

September 14, 2025 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Elizabeth of Hungary

at the corner of
Lossing & Boundary,
Colonial Beach, VA

St. Anthony of Padua

at the corner of
St. Anthony's Rd & Millbank,
King George, VA



**OUR LADY OF
SORROWS**

**FEAST DAY
SEPTEMBER 15**

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www.SaintsElizabethAndAnthony.com

Die Catholic and in the State of Grace and You Win!

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass & Intentions

September	St. Elizabeth	St. Anthony
Sun 14	9:00 am People of the Parish 11:00 am Theresa Wallace +	8:15 am Jan Koker 10:30 am Frank & Jeanne Visk
Mon 15	8:00 am Wobbe Family	
Tues 16	8:00 am Steve Madison	
Wed 17	8:00 am Steve & Kelli Madison	5:00 pm Our Lady of Good Council Co-op
Thu 18	8:00 am Richard Wobbe +	
Fri 19	8:00 am Bryan Flannery, Jr.	9:00 am John & Virginia Hawley
Sat 20	8:00 am For the Souls Represented in the Altar Stars 5:00 pm Charlie Kirk	9:00 am Mary Tracey Bradley & Vincent Bradley + 7:00 pm William P. Tracey +
NOTE: The Sunday 11am is a Novus Ordo Mass (new Mass) said in Latin.		NOTE: The Monday 9am is cancelled in lieu of a 7pm Mass for the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September All events at St. Anthony unless otherwise noted.

Sun 14 9:20am Religious Education
12:00pm Latin Choir Practice
Mon 15 7:00pm Co-op Teachers Meeting
8:00pm Our Lady of Sorrows Reception
Tue 16 9:30pm Co-op
7:30pm Legion of Mary, Queen of Angels
Wed 17 9:30am Latin Choir Practice
10:15am Legion of Mary, Our Lady of Victory
5:30pm Confirmation Classes
Thu 18 9:30am Latin Choir Practice
12:00pm St. Anthony's Food Pantry
7:00pm Elizant Ladies Meeting
Fri 19 9:30am Latin Choir Practice
4:00pm Jr. Legion of Mary
Sat 20 10:15am Curia Meeting

CHURCH HOURS

St. Elizabeth

Monday thru Friday 8am - 2pm
Saturday 8am - 6pm
St Elizabeth office will be closed Sept 8th-12th

St. Anthony

Monday, Thursday & Friday 9am - 2pm
Tuesday & Wednesday 10am - 2pm
Saturday 9am - 10am, 6:30pm - 8pm

CONFESSIONS

St. Elizabeth

Saturday at 4:30pm & Sunday at 8:30am

St. Anthony

Wednesday after 5pm Mass
Saturday after 9am & before 7pm Masses
Sunday before all Masses

OFFICE HOURS

St. Elizabeth office 9am - 2pm Monday thru Friday
St. Anthony office 10am - 2pm Monday thru Friday

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Interested in becoming a Catholic? Adults needing sacraments or interested in converting contact Fr. de Rosa.
ave.regina.coelorum@gmail.com or 804-224-7221.

INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY/PARENTING THERAPY

St. Elizabeth's is hosting a trained therapist on a regular basis. If you are interested or in need of counseling or therapy, please contact the Fredericksburg Catholic Charities office to make confidential arrangements. Ask for Peter A. Drabant, MS, MA, LPC, CSAC at 540-371-1124.

COEMETERIUM SANCTA TRINITAS

BLESSED TRINITY CEMETERY
11227 James Madison Parkway
King George, VA 22485
540-848-4785



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

EVERY WEDNESDAY AT ST. ELIZABETH

Following 8am Mass

Benediction at Noon

Every FRIDAY AT ST. ANTHONY

Following 9am Mass

Benediction at 6:45



SEPTEMBER 14 - 20

CANDLE & FLOWER SPONSORSHIPS

St. Elizabeth

ALTAR FLOWERS No Sponsor

Sanctuary Candle One Imène and Nicholas Méric

Sanctuary Candle Two Salma Lahrlimi

Mary Candle No Sponsor

St. Joseph Candle Peter de Rosa

St. Anthony

ALTAR FLOWERS

Sanctuary Candle Repose of the Soul of Arsenio R. Silva

St. Joseph Candle For Sister Oriana

Sponsor a candle (\$25/wk) or altar flowers (\$130/wk) for your loved one or any intention. Contact the appropriate office.

