



**2024 ANGEL TREE PROGRAM** - Many thanks to all who donated gifts for this year's Christmas Angel Tree outreach at SEAS Parish. Deliveries were made Thursday afternoon to the New Kent Christmas Mother distribution location for pick up on Friday by our fourteen local families and others sponsored through this tremendous program. Thanks to your generosity these children will experience some good will and a brighter Christmas season!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT/PRE-CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST**

K of C Council 14034 will be hosting a 4th Sunday of Advent/Pre-Christmas Breakfast on **Sunday, Dec. 22, 2024** in the SEAS Social Hall. This year we are having the breakfast served from 9:00 AM-11:00 AM. Prices: \$7.00 for adults (10 and older); \$5.00 for children (4 to 9 years); and toddlers (3 and under) free. Menu: scrambled eggs, sausage links and pancakes. Drinks include coffee, hot chocolate and water. To RSVP, email Mr. Kevin Almeida at [alexandre2018@yahoo.com](mailto:alexandre2018@yahoo.com) and please include your name and number of adults and children attending. A 50/50 raffle will be held at the event. Prices are \$1.00 per ticket; 5 tickets for \$3.00; or 10 tickets for \$5.00. Winner need not be present to win. All are welcome.

**OFFICE OF VOCATIONS**

**“The spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me.”** God is empowering you for a specific purpose! How will you respond to so great a love? Is He asking you to follow Him by serving in the priesthood or consecrated life? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661; email to: [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).

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**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 phone line voicemail (804-932-4125) for any recent updates or news.

**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.

**BUILDING & GROUNDS**

Volunteers Needed

With the colder weather and volume of leaves and branches coming down around the parish buildings, volunteers with leaf blowers are needed to clear the sidewalks, carport area by the SEAS Social Hall kitchen doors and gutters through the end of January. This can be done on your schedule. Please contact the parish office if you are able to help out.



**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 or by appointment.

*Third Sunday of Advent*  
*December 15, 2024*

**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, you Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**



*Sermon of St. John the Baptist*  
 Frans Pourbus the Elder, 16th Century

**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. 14—Vigil

5:00 PM—Confessions  
5:30 PM—Mass: †Marcia Swift

### Sunday, Dec. 15—Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM—Mass: People of the Parish  
9:30 AM—Rel. Ed. Classes  
11:00 AM—Mass: †John Parisella

### Monday, Dec. 16—Advent Weekday

### Tuesday, Dec. 17—Late Advent Weekday

### Wednesday, Dec. 18—Late Advent Weekday

11:00 AM—Mass: Special Intention  
6:30 PM—Eucharistic Adoration

### Thursday, Dec. 19—Late Advent Weekday

7:00 PM—Advent Penance Service

### Friday, Dec. 20—Late Advent Weekday

### Saturday, Dec. 21—Vigil

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

### Sunday, Dec. 22—Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM—Mass: †Fr. James Guttendorf  
9:00 AM—K of C Advent/Christmas Breakfast  
11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

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

## SEAS Parish Prayer List



Please hold in prayer this week all the sick and homebound of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, our local community and the Diocese of Richmond.

### PRAYER FOR THE SICK:

*Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing all, we ask you to bless our 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 forever and ever. Amen.*

**And those who have died are remembered in a special way, especially:**

**Cindy Butler, John J. Gothreau, Michael Pastore, Deborah Schiro, Connie Bowry, Gerald A. Hall, Sr., Fred Searles, Patricia Searles, Ernest Perry, Dwayne Reed, Mildred Acampora, Louise Mendez, Shirley Shumaker, Shirley Parker, Edward L. Edwards and Linwood Parker.**

## 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!**

### SEASON OF THANKFULNESS AND GIVING

During this season, while remembering family, friends and those less fortunate, please consider demonstrating appreciation for your good fortune or good health by remembering SEAS Parish with a special year end gift.

This is the season we give thanks to God for all He has done for us this past year and throughout our lives. Take advantage of the charitable tax deduction for gifts made before December 31 (benefits of income tax deductions, capital gains savings, and other financial benefits) and consider the variety of gift options available to you. Your gift to the parish can make a great difference. There are a variety of ways you can contribute a gift, including donations of cash, stock and an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution.

