

**ADVENT... A TIME FOR REFLECTION... A TIME OF PROMISE... A TIME FOR HOPE**

Advent is not only a time of preparation and anticipation, but a time for reflection. In our busy lives the period before Christmas is a time for buying just the right gifts for our loved ones and friends. We plan the celebratory meals in great detail. Children are so excited and eagerly anticipating the jolly old elf and the wonderful things under the tree. These are the days when we're so busy decorating for the Christmas season that we hardly think about the coming of the Savior, let alone consider where we are in the Liturgical year. Isn't there more to Christmas? Something more than decorations? More than gifts under the tree? Stop for just a moment and think about what Christmas is all about. Yes, it is a time for giving. God gave us His Son. Mary generously gave herself to the will of God.

In Advent the Liturgy bids us to recall the period of expectation when the faithful awaited a Savior. With the birth of Jesus came the fulfillment of all of the desires of all of those centuries of anticipation and longing. This is the joy we mark at Christmas. The Church leads us through a period of longing for the Savior. This is the time we reflect on a world without Jesus. A time of longing for and lovingly anticipating His birth.

***How will you prepare for Christmas this year?***

Take a few moments in your busy life this week to read again the words of the Old and New Testament in today's Liturgy. Then be still and listen for the voice of God to speak to your heart.

**OFFICE OF VOCATIONS**

"A voice is calling." Is Christ calling you to let Him manifest His love in you as a priest or consecrated religious? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office, 804-359-5661; [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).

**2023 CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE**

This year SEAS Parish is sponsoring 10 children from local families and 3 elderly parishioners.

**All wrapped gifts, with Angel Tag attached, are due back to the Church by Wednesday, Dec. 13th.** We are planning for deliveries on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 14/15.

Thank you for your support of this year's outreach to those in need.

**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.

**K OF C BABY PRODUCTS DRIVE**

The Knights of Columbus are holding a baby products drive for the East End Pregnancy Center during the month of December. Please place your donated items in the labeled collection bin in the Commons Area of the Church.

**K OF C PARISH WINTER 50/50 FUNDRAISER**

K of C Council 14034 is raising money for the SEAS Kitchen/Social Hall and maintenance fund to help with the cost of a new commercial refrigerator and other items for the social hall. The council will hold a parish winter 50/50 drawing with ticket prices \$10.00 for the first and \$5.00 for each additional ticket purchased at time of initial purchase. Ticket sales began on Dec. 2 and will run through Jan. 18, [drawing on Jan. 18.](#)



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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 Advent  
December 10, 2023*

**O** God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.

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.**



*Saint John the Baptist Pointing to Christ, Bartolomé Estéban Murillo, 1655*

**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, Dec. 9—Vigil

9:00 AM—K of C Santa Breakfast  
5:00 PM—Confessions  
5:30 PM—Mass: Fr. Anthony Ferguson

### Sunday, Dec. 10—2nd Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM—Mass: Fr. Augustine Lukenge  
11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

### Monday, Dec. 11—St. Damasus I

\*Office Closed  
5:30 PM—RCIA Mtg.

### Tuesday, Dec. 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:00 PM—Advent Penance Service

### Wednesday, Dec. 13—St. Lucy

11:00 AM—Mass: †Tina Woodford  
5:30 PM—Ladies' Group (SEAS Conf. Rm.)  
6:30 PM—Eucharistic Adoration

### Thursday, Dec. 14—St. John of the Cross

7:00 PM—Choir Practice

### Friday, Dec. 15—Advent Weekday

### Saturday, Dec. 16—Vigil

5:00 PM—Confessions  
5:30 PM—Mass: †Thomas E. West, III

### Sunday, Dec. 17—3rd Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM—Mass: People of the Parish  
11:00 AM—Mass: †Edward Gillikin, Sr.

**\*Wednesday: Daily Mass is at 11:00 AM and Eucharistic Adoration is at 6:30 PM.**

## SEAS Parish Prayer List



Please hold in prayer this week all the sick and home-bound of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, our local community, the Catholic Diocese of Richmond and those suffering in the Holy Land.

### 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:**

**Edward L. Edwards, Linwood Parker, Edward J. Gillikin, Sr., Dr. George Gray, Joseph Yates, Joseph Frank Stacklin, Natalie Pastore Johnson, Anthony Iacovone and Alice R. Iacovone.**

James 5:15

## 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 continued generosity!

### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE Tuesday, Dec. 12—7:00 PM

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE  
(Holy Day of Obligation)**  
Sunday, Dec. 24—3:00 PM (children's) & 5:30 PM  
(there will only be one Mass Sunday morning at 8:30am)  
Monday, Dec. 25—11:00 AM

**MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD  
(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)**  
Monday, Jan. 1—12:00 PM

### BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish would like to congratulate Freya Rose Moore, infant daughter of Kristian and Veronica Moore, who is being received into the Church with the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, December 10, 2023, during the 11:00 AM Mass.

