

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 | THE TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME! PARISH OFFICE

804-639-6712 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 <u>emergency</u>, call 804-639-6712 and dial ext. 1. Anointing of the Sick is administered after Friday Mass.

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 Helen Lathruphlathrup1@earthlink.net

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 10:15-10:45 am, except for the first Sunday of the month. You may approach the priest after the 5:30 pm. Mass on Saturday. Also available after 9 am Mass on Thursdays, and on the first Friday of the month from 9:40-10:20 am.

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.



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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)

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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...

Jodi Petway Bernadette Gallagher Mary Kozlowski Becky Robinson Pat Martonik Amy Caprara Julio Pons John DeGiorgio Patrick Salerno Cait Cedor Lilly Grace Moreland Dorothy Hayton Julian Pragle John Paul Macri Abdulbari Hassan Jim McCarthy Mary DeCosta Joanne Johnson Fr. Bob Brownell Lori Sullivan Mary Sasara Eileen Albert

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



Mass Intentions at time of publication

Wed., Sept 10, 9:00 am
Thur., Sept 11, 9:00 am
Fri., Sept 12, 9:00 am
Sat., Sept 13, 5:30 pm
Sun., Sept 14, 9:00 am
Sun., Sept 14, 11:00 am

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, September 7– FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND

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

12:15 pm | Richmond Friends of the

Homeless

Monday, September 8

11:00 am | Rosary

Tuesday, September 9

9:00 am | Rosary 9:00 am | Centeri

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

Confirmation

7:00 pm | Lectionary Study

Wednesday, September 10

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

9:45 am | Reflection and Recreation 9:45 am | WINGS Administration 6:30 pm | Cantor/Instrumentalist

7:00 pm | Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm | Migrant Ministry Meeting

Thursday, September 11

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

Friday, September 12

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

10:00 am | Bible Study 10:00 am | Praying Hands

7:00 pm | Ultreya

Saturday, September 13

9:00 am | Baptism Class

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

Sunday, September 14

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

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

Fiscal Year End 2024/2025 Report

We are very thankful for the love and support we receive at St. Gabriel. Fiscal year 2024/2025 saw the successful completion of our capital campaign sponsorship and the beginning of the redemption period. We are off to a wonderful start thanks to our parishioners' generosity!

We realize that many are struggling with increased costs across the board, but we are blessed that you still find it in your hearts to make your financial donation to St. Gabriel. It is through offertory donations that parishes are able to survive and grow.

Offertory was down by 3.3% this last year which does not consider the inflation felt by the parish in operating expenses. To ensure we could continue to offer the best for St. Gabriel, we had to work with less-than-ideal staff numbers. As of now, no programs have been affected but we cannot guarantee the same as we move forward.

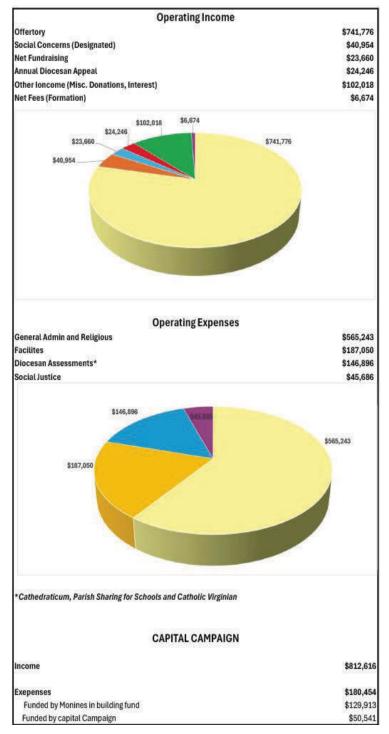
In addition to programs offered, we are very grateful to have also done the following:

