SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 | THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

# 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)

### **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...

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 17, 9:00 am
Thur., Sept 18, 9:00 am
Souls in Purgatory

Fri., Sept 19, 9:00 am Will Taylor on his 13th birthday Sat., Sept 20, 5:30 pm Tony and George Homan, and

John Quinn

Sun., Sept 21, 9:00 am
Sun., Sept 21, 11:00 am
For the parish
Lilly Guardino

**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 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

### Monday, September 15

11:00 am | Rosary

### **Tuesday, September 16**

9:00 am | Rosary

9:00 am | Centering Prayer

7:00 pm | Fisherman

7:00 pm | Lectionary Study

### Wednesday, September 17

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

6:00 pm | Prison Ministry

6:30 pm | Cantor/Instrumentalist Rehearsal

7:00 pm | Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, September 18

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

7:00 pm | Knights of Columbus Officers'

Meeting

7:00 pm | Order of Christian Initiation of

Adults

7:00 pm | Order of Christian Initiation of

Children

7:00 pm | Pastoral Executive Council Meeting

### Friday, September 19

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

10:00 am | Bible Study

### Saturday, September 20

10:00 am | Rosary

5:30 pm | Mass and Anointing of the Sick

### Sunday, September 21

8:00 am | Rosary

9:00 am | Mass and Anointing of the Sick 11:00 am | Mass and Anointing of the Sick

12:30 pm | Couples in Christ Potluck



# Support the parish's annual fundraiser!

# Don't delay! 12 days left! Buy your tickets TODAY!





Ticket purchase

**Sponsorship** 

Purchase a ticket, be a sponsor, or BOTH!

\* 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+)

\* We end the celebration of St. Gabriel with our Parish Picnic on Sunday, October 5th – Fun for the WHOLE family! The budget is divided evenly over the 12 month fiscal period. Please bear in mind that all donations do not come weekly or monthly. The parish receives quarterly, semi-annual, and annual donations.

### 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.



### **Attention:**



The overflow parking lot off Bethia Road is only open on Sundays and Holy Days with large attendance Masses. At all other times, a chain is

up blocking use of the lot, which is a safety precaution.

The chain goes back up after the 11 am Mass. If the chain is up prior to you leaving, we ask that you take down the chain, move your car, and then put the chain back up.

Please do not leave your car there for an extended period.



### 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.

### **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.

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### Save the Date!



Celebrate the St. Gabriel Community at the Parish-Wide Picnic Sunday, Oct. 5, following the 11 a.m. Mass

The Feast of the

Archangels is a perfect opportunity to celebrate our namesake, St. Gabriel the Archangel, who announced the Good News of Christ coming into the world. Wear your St. Gabriel Parish T-Shirt to Mass on Sun., Oct. 5, and following the 11 a.m. Mass join in the parish-wide celebration with food and fellowship for all. We will have games and activities for the little ones and those young at heart, provided by various ministries in the parish. All you need to do is bring a side dish or dessert to share. Burgers and hot dogs provided courtesy of the Knights of Columbus.

In the Parish
Garden, Sat. Oct. 4
at Noon in honor of
St. Francis of
Assisi's feast day



# Liturgy



Anointing of Sick All Masses NEXT WEEKEND Sept. 20 and 21

# **Children and Youth**



1 pm—High School

3:30 pm— Middle School





**EUCHARIST OR CONFIRMATION.** 

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** 

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.

### **Social Justice**

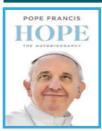
Attention parishioners! There is currently a VERY GREAT NEED for donations to our food pantry. If you haven't ever participated in this outreach ministry, please consider helping. Please visit https://www.saintgabriel.org/Food-Pantry, and consider grabbing a few items the next time you're at the store.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

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### **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/book-discussion-group.

# NEXT SUNDAY 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.



Jesus told us: "Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted." This supportive bereavement group is for those who have lost a person they love as recently as three months ago. In this group we hope you find a safe space to

share or be quiet, to listen and to be heard. Receive prayer, support, guidance and acceptance for where you are and who you are. Sign up at the Adult Faith Formation Table in the Commons or contact Lisa Gorton at 804-639-6712. Meets Tuesdays from 7 – 8:30 p.m. on Oct. 21, Nov. 4, Nov. 18, Dec. 2, Dec. 16, Jan. 6, and Jan. 20

### Other

#### **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

# 6th ANNUAL PUBLIC SAFETY APPRECIATION NIGHT

### Support those who protect YOU!

September 18, 2025 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



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Come join us for a night of fun while supporting Chesterfield County Police, Sheriff, and Fire and Rescue teams and the Virginia State Police.



