

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

“As the Father has sent Me, so I send you.” Do you have a growing interest in sharing the Lord’s saving mission as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? 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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Does your marriage need a boost? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience will help you enjoy life with a new closeness to each other and God. You don’t need it—you deserve a Marriage Encounter Experience. For more information, or to register, go to WWME.org, click “Apply” and search for “Virginia” or your desired location. Feel free to contact Mark and Cathy Stangler at 703-378-4150 or mstang1987@aol.com with any questions. Upcoming dates: Sept. 22-24, 2023—Crowne Plaza Hotel, Herndon, VA; Nov. 17-19, 2023—Holiday Inn, Virginia Beach, VA.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process of study and prayer for those who have never been baptized, were baptized in another Christian denomination and would like to become Catholic, or were baptized Catholic, but never received the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist or Confirmation. For more information about our programs at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, please contact the parish office at 932-4125 to be put in touch with our RCIA Coordinator.



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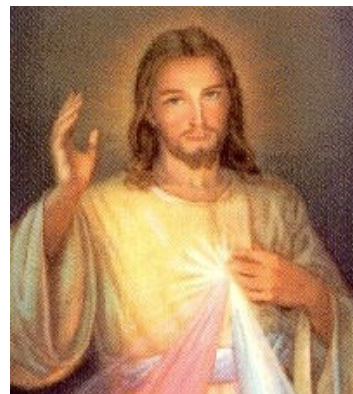
A Gift Anyone Can Make: Want to support your parish but think you cannot afford to give? There are ways to give today while still preserving your retirement assets. If you are 72 or over, a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA directly to the parish helps the parish and provides 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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (4/16)

Throughout the centuries Our Lord and His Blessed Mother have appeared to people of faith bringing a message of salvation and love. The message and devotion to Jesus as *The Divine Mercy* is based on the writings of St. Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun, who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary recording the revelations she received about God’s mercy.

The message of mercy is that God loves us—all of us—no matter how great our sins. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Devotion to *The Divine Mercy* is a decision to trust completely in Him, to accept His mercy with thanksgiving, and to be merciful as He is merciful. By doing this you will gain great peace of mind and soul.

Pamphlets on how to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy are located by both Church entrances.



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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.

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)
April 16, 2023

God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed.

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 Incredulity of St. Thomas (Maestà Altarpiece)
Duccio di Buoninsegna, 1308-11

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*

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Parish Schedule

Saturday, April 15—Vigil

5:00 PM—Confessions
5:30 PM—Mass: Special Intention
6:30 PM—K of C Mtg.

Sunday, April 16—Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

8:30 AM—Mass: †George & Jean Stine
11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

Monday, April 17—Easter Weekday

Tuesday, April 18—Easter Weekday

Wednesday, April 19—Easter Weekday

11:00 AM—Mass: Special Intention

Thursday, April 20—Easter Weekday

4:30 PM—BLAZE Mtg.

Friday, April 21—Saint Anselm

Saturday, April 22—Vigil

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

Sunday, April 23—Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM—Mass: Special Intention
11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish
12:00 PM—K of C Sponsored Parish Picnic

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

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 those 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 Paulette Perkinson, Caroline Joseph, Walter Burchanowski, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Rev. Charles Saglio, Jr., Rev. Stephen McNally, Msgr. Joseph P. Lehman, III, 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!

THANK YOU

A donation to the parish was received this week in the amount of \$1,027.50 for the maintenance fund to help with the HVAC repairs for the sanctuary. Many thanks to our SEAS parishioner for their continued support and generosity!

HVAC REPAIRS UPDATE

The parish has been getting quotes to replace the larger unit for the sanctuary, but due to the size of the heat pump and air handler (which will need to be replaced as well in the attic space), the total cost will run between \$12,000-\$16,500. We hope to have the replacement completed this week, but in the interim, we are grateful for everyone's patience and continued financial stewardship as we tackle this project.

Scripture Readings

April 15 Saturday in the Octave of Easter

Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1&14-15ab,16-21/Ps 118:24/Mk 16:9-15

April 16 Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:29/Jn 20:19-31

April 17 Monday of the Second Week of Easter

Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3,4-7ab,9/Col 3:1/Jn 3:1-8

April 18 Tuesday of the Second Week of Easter

Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab,1cd-2,5/Jn 3:14-15/Jn 3:7b-15

April 19 Wednesday of the Second Week of Easter

Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-9/Jn 3:16/Jn 3:16-21

April 20 Thursday of the Second Week of Easter

Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2&9,17-20/Jn 20:29/Jn 3:31-36

April 21 Friday of the Second Week of Easter

Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1,4-14/Mt 4:4b/Jn 6:1-15

April 22 Saturday of the Second Week of Easter

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2,4-5,18-19/Jn 6:16-21

April 23 Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14,22-33/Ps 16:1-2,5,7-11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:32/Lk 24:13-35

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.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

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

- To enroll your Plus Card, visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com.
- Click on “Create An Account.”
- Enter your email address and create a password, agreeing to terms and conditions.
- Enter your card number and our church name, “St. Elizabeth Ann Seton” or our account number, CF801.

Questions? Please contact the parish office at 932-4125.

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 Poor Clares are vegetarian but eat fish twice a week. They can use canned veggies, fruit, rice, flour, canned tuna and salmon as well as paper products. The Little Sisters of St. Francis appreciate canned veggies, gelatin desserts, puddings, soups, paper products, disinfectant wipes and personal hygiene products for the mentally and physically handicapped residents they care for. On the first weekend of each month, there is a collection for both communities. **Next date: May 6/7.**

BUILDING & GROUNDS Volunteers Needed...

SEAS Parish is in need of volunteers to help with landscaping this summer: weeding, pruning, mulching, cleaning gutters and blowing leaves from the shrubbery beds near the sidewalks to keep them clear. If you would like to assist, please call the parish office at 932-4125.

DIOCESAN OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT Virtus Account Inactivations

We are most grateful to all those who have worked to maintain their *Virtus* accounts and keep up with their monthly training bulletins. In order to prepare for the USCCB audit this summer, the Diocesan Office of Safe Environment is asking all parishes to ensure that safe environment requirements are being met by employees and volunteers. For volunteer requirements:

- Volunteer ScreeningONE background screening is valid and current, not expired.
- Completed *Virtus Protecting God's Children for Adults* Training.
- Up to date with monthly *Virtus* bulletins for Adults.
- Read and acknowledged the required documents: Safe Environment Regulations, Code of Ethical Conduct and Digital Communications and Media Policy.

We ask that all are in compliance no later than **Friday, April 28, 2023** in order to prevent *Virtus* account inactivation. If your account was inactivated in the last round due to inactivity and you wish to reinstate it, please contact the parish office.

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 Cassano 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.

Thanks to All: Thank you to all the Knights and parishioners who were generous with their time and talents during Lent: Leaders for the Stations of the Cross—J. Gargiulo, J. Ginter, J. Leyo, E. Gillikin, M. Dupuis and E. Ginter. A special thanks to everyone who provided bread and soup after the Stations of the Cross—the Gargiulo's, the Huber's, the Leyo's, McElhinney's, the Ginter's, the Dupuis', the Cashin's, the Cunha's and the Chappell's. Many thanks as well to the parish staff for setting up the social hall each week.

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.