MARCH 10, 2024 | THE FOURTH 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. Ready to join? Please register by visiting www.saintgabriel.org/Newcomer-Registration or stop by the parish office. More information about what our parish offers can be found at 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...

Tim Kirkbride Tina Huey Sgt. Kawika Gonsalves (deployed) Mary Stump Mary Deeths Lori Sullivan Colton Wingert Mary Kozlowski Suzanne Beck Pat Martonik Florence Black Julio Pons John Cimmino Leah Robinson Patrick Salerno Maria Estremera Tina Shashaty Fuchs Casey Stemper

Sick parishioners' names will appear for 3 months after notification. Please resubmit if needed.

### Mass Intentions at time of publication

Wed., Mar. 13, 9:00 am

Souls in Purgatory

Thurs., Mar. 14, 9:00 am

Mass intention available

Clude and Buth Corport

Fri., Mar. 15, 9:00 am
Sat., Mar. 16, 5:30 pm
Clyde and Ruth Carpenter
Merrill and Connie Curie

Sun., Mar. 17, 9:00 am For the Parish and the Entire Universe

Sun., Mar. 17, 11:00 am Gertruda Szajda

**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.



**Join Flocknote.** With Flocknote, we are able to text everyone who joins or just a specific group. Join and keep in touch with us via

text and email. Text "GABRIELVA" to 84576

### **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, March 10

8:00 am | Rosary

9:00 am | Mass and Second Scrutiny

11:00 am | Mass

12:15 pm | Richmond Friends of the Homeless

**PB&J Lunches** 

1:00 pm | Pre-K, K-1st Grade Faith Formation

1:00 pm | RCIC

3:00 pm | 3rd-5th Grade Faith Formation

### Monday, March 11

11:00 am | Rosary

6:30 pm | First Communion Class

6:30 pm | ROCK: Raising Our Catholic Kids

### Tuesday, March 12

9:00 am | Rosary

9:00 am | Centering Prayer 6:30 pm | Confirmation Class

6:30 pm | ROCK: Raising Our Catholic Kids

7:00 pm | Lectionary Study

7:30 pm | Fishermen

### Wednesday, March 13

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

6:00 pm | Cantor/Instrumentalist Rehearsal

7:00 pm | Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm | Migrant Ministry

### Thursday, March 14

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

7:00 pm | Lenten Reconciliation Service

### Friday, March 15

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

9:30 am | Exposition and Adoration

9:30 am | Self Guided Stations of the Cross

9:45 am | Confession

12:00 pm | Guided Stations of the Cross 4:00 pm | Exposition and Adoration

4:00 pm | Confession

6:30 pm | Guided Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 16

8:30 am | Rosary

9:00 am | Lenten Retreat

5:30 pm | Mass and 3rd Scrutiny

### Sunday, March 17

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

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



# 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal: Sharing His Love with Others

As you have heard the past few weeks, the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal is in full swing. This year St. Gabriel's goal amount is \$42,180 and Good Samaritan's is \$2,910.

If you have not already donated, we hope you will prayerfully consider supporting the 2024 ADA. Your support provides for twenty-two distinct ministries of our Dioceses, such as food and shelter for families, support for young men as they study to become our future priests, faith formation for youth and young adults, and so much more.

We have already shared with you how ADA has made an impact on both parishes: Good Samaritan receiving the Home Mission Grant in 2016 and 2021, and St. Gabriel recently receiving a Migrant Ministry and Fuel and Hunger Grant, not to mention supporting our retired priests.

St. Gabriel will receive 20% back up to our goal amount and then 50% for every dollar after goal. As a mission parish, Good Samaritan receives 50% back.

You can either go to hppts://
richmondcatholicfoundation.org/ or
click on the QR code to make a
donation:



On behalf of Bishop Knestout and St. Gabriel Parish, thank you for your support to the 2024 Appeal!

# **Interested in Vocations?**

### Fourth Sunday of Lent -- March 10, 2024

"Whoever lives the truth comes to the light." Your vocation is your sanctification in this life to lead you to sainthood in the next. Are you called to belong to Christ alone as a priest or through consecrated life? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-566lor via email: <a href="mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org">vocations@richmonddiocese.org</a>.

# Mark your Calendars! Parish Annual Yard Sale April 26 – 27



We can begin accepting items when the Pod is on the premises, approximately 4 weeks prior to the sale.

No adult clothing, books, baby car seats, strollers or cribs.



16th Annual
Joe Poh
Memorial Golf
Tournament

Friday, September 13, 2024
9:00 am Shot Gun Start
Lake Chesdin Golf Club
All proceeds benefit St. Gabriel Parish.

# Register your Kroger Plus Card for St. Gabriel



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

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.

### WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Consider signing up for one of the many ministries of the parish. It is a great way to get to know more people, give back and grow in your faith. See the many ways you can serve Christ in the world by visiting www.saintgabriel.org/Time or call the parish office.

# Liturgy



# Lenten Reconciliation Services

Tuesday, March 12 – noon at St. John Neumann

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

Thursday, March 14 – 7pm at St. Gabriel

# **Lenten Offerings Every Friday of Lent:**



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

9:30 a.m.—noon; 4:00 pm-6:00

\*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 15: No Meal

March 22: Praying Hands Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Palm Sunday Masses: 5:30 pm Saturday vigil, 9 am and 11:15 am Sunday

Holy Thursday Mass: 7 pm

Good Friday: Self-guided Stations of the Cross at noon. Confession at noon. Guided Stations of the Cross at 3 pm, 7 pm Liturgy

Holy Saturday: Basket Blessing and Egg Hunt at noon; 8 pm Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday Masses: 8 am, 10 am, 12 pm

## **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 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 own copy of the book, available on Amazon and Dynamic Catholic.

