MARCH 17, 2024 | THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

WELCOME! PARISH OFFICE

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

Monday-Thursday | 8:30am-3:30pm Friday | 8:30am-1:30pm

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

Sun. 9:00 am. 11:00 am

GOOD SAMARITAN

Sat. 4:00pm

Sun. 4:00pm (Hispanic)

PARISH STAFF

Pastor—Rev. Dr. Felix Rex Amofa | Ext. 1 | famofa@richmonddiocese.org

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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...

James Martin	Tina Shashaty Fuchs
Tina Huey	Tim Kirkbride
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
Maria Estremera	Patrick Salerno

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

Mass Intentions at time of publication

Wed., Mar. 20, 9:00 am Elizabeth Roberge

Thurs., Mar. 21, 9:00 am An increase in faith for my children

and grandchildren

Fri., Mar. 22, 9:00 am Michael Lynch

Sat., Mar. 23, 5:30 pm Eduardo Rodriguez Mieles

Sun., Mar. 24, 9:00 am For the Parish and the Entire Universe

and Joe O'Neill

Sun., Mar. 24, 11:00 am Dorothy and Henry Budzynski

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 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

Monday, March 18

11:00 am | Rosary

6:30 pm | First Communion Class

6:30 pm | ROCK: Raising Our Catholic Kids

Tuesday, March 19

9:00 am | Rosary

9:00 am | Centering Prayer

6:30 pm | Holy Thursday Rehearsal

7:00 pm | Lectionary Study

7:30 pm | Fishermen

7:30 pm | Good Friday Rehearsal 8:00 pm | Holy Saturday Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 20

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

6:00 pm | Cantor/Instrumentalist Rehearsal

6:00 pm | Prison Ministry 6:30 pm | Catholic Uncorked 7:00 pm | Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 21

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

7:00 pm | Executive Finance Council Meeting

7:00 pm | GIFTS

7:00 pm | Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting

7:00 pm | RCIA

Friday, March 22

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

7:00 pm | Lenten Meal

Saturday, March 23- FOOD PANTRY WEEKEND

9:00 am | Arts and Environment

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

Sunday, March 24-PALM SUNDAY

8:00 am | Rosary 9:00 am | Mass 11:15 am | Mass

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Get to Know Rev. Fr. Ernest Dugah



Fr. Ernest is an international priest born on April 28, 1971 in Accra of the Greater Accra region of Ghana. He is the second of four brothers and three sisters. Both of his parents are in blessed memory. Father Ernest was ordained in

the Archdiocese of Accra on November 1, 2003. He has served as Parish priest in three parishes in Accra. He holds a post-graduate diploma in Education from the University of Cape Coast, Ghana and certificates in philosophy and theology from St. Peter's Regional Seminary at Pedu, Cape Coast– Ghana.

Father Ernest is here with us at St. Gabriel and Good Samaritan Churches as our Parochial Vicar, appointed on March 1, 2024. We will be blessed by the many gifts Father Ernest will be sharing with our communities and by his willingness to leave his country to serve the Richmond Diocese in Virginia.



2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal: Sharing His Love with Others

During the weekends of February $17^{th}/18^{th}$ and $24^{th}/25^{th}$, we spoke about

the Annual Diocesan Appeal. In this time of Lent, we hope you have taken time to consider how you can support this year's effort which provides essential ministries throughout our Diocese aimed at empowering the next generation of Catholics, helping those in need, and strengthening our parishes and Catholic communities.

St. Gabriel's goal amount is \$42,180 and Good Samaritan is \$2,910.

It is our hope that every household in our parish contributes to this year's effort. Please visit

<u>richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal</u> to make a secure online donation or use the QR code. We also have hard copy cards on the Welcome Table in the commons.



Every gift, no matter the amount, makes a difference. Thank you very much for your prayerful consideration of support. God bless.

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

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

We can begin accepting items on March 27, when the Pod is on the premises.

No adult clothing, books, baby car seats, strollers or cribs. Please hold all large furniture items until April 25. Please do not leave items outside of the Pod.



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.

Basket Blessing & Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday March 31 at noon

You're invited to bring your Easter baskets for a blessing and have your children stay for an Easter egg hunt with a special guest appear-



ance of the Easter Bunny. The tradition of blessing Easter baskets began in Eastern European Catholic Churches and for many families, continues to this day. The purpose is to bless the food that will be eaten on the Easter Sunday when the Lenten fast is broken. We hope you can join us!

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

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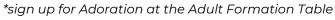
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Lenten Offerings

Every Friday of Lent:

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

9:30 a.m.—noon; 4:00 pm-6:00 pm



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 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.

Palm Sunday Masses: 5:30 pm Saturday vigil, 9 am and <u>11:15 am</u> 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

Don't Miss the Parish Mission during this Year of the Eucharistic Revival

"The Power of Love Through the Eucharist" with Deacon Art Miller, Guest Speaker

Sun. – Tues., April 7-9 from 7-8 p.m. (April 9th we end the mission with

Encounter Jesus in the Eucharist from 8-8:30 p.m.)