- The walkways in the prayer garden have been repaved with additional lighting for ease of walking and visibility.
- The parish provides a monthly hot lunch for the homeless in Richmond. Our families also make 150 PB&J lunches every month.
- During Lent, the parish held the Rise Against Hunger event and made over 10,000 meals
- Migrant Ministry received a \$2,500 grant which helped farm workers at Chesterfield Berry Farm and students at Meadowbrook High School (back to school supplies, Christmas and summer reading programs). The ministry continues to work with the students throughout the school year on their English skills.
- Christmas Angel Tree raised over \$14,000
- Thanksgiving Meals donated 75 full meals to those in need.
- Back to School programs assisted over 130 children

During the last year we also experienced some unexpected expenses:

- Office computers were over 10 years old and would no longer support the new upgrades required for Microsoft. We purchased 5 computers through the diocese to receive some additional discounts as well.
- The church HVAC system is 24 years old. There are 4 units for the church and 5 units at the office. This year, with the harsh winter, the church systems needed a little over \$28,000 in repairs. We were blessed with parishioners still providing through the pink envelopes to assist in defraying these expenses.
- With 3 significant snowstorms during January and February, we saw an increase in the expense for plowing and cleaning lots and sidewalks. Some trees were damaged, and others had fallen and needed to be removed.

None of this could have been done alone...it takes all of us to keep Christ's church alive and vibrant. We kindly ask you to continue to support the church and all our ministries with your time, talent and treasure. We continue to pray for God to bless you, the work of your hands and your families.







Support the parish's annual fundraiser!

Purchase a ticket, be a sponsor, or BOTH!

Ticket purchase

Sponsorship





* Sponsorships begin at \$100 *

Blackjack, Texas Hold'em, Roulette, and Craps. Plus billiards, bowling, live music at 8:00 pm, 1 free drink ticket, appetizers & prizes!

When: Friday, September 26th Where: Uptown Alley Time: 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm Cost: \$75 per person (21+)

Don't delay! There are limited tickets

* We end the celebration of St. Gabriel with our Parish Picnic on Sunday, October 5th - Fun for the WHOLE family!

IT'S FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND!

There will be fellowship after all Masses, in the commons. Please stay and enjoy fellowship with our community.



Second Collection at all Masses THIS WEEKEND

All parishes have received a request from Bishop Knestout to have a second collection to support our brothers and sisters in Gaza.

"As you well know, the ongoing crisis in Gaza has left many people in desperate circumstances including a strike against the only Catholic church in Gaza. Our Christian brothers and sisters and other innocent victims of the violence in Gaza and the surrounding areas are struggling to survive, protect their children, and live with dignity in dire conditions. They urgently need the assistance of the Catholic community of the United States. Our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, continues to call for a cease fire and for aid to enter the territory."

"Given the extraordinary nature of this crisis, we have been asked to take up a special collection to provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support through either the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) or Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Both organizations have well-established partnerships with the Catholic Church in the region which allow them to respond quickly and efficiently."

"Most of all, please continue to pray for the suffering people of Gaza. Assuring you of my gratitude and every best wish, I remain."

Sincerely in Christ, Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout Bishop of Richmond

We will have a second collection at all Masses. You can also do direct donations to CNEWA or CRS by visiting their websites.

PLEASE NOTE:

For parishioners who are hospitalized, in a rehabilitation or care center: During the admissions process be sure to provide your religion and parish. This will enable you to receive communion from ministers if they come to that particular facility. Only you or a family member can contact the parish to inform of the hospitalization. Health care facilities do not automatically contact your parish unless instructed to do so by you or your family. Friends cannot speak on your behalf.

If you are home to recuperate or become homebound, only you or a family member can reach out to the parish office and request to be added to the prayer list or have communion brought to your home.

Liturgy



Anointing of Sick All Masses Sept. 20 and 21

Are you expecting, or do you



Saturday, September 13, 9 a.m. to noon, with baptisms to be celebrated on Saturday, October 4 at 10 a.m. For additional class and baptism dates visit: www.saintgabriel.org/baptism. If you have questions, contact Lisa Gorton at 804-639-6712 or email lisa.gorton@saintgabriel.org.