For more information on how you can help make a difference by contributing a year-end gift to our parish, please contact the parish office.

## Scripture Readings

### Dec. 14 Memorial of St. John the Cross

Sir 48:1-4,9-11/Ps 80:2ac&3b,15-16,18-19/Lk 3:4,6/Mt 17:9a,10-13

### Dec. 15 Third Sunday of Advent

Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-6/Phil 4:4-7/Is 61:1/Lk 3:10-18

### Dec. 16 Monday of the 3rd Week of Advent

Nm 24:2-7,15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab,6&7bc,8-9/Ps 85:8/Mt 21:23-27

### Dec. 17 Tuesday of the 3rd Week of Advent

Gn 49:2,8-10/Ps 72:1-4ab,7-8,17/Mt 1:1-17

### Dec. 18 Wednesday of the 3rd Week of Advent

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2,12-13,18-19/Mt 1:18-25

### Dec. 19 Thursday of the 3rd Week of Advent

Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a,5-6ab,16-17/Lk 1:5-25

### Dec. 20 Friday of the 3rd Week of Advent

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-4ab,5-6/Lk 1:26-38

### Dec. 21 Saturday of the 3rd Week of Advent

Sg 2:8-14/Ps 33:2-3,11-12,20-21/Lk 1:39-45

### Dec. 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:38/Lk 1:39-45

## Parish News

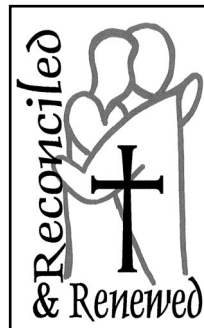
### ELECTRONIC DONATIONS

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!



### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

The season of Advent is a holy time each year when Catholics traditionally go to Confession. During the month of Dec., SEAS Parish will be having an **Advent Penance Service on Thursday, Dec. 19th at 7PM.**



### CHOIR PRACTICE

Our remaining choir practice has been scheduled for **Dec. 23rd** at 7:00 PM. If you are interested in joining the choir or assisting with music for Advent and Christmas, please make plans to attend or speak with Debbie Grosser or Mike Horvath after Mass.

### BAMBINELLI SUNDAY UPDATE

This Sunday, Dec. 15th, after the 11:00 AM Mass

Make plans to attend the 11:00 AM Mass on Gaudette/Bambinelli Sunday, December 15th and bring your Bambinelli (Baby Jesus) from home.

Father will be blessing them after Mass in the Sanctuary and the Knights of Columbus will be serving coffee and doughnuts in the SEAS Social Hall afterward. All are welcome! **\*The Blessing of the Bambinelli was originally established by St. John Paul II. On the Third Sunday of Advent, children from Rome are invited to bring the Baby Jesus (Bambinelli) from their Nativity scenes to St. Peter's Square where the Pope bestows his blessing on these figurines.**

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

**Christmas Eve, December 24th:**

**3:00 PM and 5:30 PM**

**Christmas Day, December 25th:**

**11:00 AM**



### 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 basket in the Commons Area of the Church. Next collection date is: **Jan. 4/5.**

### OFFICE CLOSING

The parish office will be closed for the Christmas and New Year holidays on the following dates: Dec. 24-27 and Dec. 31-Jan. 1.

### 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 the first and third Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM. The in-person meetings are in the SEAS Social Hall. Please bring your membership cards. The first meeting is the Officers/Directors Meeting and the second meeting is the Membership/Business Meeting. All members are welcome to attend both meetings.

**East End Pregnancy Center Collection:** We will be collecting baby clothes and products for the East End Pregnancy Center, Nov. 30-Jan. 6, 2025. Please place your donations in the collection bins in the Commons Area of the Church.

**4th Sunday of Advent/Christmas Breakfast: Save the Date!** We will be hosting a Breakfast on Sunday, **Dec. 22, 2024** in the SEAS Social Hall, between 9:00 AM-11:00 AM. Details on the back page of this weekend's bulletin.

**Prayer Requests:** Please remember in prayer: the Kulick 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.

**Membership:** To learn more about the K of C Council at SEAS Parish and all we do, please contact GK Mark Dupuis at: 804-201-5925; [mdupuis99@aol.com](mailto:mdupuis99@aol.com).

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).