

**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](http://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.

**A GENTLE REMINDER - WINTER PREPAREDNESS**

If you are using the Rel. Ed./Family Life building and need to adjust the three thermostats, please return them to the prior setting after your function has ended. All three units are usually kept at 68 degrees in order to keep the electric bill reasonable and when the building is not in use, all three units running continuously, results in a much higher electric bill such as the one we received last month.

Also, if you are responsible for securing the Church after Mass has ended or the Rel. Ed. or social hall buildings after your function has ended, please make sure the bathroom lights have been turned off (doors locked as well for the social hall) and the faucets are left dripping (low pressure) so our pipes do not freeze overnight.

In the event there is early morning freezing rain/sleet/snow prior to Mass or scheduled functions, please make use of the supplies for salting or light shoveling the sidewalks. Heavy accumulations will result in cancellations which will be updated on the parish phone line, 804-932-4125. Thank you!

**OFFICE OF VOCATIONS**

“I will raise up for them a prophet like you.” If you think that you may be set apart by the Lord to serve Him as a priest or as a consecrated sister or brother, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office, phone 804-359-5661; or send an email to: [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).

**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 SEAS Parish, please contact the parish office at 804-932-4125 to be put in touch with our RCIA Coordinator.

**ANNUAL SCOUT MASS**

**3 PM on Sunday, March 16, 2025**

Each year, all youth and adults involved with Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, American Heritage Girls, or Trail Life in the Diocese of Richmond are invited to attend the annual Scout Mass, presided by Bishop Knestout. Those who have earned religious emblems in the past year will be recognized. All scouts are invited to attend this event with their families, friends, and troop leaders. RSVP at: <https://evangelizerichmond.org/events/annual-scout-mass-2/>.



**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.

*The Presentation of the Lord*  
**February 2, 2025**

**Almighty**  
**ever-living God,**  
**we humbly implore**  
**your majesty that,**  
**just as your Only**  
**Begotten Son was**  
**presented on this day**  
**in the Temple in the**  
**substance of our flesh,**  
**so, by your grace, we**  
**may be presented to**  
**you with minds**  
**made pure.**

**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 Presentation of the Infant Jesus in the Temple*  
 Giotto, 1320

*Parish Staff*

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**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, Feb. 1—Vigil

11:00 AM—Sacrament of Baptism  
5:00 PM—Confessions  
5:30 PM—Mass: Special Intention

### Sunday, Feb. 2—The Presentation of the Lord

8:30 AM—Mass: People of the Parish  
9:30 AM—Rel. Ed. Class, all grades & parent mtg.  
9:30 AM—Coffee & Donuts (SEAS Hall)  
11:00 AM—Mass: †Thomas P. Wallace

### Monday, Feb. 3—St. Blaise; St. Ansgar

### Tuesday, Feb. 4—Weekday

### Wednesday, Feb. 5—St. Agatha

11:00 AM—Mass: Special Intention  
5:30 PM—Ladies' Group (SEAS Conf. Rm.)  
6:30 PM—Eucharistic Adoration

### Thursday, Feb. 6—St. Paul Miki and Companions

7:00 PM—K of C Mtg.

### Friday, Feb. 7—Weekday

### Saturday, Feb. 8—Vigil

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

### Sunday, Feb. 9—5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM—Mass: People of the Parish  
9:30 AM—Rel. Ed. Classes  
11:00 AM—Mass: †Maureen Harrington Szuman

**\*Daily Mass is on Wednesday at 11:00 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 homebound of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, our local community, the Diocese of Richmond and those affected by the wildfires in California.

### 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: Gerald A. Taft, Sr., Cindy Butler, John J. Gothreau, Michael Pastore, Deborah Schiro, Connie Bowry, Gerald A. Hall, Sr., 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!*

### BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish would like to congratulate Theodore John Good, infant son of Patrick and Emily Good (brother of Elizabeth and Abigail) of our parish on receiving the Sacrament of Baptism this Saturday, February 1, 2025 at 11:00 AM. May God bless and watch over you and your family!

### A GENTLE REMINDER

Checks that are missing signatures, have last year's date or have a discrepancy between the written amount and the amount written in the box are being rejected by our bank's scanners. This results in either a call to the office to pick up the entire deposit and re-submit it to the bank or the office has to return by mail each week the checks our volunteers catch. Please check your contribution for accuracy before placing it in the collection basket at Mass. We greatly appreciate your help and support. Thank you!

