

OPENING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Bishop Barry C. Knestout will soon inaugurate the 2025 Jubilee Year. The theme of this Holy Year is “Pilgrims of Hope.” Pope Francis will open the Jubilee Year at the Vatican on Christmas Eve at 7:00 PM with the rite of the Opening of the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of St. Peter and then preside over the celebration of the night Mass of the Lord’s Birth inside the Basilica. Giant screens will be set up in St. Peter’s Square to follow the Mass.

Diocesan bishops around the world will a week later on the Feast of the Holy Family at their cathedral churches, celebrate the Holy Mass as the solemn opening of the Jubilee Year. The 2025 Jubilee also marks the 1700th anniversary of the celebration of the first great Ecumenical Council of Nicaea (325 AD) which unanimously approved the Creed which we recite each Sunday at the celebration of the Eucharist and declared the Full Divinity of Jesus Christ.

The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond will be the host to open this special year in our area. Visit <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html> for more information about the opening of the Jubilee Year and full event details.

KROGER REWARDS PROGRAM

SEAS Parish is enrolled in Kroger Community Rewards and you can help support the 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 “Link Your Shopper’s Card.”
- 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

“It is by God’s will that we have been sanctified.” How is God calling you to grow in holiness? If He may be inviting you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661; email to: 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

Thank You!

Many thanks to Mark Dupuis and John Bandino for leaf removal this week around the SEAS Social Hall kitchen area and sidewalks, and from around the Church shrubbery beds. You have our heartfelt gratitude. Volunteers are still needed over the next two months to maintain these areas and the gutters. This can be done on your schedule. Please contact the parish office if you are able to help out.



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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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2024

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. 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.



The Visitation
 Mariotto Albertinelli, 1503

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. 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 Coffee & Doughnut Social
11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

Monday, Dec. 23—Late Advent Weekday

7:00 PM—Choir Practice

Tuesday, Dec. 24—Christmas Eve

***Office Closed**
3:00 PM—Mass: †Patricia Searles
5:30 PM—Mass: People of the Parish

Wednesday, Dec. 25—The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

***Office Closed**
11:00 AM—Mass: †Thomas & †Eileen Dailey

Thursday, Dec. 26—St. Stephen, First Martyr

***Office Closed**

Friday, Dec. 27—St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

***Office Closed**

Saturday, Dec. 28—Vigil

5:00 PM—Confessions
5:30 PM—Mass: Pastor's Intention

Sunday, Dec. 29—Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:30 AM—Mass: People of the Parish
11:00 AM—Mass: Victims of PanAm Flight 103 (Living and Deceased)

***There is no daily Mass or Adoration this week.**

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:

“And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well.” James 5:15
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; 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. 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

Dec. 23 Monday of the 4th Week of Advent

Mal 3:1-4,23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab,8-10&14/Lk 1:57-66

Dec. 24 Tuesday of the 4th Week of Advent

2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16/Ps 89:2-5,27&29/Lk 1:67-79

Dec. 25 The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-3,11-13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:10-11/Lk 2:1-14

Dec. 26 Feast of St. Stephen, First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4,6&8ab,16bc&17/Ps 118:26a,27a/Mt 10:17-22

Dec. 27 Feast of St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12/Jn 20:1a&2-8

Dec. 28 Feast of the Holy Innocents

1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-5,7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18

Dec. 29 Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6,12-14/Ps 128:1-5/Col 3:12-21/Col 3:15a,16a/Lk 2:41-52

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!



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.

K OF C ADVENT BREAKFAST CANCELATION

(Replaced by Coffee & Doughnut Social in the SEAS Social Hall)

The Advent Breakfast has been canceled, and in its place, the K of C will hold a coffee, hot chocolate and doughnut social from 9:00-11:00 AM this Sunday, Dec. 22nd in the SEAS Social Hall.

All are welcome to attend. There will be no charge for the Advent Social, though donations will be gratefully accepted. For anyone attending the 11:00 AM Mass, please remember the one hour fasting requirement.



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.

CHRISTMAS MASS

SCHEDULE:

(Holy Day of Obligation)
Christmas Eve, December 24th:
3:00 PM and 5:30 PM
Christmas Day, December 25th:
11:00 AM

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

(Holy Day of Obligation)
Wednesday, Jan. 1:
Masses—12:00 PM & 7:00 PM



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.

***BULLETIN DEADLINE:**
The bulletin deadline for the Christmas Dec. 25-29 bulletin is on Monday, Dec. 23 at 12 noon.



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.

Advent/Christmas Breakfast Cancellation: The Advent Breakfast has been canceled and in its place we will have a coffee and doughnut social from 9-11am on Dec. 22 in the SEAS Social Hall. All are welcome to this free event.

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.

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.