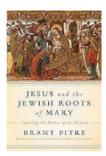


Deacon Art Miller of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Simsbury, CT is a nationally known preacher, author, radio host, revivalist, and passionate advocate for "Radical Love" and the transformative power of Jesus Christ. During this uplifting mission he will explore how love heals the wounds time cannot and reinforce that when we gather together, we are more in harmony with God. The mission is free, and you can give a free will donation to the Deacon Art Miller Ministries, LLC that benefit those in need in his area. Bring your bible and be prepared to sing and be spiritually enriched by the power of love with your faith community. All are welcome!

Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary: Unveiling the Mother of the Messiah by Brian Pitre

Book Discussion, Sat. May 18, 10 a.m.

Are Catholic teachings on Mary really biblical? Or are they the "traditions of



men"? Should she be called the "Mother of God," or just the mother of Jesus? Did she actually remain a virgin her whole life or do the "brothers of Jesus" refer to her other children? By praying to Mary, are Catholics worshipping her? And what does Mary have to do with the quest to understand Jesus? In Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary, Dr. Pitre takes readers step-bystep from the Garden of Eden to the Book of Revelation to reveal how deeply biblical Catholic beliefs about Mary really are. Dr. Pitre uses the Old Testament and Ancient Judaism to unlock how the Bible itself teaches that Mary is in fact the new Eve, the Mother of God, the Queen of Heaven and Earth, and the new Ark of the Covenant.

Sign up at the Adult Faith Formation table in the Commons or online at www.saintgabriel.org/book-discussion-group.

Catholic Connections

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

I Heard God Laugh by Matthew Kelly

Book Discussion will be held twice a month. The next meeting will take place on March 28th at 7:00pm via Zoom. Participants 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. Questions? Contact Lisa Gorton at <u>lisa.gorton@saintgabriel.org</u> or 804-639



Uncork a bottle of your favorite ATHOLIC 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. Mar. 20, Apr. 17 and May 22. Sign up online at saintgabriel.org/eucharistic-revival or at the Adult Formation Table in the Commons.

Children and Youth Updates



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

You can also signup online at https://www.saintgabriel.org/vbs

Social Justice

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 <u>navyltc45@aol.com</u>.



Food Pantry Weekend, March 23-24

Food pantry weekend is now on the last weekend of each month.

Please bring items for the food pantry for both St. Gabriel and Good Samaritan parishes. Donations may be left on the table under the kitchen window in the Commons at any of the Masses. Any financial donations can be placed in the basket marked Food Pantry at the entrance to the worship space.

Visit https://www.saintgabriel.org/Food-Pantry for a list of what is needed. While all donations are appreciated, only items listed are needed, we kindly ask that you check the list before bringing your donation. Also, please check the expiration dates on the items you are donating. We cannot distribute items with an expired date. Thank you so much for supporting those in need in our community.



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





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.

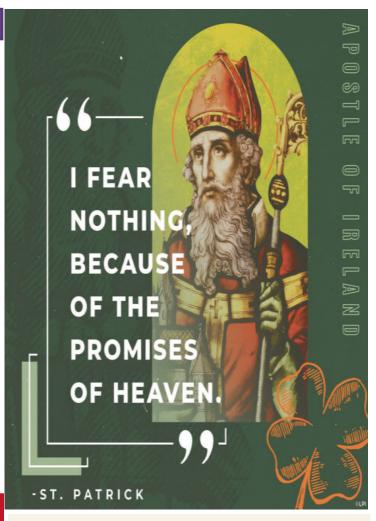
Pro-Life Essay Contest

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.



Interested in Vocations?

Fifth Sunday of Lent -- March 17, 2024

"The Father will honor whoever serves me." Are you called to belong to serve Christ alone as a priest or through consecrated life? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

Scripture for the Week of 3/17

Sun: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-; Jn 12:20-

Mon: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11 **Tues:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom

4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Wed: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thurs: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59 **Fri:** Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42 **Sat:** Ez 37: 21-28; Jer 31:10-13; Jn 11:45-56

Next Sun: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18a, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47



Financial information for the week ending Mar. 3 is \$1,016.

Mass Intentions at time of publication:

March 23 at 4 pm: Mass intention available March 24 at 4 pm: Mass intention available

March 20: Luncheon @ Mr. Pepe (Woodlake location)

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**

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

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

¿Interesado en las Vocaciones? Segundo domingo de Cuaresma – 17 de marzo de 2024

"El Padre honrará a quien me sirva". ¿Estás llamado a pertenecer para servir a Cristo solo 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.

5° DOMINGO DE LA CUARESMA

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El les respondió: "Ha llegado la hora de que el Hijo del hombre sea glorificado. Yo les aseguro que si el grano de trigo, sembrado en la tierra, no muere, queda infecundo; pero si muere, producirá mucho fruto". - Jn 12, 23-24

sccionario 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.

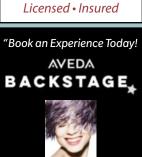
Quinceañeras: ¿Tu hija está celebrando su Quinceañera este año? La Quinceañera debe registrarse con el coordinador de la iglesia antes de que pueda programarse. Los formularios están disponibles en el sitio web de la parroquia o en la oficina del coordinador. ¡Regístrese hoy!











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