JANUARY 7, 2024 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

# 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, following the 9 a.m. Masses Wednesday—Friday 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.

# Visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ StGabrielCatholicChurch/

### **MASS SCHEDULE**

#### ST. GABRIEL

Wed. 9:00am Thu. 9:00am Fri. 9:00am

#### **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

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Sick Parishioners Names will appear for 3 months after notification. Please resubmit if needed.

Julio Pons Florence Black Leah Robinson John Cimmino Maria Estremera Patrick Salerno Tina Shashaty Fuchs Casey Stemper Tim Kirkbride Mary Stump Mary Kozlowski Lori Sullivan

Pat Martonik

#### Mass Intentions at time of publication

Wed., Jan. 10, 9:00 am Mass Intention Available Thurs., Jan. 11, 9:00 am Mass Intention Available Fri., Jan. 12, 9:00 am Mass Intention Available Sat., Jan. 13, 5:30 pm John Stemper

Mildred Cifelli Sun., Jan. 14, 9:00 am

Sun., Jan. 14, 11:00 am For the parish and the entire universe

**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.



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#### 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-sexualharassment/

#### **Please Note:**

Kindly bring any items or 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, January 7

8:00 am Rosary 9:00 am | Mass with Food Pantry Collection 11:00 am | Mass with Food Pantry Collection I Richmond Friends of the Homeless 12:15 pm

**PB&J Lunches** 

#### Monday, January 8

10:00 am I Arts and Environment

11:00 am | Rosary

#### Tuesday, January 9

9:00 am Rosary

9:00 am | Centering Prayer

6:30 pm | Confirmation Preparation

6:30 pm | ROCK—Raising Our Catholic Kids

7:00 pm | Lectionary Study

7:30 pm | Fishermen

#### Wednesday, January 10

8:15 am I Rosarv 9:00 am | Mass

9:45 am | Children's Formation Meeting 6:00 pm | Cantor/Instrumental Rehearsal | Adult Faith Formation Ministry 6:30 pm

7:00 pm | Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, January 11

8:15 am Rosary 9:00 am **I** Mass

| Joint Councils Meeting 7:00 pm

#### Friday, January 12

8:15 am Rosary 9:00 am l Mass 9:45 am

| Bible Study

10:00 am | Praying Hands Prayer Shawl

Ministry

11:30 am | High School Formation Meeting

#### Saturday, January 13

10:00 am Rosary

1:30 pm | Liturgical Ministry Training

5:30 pm | Mass with Commissioning of new

**Liturgical Ministers** 

#### Sunday, January 14

10:00 am | Rosary 9:00 am | Mass 11:00 am | Mass

3:00 pm | Chili Cookoff, Knights of Columbus

#### **Holy Land Emergency Appeal**

As the war in Israel continues, there is a heavy toll on innocent people in the region. Mounting violence and threats are intensifying each day. Our hearts and minds are attuned to children and families victimized by terrorism in the Middle East.

The Diocese of Richmond has a long history of generosity in times such as these.

Bishop Knestout has been in contact with the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) and Pontifical mission. CNEWA is on the ground in the key regions of Jerusalem, Gaza, Beirut, and Amman. Their goal is to support high-priority, immediate emergency needs as well as long-term emergency needs. To this end, they have launched a Holy Land Emergency Appeal aimed at helping those most in need.

The Bishop is asking that all parishes in the diocese participate in this appeal. We will have a second collection this weekend. If you are an e-giver or would like to do an electronic donation, please our website. The link is on the front page.

Your participation is greatly appreciated. Please continue to pray for an end to this conflict, let us be intentional and dedicated in our prayers; working for peace in our own lives; in our communities; and through out the world.

Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us and all in the Holy Land.



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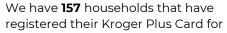
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mobile app from the app store using your smartphone or tablet

- 2. Enter the enrollment code to join. Call office for enrollment code.
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**Have questions?** Call the ShopWithScrip Customer Support team at 1-800-727-4715 Option 3.

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St. Gabriel. *Let's continue to grow that number!* It's SO simple...go to <a href="www.kroger.com/communityrewards">www.kroger.com/communityrewards</a> and use St. Gabriel's organization number, 82387. <a href="Every time">Every time</a> 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.



