NUN RUN FOOD DONATIONS

The next weekend for our monthly food collection for the Poor Clare nuns and the Little Sisters of St. Francis will be on May 3/4. Please drop off food and non-perishable donations to the collection box in the Commons Area of the Church. When donating, please make sure the food containers/packages are sealed by the manufacturer as we are unable to accept partially opened goods or goods that are way past the expiration date. Thank you for your generosity. It is most appreciated!

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

SEAS Parish is enrolled in Kroger Community Rewards. You can help support SEAS New Church Fund by shopping at Kroger and using your Kroger

- To enroll your Plus Card, visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com.
- Click on "Create An Account."
- 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.

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.

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

"As the Father has sent Me, so I send you." Let us affirm our priests and help carry out Christ's mission of spreading love and compassion in the world. Maybe God is also calling you to share in His saving mission as a priest. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

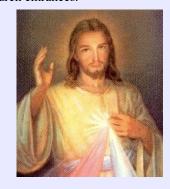


DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (4/27/25)

Throughout the centuries Our Lord and His Blessed Mother have appeared to people of faith bringing a message of salvation and love. The message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of St. Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun, who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary recording the revelations she received about God's mercy.

The message of mercy is that God loves us—all of us—no matter how great our sins. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Devotion to The Divine Mercy is a decision to trust completely in Him, to accept His mercy with thanksgiving, and to be merciful as He is merciful. By doing this you will gain great peace of mind and soul.

Pamphlets on how to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Novena before Divine Mercy Sunday (the Second Sunday of Easter) are located by both Church entrances.



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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 Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) April 27, 2025

God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace vou have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed.

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 Incredulity of St. Thomas (Maestà Altarpiece), Duccio di Buoninsegna, 1308-1311

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, April 26—Vigil

11:00 AM—La Rosa-Ginter Wedding

5:00 PM—Confessions

5:30 PM—Mass: †Thomas Kapalko

Sunday, April 27—2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

8:30 AM—Mass: People of the Parish 9:30 AM—Rel. Ed. Classes, all grades 10:30 AM—May Crowning Rehearsal

11:00 AM—Mass: 1st Reconciliation Students 12:00 PM—K of C Sponsored Parish Picnic

Monday, April 28—St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort

Tuesday, April 29—St. Catherine of Siena

10:00 AM—Funeral Mass for Kathy Ann Largo

11:00 AM—Reception (SEAS Hall)

Wednesday, April 30—St. Pius V

12:00 PM—Mass: †Pope Francis

5:30 PM—Ladies Group

6:30 PM—Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, May 1-St. Joseph the Worker

Friday, May 2—St. Athanasius

Saturday, May 3—Vigil

5:00 PM—Confessions

5:30 PM—Mass: Special Intention

Sunday, May 4—3rd Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM—Mass: †Kathleen "Kathy" Kelley 9:30 AM—Coffee & Donuts (SEAS Hall)

9:30 AM—Rel. Ed. Classes, all grades & parent mtg.

11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

*Daily Mass is 12:00 PM on Wednesdays, 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:

"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: Kathy Ann Largo, Kathleen Kelley, Pope Francis, Catherine Tureski, Elizabeth "Betty" Pool, Joseph J. Gordineer, William Acampora, Peter Livingston, Donna Livingston, Everly Livingston and Alydia Livingston.

Parish Contributions

If you are a registered SEAS parishioner and would like contribution information, please contact the parish office at 804-932-4125.

<u>Donation options:</u> Sign-up for E-giving on the parish website at <u>seascatholicchurch.org</u>; 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!

OPERATION RICE BOWL

If you are participating in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, please return all Rice Bowls to the Church so donations can be counted and submitted in a timely manner. Thank you!

A GENTLE REMINDER

Please take a few minutes to review your contribution before placing it in the collection baskets at Mass. Many envelopes do not have any written donation amounts which slows down the counters who have to mark each individual envelope. Checks and cash placed in envelopes go in the bank deposit so if nothing is marked on the envelopes our bookkeeper cannot post to give you a correct contribution statement at the end of the year. Our dedicated volunteers do an amazing job week after week in preparing our weekly deposit so please take a few minutes and make their job a little less time consuming. Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

Scripture Readings

April 26 Saturday in the Octave of Easter
Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1&14-15ab,16-21/Ps 118:24/Mk 16:9-15
April 27 2nd Second of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)
Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24/Rev 1:9-11a,12-13,
17-19/Jn 20:29/Jn 20:19-31