Children and Youth



We are all part of a parish family. Your challenges are ours. ROCK – Raising our Catholic Kids - gatherings help you meet those challenges, connect you with other parents in the parish

and to the greater community, and support you in the best and most challenging vocation you have - being a parent. This is open to all parents and extends to grandparents, godparents and those special aunts and uncles in our children's lives. REQUIRED FOR ALL PARENTS PREPARING CHILDREN FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST **EUCHARIST OR CONFIRMATION.**

First and foremost, ROCK is a place to be listened to and to listen. To share about the challenges of living your faith each day in a way that guides your children to relationship with the Way, the Truth and the Life, our Lord and Savior. It is also a non-judgmental place to receive guidance, support and unconditional love, exactly what you want to give to your children. Our goal is for you to walk away with tools to deepen your household's relationship with God and one another. If interested contact the parish office and ask to speak to Lisa Gorton or email lisa.gorton@saintgabriel.org.

Parents of PRE-K-5th Graders - Mondays, 6 pm, (Sept. 22 -parent orientation for First Sacraments), Sept. 29, Oct. 6, Oct. 13, Oct. 20, Oct. 27

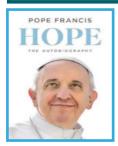
Parents of Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers Tues., 6:30 p.m., (Sept. 9 - parent orientation for Confirmation), Oct. 7, Nov. 11, Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 10

Children's Liturgy is offered every Sunday during the 11 am Mass. We are seeking additional volunteers for this ministry with the hope of expanding to the 9 am



Mass in the future. There is a signup sheet at the Children & Youth Ministry table in the Commons or email carole.cox@saintgabriel.org to express interest.

Adult Formation



Book Discussion Group: Hope by Pope Francis Sat. Oct. 18, 10 a.m. - Noon

Hope is the first autobiography in history ever to be published by a Pope. Written over six years, this complete autobiography starts in the early years of the twentieth century, with Pope

Francis's Italian roots and his ancestors' courageous migration to Latin America, continuing through his childhood, the enthusiasms and preoccupations of his youth, his vocation, adult life, and the whole of his papacy up to 2025, right before his death. Hope includes a wealth of revelations, anecdotes, and illuminating thoughts. It is a thrilling and very human memoir, moving and sometimes funny, which represents the "story of a life" and, at the same time, a touching moral and spiritual testament that will fascinate readers throughout the world and will be Pope Francis's legacy of hope for future generations. You can sign up for the group at www.saintgabriel.org/bookdiscussion-group.

Sun. Sept. 21 at Noon, come to a Couples in **Christ Meet and Greet!**



Are you a married couple seeking connection with other couples in the parish and spiritual growth for your marriage? It doesn't matter if you are newly married or a "seasoned" couple, with kids or without, both Catholic or not. ALL married couples are welcome.

Couples in Christ meets monthly in a host home where 4-7 couples will share a potluck meal and fellowship, followed by spiritual enrichment to aid in their discipleship as a couple.

On Sunday, Sept. 21 following the 11 a.m. Mass, we will gather to share about the ministry in more detail and have a "minienrichment" session. Children are welcome to attend and cookies and beverages will be served. You can join Couples in Christ that day or within the weeks that follow.

To sign up for the Couples in Christ Meet and Greet, visit www.saintgabriel.org/couples-in-christ or sign up on the clipboard at the Adult Formation Table in the Commons.

Social Justice

Attention parishioners! There is currently a VERY GREAT NEED for donations to our food pantry. If you haven't ever participated in this outreach ministry, please consider helping. Please visit https://www.saintgabriel.org/Food-Pantry, and consider grabbing a few items the next time you're at the store.



This is a wonderful way to love your neighbor. You can drop items at the office any time, or bring them to church the last weekend of the month. Thank you.

Other



After Masses this weekend, September 7/8, the Comboni Missionary Sisters will be in the Commons at the Welcome Table to sell raffle tickets to support their annual fundraiser.

