FEBRUARY 18, 2024 | THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

WELCOME! PARISH OFFICE

804-639-6712 (p) | 804-639-6591 (f) www.saintgabriel.org

Monday-Thursday | 8:30am-3:30pm

Sacramental Emergencies

804-639-6712 Ext. 1

Anointing of the Sick

Contact the parish office for arrangements. In an emergency, call 804-639-6712 and dial ext. 1.

Ministry to the Sick

Catholics in our area who are seriously ill or their family members may contact the office for prayer requests. To request a prayer shawl, contact Becky Robinsonbbtsmi@aol.com.

Baptism

Please visit saintgabriel.org/Baptism register for preparation and celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism. It is recommended to contact the parish office six months in advance to prepare for the sacrament.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The sacrament is available each Sunday from 8:15-8:45 a.m. and 10:15-10:45 a.m. You may also approach the priest after the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday. Also available on the first Friday of the month from 9:40-10:20 am, or call the parish office for an appointment.

Marriage

Couples need to contact the pastor before scheduling a wedding at the parish. The presider will coordinate all preparation needed. It is recommended couples schedule this at least one year in advance to give adequate time to prepare.



MASS SCHEDULE

ST. GABRIEL

Wed. 9:00am Thu. 9:00am Fri. 9:00am Sat. 5:30pm

GOOD SAMARITAN

Sat. 4:00pm Sun. 4:00pm (Hispanic)

PARISH STAFF

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NEW TO THE PARISH? Welcome! We are blessed to have you with us. Whether you are visiting us for a brief time, looking for a new parish home, are returning to the practice of your Catholic faith or are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church you are welcome. You can find out more about the parish on our website, www.saintgabriel.org or by calling the parish office at 804-639-6712.

SAINT GABRIEL

8901 Winterpock Road Chesterfield, VA 23832

GOOD SAMARITAN

13441 Patrick Henry Highway Amelia, VA 23002

PARISH VISION STATEMENT

St. Gabriel announced the coming of Jesus Christ. The community of Saint Gabriel announces the Good News alive today through our commitment to be a parish of welcome and hospitality through the stewardship of our gifts. Through our worship, outreach, formation, compassion and forgiveness, we are called to pause and reflect on our relationship with God and one another as we live the gospel each day of our lives.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Sick Parishioners Names will appear for <u>3 months</u> after notification. Please resubmit if needed.

Mary Deeths
Colton Wingert
Suzanne Beck
Florence Black
John Cimmino
Maria Estremera
Tina Shashaty Fuchs
Tim Kirkbride

Lori Sullivan
Mary Kozlowski
Pat Martonik
Julio Pons
Leah Robinson
Patrick Salerno
Casey Stemper

Mass Intentions at time of publication

Wed., Feb. 21, 9:00 am

Thurs., Feb. 22, 9:00 am

Fri., Feb. 23, 9:00 am

Sat., Feb. 24, 5:30 pm

Raymond Albert

Henrietta Boakye

Jeannie Albert

Josephine Fink

Sun., Feb. 25, 9:00 am For the Parish and the Entire Universe

Sun., Feb. 25, 11:00 am Joe Stolla

Mary Stump

Beware of Scams— Always consider that uninvited contact from people or businesses, whether by phone, mail, email, in person or on a social networking site may be a scam. If it looks too good to be true or seems like an odd request, it probably is. Never give your personal information or monetary donations to anyone without verifying that the request is coming from a legitimate source.



HELP FOR VICTIMS OF ABUSE

Child Protective Services Hotline | 1-800-552-7096 Attorney General's Clergy Abuse Hotline | 1-833-454-9064 Victim Assistance Reporting Line | 1-877-887-9603 richmonddiocese.org/reporting-of-child-sexual-abuse-and-sexual-harassment/

Please Note:

Kindly bring any items/written material(s) you would like to distribute to the community to the office for approval. Do Not Leave items in the church or commons.

WEEKLY MASS & EVENT SCHEDULE

For the full Parish Calendar go to saintgabriel.org & click on "Events: Parish Calendar."

