

### 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. Each has a different but vital role in the Church.

The Poor Clares are vegetarian but eat fish twice a week. They can use canned veggies, fruit, rice, flour, salt, canned tuna and salmon as well as toothpaste, paper products and soap.

The Little Sisters of St. Francis appreciate canned foods, gelatin desserts, puddings and soups, as well as paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, bleach, disinfectant wipes and non-latex gloves for providing personal hygiene to the mentally and physically handicapped residents they care for. They can also use towels and wash cloths for bathing the residents.

On the first weekend of each month, there is a collection for both communities: **Next date: June 3/4.**

### OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

“And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them.” If you are discerning a vocation to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, please contact the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661; email to: [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org) or contact Father J. Scott Duarte, (804) 557-3962; email: [sduarte@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:sduarte@richmonddiocese.org).



### 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](mailto:mkeenan@richmonddiocese.org).

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### 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.

### POOR CLARE NUNS

Your Poor Clare Sisters are here on Mt. St. Francis praising God and interceding for His suffering people. We sincerely thank the members of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish for your generosity. We pray daily for the needs of your parish and for your pastor, Fr. Scott Duarte.

If you would like to entrust your special needs and intentions to our prayers, please feel free to contact us, using the following information:

Regular mail: Bethlehem Monastery of Poor Clares, 5500 Holly Fork Road, Barhamsville, Virginia 23011.

Phone: 757-566-1684; Email: [mtstfrancis@gmail.com](mailto:mtstfrancis@gmail.com).

To learn more about us, visit our website at: <https://www.poor-clares.org/>.



## ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 Ascension of the Lord

May 21, 2023

**G**ladden us  
with holy joys,  
almighty God, and  
make us rejoice with  
devout thanksgiving,  
for the Ascension  
of Christ your Son  
is our exaltation,  
and, where the  
Head has gone  
before in glory, the  
Body is called to follow  
in hope.

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 Ascension of Christ, Benvenuto Tisio da Garofalo, 1510-1520

### 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, May 20—Vigil

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

### Sunday, May 21—The Ascension of the Lord

8:30 AM—Mass: Little Sisters of St. Francis (100th Anniv)  
11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

### Monday, May 22—St. Rita of Cascia

5:30 PM—RCIA Mtg.

### Tuesday, May 23—Easter Weekday

### Wednesday, May 24—Easter Weekday

### Thursday, May 25—St. Bede; St. Gregory VII; St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi

4:30 PM—BLAZE Mtg.

### Friday, May 26—St. Philip Neri

### Saturday, May 27—Vigil

5:00 PM—Confessions  
5:30 PM—Mass: †J.F. Reckard

### Sunday, May 28—Pentecost Sunday

8:30 AM—Mass: Confirmation Students & Families  
11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish  
2:00 PM—Confirmation (Cathedral of the Sacred Heart)

**\*There will be no publicly celebrated daily Mass this week at the Church.**

## 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.

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

**And those who have died are remembered in a special way, especially: Natalie Pastore Johnson, Anthony Iacovone, Alice R. Iacovone, 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](http://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!**

### SEAS GRADUATES

If your special student is graduating this year from high school or college, please send an email to the office with any details you wish to share so they can be recognized in our annual list of graduates.

### UPCOMING OFFICE CLOSED DATES

Monday, May 29, 2023

### SEAS LENDING LIBRARY

SEAS Lending Library is available for use in the Commons Area of the Church. Pick up some reading material for the summer! If you would like to borrow items, there is a sign-out sheet to borrow items for up to two weeks.

## Scripture Readings

### May 20 Saturday of the Sixth Week of Easter

Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3,8-10/Jn 16:28/Jn 16:23b-28

### May 21 The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3,6-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:19a,20b/Mt 28:16-20

### May 22 Monday of the Seventh Week of Easter

Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab,4-5acd,6-7ab/Col 3:1/Jn 16:29-33

### May 23 Tuesday of the Seventh Week of Easter

Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11,20-21/Jn 14:16/Jn 17:1-11a

### May 24 Wednesday of the Seventh Week of Easter

Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30,33-35abc/Jn 17:17b,17a/Jn 17:11b-19

### May 25 Thursday of the Seventh Week of Easter

Acts 22:30;23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a&5,7-11/Jn 17:21/Jn 17:20-26

### May 26 Memorial of St. Philip Neri

Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2,11-12,19-20ab/Jn 14:26/Jn 21:15-19

### May 27 Saturday of the Seventh Week of Easter

Acts 28:16-20,30-31/Ps 11:4,5&7/Jn 16:7,13/Jn 21:20-25

### May 28 Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1,24,29-31,34/1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13/Jn 20:19-23

## Parish News

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like Spring-time. It's a weekend away with your spouse, the rebirth of romance for the two of you, and a chance at new beginnings. If you'd like to make your marriage even more special than it already is—come check it out. Weekends are limited to 25 couples so register early.

For more information or to register, go to [WWME.org](http://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](mailto:mstang1987@aol.com) with any questions.

Here are the local experiences for 2023:

- June 2-4, 2023 (Spanish) - Warrenton, VA, please call Fidel & Edis Granados (301-252-2946).
- Sept. 22-24, 2023 - Crowne Plaza Hotel, Herndon, VA.
- Nov. 17-19, 2023 - Holiday Inn, Virginia Beach, VA.

### JOINING THE PARISH

We invite all who worship with us to become formal members of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton (SEAS) Parish by registering as parishioners. This enables our ministries and staff to better plan in order to meet the needs of the growing community.

Registration forms are located at both Church entrances, on our parish website at <https://seascatholicchurch.org/>, or you can email and/or call the parish office at 804-932-4125 and we will be happy to assist you.

### OUR CONDOLENCES...

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish would like to extend our condolences to Virginia and Lenyon Walsh, who are mourning the loss of Virginia's sister, Natalie Pastore Johnson, age 99, who passed away on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, in Richmond, Virginia. Please pray for the happy repose of Natalie's soul and for comfort and peace to all her family and friends.



## 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 within the next two weeks to prevent *Virtus* account inactivation. If you log into your account and receive a pop up for a missing background screening or for other required documents, please complete them in one sitting. Otherwise, it will not go through and your account will be in pending status. Any accounts left in pending status or with numerous unread bulletins will be put into inactive status and you will have to contact the parish office to have your account reinstated.

### 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, and all our military, law enforcement, first responders and their families.

**Volunteers Needed:** We need volunteers for the KOVAR fundraising event to work 2-hr shifts on May 26/27 at the Quinton ABC Store. Please contact Kevin Almeida if you and your family can help out.

**Congratulations:** Please congratulate Mike and Donna Thomson for being selected as Family of the Month for May. Mike and Donna were a big part in making our spring picnic successful.

**Welcome:** Please welcome Forrest Parker of our parish not only as one of our newest Catholics, but as a Knight of Columbus too!

**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](mailto:James.Ginter@kofc.org).

To learn more about the Knights of Columbus in Virginia, visit our website: [kofc.org/joinus](http://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.