

## OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

“Like a man away on a journey, he assigns each of us a task; be on the alert.” Being chosen to serve as a priest or in consecrated life is an amazing work of the Lord. Ask the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother to help you recognize and be faithful to your vocation. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office, 804-359-5661; [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).

## THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Patronal Feast Day of the United States of America

Few doctrines of the Catholic Church are as misunderstood as the dogma of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Many people, including many Catholics, think that it refers to the conception of Christ through the action of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. That event, though, is celebrated at the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord (March 25, nine months before Christmas).

### What is the Immaculate Conception?

The Immaculate Conception refers to the condition that the Blessed Virgin Mary was free from Original Sin from the very moment of her conception in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne.

*Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us.*

### When has it been hard to say yes to God when faced with a difficult challenge?

*Be still and hear the voice of God.*

## AROUND TOWN... EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Mary's Choice RVA is a non-profit maternity home in Richmond that addresses the needs of pregnant and parenting women in crisis by transforming their lives through the healing touch of Christ. The part-time position is responsible for developing and implementing engagement, fundraising and retention strategies to grow revenue with current and prospective donors. For consideration and more information, please send resume to [director@maryschoicerva.org](mailto:director@maryschoicerva.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 begin on Dec. 2 and will run through Jan. 18, [drawing on Jan. 18.](#)



# 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.

## First Sunday of Advent December 3, 2023

**Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.**

**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 Visitation - Scrovegni (Arena) Chapel, Padua, Italy  
Giotto (detail from fresco), 1306

## Parish Staff

<b>Pastor:</b>	Rev. J. Scott Duarte, J.C.D.	804-557-3962
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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, Dec. 2—Vigil

12:00 PM—Funeral Visitation & Mass  
5:00 PM—Confessions  
5:30 PM—Mass: Fr. Eric Ayers

### Sunday, Dec. 3—1st Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM—Mass: Fr. Brian Capuano  
11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

### Monday, Dec. 4—St. John Damascene

### Tuesday, Dec. 5—Advent Weekday

10:00 AM—Office Closed for Diocesan Workshop

### Wednesday, Dec. 6—St. Nicholas

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

### Thursday, Dec. 7—St. Ambrose

7:00 PM—Vigil Mass: People of the Parish  
7:30 PM—K of C Mtg.

### Friday, Dec. 8—Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

12:00 PM—Mass: Sr. Dolores Smith, CMS

### Saturday, Dec. 10—Vigil

5:00 PM—Confessions  
5:30 PM—Mass: Fr. Anthony Ferguson

### Sunday, Dec. 11—2nd Sunday of Advent

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

**\*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. "Eddie" 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 ANNOUNCEMENT

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish would like to announce that Freya Rose Moore, infant daughter of Kristian and Veronica Moore, will be receiving the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, December 10, 2023, during the 11:00 AM Mass.

## Scripture Readings

### Dec. 2 Saturday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time

Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82-87/Lk 21:36/Lk 21:34-36

### Dec. 3 1st Sunday of Advent

Is 63:16b-17,19b;64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3,15-19/1 Cor 1:3-9/Ps 85:8/Mk 13:33-37

### Dec. 4 Monday of the 1st Week of Advent

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-4bcd,5-9/Ps 80:4/Mt 8:5-11

### Dec. 5 Tuesday of the 1st Week of Advent

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17/Lk 10:21-24

### Dec. 6 Wednesday of the 1st Week of Advent

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a,3b-6/Mt 15:29-37

### Dec. 7 Memorial of St. Ambrose

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1&8-9,19-21,25-27a/Is 55:6/Mt 7:21,24-27

### Dec. 8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Gn 3:9-15,20/Ps 98:1,2-3abcd,4/Eph 1:3-6,11-12/Lk 1:28/Lk 1:26-38

### 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

## Parish News

### WELCOME FR. HENRY

We would like to welcome and thank Fr. Henry Oga of our diocese, who is celebrating Mass with us this Sunday, December 3, 2023.

### 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.

### THANKSGIVING BASKET PROJECT—THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who made the Rel. Ed. Thanksgiving Basket project a success, especially Liz Miller, Sarah Miller and Tina Whitehead, for grocery shopping and set up. Many thanks as well to our Rel. Ed. students who put the groceries together for our local families and the K of C volunteers for delivery. A BIG thank you to New Kent Winery for their donations of wine and Food Lion for the donated turkeys. We would especially like to thank our parishioners for their financial donations which make our parish charities ministry possible. We provided meals to thirteen families in our community thanks to your generosity and support.

### KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS CARD SALE—THANK YOU

K of C Council 14034 would like to thank all those who purchased cards and magnets at last weekend's Masses to sell out all the Council's remaining Christmas cards. Your support was greatly appreciated.

### 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.*

### SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation, will be celebrated on **Thursday, Dec. 7th at 7:00 PM** and on **Friday, Dec. 8th at 12:00 PM.**

### LADIES' GROUP Wednesdays during Advent, Beginning Dec. 6th, at 5:30 PM "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, beginning December 6th 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.

### BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH THIS WEEKEND

The blessing of the Advent wreath takes place on the First Sunday of Advent or on the evening before the First Sunday of Advent.

Traditionally, three candles are violet and the fourth is rose colored, although four violet or white candles may be used.

The candles represent the four weeks of Advent, with the candle lit each week in accord with the current week of Advent. The rose candle is lit on the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday.



**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 Kullick 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:** Saturday, Dec. 9, beginning at 9am, St. Nicholas/Santa Breakfast; K of C Baby Products Drive, Dec. 2—Dec. 31; Parish Winter 50/50 Drawing Ticket Sales, beginning Dec. 2 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 Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton 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 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.