Sunday, February 18

2:00 pm | Funeral Mass

Monday, February 19

Chesterfield County Parish Office Closed

11:00 am | Rosary

Tuesday, February 20

9:00 am | Rosary 9:00 am | Centering Prayer 7:00 pm | Lectionary Study 7:30 pm | Fishermen

Wednesday, February 21

8:15 am | Rosary 9:00 am | Mass 9:45 am | WINGS

6:00 pm | Cantor/Instrumentalist Rehearsal

6:00 pm | Prison Ministry 7:00 pm | Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 22

8:15 am | Rosary 9:00 am | Mass

9:45 am | Richmond Friends of the Homeless

Friday, February 23

8:15 am | Rosary 9:00 am | Mass

9:30 am | Exposition, Adoration, and

Benediction

9:45 am | Confession 10:30 am | Bible Study

12:00 pm | Self Guided Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm | Guided Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm | Lenten Meal

Saturday, February 24– Food Pantry Weekend

10:00 am | Rosary 10:00 am | Funeral Mass 5:30 pm | Mass

Sunday, February 25- Food Pantry Weekend

8:00 am | Rosary 9:00 am | Mass 11:00 am | Mass

1:00 pm | High School Formation 3:30 pm | Middle School Formation



Go Green - Enroll in Electronic Giving

One way to keep our parish going and growing is by consistent giving. An easy, convenient, secure and environmental friendly way is by using *E-Giving*. When you choose to give online, your donation will transfer directly to the parish. It is a convenience for you as you no longer need to bring your envelope, stop by an ATM or have your checkbook on you. It helps the parish as recurring donations provide consistency and efficiency.

To set up your E-Giving account, use this QR code or visit www.saintgabriel.org/E-giving.



To set up your recurring donation:

- 1. under donation click on "recurring"
- 2. select the fund you would like to give to (offertory, building and growth, social concerns....)
- 3. input your dollar amount
- 4. click on the recurrence time (weekly, bi-weekly, monthly)
- 5. you can do more than one fund by clicking on "+ Add Donation"
- 6. input how you would like to donate, credit/debit card or bank account
- 7. input your payment information
- 8. submit

It's that easy. At any time you can change your donation, do a special one-time donation. You manage your account. Please contact the parish office to let us know to stop sending envelopes. Thank you!

Interested in Vocations?

First Sunday of Lent -- February 18, 2024

"I establish My covenant with you." If in your listening to the Lord you are sensing the invitation to follow Christ as a priest, sister, or brother, talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



Special Offering – Winter Energy

Winter has arrived.

We all experience an increase in our gas bills during the winter months while we try to stay warm and the church is no different. As good stewards, please be mindful of the parishes winter needs and help with the increased cost of winter energy. All envelope givers received a special "Winter Energy" envelope in their January packet. E-givers can go onto their account and do a one-time donation to the "Winter Energy Fund" during the month February. Every dollar counts and every dollar is greatly appreciated...no donation is too small.

We are grateful people and grateful for the gifts God continues to bless us with all year long. God bless your family and keep them safe throughout 2024.



2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal: Sharing His Love with Others

Recently, many of you received a letter from Bishop Knestout asking for your support of the

2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal. We hope you will prayerfully consider this request. For those of you who did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our **In-Pew Process** at all Masses during the weekends of February 17th/18th and February 24th/25th.

An important aspect of the Appeal is that all parishes receive back a portion of their funds collected to be used for important local priorities.

Thank you in advance for your support of the 2024 Appeal.

Register your Kroger Plus Card for St. Gabriel



We have **157** households that have registered their Kroger Plus Card for St. Gabri-

el. Let's continue to grow that number! It's SO simple...go to www.kroger.com/communityrewards and use St. Gabriel's organization number, 82387. Every time you shop at Kroger with your Kroger Plus Card it raises money for our parish! We just received a quarterly rebate check for \$619.29, bringing our total for fiscal year 2023/24 to \$1,933.71.

Liturgy



Lenten Reconciliation Services

Tuesday, March 12 – noon at St. John Neu-

Tuesday, March 12 – 7pm at Epiphany Wednesday, March 13 – 7pm at St. Edward

Thursday, March 14 – 7pm at St. Gabriel

Lenten Offerings

Fridays of Lent in February

Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction of the **Blessed Sacrament:**

9:30 a.m.—10:30 am

*sign up for Adoration at the Adult Formation Table Sacrament of Reconciliation:

9:45 a.m.—10:15 am

Self-Guided Stations of the Cross:

Noon-1:00 pm

Guided Stations of the Cross and Lenten Meal

Stations begin at 6:30 p.m. and after the Stations of the Cross, a simple Lenten Meal will be served by the following ministries:

Feb. 23: Prison Ministry

Sign up for the meals www.saintgabriel.org/lent or visit Adult Formation Table in the Commons.