- . Meet your local Law Enforcement, Fire and EMS teams.
- TBD McGruff will be there for photo opportunities with the children.
- Let your child sit in the police and fire vehicles to feel the thrill of working the sirens!
- A chance to win a \$100 Gift card to Hidden Wit Brewery Co.
- . The evening's proceeds will be donated to support our First Responder foundations.

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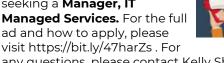
### Interested in Vocations?

### **Exaltation of the Holy Cross -**September 14, 2025

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life." (John 3:16)

Just as Christ selflessly gave Himself for the sake of humanity, you may be invited to reflect that profound love by dedicating your life to the service of others. Are you open to discerning whether God is calling you to share in this mission through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Allow yourself to ponder the depth of this calling. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (804) 359-5661 or via email: mandrus@richmonddiocese.org.

The Office of Information Technology of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond is seeking a Manager, IT Managed Services. For the full ad and how to apply, please



any questions, please contact Kelly Shumate, Recruiter at jobs@richmonddiocese.org.

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond, Office of Communications, is seeking a Managing Editor for The Catholic Virginian. For the full ad and how to apply, please visit https://bit.ly/45pBIpS . For any questions, please contact Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist / Recruiter at jobs@richmonddiocese.org.

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is accepting applications for our Campus Ministry Fellowship **Program** for the 2025-2026 academic year at James Madison University. For the full ad and how to apply, please visit https://bit.ly/3ITJdxH . For any questions, please contact Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist / Recruiter at jobs@richmonddiocese.org.

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is seeking a full time **Program and Marriage Preparation Coordinator for** the Office for Evangelization, in Richmond, Virginia. For the full ad and how to apply, please visit https:// bit.ly/4cNBz2S. For any questions, please contact Kelly Shumate. HR Generalist / Recruiter at jobs@richmonddiocese.org.



### Scripture for the Week of 9/14

**Sun:** Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1b-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

**Mon:** 1 Tim 3:1-13; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33

**Tues:** 1 Tm 3:1-13: Ps 101:1-3, 5-6: Lk 7:11-17 **Wed:** 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35 **Thurs:** 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50 Fri: 1 Tm 6:2-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3 **Sat:** 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 8:4-15

Next Sun: Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tim 2:1-8; Lk

16:1-13 or 16:10-13



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

Sep 15: 9 am- QuiltersSep 18: Noon- Luncheon at Yen ChingSep 19: 7 pm-Hispanic RosarySep 20: 7 pm- Hispanic RosarySep 26: 7 pm- Hispanic RosarySep 27: 7 pm- Hispanic Rosary

Baptisms: Visit <a href="www.saintgabriel.org/qsbaptismform">www.saintgabriel.org/qsbaptismform</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 804-639-6712 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!



# LA EXALTACIÓN DE LA SANTA CRUZ

Jesús dijo a Nicodemo: "Nadie ha subido al cielo sino el Hijo del hombre, que bajó del cielo y está en el cielo. Porque Dios no envió a su Hijo para condenar al mundo, sino para que el mundo se salvara por él". - Jn 3, 13. 17

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# 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** 

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

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

# Exaltación de la Santa Cruz – 14 de septiembre de 2025

"Porque de tal manera amó Dios al mundo, que ha dado a su Hijo unigenito, para que todo aquel que en él cree, no se pierda, mas tenga vida eterna." (Juan 3:16)

Así como Cristo se entregó desinteresadamente por el bien de la humanidad, usted puede ser invitado a reflejar ese profundo amor dedicando su vida al servicio de los demás. ¿Está abierto a discernir si Dios lo está llamando a compartir esta misión a través de una vocación al sacerdocio o a la vida consagrada? Permítase reflexionar sobre la profundidad de este llamado. Hable con su sacerdote o comuníquese con la Oficina de Vocaciones al (804) 359-5661 o por correo

Bautismos: Visite www.saintgabrier.org/gsbaptismform para obtener información sobre cómo prepararse y celebrar el sacramento del bautismo. Se recomienda que los padres envien 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 bija está celebrando su Quinceañera este año? La Quinceañera

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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