

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 between 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 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. Make plans to join the parish community and Council Knights for fraternity and good food as we prepare for the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

“Is the Holy Spirit asking you to be “a shepherd who feeds his flock” in the priesthood? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661; email to: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

VOCATIONS

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SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Transferred to Monday, Dec. 9th

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.*

Please remember that the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday, 12/9/2024 this year and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be at 12 noon and at 7:00 PM.



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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.

Second Sunday of Advent December 8, 2024

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company.

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



The Preaching of St. John the Baptist
Domenico Ghirlandaio (fresco detail), 1486-90

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. 7—Vigil

5:00 PM—Confessions
5:30 PM—Mass: †Donna Jenkins

Sunday, Dec. 8—Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM—Mass: People of the Parish
9:30 AM—Rel. Ed. Classes
11:00 AM—Mass: †Ray Swatko & †Walter Richardson

Monday, Dec. 9—Solemnity of the Immaculate Conc.

12:00 PM—Mass: Pastor's Intention
7:00 PM—Mass: People of the Parish

Tuesday, Dec. 10—Our Lady of Loreto

Wednesday, Dec. 11—St. Damasus I

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

Thursday, Dec. 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:00 PM—Choir Practice (Church)

Friday, Dec. 13—St. Lucy

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

***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 and those affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton.

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.

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to our SEAS family for the recent \$5000.00 donation for our New Church Fund. You have our heartfelt thanks and appreciation!

Scripture Readings

Dec. 7 Memorial of St. Ambrose

Is 30:19-21,23-26/Ps 147:1-6/Is 33:22/Mt 9:35—10:1,5a,6-8

Dec. 8 Second Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-6/Phil 1:4-6,8-11/Lk 3:4,6/Lk 3:1-6

Dec. 9 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

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

Dec. 10 Tuesday of the 2nd Week of Advent

Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-3&10ac,11-13/Mt 18:12-14

Dec. 11 Wednesday of the 2nd Week of Advent

Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-4,8&10/Mt 11:28-30

Dec. 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17/Jdt 13:18bcde,19/Lk 1:26-38

Dec. 13 Memorial of St. Lucy

Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-4&6/Mt 11:16-19

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

Parish News

ELECTRONIC DONATIONS

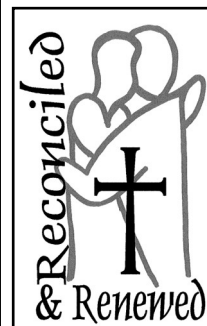
SEAS Parish offers electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Scan the QR code to go directly to our online donation page. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!



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

Choir practice has been scheduled for **Dec. 12th** and **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 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



2024 CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

This year SEAS Parish is sponsoring fourteen children from local families and three elderly parishioners. All gifts, with Angel Tree Tag attached, **are due back to the Church this Wednesday, Dec. 11th.**

This year, the New Kent Christmas Mother program, which we partner with for some of our recipients, is asking that the gifts be unwrapped or they can be placed in gift bags (preferred).

All gifts are scheduled for delivery to the designated New Kent Christmas Mother location for pick up by our local families on Thursday.

As of printing time, we still have 31 gifts unreturned.

Please reach out to the parish office at 804-932-4125 this week if you are having difficulties and are unable to meet the deadline.

Thank you for your support of this year's outreach to those in need!

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, 2024. 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.

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.