

NUN RUN FOOD DONATIONS

Reminder: The weekend of *April 6/7* is our monthly food collection date for the Poor Clare nuns and the Little Sisters of St. Francis. Please drop off food and non-perishable donations to the collection box in the Commons Area of the Church. When donating, please make sure the food containers/packages are sealed by the manufacturer as we are unable to accept partially opened goods or goods that are way past the expiration date. Thank you for your generosity. It is most appreciated!

2024 GRASS-CUTTING TEAMS

Come one and all for a service opportunity with plenty of fresh air and sunshine. Team members and substitutes are still needed for the upcoming 2024 spring/summer grass-cutting schedule. *As of right now, we are one team short for the first weekend of the month.*

Please contact the parish office at 932-4125. Training will be provided.

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.



OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

“As the Father has sent Me, so I send you.” Let us affirm our priests and help carry out Christ’s mission of spreading love and compassion in the world. Maybe God is also calling you to share in His saving mission as a priest. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

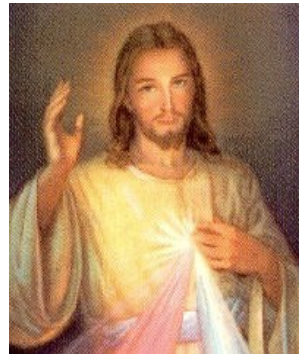


DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (4/7/24)

Throughout the centuries Our Lord and His Blessed Mother have appeared to people of faith bringing a message of salvation and love. The message and devotion to Jesus as *The Divine Mercy* is based on the writings of St. Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun, who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary recording the revelations she received about God’s mercy.

The message of mercy is that God loves us—all of us—no matter how great our sins. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Devotion to *The Divine Mercy* is a decision to trust completely in Him, to accept His mercy with thanksgiving, and to be merciful as He is merciful. By doing this you will gain great peace of mind and soul.

Pamphlets on how to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Novena are located by both Church entrances.



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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 or by appointment.

2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

April 7, 2024

God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed.

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 Incredulity of St. Thomas (Maestà Altarpiece) Duccio di Buoninsegna, 1308-11

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, April 6—Vigil

5:00 PM—Confessions
5:30 PM—Mass: †Josephine Bartasavich Turk

Sunday, April 7—Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

8:30 AM—Mass: People of the Parish
11:00 AM—Mass: Deborah Schiro

Monday, April 8—The Annunciation of the Lord

Tuesday, April 9—Easter Weekday

Wednesday, April 10—Easter Weekday

11:00 AM—Mass: Special Intention
5:30 PM—Women's Group
6:30 PM—Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, April 11—St. Stanislaus

Friday, April 12—Easter Weekday

Saturday, April 13—Vigil

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

Sunday, April 14—Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM—Mass: Special Intention
11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

***Daily Mass is on Wednesday at 11 AM, with Eucharistic Adoration at 6:30 PM.**

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:

Rev. Russell E. Smith, Shirley Shumaker, Shirley Parker, Patricia Searles, Edward L. Edwards, Linwood Parker, Edward J. Gillikin, Sr., Joseph Yates, Anthony Iacovone, Merle O'Donnell 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

There will be NO Ladies Group on May 8th.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

As a reminder, if you are participating in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, please return all Rice Bowls to the Church by next weekend so donations can be counted and submitted in a timely manner. Thank you!

PRIVATE PRAYER TIME

If you would like to schedule private prayer time in the Church during the week, please call the parish office at 932-4125 and we will be happy to assist you. Any changes to the office schedule will be updated to the parish voicemail or website calendar.

Scripture Readings

April 6 Saturday in the Octave of Easter

Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1&14-15ab,16-21/Ps 118:24/Mk 16:9-15

April 7 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:29/Jn 20:19-31

April 8 Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14;8:10/Ps 40:7-8a,8b-11/Heb 10:4-10/Jn 1:14ab/Lk 1:26-38

April 9 Tuesday of the 2nd Week of Easter

Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab,1cd-2,5/Jn 3:14-15/Jn 3:7b-15

April 10 Wednesday of the 2nd Week of Easter

Acts 5:17-26/Ps 32:2-9/Jn 3:16/Jn 3:16-21

April 11 Memorial of St. Stanislaus

Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2&9,17-20/Jn 20:29/Jn 3:31-36

April 12 Friday of the 2nd Week of Easter

Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1,4,13-14/Mt 4:4b/Jn 6:1-15

April 13 Saturday of the 2nd Week of Easter

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2,4-5,18-19/Jn 6:16-21

April 14 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15,17-19/Ps 4:2,4,7-9/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:32/Lk 24:35-48

Parish News

KROGER COMMUNITY 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, visit 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.

UNVEILED: PRE-CANA PROGRAM \$170/couple

Various Times & Locations

Unveiled is the Diocese of Richmond's marriage preparation program designed for engaged couples preparing to be married in the Catholic Church. Each session is facilitated by a married couple who will help the engaged couples attending to explore the core topics:

- Communication and Intimacy
- Theology of Marriage
- Spirituality of a Marriage

These core topics are communicated by way of engaging videos featuring married couples, priests, theologians, and physicians. This rich content serves as the springboard for deeper discussion between each couple. There are also occasions for facilitated larger group discussions and opportunities to interact with the other couples attending the session. To register, visit <https://evangelizerichmond.org/marriage/marriage-preparation/unveiled/>.

NEW TO THE AREA? WELCOME!

Registration forms are located at both entrances to the Church or visit the parish office and we will be happy to assist you.

MOVING?

Please notify the office so we can update our records.

ELECTRONIC DONATIONS

As a reminder, SEAS Parish offers electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering.

Scan the QR code to go directly to our online donation page.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!



SAFE ENVIRONMENT

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish is committed to providing a safe environment for all. All parish volunteers in ministries involving minor children and the vulnerable are required to be Safe Environment trained. Please contact the parish office for information on training.

MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT April 19-20—Wintergreen Resort

Whether you've been married five months or fifty years, join us in the mountains for great meals, community, prayer and keynotes from couples all along their vocation journey. Registration is now open at: evangelizerichmond.org/events/married-couples-retreat-2024. Even stay extra days at a discounted rate.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Thank you Robert & Matthew

Many thanks to Robert and Matthew Gentry for cleaning the altar area underneath the area rug (which was sent out for cleaning and repair) in time for our Easter celebrations. The padding had deteriorated and left quite a mess and we are so thankful for all your help.

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, 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.

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.