#### **OFFICE OF VOCATIONS**

"Where two or three are gathered in My name..." The community that gathers in Christ needs leadership. Are you being called to discipleship as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Please contact the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661; vocations@richmonddiocese.org or contact Father J. Scott Duarte, (804) 557-3962; sduarte@richmonddiocese.org.

### **FALL PARISH PICNIC OUTING**

### Sunday, Oct. 1st at 12:00 PM

K of C Council 14034 invites you to our Fall Picnic on Sunday, October 1st at 12:00 PM in the SEAS Social Hall and outside grounds. This will coincide with the start of Religious Education classes. We will serve hamburgers, hotdogs, sides, beverages and dessert.

Corn Hole and Horseshoes will be available. This event is FREE so mark your calendars and join us.

If you have any questions or wish to RSVP (not necessary, but appreciated), please contact Brother Knight Brandon Harshbarger at 757-345-1419 or email to: bdharshbarger@icloud.com.

#### **LECTOR WORKBOOKS**

The parish is putting together an order for the 2024 Workbooks for Lectors, Gospel Readers and Proclaimers of the Word. If you are a current lector and would like to order a workbook, please see Mary Brooks. The suggested donation is \$16.00. Thank you.

### **OFFICE CLOSING**

The parish office will be closed on September 18-19, 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.

### **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 804-932-4125 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, Father 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.

To learn more about us, visit our https://www.poorwebsite at: clares.org/.

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### **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.

# 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time September 10, 2023

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God. for ever and ever. Amen.



Christ as 'Light of the World' (The National Gallery, London)

### 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, Sept. 9—Vigil

4:00 PM—Mass: Fr. Scott Duarte

5:00 PM—Reception (Vineyard Estate at New Kent Winery—RSVPs Required)

There is no 5:30 PM Vigil Mass scheduled.

Sunday, Sept. 10—23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM—Mass: †Anna & Paul Peter Purta 11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

Monday, Sept. 11—Weekday 5:30 PM—RCIA Mtg.

Tuesday, Sept. 12—The Most Holy Name of Mary \*Office Closed

Wednesday, Sept. 13—St. John Chrysostom

Thursday, Sept. 14—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Friday, Sept. 15—Our Lady of Sorrows

Saturday, Sept. 16—Vigil 5:00 PM—Confessions

5:30 PM—Mass: †Gary Doverspike

Sunday, Sept. 17—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM—Mass: People of the Parish 11:00 AM—Mass: Caroline & Nitish Chandra

There will be no public 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:

"And the prayer | Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing all, we ask you to bless your friends who are sick.

faith will make the Give them the strength in body, courage in

sick person well." | spirit, and patience in pain. lames 5:15 | Let them recover their health, so that, re-

stored 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:

Wendy Meade, Joseph Frank Stacklin, Natalie Pastore Johnson, Anthony Iacovone, Alice R. Iacovone, Paulette Perkinson, Caroline Joseph, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Gertrude Langford, Mabel Rhymes Hart and Irma Gregory.

### 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 continued generosity!

### PRAYER FOR FATHER SCOTT

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priest, Father Scott Duarte.

Through him, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help Father Scott to be strong in his vocation. Set his soul on fire with love for your people.

Grant him the wisdom, understanding and strength he needs to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

*Inspire him with the vision of your Kingdom.* Give him the words he needs to spread the Gospel.

Allow him to experience joy in his ministry. Help him to be an instrument of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

May the love of our Lord be with you always. Many blessings on the 45th anniversary of your priestly ordination Father Scott!