MASS FOR YOUR LOVED ONE

There is no greater prayer than the Mass! Why not show your love and support by offering a Mass for family and friends. Fill out the envelopes located in the back of the church or contact either office. There are many openings at both churches.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

For These Upcoming Events at St. Anthony

October 18 - Barrel Blessing

November 2 - Used Book Sale

November 23 - St. Cecelia Music Festival

More Information Forthcoming!

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please keep the sick of our parish in your prayers especially: Susan Noll-Nelson, Donald Ertter, Addie Armstrong, Sylvia Pitts, Robert Perna, Fr. Danny Cogut, Baby Esther Landries, Kelli Madison, Courtney Diehr, Mateo Lopez, Carol Owens. Names will be kept on the list for one month. If you wish to have your loved one remain on the list please or added call the office. (540) 848-4785.

PRAYERS FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM AND THEIR FAMILIES

Please help us update our prayer list. Email stanthony@va.metrocast.net to include your family member in our prayers.

A1C Julian B. Apa, USAF

Sgt Jennifer Childers, USMC

Sgt Chaud Dayrit, ANG

SrA Olivia Dorsch, USAF

LCpl Ryan Evans, USMC

Capt. John Hawley, USAF

Capt. Virginia Hawley, USAF

LT Andrew Heinlein, USN

CAPT Stephen Henz, USN

1LT Kevin Kaczmar, USMC

A1C Mariah Laudicina, USAF

SPC Faith Lingenfelter, USA

HM2 Bryan McDermott, USN

1LT Thomas Melton, USA

Sean Meyers, VA StTpr

LT Daniel S. Oursler, SFD

Josh Pedroza, Austin PD

Matthew Poe, APD

LCpl McGregor Schamel, USMC

COL Brian Scicluna, USA

LT Jim Simmons, KGSO

1LT Frank Vendetti, USA

THE WELL-READ MOM

This year we will meet on the 2nd Thursday every month beginning September from 7-8:30pm in St. Anthony's Parish Center. Some of the books we will read this year include Persuasion, Giants in the Earth, The Hunchback of Notre-Dame, The Chosen, The End of the Affair and Purgatorio. Please join us for lively and thoughtful conversation. Contact Mary Grace for more info: marygracehudak@gmail.com.



PARISH EMAIL NOTICES

Signup at our website or use this QR code to stay up to date with parish news, events and special announcements from Fr. de Rosa.

COUNTRY CHRISTMAS 2025

Country Christmas will be held Saturday, October 4 from 8:30 am - 1:00 pm at St. Anthony's Great Hall. This is a fun crafting and fellowship event for women 21 and up with a registration fee of \$35 (correct cash or check at time of registration) that includes breakfast, lunch and 3 Christmas-themed crafts that you make to give as presents or keep for yourself. Registration dates are September 6/7 and 13/14 after the all Masses. Contact Jackie Miniuk 540-220-5176 or Gloria Lovell 540-840-9340 for questions or to register.

ELIZANT UPCOMING EVENTS

October 4 - Country Christmas

December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe Fiesta, Adults only

February 14, 2026 - Lenten Morning of Reflection

Questions or Suggestions?

Contact ElizAntLadies@gmail.com or 540-846-3849

WORKCAMP 2026

It is time to begin preparations for WorkCamp 2026 which will be held June 20-26 in Shenandoah County Virginia. This service opportunity combines prayer, great speakers, daily Mass, confession, and tons of fun, making it an integrated experience of true Christian community and one of the most transformational opportunities of the year! While WorkCamp is for one week in June, preparations (including monthly meetings and fundraising) take months and teen participation in that preparation is mandatory. Teens currently in grades 9-12 that are interested in WorkCamp should contact Tammy at youthgroup@saintselizabethandanthony.com or Wendy at wkpayne02@gmail.com by September 14.

We will also need several adult volunteers to assist at WorkCamp as Adult Crew Leaders, Contractors, and Security. Please prayerfully consider helping our teens as they help others and grow in the Faith!

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic High School is hosting an Open House for prospective families on Wednesday, September 24th from 5:30-7:00 PM. We are located at 6301 Campus Drive Fredericksburg 22408. Diocesan recognized, fully accredited college prep curriculum, State Championship Sports programs, dynamic clubs, extracurricular activities, and much more. Forming knowledgeable Christ centered leaders. www.saintmichaelhs.org.

HEALING AFTER ABORTION

The next *Day of Prayer & Healing* for women who have experienced abortion will be on Saturday, September 27, 2025. These healing events are held in a private and peaceful setting. You are not alone. Take the first step. For **confidential** inquiries and registration, please contact Project Rachel Ministry: (703) 841-2504 or info@helpafterabortion.org.