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



Ouestions? Contact Lisa Gorton at lisa.gorton@saintgabriel.org or 804-



CATHOLIC Uncork a bottle of your favorite vintage and join us as we conrked tinue this year of Eucharistic Revival with the Jesus and the Eu-

charist 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. Mar. 20, Apr. 17 and May 22. Sign up online at saintgabriel.org/eucharistic-revival or

at the Adult Formation Table in the Commons.







## Save the Date for Saint Gabriel's **VBS: June 17-21, 2024** Please volunteer if you can!

You can also signup online at <a href="https://www.saintgabriel.org/vbs">https://www.saintgabriel.org/vbs</a>



Thank you to Saint Gabriel's parishioners for sponsoring our youth's attendance at Richmond's **Diocesan Youth Conference!** 

### A note from one of our youth, Becky Palmer:

"DYC was super fun and a good event to connect with other young Catholics. It helped open my eyes to the youth community and the support surrounding Catholicism. To me the most moving part was the adoration along with the music!"

### **Social Justice**

### **Easter Baskets Wanted!**

Commonwealth Catholic Charities is excited to begin the Easter Basket drive for the children served in their Foster Care Program, Food Pantry, and Refugee Resettlement. This is one of the most antici-



pated drives of the year, and it's only possible because of caring parishioners like you! The children are so excited to open their baskets on Easter morning, and this is a fantastic way to share the joy of Christ's resurrection. We hope you'll participate. Please drop off assembled Easter baskets at the parish or leave on the Welcome Table by March 15th.



### **Richmond Friends of the Homeless Bagged Lunches THIS WEEKEND**

Following the 11 a.m. Mass, meet us in the-

kitchen to make 150 peanut butter & jelly sandwich lunches for Richmond's homeless. This is a great family activity. Youth can earn community service hours. It is monthly outreach activity. Many hands make light work.

### Take a Stand for Life February 22-April 2

Please join St. Gabriel's Respect Life Ministry to pray the rosary at 118 N. Arthur Ashe Blvd., Richmond, 23220 on Saturdays, Mar. 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 navyltc45@aol.com. FOR LIFE



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### 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. Tickets will be sold 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!



## **Scholarship Opportunities**

The Knights of Columbus is once again offering scholarships 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.





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 Saturday

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 THIS 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.



# Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Our national pastime isn't baseball. It's what the Bible calls "condemning the world." We generally enjoy pronouncing curses upon those whom we see as trouble, wrong, or evil. Don't believe me? Listen to almost any podcast, cable news network, or social media platform to hear it. It will be some version of: "We all agree that if they are eradicated, things will be great." Condemning is almost always clothed in virtue. It basks in its good intentions. That's why it is so attractive. Condemning seems like our best path to saving what is good.

What a shock, then, to hear Jesus announce: "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him" (Jn 3:17). He comes to save the world, as we all want, but he will accomplish it without an act of condemnation. How hard it is to accept this! Condemning feels godlike. I judge who and what must be lost to protect the good. But in the light of Jesus' endless mercy and love, this is the least godlike thing we can do.

**Lenten challenge:** This week, I invite you to give up the delicious experience of condemning whomever in the world you most would like to see gone. Perhaps write down their names. Secondly, I invite you to consider fasting from any media that feeds the tasty but deadly tendency to condemn.

- Father John Muir

# Scripture for the Week of 3/10

**Sun:** 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10 **Mon:** Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Jn 4:43-54

**Tues:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

**Wed:** Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

**Thurs:** Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

**Fri:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21. 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Sat:** Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12; Jn 7:40-53

Next Sun: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-; Jn

12:20-33



### Mass Intentions at time of publication:

March 16 at 4 pm: Mass intention available March 17 at 4 pm: Mass intention available

Baptisms: Visit <a href="www.saintgabriel.org/gsbaptismform">www.saintgabriel.org/gsbaptismform</a> 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** 

16 de marzo a las 4 pm: Intención de misa disponible

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

### ¿Interesado en las Vocaciones? Segundo domingo de Cuaresma – 10 de marzo de 2024

"Quien vive la verdad llega a la luz". Tu vocación es tu santificación en esta vida para llevarte a la santidad en la próxima. ¿Estás llamado a pertenecer a Cristo sólo como sacerdote o mediante la vida consagrada? Hable con su sacerdote o comuníquese con la Oficina de Vocaciones al (804) 359-5661 o por correo electrónico: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

# 4° DOMINGO DE LA CUARESMA

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"Todo aquel que hace el mal, aborrece la luz y no se acerca a ella, para que sus obras no se descubran. En cambio, el que obra el bien conforme a la verdad, se acerca a la luz, para que se vea que sus obras están hechas según Dios". - Jn 3, 20-21

eccionario II O 1987 Comisión Episcopal de Pastoral Litúrgica de la Conferencia del Episcopado Mexicano.

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.

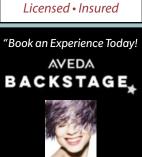
Quinceañeras: ¿Tu hija está celebrando su Quinceañera este año? La Quinceañera debe registrarse con el coordinador de la iglesia antes de que pueda programarse. Los formularios están disponibles en el sitio web de la parroquia o en la oficina del coordinador. ¡Reqístrese hoy!











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