Senior Seminars

Open to all but geared towards seniors - 65+

St. Gabriel will be hosting 6 senior seminars this year. Each seminar will give information



on topics relevant to being or becoming a senior. Everyone is welcome to attend. Each seminar will begin at 10:00 am. First session, September 24th.

Below is the schedule for this current fiscal year.

September 24 -Medicare 101

October 22 -Navigating the Healthcare

Continuum

January 21 -Beating the Winter Blues

February 25 -Wills & Trusts

March 25 -Staying Safe at Home April 22 -**Avoiding Scams**

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND & EASTERN EUROPE

12 DAYS: NOVEMBER 11 - 22, 2026

VISITING: WARSAW * CZESTOCHOWA * AUSCHWITZ KRAKOW * WADOWICE * BUDAPEST * VIENNA * PRAGUE



Hosted by FR. TOCHI IWUJI

\$3949 FROM WASHINGTON, DC*

Information, Please Contact

LIMITED! SIGN UP TODAY!!!

Saint Francis -Manchester's 5th annual Giving Day is Thursday,



October 2, and the big day is swiftly approaching. This year Saint Francis is striving to expand our reach as much as possible, and we need your help! Please spread the word about this crucial fundraising event throughout your network of friends and family. Additionally, consider becoming a Peer-to-Peer fundraiser or making a donation to help provide quality care and a loving home for seniors who are otherwise unable to afford the assistance they need. Together we can make this our best Giving Day yet. For more information visit givingday.saintfrancisrva.org. Questions - contact dprice@saintfrancis.org or 804-292-0837. Thank you!

Interested in Vocations?

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 7, 2025

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:27)

Every vocation involves sacrifice. Whether you are married, learning to put your spouse's needs before your own, or a priest choosing to forgo family life to serve others, each path involves laying down your desires for the sake of love. Trust that Christ will provide you with the strength to follow Him on your journey. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (804) 359-5661 or via email: mandrus@richmonddiocese.org.



Scripture for the Week of 9/7

Sun: Wis 9:13-18; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

Mon: Mi 5:1-4 or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-

Tues: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19 Wed: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13b; Lk 6:20-26 **Thurs:** Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38

Fri: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42

Sat: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49

Next Sun: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1b-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-

11; Jn 3:13-17



Financial information for the week ending Aug was. Mass Intentions at time of publication:

Sep 12: 7 pm-Hispanic Rosary

Sep 13: 7 pm-Hispanic Rosary

Sep 15: 9 am- Quilters

Sep 20: 7 pm– Hispanic Rosary

Sep 18: Noon-Luncheon (TBD)

Sep 19: 7 pm-Hispanic Rosary Sep 26: 7 pm- Hispanic Rosasry Sep 27: 7 pm- Hispanic Rosary

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 804-639-6712 for an appointment at least one year in advance of the pro-

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!



23^{ER} DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

"Porque, ¿quién de ustedes, si quiere construir una torre, no se pone primero a calcular el costo, para ver si tiene con qué terminarla?

Así pues, cualquiera de ustedes que no renuncie a todos sus bienes, no puede ser mi discípulo". - Lc 14, 28. 33

Información financiera para las semanas que termina el de augusto es

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

13 de septiembre a las 4 pm: Intención de misa

14 de septiembre a las 4 pm: Intención de misa disponible

Vigésimo tercer domingo del tiempo ordinario – 7 de septiembre de 2025

"El que no carga con su cruz y me sigue, no puede ser mi discípulo" (Lucas 14:27) Toda vocación implica sacrificio. Ya sea que estés casado, que estés aprendiendo a poner las necesidades de tu cónyuge antes que las tuyas, o que seas un sacerdote que decide renunciar a la vida familiar para servir a los demás, cada camino implica dejar de lado tus deseos por amor. Confía en que Cristo te dará la fuerza para seguirlo en tu camino. Habla con tu sacerdote o comunícate con la Oficina de Vocaciones al (804) 359-5661 o por correo electrónico: mandrus@richmonddiocese.org.

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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