## Scripture Readings

**Dec. 9 Saturday of the 1st Week of Advent**  
Is 30:19-21,23-26/Ps 147:1-6/Is 33:22/Mt 9:35—10:1,5a,6-8  
**Dec. 10 2nd Sunday of Advent**  
Is 40:1-5,9-11/Ps 85:9-14/2 Pt 3:8-14/Lk 3:4,6/Mk 1:1-8  
**Dec. 11 Monday of the 2nd Week of Advent**  
Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab&10-14/Lk 5:17-26  
**Dec. 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
Zec 2:14-17/Judith 13:18bcde,19/Lk 1:26-38  
**Dec. 13 Memorial of St. Lucy**  
Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-4,8&10/Mt 11:28-30  
**Dec. 14 Memorial of St. John of the Cross**  
Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1&9-13ab/Is 45:8/Mt 11:11-15  
**Dec. 15 Friday of the 2nd Week of Advent**  
Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-4&6/Mt 11:16-19  
**Dec. 16 Saturday of the 2nd Week of Advent**  
Sir 48:1-4,9-11/Ps 80:2ac&3b,15-16,18-19/Lk 3:4,6/Mt 17:9a,10-13  
**Dec. 17 3rd Sunday of Advent**  
Is 61:1-2a,10-11/Lk 1:46-48,49-50,53-54/1 Thes 5:16-24/  
Is 61:1/Jn 1:6-8,19-28

## Parish News

### CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice has been scheduled for **Dec. 14th & 18th** at 7:00 PM. We will be practicing the new Mass parts. If you are interested in joining the choir or assisting with music for Advent and Christmas, please make plans to attend or speak with Beth Ann Luther or Debbie Grosser after Mass.

### INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

When New Kent County public schools are closed due to poor weather conditions, the parish office and church will be closed.

On the weekend, please check the parish website and parish office voicemail for any updates or news.

### UPCOMING OFFICE CLOSING DATES

The parish office will be closed on the following dates in December: Dec. 11th and Dec. 25th-27th.

### NUN RUN FOOD DONATIONS

Items donated for the monthly Nun Run help support two communities of women religious: the Poor Clare Nuns in Barhamsville and the Little Sisters of St. Francis in western New Kent County.

The cloistered Poor Clares are vegetarian but eat fish twice a week. They can use canned veggies, fruit, 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, soups as well as paper products, disinfectant wipes, laundry detergent and wash cloths for bathing their disabled residents.

On the first weekend of each month, there is a collection for both communities. Donated items can be placed in the collection box in the Commons Area of the Church. The next collection date is: **Jan. 6/7**. Deliveries to the two communities of women religious occur on the Tuesday after the first weekend of the month.

### A GENTLE REMINDER

Donations to the parish must be received by December 31, 2023 in order to be included in this year's contribution statements for tax purposes. Donations post-marked after December 31st will be for the 2024 calendar year. Thank you.

### LADIES' GROUP Wednesdays during Advent, "ERO CRAS"

Join the SEAS Ladies' Group as we discuss the O Antiphons in preparation for Christmas. The first letter of these ancient Latin titles for Christ (Emmanuel, Rex, Oriens, Clavis, Radix, Adonai, Sapientia) form a message, "Tomorrow, I will come."

Scripture readings will be sent out in advance, only a Bible is needed. All other materials will be provided. Meetings are each Wednesday of Advent, at 5:30 PM in the Rel. Ed. Building. Adoration will be held in the Church immediately following. Nursing/lap babies welcome.

Please email Rebecca Edicola at: [Jamzmom1201@gmail.com](mailto:Jamzmom1201@gmail.com) to receive reading materials or for any questions.

### SIMBANG GABI 2023

If you wish to participate in this beautiful Filipino Christmas Novena Celebration, the full diocesan schedule of Masses can be found on the diocesan website at: <https://richmonddiocese.org/simbang-gabi-celebrations-in-the-diocese-of-richmond/> or contact the parish office and we will be happy to assist.

### 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: Ed Gillikin, Sr., and the Gillikin family, the Harshbarger family and for the soul of Brandon Harshbarger's father who passed away recently, the Kulick family, the Deis 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.

**Save the Dates:** K of C Baby Products Drive, through Dec. 31; Parish Winter 50/50 Drawing Ticket Sales, through Jan. 18.

**Recitation of the Rosary:** We will be having monthly Recitation of the Rosary the 1st weekend of each month and each weekend in May.

**Membership:** To learn more about the Knights of Columbus Council at SEAS Parish and all we do, please contact Acting Membership Director Kevin Almeida at: [alexandre2018@yahoo.com](mailto:alexandre2018@yahoo.com) or call 804-803-9725. To learn more about the K of C in Virginia, visit our website: [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus).

### DIocese of Richmond Office of the Bishop

The Diocese of Richmond encourages anyone aware of sexual abuse of minors on the part of clergy or staff of the Richmond Diocese to notify civil authorities, including Child Protective Services (CPS) at 1-800-552-7096 and reach out to the confidential Victim Assistance Reporting 24-Hour Number at 1-877-887-9603, or by email at: [vac@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vac@richmonddiocese.org).