April 28 Monday of the 2nd Week of Easter Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-4,7ab,9/Col 3:1/Jn 3:1-8

April 29 Memorial of St. Catherine of SienaActs 4:32-37/Ps 93:1abcd-2.5/Jn 3:14-15/Jn 3:7b-15

April 30 Wednesday of the 2nd Week of Easter Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-9/Jn 3:16/Jn 3:16-21

May 1 Thursday of the 2nd Week of Easter Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2&9,17-20/Jn 20:29/Jn 3:31-36

May 2 Memorial of St. Athanasius

Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1,4,13-14/Mt 4:4b/Jn 6:1-15

May 3 Feast of Sts. Philip and James

1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-5/Jn 14:6b,9c/Jn 14:6-14 **May 4 3rd Sunday of Easter**

Acts 5:27-32,40b-41/Ps 30:2,4,5-6,11-13/Rev 5:11-14/ Jn 21:1-19

Parish News

OUR CONDOLENCES...

We would like to express our condolences to Carmine Largo and the Largo family on the death of Carmine's wife and SEAS parishioner. Kathleen Ann "Kathy" Largo, who passed away on April 22, 2025 at home. Funeral arrangements are as follows: a Mass of Christian Burial will take place at SEAS Parish on Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at 10:00 AM, followed by a reception in the SEAS Social Hall. Private interment will take place later in the day at Amelia Veteran's Cemetery in Amelia County, Virginia. Please pray for the happy repose of Kathy's soul and for strength, comfort and the Lord's peace to Carmine, their son Matthew and all their friends and family members.



Learn about the Church's new teenage saint, Carlos Acutis, known as the "Patron of the Internet." The documentary "I Am With You" produced by EWTN can be viewed here: https://ondemand.ewtn.com/Home/Play/en/381-373197.

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.

MAY CROWNING

SEAS Parish will hold a May Crowning Procession at the 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday, May 4th, with light refreshments afterward in the SEAS Social Hall. Crowning of the Virgin Mary statue with flowers is a traditional practice to honor Mary during the month of May. All children and teens are invited to learn Marian Hymns for the procession. Beth Ann Luther will assist with rehearsals in the SEAS Rel. Ed. building. Contact Rebecca Edicola, CRE, reled@seascatholicchurch.org, for details. Remaining rehearsals for the hymns are scheduled for: April 27: 10:30-10:45am Friday, May 2: 6:30-7:30pm

UNVEILED: PRE-CANA PROGRAM \$170/couple, Various Times and Locations

Unveiled is the Diocese of Richmond's marriage preparation program designed for engaged couples preparing to be married in the Catholic Church. Each session is facilitated by a married couple who will help the engaged couples attending to explore the core topics:

- Communication and Intimacy
- Theology of Marriage
- Spirituality of a Marriage

These core topics are communicated by way of engaging videos featuring married couples, priests, theologians, and physicians. This rich content serves as the springboard for deeper discussion between each couple. To register, visit https://evangelizerichmond.org/marriage/marriage-preparation/unveiled/.

REST IN PEACE

We are saddened to share that Kathleen Margaret "Kathy" Kelley, wife of the late Morgan Kelley, both of SEAS Parish, passed away peacefully at home on April 12, 2022. Many of you may remember that Morgan led a Tuesday morning bible study for many years, with Kathy by his side at SEAS Parish. Kathy was also a member of the finance council many years ago. We would be grateful of your remembrance in prayer for the repose of the soul of Kathy and Morgan, and comfort and peace to all their friends and family.



Schedule: K of C Council 14034 meets the first and third Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM. The inperson 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.

Spring Parish Picnic: The Knights will host a Spring Parish Picnic and Recognition luncheon on Sunday, April 27th, after the 11:00 AM Mass. The parish picnic is free for all parishioners to attend. The menu will feature the normal assortment of picnic foods.

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 at SEAS Parish and all we do, please contact GK Mark Dupuis at: 804-201-5925; dupuis99@aol.com. To learn more about the K of C in Virginia, visit our website: kofc.org/joinus.

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

Our next weekend is scheduled for Thursday, May 8th-Sunday, May 11th, 2025. We again are looking for volunteer cookie bakers. Each team member is responsible for 100 dozen cookies. Cookie receipts will be available this weekend by each Church entrance. Please contact Johne Bandino at 804-908-4296 for details.

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.