#### 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 en-

velope, 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? "For out of you shall come forth a ruler who will shepherd My people." Is Christ calling you forth out of your comfort zone to serve Him in others as a sister, brother, or priest? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.





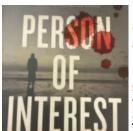
#### Food Pantry Weekend, Jan. 6 & 7

Please bring items for the food pantry for both St. Gabriel and Good Samaritan parishes. Donations may be left on the table by the library 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 <a href="https://www.saintgabriel.org/Food-Pantry">https://www.saintgabriel.org/Food-Pantry</a> 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.



#### Richmond Friends of the Homeless Bagged Lunches Sun, Jan. 7

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.



Explore "Person of Interest: Why Jesus Still Matters in a World that Rejects the Bible" at the Book Discussion Group on Sat. Jan. 20, 10 a.m. in the Commons

Join cold-case detective, J. Warner Wallace, as he uncovers

the truth about Jesus using the same approach he employs to solve real murder cases. Wallace describes his own investigative journey from atheism to Christianity as he sifts through the evidence from history alone, without relying on the New Testament. In this book, you'll: understand how Jesus changed the world and why he still matters today... learn how to think like a cold-case detective by using an innovative and unique "fuse and fallout" investigative strategy, which you can also use to examine other claims of history... and explore and learn how to respond to common objections to Christianity.

Sign up on the clipboard at the Adult Formation Table

in the Commons or visit www.saintgabriel.org/book-

discussion-group to take part.



# March for Life Fri, January 19

Join St. Gabriel's parish in support of the Right to Life at the **March for Life** 

in Washington, D.C. on **Friday Jan. 19, 2024**. We will start with Mass at 7:30 a.m., followed by Adoration for those not able to make the trip. The bus, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will depart at 8:30 a.m. There is a fee of \$10.00 per person/\$20.00 per family to cover the cost of water and snacks on the bus. Please bring your own lunch. Sign-up sheets and additional details will be available in the

Commons after Mass the **weekends of January 6/7 and 13/14**. Please make all checks payable to St. Gabriel Catholic Church. Use the QR code if you would like to register online.





Liturgical Ministry
Training, Sat. Jan. 13,
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 <a href="https://www.saintgabriel.org/training">https://www.saintgabriel.org/training</a> or call Lisa Gorton at 804-639-6712.

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



The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give Blood.

St. Gabriel Blood Drive Come Join Us To Save A Life Monday, January 22, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: GABRIEL to schedule an appointment. Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients. If you are an eligible type O,B- or A- donor, consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.





#### Jesus is calling us deeper

The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist Check out the resources at the Eucharistic Revival Site at saintgabriel.org/eucharistic-revival to see what the parish is offering, and other online resources to build your relationship with Christ in His Holy Eucharist.



Uncork a bottle of tage and join us as 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 these videos specifically designed for our year of Parish Revival. Don't miss a great opportunity to explore the richness of our Eucharistic faith. Just 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., Jan. 31, 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.

### 2023 Christmas Flowers in **Memory/Honor of:**

Alicia Tan

Joseph Danzi

Dorothy & Ted Fink

**Ruth & Albert Timmel** 

**Un Sun Coston** 

Rudolph & Helen Kosnac

Harvey & Stella Rutkai

Rita Vigorito

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June Ellison

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Douglas Miller

Myrna Dillon

Roy & Margie Dillingham

Mary & Richard Payne

Karin Lileig

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Jack & Dolores Bourke

Mary McSharry

**Bob Krezel** 

Caroline & Frank Blasio

Frances & Julia Krezel

John Miller

Jerry & Vicki Lachowicz

Sue & Tome Millon

Diane Marinacci

Uncle Jack

Betty May

Shirley Howard

Judy T

Deacon Ed & Alice Carey

R. Kevin Clair

Kathleen & Charlie Perry

Johnny DelCarmen

Leslie Sutterfield

Deacon Roy Smith



Winter Warmth Drive for Commonwealth Catholic Charities

Please join our Middle School Faith Formation class in donating **new** wool socks, winter hats, gloves or scarves to Commonwealth Catholic Charities for the homeless in our area. All donations must be new (nothing handmade please). A collection bin will be at the Children & Youth Ministry table in the Commons throughout January. All donations must be received by January 28th for delivery to CCC on the 29th. Thank you for sharing the warmth of St. Gabriel with our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

### Epiphany Church Young Adult Group



Friday, January 19

# Adoration and Benediction at 6 PM Bowling at 7:30 PM

All young adults, ages 18 (no longer in high school) to 39, are invited to join us for a Holy Hour of Adoration at Epiphany Church, followed by bowling at Uptown Alley.

