

BE OUR LIGHT FOR THE NEW YEAR

Come, Holy Spirit,
Spirit of the Risen Christ, be with us today and always.
Be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter.
Be our Strength, our Courage, and our Sanctifier.
May this new year be a time of deep spiritual growth for us,
A time of welcoming your graces and gifts,
A time for forgiving freely and unconditionally,
A time for growing in virtue and goodness.
Come, Holy Spirit,
Be with us today and always. Amen.
~Author Unknown

KROGER 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, go to 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.

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

"I am a shield to you; Your reward shall be very great." If you feel God is offering you the gift of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life as a sister, brother, or consecrated virgin, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office, 804-359-5661; vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



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**NEW TO THE AREA?
WELCOME!**

Registration forms are located at both entrances to the Church and on our website or visit the parish office.

Are you moving?

Please don't forget to contact us so we can update our records.

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 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.

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
December 31, 2023*

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. 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 Adoration of the Shepherds, Giorgione, 1505

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. 30—Vigil

4:30 PM—Confessions

5:30 PM—Mass: †Eric Fulton

Sunday, Dec. 31—Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:30 AM—Mass: †Patricia Searles

11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

Mon., Jan. 1—Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

***Office Closed**

12:00 PM—Mass: People of the Parish

Tuesday, Jan. 2—Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

Wednesday, Jan. 3—Christmas Weekday

Thursday, Jan. 4—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

7:30 PM—K of C Mtg.

Friday, Jan. 5—St. John Neumann

Saturday, Jan. 6—Vigil

5:00 PM—Confessions

5:30 PM—Mass: George & Gerry Heino & Family

Sunday, Jan. 7—The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 AM—Mass: †Edward L. Edwards

11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

***There will be no public daily Mass or Adoration this week at the Church.**

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.

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:

Patricia Searles, 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.

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!

LADIES' GROUP UPDATE

The Ladies' Group will resume Wednesday, January 10th at 5:30 PM in the Rel. Ed. Building immediately followed by Eucharistic Adoration in the Sanctuary.

Our January 10th gathering will be a fellowship meeting. Then, beginning January 17th, the group will be discussing the Danielle Bean book: *“You Are Enough: What Women in the Bible Teach You About Your Mission and Worth.”* The book can be purchased on Amazon. Nursing/lap babies welcome.

Please contact Rebecca Edicola at janzmom1201@gmail.com for any questions.

Scripture Readings

Dec. 30 The Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a,8b-10/Lk 2:36-40

Dec. 31 Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sir 3:2-6,12-14/Ps 128:1-5/Col 3:12-21/Col 3:15a,16a/Lk 2:22-40

Jan. 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Heb 1:1-2/Lk 2:16-21

Jan. 2 Memorial of Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1,2-3ab,3cd-4/Heb 1:1-2/Jn 1:19-28

Jan. 3 Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1,3cd-6/Jn 1:14a,12a/Jn 1:29-34

Jan. 4 Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1,7-9/Heb 1:1-2/Jn 1:35-42

Jan. 5 Memorial of St. John Neumann

1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-5/Jn 1:43-51

Jan. 6 Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-15,19-20/Mk 9:6/Mk 1:7-11

Jan. 7 The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13/Eph 3:2-3a,5-6/Mt 2:2/

Parish News

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.

OUR CONDOLENCES...

We would like to express our condolences to Fred Searles and the entire Searles family who are mourning the loss of Fred's wife, longtime parishioner, Patricia (Pat) Searles, who died on Sunday, Dec. 24, 2023. As many of you know, Pat was a very dedicated greeter/usher and collections counter at SEAS Parish for many years and loved to help out when she was able. She was a good friend to many at our parish and will be greatly missed. Please pray for the happy repose of Pat's soul and for strength and God's peace to all her family and friends who she dearly loved.



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.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Additional dedicated ushers are needed at all Masses. We are down to a small group who are stretched very thin and when someone is out, we are short-handed. Please call the parish office if you are able to help out.

HOME BLESSINGS FOR THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Next Sunday is the Feast of the Epiphany. In imitation of the magi, who, according to Matthew's Gospel, came to the home of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, we ask Christ to visit our home and to bless all who reside there.

After Mass, please pick up a blessing prayer and a piece of chalk to inscribe above the door: “20+C+M+B+24” for the new year and the Latin words “*Christus mansionem benedicat*,” -- May Christ bless this house.

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON FEAST DAY - JANUARY 4TH

Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton was a convert to Catholicism. She married at the age of 19 and had five children. After she became a widow at the age of 29, she became a Catholic and founded the first Catholic free school in America. She eventually founded the American chapter of the Daughters of Charity which has over 4000 members today.

She died in 1821 at the age of 47. To find out more about her life story, please visit the SEAS Lending Library in the Commons Area of the Church for available books about Mother Seton.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

May this New Year bring you joy and may each day be blessed with peace, prosperity, good health and happiness too!

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 or call 804-803-9725. To learn more about the K of C in Virginia, visit our website: 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.