Fridays of Lent in March

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

9:30 a.m.—noon; 4:00 pm-6:00 pm

*sign up for Adoration at the Adult Formation Table Sacrament of Reconciliation:

9:45 a.m.—11:45 am; 4:00 pm-6:00 pm

Self-Guided Stations of the Cross:

9:30 a.m.—noon

Guided Stations of the Cross

Noon-12:30 pm

Guided Stations of the Cross, Benediction, and Lenten Meal

Stations begin at 6:30 p.m. and after the Stations of the Cross, a simple Lenten Meal will be served by the following ministries:

March 1: Richmond Friends of the Homeless

March 8: Migrant Ministry

March 15: No Meal

March 22: Praying Hands Prayer Shawl Ministry

Sign up for the meals <u>www.saintgabriel.org/lent</u> or visit Adult Formation Table in the Commons.

Are you expecting, or do you have a child in need of Baptism?

We are excited to celebrate with you! The next parent preparation class is Sat. March 2. 9 a.m. to Noon, with baptisms to be celebrated on Sun. April 7 at 11 a.m. Mass. For additional class and baptism dates visit: www.saintqabriel.org/ baptism. If you have questions, contact Lisa Gorton at 804-639-6712 or email lisa.gorton@saintgabriel.org.

Liturgical Ministry Training Sat. March 9, 1:30-5 pm.

5:30 p.m. Mass commissioning Please consider serving as a Eucharistic Minister. Lector. Usher or Altar server.

You set your Mass preference and availability. It's a great way to get to know members of the community! If interested, visit https://www.saintgabriel.org/training or call Lisa Gorton at 804-639-6712.

We are in great need of Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers. Please consider joining!

Adult Formation

Lenten Retreat with Fr. Gregory Kandt

Sat. March 16 9:30 a.m.—1 p.m.

Fr. Gregory Kandt will lead a Lenten Retreat on Models of the Eucharist. This will be an opportunity for reflection on the Blessed Sacrament during this year of



parish Eucharistic Renewal. Lunch will be provided by the Knights of Columbus. There is no cost to attend but please sign up on the clipboard on the Adult Formation Table in the Commons or online on our Lent page.



CATHOLIC Uncork a bottle of your favorite uncorked vintage and join us as we continue this year of Eucharistic Revival

with the Jesus and the Eucharist Series. We will begin in fellowship with wine and appetizers and then dive into the videos specifically designed for our year of Parish Revival. Don't miss a great opportunity to explore the richness of our Eucharistic faith. Bring a bottle of wine and/or appetizers to share, and prepare to grow closer to Jesus alongside your fellow parishioners. The Series is offered monthly from 6:30—8 pm on Wed. Feb. 28, Mar. 20, Apr. 24 and May 22. Sign up online at saintgabriel.org/eucharistic-revival or at the Adult Formation Table in the Commons.



Catholic Connections

A Social Group for Catholic single adults aged 30-49 seeking faith, fellowship & fun!

1st Event: Book Discussion:

I Heard God Laugh by Matthew Kelly.

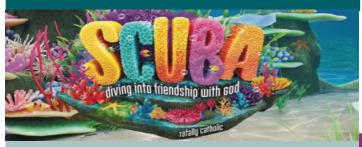
Book Discussion will be held twice a month. The 1st meeting will take place on March 14th at 7:00pm via Zoom. Please read the intro before the first meeting. We will introduce study guide at this first session. Participants will need to purchase their

ipants will need to purchase their own copy of the book, available on Amazon and Dynamic Catholic.

Please sign up @ www.saintgabriel.org/catholic-connections or at the clipboard on the Adult Formation Table in the Commons.