A pizza or taco package is covered by Epiphany.

Uptown Alley is located at 6101 Brad McNeer Pkwy, Midlothian



The cost for 2 hours of bowling and shoe rental is \$20/person.

Scan the code to pay:



Follow us on Instagram @coe\_youngadults



Jan. 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024: "You shall love the Lord your God ...and your neighbor as yourself..."

Visit: World Council of Churches (oikoumene.org) to find out more. Together we can pray with our Chris-

tian brothers and sisters around the globe: "Lord Jesus, who prayed that we might all be one, we pray to you for the unity of Christians, according to your will, according to your means. May your Spirit enable us to experience the suffering caused by division, to see our sin, and to hope beyond all hope. Amen."

### You can experience the Love, Mercy and **Forgiveness of God**



Live life without suffering the traumatic aftereffects of Rachel's Vineyard abortion. In the aftermath of abortion,

you can be stuck in emotional, spiritual and psychological pain. You feel isolated and alone, holding on to your pain in secret. We know that you want to be loved and forgiven by God, and you need release form the negative emotions you're carrying. God wants healing for ALL his children, which is why we invite you to attend a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat. You'll encounter the love and forgiveness of God in a safe and confidential setting, with a compassionate group of facilitators to assist you along the way, inkling a priest and a licensed therapist. Our ministry has hosted dozens of retreats, and will gently guide you throughout the weekend as you encounter God's Grace on a deep and personal level. Visit RV4Hope.org for more information about Rachel's Vineyard retreats in your area.

#### Scripture for the Week of 1/7

Sun: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**Mon:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Ps 29: 1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9b-10; Mk 1:7-11 or s 55:1-11 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mk 1:7-11

Tues: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8; Mk 1:21-28 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1:9-20; Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-

**Wed:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk

**Thurs:** 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 25-26; Mk 1:40-45

Fri: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-

**Next Sun:** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

**Sat:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13

#### Mass Intentions at time of publication:

January 13 at 4 pm: Mass intention available January 14 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!

13 de enero a las 4 pm: Intención de misa disponible 14 de enero a las 4 pm: Intención de misa disponible

#### 7 de enero 2024— ¿Interesado en las vocaciones?

"Porque de vosotros saldrá un gobernante que pastoreará a mi pueblo". ¿Te está llamando Cristo a salir de tu zona de confort para servirle en los demás como hermana, hermano o sacerdote? Hable con su sacerdote o comuníquese con la Oficina de Vocaciones al (804) 359-5661 o por correo electrónico: vocations@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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When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2

Jesús nació en Belén de Judá, en tiempos del rey Herodes. Unos magos de Oriente llegaron entonces a Jerusalén y preguntaron: "¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que acaba de nacer? Porque vimos surgir su estrella y hemos venido a adorarlo". - Mt 2, 1-2

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mess 02001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Lectionario II O 1987 Comisión Episcopal de Pastoral Liturgica de la Conferencia del Episcopado Meso.

### Questions of the Week Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

#### First Reading

Isaiah foresaw a future when the Lord would use Israel as His instrument to shine His glory into the world. What could you do this week to show God's glory to others?

#### Second Reading

Paul met a lot of resistance when he spoke of God's "revelation" that Gentiles are "coheirs" and "copartners" with Jews in the divine promise fulfilled in Christ Jesus. How welcoming are you to outsiders?

#### Gospel Reading

In the story of the magi's visit, we see the prophecies of Isaiah (our first reading) fulfilled with the treasures of gold, frankincense, and myrrh given to the Holy Family. What gift do you give to the Lord?





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