YOUTH GROUP PARTY

Celebrate the canonizations of St. Acutis and St. Frassati! Middle and high school aged teens are invited to St. Anthony's Great Hall Friday, September 27, 7-9:00PM for an Italian themed dinner and campfire to salute our new saints!

RSVP to saintselizabethandanthonyym@gmail.com or call/text 540-424-0404.

The parish youth group, Friends of Frassati is open to middle and high school aged teens and meets on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month from 7-9PM in the St. Anthony's Great Hall. Email Tammy McCallum saintselizabethandanthonyym@gmail.com to be added to the email list.

EARLY OR ABSENTEE VOTING - SEPTEMBER 19

YOUR VOTE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

The outcome this November will be determined by a couple hundred votes. Your vote matters. Make a plan to vote early by mail or in person. Visit <https://secureyourvotevirginia.com> or contact your county registrar's office.

You have three convenient ways to VOTE beginning September 19th, 2025!

Vote EARLY by Mail!

Submit an application to have a ballot mailed, by Fri, Oct 24

Vote EARLY In Person!

Mon-Fri, 8a to 4:30p,
also Sat, Oct 25 & Sat, Nov 1, 9a to 5p,
at our office!
Bring your ID!

Vote at your Precinct on Election Day!

November 4
Polls open
6am to 7pm.
Bring your ID!

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

The Monday, September 15 the 9am Mass is cancelled in lieu of special High Mass at 7:00 pm to celebrate the Feast of the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady AND the 10th anniversary of the Confraternity of Christian Mothers at our parish. After Mass there will be a meeting and reception in the hall for all Confraternity members. There will also be information available for any mothers who are interested in joining the Confraternity.

ONLINE GIVING

We're excited to share that Faith Direct will soon be upgrading to ParishSOFT Giving—our new, secure giving platform.

This upgrade will happen automatically and securely. No action is required from you—your gift schedules and payment details will carry over seamlessly.

What's new about ParishSOFT Giving?

- *Weekly Giving*: If you selected weekly giving, your gifts will now be deducted each week instead of in one monthly batch.
- *More Flexibility*: Adjust your giving schedule to any date that works for you—not just the 4th or 15th.
- *More Ways to Give*: Now you can donate using PayPal, Venmo, Apple Pay, or Google Pay.

We're committed to making this a smooth transition. You'll receive more information as we get closer to launch.

CANDIDATE COMPARISON: RACE FOR GOVERNOR



Compiled by the Virginia Catholic Conference for the 2025 Virginia Elections

In keeping with its mission, the Virginia Catholic Conference aims to educate and inform Catholics about a wide range of issues. The information compiled here has been gathered from policies, public statements, official and campaign websites, and other resources, as of August 14th, to help voters form their consciences before voting in November. The issues that appear here do not represent a complete list of issues that may be of importance to Catholics. The VCC neither supports nor opposes any candidate for public office.

"Human dignity is respected and the common good is fostered only if human rights are protected and basic responsibilities are met. Every human being has a right to life, the fundamental right that makes all other rights possible, and a right to access those things required for human decency – food and shelter, education and employment, health care and housing, freedom of religion and family life."
– Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, No. 49, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2003



WINSOME EARLE-SEARS



ABIGAIL SPANBERGER

ABORTION

In March 2025, as Lieutenant Governor, Sears made the following written notation to a proposed constitutional amendment that would enshrine a "right" to abortion in Virginia's constitution: "I am morally opposed to this bill: no protection for the child."

In her keynote address at the April 2025 Virginia March for Life, Sears stated, "We stand for life and how can it ever be wrong to stand for life?"

In 2002, as a Virginia House of Delegates member, Sears co-sponsored and voted for a bill to require a physician to obtain parental consent prior to performing an abortion on a minor.

In January 2025, Spanberger issued a statement in support of the House of Delegates' passage of a proposed constitutional amendment that would enshrine a "right" to abortion in Virginia's constitution.

As a member of Congress, Spanberger co-sponsored the Women's Health Protection Act, which sought to prohibit "governmental restrictions on the provision of, and access to, abortion services." Spanberger also co-sponsored the Ensuring Access to Abortion Act, which would have prohibited "anyone acting under state law from interfering with a person's ability to access out-of-state abortion services." Spanberger is endorsed by Planned Parenthood Advocates of Virginia.

ASSISTED SUICIDE

In a May 2024 radio interview, Sears stated her opposition to assisted suicide legislation. She said, "No, we don't want to be in the business of death. Is that what we're about?"

In response to a question about assisted suicide at a 2023 event, Spanberger said she supported "legislation that legalizes the right to die," including "allowing for medical providers to provide...life-ending prescriptions."

