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- 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

“For out of you shall come forth a ruler who will shepherd My people.”

Is Christ calling you forth out of your comfort zone to serve Him in others as a sister, brother, or priest? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office, 804-359-5661; 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 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, please contact the parish office at 804-932-4125 to be put in touch with our RCIA Coordinator.

VIRGINIA PRO-LIFE DAY

The Virginia Pro-Life Day will take place in Richmond, VA on Wednesday, Jan. 29th. The Greater Richmond Convention Center opening program begins at 8:00 AM, followed by visits with legislators in the General Assembly Building beginning at 10:00 AM. Visit <https://vaprolifeday.org/> for more details.

The Virginia March for Life will take place on a separate day: April 2nd. Visit <https://marchforlife.org/virginia/> to learn more.



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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 Epiphany of the Lord
January 5, 2025

O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory.

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.



Adoration of the Magi, Bartolomé Esteban Murillo (Toledo Museum of Art, Ohio), 17th Century

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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, Jan. 4—Vigil

5:00 PM—Confessions
5:30 PM—Mass: Fr. Scott Duarte

Sunday, Jan. 5—The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 AM—Mass: Jake Wayne
9:30 AM—Rel. Ed. Middle/High School Class Only
11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

Monday, Jan. 6—St. André Bessette

Tuesday, Jan. 7—St. Raymond of Peñafort

Wed., Jan. 8—Christmas Weekday

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

Thurs., Jan. 9—Christmas Weekday

12:00 PM—Funeral Mass & Reception for Gerald Taft, Sr.

Friday, Jan. 10—Christmas Weekday

Saturday, Jan. 11—Vigil

11:00 AM—Sacrament of Baptism
5:00 PM—Confessions
5:30 PM—Mass: Bishop Barry C. Knestout

Sunday, Jan. 12—The Baptism of the Lord

8:30 AM—Mass: Fr. Danny Cogut
9:30 AM—Rel. Ed. Classes, with Parent's Class
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: Gerald A. Taft, Sr., 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.

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

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!

BAPTISM ANNOUNCEMENT

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish would like to announce that the Sacrament of Baptism has been scheduled for Theodore John Good, infant son of Patrick and Emily Good of our parish for next Saturday, January 11, 2025 at 11:00 AM.

THANK YOU

Father Scott wishes to thank everyone for their kind and thoughtful gifts of flowers, baked goods, chocolates, gift cards, etc., during the Christmas season. Many thanks as well for all the lovely decorations which made everything so beautiful at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish this year.

Scripture Readings

Jan. 4 Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1,7-9/Heb 1:1-2/Jn 1:35-42

Jan. 5 The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2,7-8/Eph 3:2-3a,5-6/Mt 2:2/Mt 2:1-12

Jan. 6 Monday after Epiphany

1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8,10-12a/Mt 4:23/Mt 4:12-17,23-25

Jan. 7 Tuesday after Epiphany

1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-4,7-8/Lk 4:18/Mk 6:34-44

Jan. 8 Wednesday after Epiphany

1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2,10-13/1 Tm 3:16/Mk 6:45-52

Jan. 9 Thursday after Epiphany

1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2,14&15bc,17/Lk 4:18/Lk 4:14-22

Jan. 10 Friday after Epiphany

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-15,19-20/Mt 4:23/Lk 5:12-16

Jan. 11 Saturday after Epiphany

1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-6a&9b/Mt 4:16/Jn 3:22-30

Jan. 12 The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4,6-7/Ps 29:1-4,9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 9:7/Lk 3:15-16,21-22

Parish News

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 box in the Commons Area of the Church. The next collection date is: **Jan. 4/5.**

OUR CONDOLENCES...

We would like to express our condolences to Nancy Taft and the Taft family on the death of Nancy's husband and SEAS parishioner, **Gerald Arthur "Jerry" Taft, Sr.**, who passed away on Dec. 31, 2024 at home. Funeral arrangements are as follows: there will be visitation with the family from 11:00 AM-12:00 PM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 12:00 PM on Thursday, Jan. 9, 2025. A reception will follow the funeral Mass in the SEAS Social Hall. Please pray for the happy repose of Jerry's soul and for strength, comfort and the Lord's peace to Nancy and their entire family.

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.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

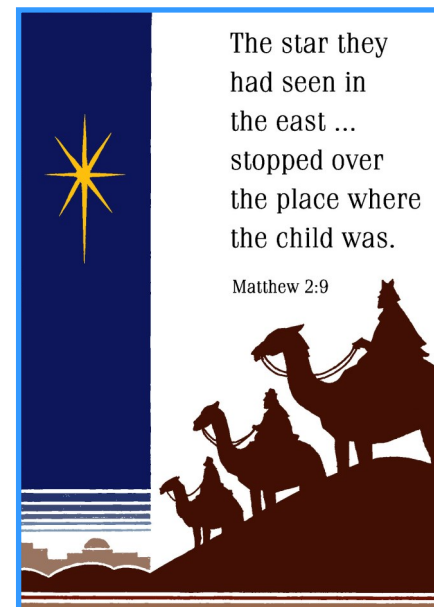
When New Kent County public schools are closed due to poor weather conditions, the parish office and church will be closed.

On the weekend, please check the parish website and parish office voicemail for any updates or news.

HOME BLESSINGS FOR THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

This Sunday is the Feast of the Epiphany. In imitation of the magi, who, according to Matthew's Gospel, came to the home of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, we ask Christ to visit our home and to bless all who reside there.

After Mass, please pick up a blessing prayer and a piece of chalk to inscribe above the door: "20+C+M+B+25" for the new year and the Latin words "*Christus mansionem benedicat*," -- May Christ bless this house.



The star they had seen in the east ... stopped over the place where the child was.

Matthew 2:9

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS

When all the hustle and bustle of the holidays are over, don't you and your spouse deserve a beautiful weekend away together to recharge? For further details and upcoming weekend retreat dates, visit <https://wwme.org/> and click on the "Apply" button or contact Donald and Helen Dudley at 757-690-1369; donald.helen.dudley@wwme.org.



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, through Jan. 6, 2025. Please place your donations in the collection bins in the Commons Area of the Church.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Additional dedicated ushers are needed at all Masses. We are down to a small group who are stretched very thin and when someone is out, we are short-handed. Please call the parish office if you are able to help out.

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.