it is not just another day at church but an opportunity to receive the overflowing of graces God has to offer. Are you ready for Easter? Are you ready to be an example of God’s love each day of your life? Receiving the Sacrament of Penance cleanses our hearts of sin and opens them to the fullness of God’s love.

Come to know Jesus as a friend, and experience God’s unbelievable love and generosity toward us.



OFFICE CLOSING:

The parish office will be closed for Easter on Monday and Tuesday, April 10 & April 11, 2023.

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.

NUN RUN FOOD DONATIONS

Reminder: Next 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.



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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 of Lent March 26, 2023

**By your help,
we beseech you,
Lord our God,
may we walk
eagerly in that same
charity with which,
out of love for
the world, your Son
handed himself
over to death.**

**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 Resurrection of Lazarus
Giovanni di Paolo, 1426

Parish Staff

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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, March 25—Vigil

5:00 PM—Confessions
5:30 PM—Mass: †Pat Wallace

Sunday, March 26—Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM—Mass: †Caroline Joseph
11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

Monday, March 27—Lenten Weekday

5:30 PM—RCIA Mtg.

Tuesday, March 28—Lenten Weekday

Wednesday, March 29—Lenten Weekday

11:00 AM—Mass: Special Intention
7:00 PM—Choir Practice

Thursday, March 30—Lenten Weekday

4:30 PM—BLAZE Mtg.

Friday, March 31—Lenten Weekday

6:30 PM—Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM—Lenten Soup Supper (SEAS Hall)

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

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

SEAS Parish Prayer List



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.

"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 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 2-9)

- **Palm Sunday:** Saturday Vigil at 5:30 PM and Sunday Masses at 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM
- **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.

Scripture Readings

March 25 Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
Is 7:10-14;8:10/Ps 40:7-8a,8b-11/Heb 10:4-10/Jn 1:14ab/Lk 1:26-38

March 26 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:25a,26/Jn 11:1-45

March 27 Monday of the Fifth Week of Lent

Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62/Ps 23:1-3ab,4-6/Ez 33:11/Jn 8:1-11

March 28 Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Lent

Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3,16-21/Jn 8:21-30

March 29 Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Lent

Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95/Dn 3:52-56/Lk 8:15/Jn 8:31-42

March 30 Thursday of the Fifth Week of Lent

Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-9/Ps 95:8/Jn 8:51-59

March 31 Friday of the Fifth Week of Lent

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a,3bc-7/Jn 6:63c,68c/Jn 10:31-42

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

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.

3/31/23—Stations Volunteer Needed

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

3/31/23—Evelyn & Herbert Chappell
Jeffrey & Roberta Gargiulo

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.

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.

OUR CONDOLENCES...

We would like to express our condolences to Pamela and Olavo Dias and the Wagner family of our parish, who are mourning the loss of Pamela's mother, Caroline Joseph, who passed away at age 94 on Feb. 18, 2023 in New Jersey. Caroline's family at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton includes her granddaughter Nevada (Aaron) Wagner and great grandchildren Eric and Ella Wagner. Caroline was born in Bombay, India and was a devoted wife, a caring mother, grandmother and great grandmother and was a pillar of strength to her entire family that loved and cherished her. She was preceded in death by her husband, Leo Melvin Joseph and they leave behind seven children, sixteen grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren. Please pray for the happy repose of Caroline's soul and for God's peace and comfort to all her family and friends.

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.

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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 Wednesday, March 29th and 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.