Children and Youth Updates



Save the Date for Saint Gabriel's VBS: June 17-21, 2024

Support our Totally Catholic Vacation Bible School by signing up to volunteer! We need adult and teen volunteers to ensure the success of our VBS. The theme this year is **SCUBA – Diving into Friendship with**

Volunteer sign ups begin the weekend of February 24/25 after all Masses. You can also signup online at https://www.saintgabriel.org/vbs.

Social Justice

The Virginia March for Life will occur on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 in Richmond



If you are interested in carpooling to the March, meet in the St. Gabriel parking lot at 10am. The rally is at 11:00 and the march begins at noon.

THANK YOU!

The Respect Life Committee would like to give a big shout out and heartfelt thanks to all those who helped with the RISE meal packing event. It was a huge success and we packed 10,000 meals!

40 DAYS

Take a Stand for Life February 22-April 2

FOR LIFE The Richmond community will take part in 40 Days for Life...a groundbreaking, coordinated international mobilization. This is a community-based campaign that takes a determined, peaceful approach to showing local communities the consequences of abortion in their own neighborhoods, for their own friends and families using a three-point program: prayer and fasting, constant vigil and community outreach. Please join St. Gabriel's Respect Life Ministry to pray the rosary at 118 N. Arthur Ashe Blvd., Richmond, 23220 on Saturdays, Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30. We will meet at the church at 9:00 a.m. **Please note:** For more information, contact Kevin Koch at 804-245-1734 or na-vyltc45@aol.com.



A MINISTRY OFFERING FREE CLOTHING, HOUSEWARES, BABY GEAR AND MORE TO FAMILIES EXPERIENCING CRISIS SITUATION





CASES OF HOPE

Join St. Gabriel Prison Ministry in collecting items to bless the Cases of Hope Ministry at Mercy Mall!

February 16 through March 24

Collecting New Full-Sized Toiletries:

Shampoo Conditioner Body Wash Deodorant for Women

Collecting New and Gently-Used: Suitcases

For more information contact: Anita Shilling 804-591-5955 or Karen Curtis 804-334-3099

Shop from our Amazon wish list!

Choose Mercy Mall's address during checkout to have the items shipped directly to our building. Make sure to mark your purchase as a 'gift' so we know who to thank!



Additional Offerings

Knights of Columbus Wheelbarrow of Cheer

St. Gabriel's Knights of Columbus Council 13170 will be selling Wheelbarrow of Cheer Tickets at the Knights Table for our upcoming Golf Tournament beginning on Saturday, February 24th after all Masses. Tickets will be sold on the weekends of February 24th and 25th, all weekends in



March, and the weekend of April 6th and 7th. Tickets will be \$5.00 for one chance or \$20.00 for 5 chances. The winner will receive a wheelbarrow with 50 bottles of cheer in it. The drawing will be on April 15th and you do not have to be present to win. Stop by and see us at the Knights table!



A Young Adult Day of Reflection & Hike Registration is Open through the Office of Evangelization at the Diocese of Richmond

Head Into the Heights this March

Looking at the mountains and reflecting on creation, you can find peace and perspective that comes from the Lord. As young adults, we have the opportunity journey *into the heights* of God's love by taking a step *out* of our normal lives and *into* the Blue Ridge mountains & Our Lady of the Angels Monastery. This one-day event will include 2 talks, an easy-to-moderate level hike, prayer with the Trappist-Cistercian nuns, and lunch.

Into the Heights: A Young Adult Lenten Reflection & Hike is Saturday, March 16 from 10am-6:30pm at Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Crozet, VA. \$40/person includes lunch and other retreat supplies.

Limited space available - don't wait to sign up!



Pro-Life Essay Contest

The St. Gabriel Knights of Columbus Council 13170 is sponsoring a **Pro-Life essay contest** for High School age students in Virginia featuring a first prize

award of \$250. Second and third prizes will be granted in the amounts of \$100 and \$50 respectively.

The subject of the essay will be to explain why the writer came to be Pro-Life. The subject is inclusive of all aspects of the sanctity of life from the pre-born stage through the natural end of life.

Essays must be a minimum of 250 words and a maximum of 600 words. All content must be the original work of the contestant, and must be submitted in typewritten hard copy format. Electronic submissions will not be accepted. The essay submission must contain contact information sufficient to allow for the notification of winners, specifically, postal address, telephone number and email address.

