

FROM THE REL. ED. PROGRAM - CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Exciting Religious Education news! Children's Liturgy of the Word will begin on Sunday, June 1st for the Sunday Masses only. Adult volunteers are needed to help make this program a success! Youth volunteers are welcome, but will not count towards the Diocesan Safe Environment Regulations. All adult volunteers will need to complete a VIRTUS training. This can be done online, or at an in-person session held at SEAS Parish in April (exact date TBD). If you are looking for a fun, low commitment way to get involved with the children's program at SEAS Parish, now is your chance! Contact Rebecca Edicola, CRE, for more information, reled@seascatholicchurch.org.

Children's Liturgy of the Word - How it works:

- Children start Mass with their families
- Before the scripture readings, children are invited to come forward
- Children process to a special area to participate in the Liturgy of the Word
- Children return to their families during the offertory

Benefits:

- Children can hear the same Mass readings as adults, but in simpler terms
- Children can grow in their love and understanding of God

FROM THE OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION...

Young Adult Lenten Day of Reflection—Registration is Open

All young adults ages 18-39 are invited to join us at the abbey in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains this Lent. This one-day retreat will include three talks, prayer with the Trappist-Cistercian nuns and the opportunity to find God in the stillness. The day will center around the ideas of hope and wholeness through an experiential approach to Lectio Divina. Participants will be invited to share in small groups.

The Young Adult Lenten Day of Reflection is Saturday, March 22nd from 10:00 AM-7:00 PM at Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Crozet, Virginia. \$30/per person covers lunch, a taste of Monastery Country gouda cheese and other retreat supplies.

Register at: evangelizerichmond.org/events/young-adult-lenten-day/.

**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.

2025 GRASS-CUTTING TEAM

Come one and all for a service opportunity with plenty of fresh air and sunshine.

Team members and substitutes are needed for the upcoming 2025 spring/summer grass-cutting schedule. Last year we were a team short and some of our volunteers were pulling double duty.

If you were on the schedule previously and are still able to volunteer, or if you are new to the parish and would like to get involved, please contact the parish office at 932-4125. Training will be provided.

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

"They left everything and followed Jesus." If you sense that Christ may be calling you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office, 804-359-5661 or email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



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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.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 23, 2025

**Grant, we pray,
 almighty God,
 that, always
 pondering spiritual
 things, we may
 carry out in both
 word and deed
 that which is
 pleasing to you.**

**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.**



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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. 22—Vigil

5:00 PM—Confessions
5:30 PM—Mass: †Elizabeth “Betty” Pool

Sunday, Feb. 23—7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM—Mass: †James Stephen Grove
9:30 AM—Rel. Ed. Classes, all grades
11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

Monday, Feb. 24—Weekday

*Office Closed

Tuesday, Feb. 25—Weekday

*Office Closed

Wednesday, Feb. 26—Weekday

11:00 AM—Mass: Special Intention
5:30 PM—Ladies’ Group (SEAS Conf. Rm.)
6:30 PM—Eucharistic Adoration
7:30 PM—Youth Group (SEAS Hall)

Thursday, Feb. 27—St. Gregory of Narek

Friday, Feb. 28—Weekday

Saturday, March 1—Vigil

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

Sunday, March 2—8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM—Mass: Special Intention
9:00 AM—Coffee & Doughnuts (SEAS Hall)
9:30 AM—Rel. Ed. classes & parent mtg.
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: Elizabeth “Betty” Pool, Joseph J. Gordineer, William Acampora, Peter Livingston, Donna Livingston, Everly Livingston, Alydia Livingston, Gerald A. Taft, Sr., John J. Gothreau, Connie Bowry and Gerald A. Hall, Sr.

“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!

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish will be celebrating Ash Wednesday Masses (with Imposition of Ashes) on March 5, 2025 at **12:00 PM and 7:00 PM.**

LADIES’ GROUP

The SEAS Ladies’ Group will begin their Lenten Study on Ash Wednesday, March 5th at 5:30 PM in the conference room. Nursing/lap babies welcome. Contact Rebecca Edicola for info on materials at reled@seascatholicchurch.org.