## Scripture Readings

Sept. 9 Memorial of St. Peter Claver Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4.6&8/Jn 14:6/Lk 6:1-5

Sept. 10 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2,6-9/Rom 13:8-10/2 Cor 5:19/Mt 18:15-20

Sept. 11 Monday of the 23rd Week in Ordinary Time Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7,9/Jn 10:27/Lk 6:6-11

Sept. 12 Tuesday of the 23rd Week in Ordinary Time

Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2,8-11/Jn 15:16/Lk 6:12-19

Sept. 13 Memorial of St. John Chrysostom Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3,10-13ab/Lk 6:23ab/Lk 6:20-26

Sept. 14 Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2,34-38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17 Sept. 15 Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Tm 1:1-2,12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a&5,7-8,11/Jn 19:25-27 Sept. 16 Memorial of Saints Cornelius and Cyprian

1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-5,6-7/Jn 14:23/Lk 6:43-49 Sept. 17 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-4,9-12/Rom 14:7-9/Jn 13:34/ Mt 18:21-35

### Parish News

### **45TH ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS**

### FROM THE BISHOP...

"Dear Father Duarte.

Thank you for your recent letter and invitation to the celebration of your 45th anniversary of ordination on Saturday, September 9th.

Unfortunately, I must send my regrets due to a previous commitment. However, please allow me this opportunity to express my grateful prayers, first to Almighty God who in his providence, continues to call forth holy priests to care for his people to help them grow in faith. Your ministry has been fruitful, and I thank you on behalf of all those you have ministered to for these many years. All are grateful to you for your dedicated service, especially in the parishes where you have been assigned as well as the Diocesan Tribunal.

Congratulations on this milestone anniversary. I look forward to the time during our upcoming Convocation when I will be able to recognize, celebrate, and publicly thank you for your ministry.

Assuring you of my prayerful best wishes, I remain

Sincerely in Christ, Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout Bishop of Richmond"

#### **CONFIRMATION RETREATS**

All high school teens preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in winter/spring of 2024 are invited to our Diocesan Confirmation Retreats.

Lean into your relationship with the Holy Spirit and be rejuvenated by your Catholic faith.

For more information, go to: : https:// evangelizerichmond.org/events/ diocesan-confirmation-retreat-2/.

### REL. ED. REGISTRATION

Registration for all Religious Education classes K-12 is currently under-

Registration and sacramental prep forms are located by each entrance to the Church and on the parish website.

Please return your completed forms to the parish office as soon as possible. Classes will begin on Oct. 1st.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS/ PARISH ROSARY GUILD MONTHLY ROSARY

K of C Council 14034 in support of our pastor will have monthly Recitation of the Rosary before each Mass on the first weekend of each month except for the months of the Blessed Virgin Mary in October and May where the Recitation of the Rosary will be before each Mass each weekend.

We need volunteers from the K of C and the parish to volunteer to lead the Rosary service during Rosary weekends. The K of C will provide training and support for all volunteers. The Rosary will start 25 minutes before each Mass and should be completed 5 minutes before Mass begins.

A sign-up sheet is posted in the Commons Area.

Questions? Please contact Brother Knight J.J. Gothreau at 804-310-1262; jigothreaujr@netscape.net.

### 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 and third Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM. The in-person meetings are in the SEAS Social Hall and please bring your membership cards. The first meeting is the Officers/ Directors Meeting and the second meeting is the Membership/Business Meeting. Both meetings are open to all Brother Knights and the membership are encouraged to attend. A free light dinner will be served at 6:30 PM. Donations are gratefully accepted to defray meal costs. There will be a 50/50 drawing after every 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, and all our military, law enforcement, first responders and their families.

Council/Parish Rosary Guild: Beginning in Sept. we will be having monthly Recitation of the Rosary the 1st weekend of each month and each weekend in October and May.

Save the Date: K of C Council 14034 will be having a parish picnic on Sunday, Oct. 1st at 12 PM to help kick off the Rel. Ed. program. We will serve hamburgers, hotdogs, sides, beverages and dessert. This event is FREE so mark your calendars and join us. If you have questions or wish to RSVP, please contact Brother Knight Brandon Harshbarger at 757-345-1419 or email to: bdharshbarger@icloud.com.

Membership: To learn more about the Knights of Columbus Council at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish and all we do, please contact Acting Membership Director Kevin Almeida at: alexandre2018@yahoo.com or call 804-803-9725. 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.