Entries must be submitted between Feb. 1 and Apr. 30. To be considered, an entry must be postmarked by the US Postal Service no later than Apr. 30. Send submissions to Saint Gabriel Church, Attn: Knights of Columbus, 8901 Winterpock Road, Chesterfield, VA 23832. Entries may also be hand-delivered to the parish offices of Saint Gabriel by no later than April 30.

Scholarship Opportunities

The Knights of Columbus is once again offering scholar-ships for graduating High School students. We have two scholarships available: **The Fr. Bader Scholarship**, which is open to students who are a child or grandchild of a Knight who was part of a Virginia council. Applications are due by March 15th. In addition, we have a **St. Gabriel Council 13170 Scholarship** available for any graduating High School student whose family is registered with the parish. This application is due by April 15th. You can find more details at the Knights table or by contacting Mike Hadank at michaelhadank@yahoo.com.

Scripture for the Week of 2/18

Sun: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15 **Mon:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46 **Tues:** Is 55:10-11: Ps 34:4-7. 16-19: Mt 6:7-15

Wed: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thurs: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 16:13-19 **Fri:** Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Sat: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2,4-5,7-8; Mt 5:43-48 **Next Sun:** Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19;

Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10



Mass Intentions at time of publication:

February 24 at 4 pm: Mass intention available February 25 at 4 pm: Mass intention available

Sun. Feb. 25: 1 pm RCIC; 2 pm Confirmation Preparation and 3 pm Youth Formation

Sat. Feb. 24: 1 pm Sacramental Preparation; 2:30 pm Youth Formation

Quilters meet on Sat. Feb. 17 at 9 am

February Luncheon on Feb. 21 at 12 pm at County Seat in Powhatan

Baptisms: Visit www.saintgabriel.org/gsbaptismform for information regarding how to prepare for and celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism. It is recommended that parents submit the baptism form or contact the parish office six months in advance to prepare for the sacrament.

Weddings: Are you engaged and would like to plan your wedding? Congratulations and know we are excited to share in the planning of your Sacrament of Marriage. Please note that wedding dates cannot be scheduled before a couple meets with the presider. Contact the parish office at 639-6712 for an appointment at least one year in advance of the proposed wedding.

Quinceaneras: Is your daughter celebrating her Quinceanera this year? Quinceanera must be registered with the church coordinator before it can be scheduled. Forms are available on the parish website or in the coordinator's office. Register today!



Sábados 7 p.m. **Rosario Hispano** Viernes a las 7 p.m. **Vía Crucis Hispana durante la Cuaresma**

17 de febrero a las 4 pm: Intención de misa disponible

18 de febrero a las 4 pm: Intención de misa disponible

¿Interesado en las Vocaciones? Primer domingo de Cuaresma – 18 de febrero de 2024

"Establezco mi pacto con vosotros". Si al escuchar al Señor siente la invitación a seguir a Cristo como sacerdote, hermana o hermano, hable con su sacerdote o comuníquese con la Oficina de Vocaciones al (804) 359-5661 o por correo electrónico: vocations@richmonddiocese. org.

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Después de que arrestaron a Juan el Bautista, Jesús se fue a Galilea para predicar el Evangelio de Dios y decía: "Se ha cumplido el tiempo y el Reino de Dios ya está cerca. Arrepiéntanse y crean en el Evangelio". - Mc 1, 14-15

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Bautismos: Visite www.saintgabriel.org/gsbaptismform para obtener información sobre cómo prepararse y celebrar el sacramento del bautismo. Se recomienda que los padres envíen el formulario de bautismo o comuníquese con la oficina parroquial con seis meses de anticipación para prepararse para el sacramento.

Bodas: ¿Estás comprometido y te gustaría planificar tu boda? Felicitaciones y estamos emocionados de participar en la planificación de su Sacramento del Matrimonio. Tenga en cuenta que las fechas de la boda no pueden ser programadas antes de que una pareja se reúna con el celebrante. Comuníquese con la oficina parroquial al 639-6712 para una cita al menos un año antes de la boda propuesta.

Quinceañeras: ¿Tu hija está celebrando su Quinceañera este año? La Quinceañera debe registrarse con el coordinador de la iglesia antes de que pueda programarse. Los formularios están disponibles en el sitio web de la parroquia o en la oficina del coordinador. ¡Regístrese hoy!







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