MARCH 21ST STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SEAS Youth Group will present Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 21st at 6:30 PM in the SEAS Social Hall. This special presentation will be child and family focused. All ages encouraged! The youth will also host the soup supper with grilled cheese also available.

Scripture Readings

Feb. 22 Feast of the Chair of St. Peter

1 Peter 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a,4-6/Mt 16:18/Mt 16:13-19

Feb. 23 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 26:2,7-9,12-13/Ps 103:1-4,8,10,12-13/1 Cor 15:45-49/Jn 13:34/Lk 6:27-38

Feb. 24 Monday of the 7th Week in Ordinary Time

Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1abcd,2,5/2 Ti 1:10/Mk 9:14-29

Feb. 25 Tuesday of the 7th Week in Ordinary Time

Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4,18-19,27-28,39-40/Gal 6:14/Mk 9:30-37

Feb. 26 Wednesday of the 7th Week in Ordinary Time

Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165,168,171,172/Jn 14:6/Mk 9:38-40

Feb. 27 Thursday of the 7th Week in Ordinary Time

Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-4,6/1 Thes 2:13/Mk 9:41-50

Feb. 28 Friday of the 7th Week in Ordinary Time

Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12,16,18,27,34,35/Jn 17:17b,17a/Mk 10:1-12

Mar. 1 Saturday of the 7th Week in Ordinary Time

Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-18/Mt 11:25/Mk 10:13-16

Mar. 2 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3,13-16/1 Cor 15:54-58/Phil 2:15d,16a/Lk 6:39-45

Parish News

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Please join us on Tuesday, March 4th from 5:30-8:00 PM for a Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner sponsored by the Knights of Columbus in the SEAS Social Hall. Prices are \$7.00 per plate or a maximum of \$20.00 for a family of four or more (limited to immediate family). The Knights will serve pancakes, sausage, fruit cups and ice cream! Everyone is welcome to attend the celebration prior to the beginning of Lent.

YOUTH GROUP GATHERING Wed., Feb. 26th

The youth group will meet Wednesday, Feb. 26th for Adoration at 6:30 PM followed by fellowship in the SEAS Social Hall from 7:30-8:45 PM. A simple supper will be served, followed by preparations for the parish activity on March 21st. All youth in middle school or higher are welcome. Please contact Rebecca Edicola, CRE, at: reled@seascatholicchurch.org for details.

SPRING 2025 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

The 40 Days for Life Campaign will be from March 5th through April 13th. There will be an opening prayer vigil on Saturday, March 1st at 2:00 PM until 3:00 PM at the Planned Parenthood Facility at 201 N. Hamilton Street in Richmond. Sign up for vigil hours is available by going to the 40 Days for Life website at: www.40daysforlife.com and then use the drop down for Richmond, VA.

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 have received a letter from Bishop Knestout asking for your support. For those of you who did 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.**

Each gift that is contributed to the Appeal makes a big difference in enabling our diocese to deliver much needed ministries and services such as heating and grocery assistance to families through the Fuel and Hunger Fund, health insurance and long-term care for our retired priests, tuition for our future priests to attend the seminary and events for campus ministries and youth and young adult ministries.

In addition, all parishes receive back a portion of their funds collected to be used for important local priorities. The diocese has set the total goal for SEAS Parish this year at **\$23,000.00.** The target is based on FY24 offertory. To read more about this year’s Appeal and the case for support, please visit: richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal/.

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.

K of C Sponsored Coffee and Doughnuts: K of C Council 14034 will sponsor coffee and doughnuts and hot cocoa on the following upcoming dates: March 2nd and April 6th from 9:00-11:00 AM.

Thanks to You We Did It! I just want to give a heartfelt thanks to my Brother Knights, family and friends for your support of the 2025 Polar Plunge. This year with your donations I raised \$745.00 for these Special Olympians. The Virginia Knights of Columbus had a record-breaking year as well with over \$170,000 collected for Virginia Special Olympics; and remember that all the funds collected for the Virginia Special Olympics stay right here in Virginia to give much needed help to these athletes and their families. ~Jeffrey Gargiulo

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.

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.