CONSCIENCE RIGHTS

In 2002, as a Virginia House of Delegates member, Sears co-sponsored and voted for a bill to ensure that no healthcare professional who objects to abortion "on personal, ethical, moral or religious grounds" would be required to dispense any medication "for the purpose of performing an abortion."

In a May 2025 interview, Sears said, "I don't want a person who has religious faith to feel they are forced against their will. It's freedom of religion." She made the comment to explain her opposition to removing the one-man/one-woman marriage definition from Virginia's constitution.

In response to a question about Catholic and other religious healthcare institutions at a 2023 event, Spanberger said, "I oppose the ability of religious institutions to put their religious-based ideas on individuals and their healthcare choices and options... I do not believe that people should have the option to allow their own personal beliefs to dictate the type of medical care that they are providing their patients." As a member of Congress, Spanberger co-sponsored and voted for the Equality Act, which would have added the new terms "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" to the definition of "sex" in federal civil rights laws, and would have exempted itself from the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993.

ECONOMY

Sears' campaign website states she "wants to make sure Virginia is a place where all families can afford to live, raise their families, work, and build a future. She will fight for common-sense tax cuts that help all Virginians." In a December 2024 op-ed Sears wrote, "We must strengthen public-private partnerships that drive innovation. We must continue...to attract and retain new world-class companies. And we must invest in workforce development to prepare our Virginians for the jobs of the future."

In a November 2021 interview, Spanberger noted her work in Congress to lower the cost of prescription drugs and extend the child tax credit. In April 2025, Spanberger announced her support for raising Virginia's minimum wage to \$15 an hour. At a rally in April 2025, Spanberger said she will ensure "more Virginians can negotiate for the benefits and fair treatment that they've earned."



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EDUCATIONAL CHOICE

In a 2025 interview, Sears stated, "My vision for Virginia is whatever you, the parent, want: public, private, parochial, home school, whatever it is, a hybrid — you make the choice."

Spanberger's "Strengthening Virginia Schools Plan" includes "rejecting efforts to divert funding from public education to pay for voucher programs."

ENVIRONMENT

In a May 2025 speech, Sears expressed support for a variety of energy sources: "That's why we are going to have all of it: clean coal. Oil. Yes, renewables. Nuclear. Natural gas; all of that." On X (formerly Twitter) in July 2024, she posted, "Virginia will continue to lead the nation as we innovate and expand our All-the-Above energy approach. We will drive and maintain economic growth as we expand our capability to support the energy needs of a growing Commonwealth."

Spanberger called climate change "one of the greatest and most imminent threats to our economy, our national security, and our way of life." In 2019, Spanberger co-sponsored the Climate Action Now Act, which would require "the President to develop and update annually a plan for the United States to meet its nationally determined contribution under the Paris Agreement on climate change." In a 2019 Congressional hearing, she stated, "As Congress looks to strengthen our engagement on issues of international diplomacy, security, and development, climate change must be viewed as a pressing national security concern."

HEALTHCARE

In a 2022 interview, Sears expressed support for increased funding for mental health initiatives, including behavioral health facilities and school support staff. "We've got to find the money; we've got to prioritize," Sears said. "There are things if we don't address them, they are only going to get worse and mental health is absolutely one of them."

According to Spanberger's website, "Abigail believes that all Virginians deserve access to quality, affordable healthcare — and believes in protecting Virginia's Medicaid expansion and defending against efforts to dismantle the *Affordable Care Act*, which protects more than 1.3 million Virginians with pre-existing conditions."

PARENTS' RIGHTS

In a 2022 interview, Sears stated, "Parents want to know that their child is learning. If that is not happening, something needs to be done." She highlighted a bill that Gov. Youngkin signed that requires parental notification before sexually explicit content is presented, permits parental review of the materials, and requires the provision of non-explicit alternatives to any student upon parental request. In reaction to a June 2025 U.S. Supreme Court decision upholding Tennessee's ban on puberty blockers and other so-called gender transition procedures on minors, Sears stated: "The Court got it right: parents have the final say."

In 2023, as a member of Congress, Spanberger voted against the Parents Bill of Rights Act. This bill sought to require schools to notify parents of their right to know what their children are being taught, to address the school board, to see the school budget and spending, and to receive information about violent activity. The bill also specified the right of parents to "know if their child's school operates, sponsors, or facilitates athletic programs or activities that permit an individual whose biological sex is male to participate in an athletic program or activity that is designed for individuals whose biological sex is female" and to "know if their child's school allows an individual whose biological sex is male to use restrooms or changing rooms designated for individuals whose biological sex is female."

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