## Scripture Readings

### Feb. 1 Saturday of the 3rd Week in Ordinary Time

Heb 11:1-2,8-19/Lk 1:69-73,75/Jn 3:16/Mk 4:35-41

### Feb. 2 Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7-10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:32/Lk 2:22-40

### Feb. 3 Monday of the 4th Week in Ordinary Time

Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20-24/Lk 7:16/Mk 5:1-20

### Feb. 4 Tuesday of the 4th Week in Ordinary Time

Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-28&30-32/Mt 8:17/Mk 5:21-43

### Feb. 5 Memorial of St. Agatha

Heb 12:4-7,11-15/Ps 103:1-2,13-14,17-18a/Jn 10:27/Mk 6:1-6

### Feb. 6 Memorial of St. Paul Miki and Companions

Heb 12:18-19,21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab,3cd-4,9-11/Mk 1:15/Mk 6:7-13

### Feb. 7 Friday of the 4th Week in Ordinary Time

Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1,3,5,8b-9abc/Lk 8:15/Mk 6:14-29

### Feb. 8 Saturday of the 4th Week in Ordinary Time

Heb 13:15-17,20-21/Ps 23:1-3a,3b-6/Jn 10:27/Mk 6:30-34

### Feb. 9 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 6:1-2a,3-8/Ps 138:1-5,7-8/1 Cor 15:1-11/Mt 4:19/Lk 5:1-11

## Parish News

### FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION BLESSING OF CANDLES

All are invited to bring candles from home to be blessed after each Mass this weekend, February 1st and 2nd.

Why candles? Sunday, February 2 is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This feast commemorates when Mary and Joseph came to Jerusalem forty days after Jesus' birth to present Christ in the Temple and offer sacrifice. The Presentation proclaims Christ as the light who came into this world to dispel sin and darkness. For this reason, traditionally for many centuries, candles have been blessed at Mass this day that will be used throughout the year. This feast is also called "Candlemas" - the Mass of Candles.

### YOUTH GROUP GATHERING

#### Wednesday, Feb. 12th—7:30 PM

The next youth group gathering will be Wednesday, Feb. 12th after Adoration at 7:30 PM in the SEAS Social Hall. For details, please contact Rebecca Edicola, CRE, at: [reled@seascatholicchurch.org](mailto:reled@seascatholicchurch.org).

### 2024 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish will be mailing out contribution statements for 2024 tax purposes next week. Once received, please take a few minutes to review your statement. For questions, please contact the parish office at 804-932-4125. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

### 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.*

### 2025 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

#### Sharing His Love with Others

Many of you will be receiving a letter from Bishop Knestout asking for your support. For those of you who do not receive a mailing or have not had an opportunity to respond, we will be conducting our in-pew process the weekend of **March 8/9**. Additional details will be shared in the coming weeks.

To read more about this year's Appeal and the case for support, please visit: [richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal/](http://richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal/).

### NUN RUN FOOD DONATIONS

Our next monthly food collection for the Poor Clare nuns and the Little Sisters of St. Francis is scheduled for the weekend of **February 1/2**. Please drop off all donations to the collection box in the Commons Area of the Church.

### SEAS LENDING LIBRARY

SEAS Lending Library is available for use in the Commons Area of the Church. Pick up some reading material for this winter. If you would like to borrow items, there is a sign out sheet to borrow items for up to two weeks.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND SOUP SUPPERS DURING LENT Volunteer Coordinator Needed

A volunteer coordinator or team is needed to continue offering public Stations of the Cross and Vegetarian Soup Suppers on Fridays during Lent. **Duties include:** soliciting volunteers through in-person, phone calls and/or bulletin announcements to lead the Stations and for soup makers, creating a roster of volunteers to publish in the bulletin and signing out a church key and alarm code in order to open up on Fridays and lock up after the Stations and Soup Suppers. Due to safe environment regulations, it is necessary that the coordinator or team member remain on site during both events.

For questions or to volunteer, please contact the parish office at 804-932-4125.



**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.

**Polar Plunge for the Virginia Special Olympics:** Once again, Jeffrey Gargiulo will be raising funds to the Virginia Special Olympics Athletes, through the Polar Plunge. If you would like to donate, please go to my secure fundraising page: <https://impact.specialolympicsva.org/fundraiser/5998277>.

**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 Knights of Columbus Council at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 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 Knights of Columbus 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).