OCTOBER 1, 2023 | 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# 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, 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.



## **MASS SCHEDULE**

#### ST. GABRIEL

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

Sat. 5:30pm

Sun. 9:00am & 11:00am

#### **GOOD SAMARITAN**

Sat. 4:00pm

Sun. 4:00pm (Hispanic)

#### **PARISH STAFF**

#### **Pastor**

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#### **COUNCILS**

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#### **Knights of Columbus**

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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 Saint Gabriel and Good Samaritan Catholic Churches

#### 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...

## Sick Parishioners Names will appear for <u>3 months</u> after notification. Please resubmit if needed.

Florence Black Leah Robinson
Maria Estremera Patrick Salerno
Tina Shashaty Fuchs Robert Salerno

Tim Kirkbride Steve and Sue Schmit

Pat Martonik Mary Stump

#### Mass Intentions at time of publication

Wed., Oct. 4, 9:00 am

Thurs., Oct. 5, 9:00 am

Fri., Oct. 6, 9:00 am

Mass Intention Available

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Sat., Oct. 7, 5:30 pm Ruth McCraw Woodruff and Victor

Woodruff

Sun., Oct. 8, 9:00 am For the parish and the entire universe

Sun., Oct. 8, 11:00 am Joseph Garrity

#### **Prayers for the Deployed**

Let us know if you have a deployed family member so that we can hold them in prayer.

#### **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/



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#### **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, October 1

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

#### Monday, October 2

8:15 am | Rosary

6:30 pm | First Reconciliation Preparation

#### **Tuesday, October 3**

8:15 am | Rosary

9:00 am | Centering Prayer 7:00 pm | Lectionary Study 7:00 pm | Liturgy Council 7:30 pm | Fishermen

#### Wednesday, October 4

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

6:00 pm | Cantor/Musician Rehearsal 6:30 pm | Adult Faith Formation Ministry

6:30 pm | Respect Life Ministry 7:00 pm | Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, October 5

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

7:00 pm | Knights of Columbus Council Meeting

7:00 pm | RCIA/Candidates Gathering

#### Friday, October 6

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

9:30 am | Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament ending Benedition at 10:15 am

9:45 am | Sacrament of Reconciliation until 10:15 am

10:30 am | Bible Study

10:30 am | Praying Hands Prayer Shawl Ministry

#### Saturday, October 7

10:00 am | Rosary

Noon | Blessing of the Animals

5:30 pm | Mass with Food Pantry Collection

#### Sunday, October 8

8:00 am | Rosary

9:00 am | Mass with Food Pantry Collection 11:00 am | Mass with Food Pantry Collection

12:15 pm | Richmond Friends of the Homeless PB&J

**Bag Lunches** 

1:00 pm | PreK-1st Grade Faith Formation

1:00 pm | RCIC

3:00 pm | 2nd-5th Grade Faith Formation

## Interested in Vocations?"He humbled Him-

self and became obedient...." If the Lord invites you to follow Him in humble odedience as a priest or in the consecrated life, how will you respond? Call Father Matthew Kiehl 804-804-359-5661 or e-mail: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



### Thank You to Our Sponsors - 15th Annual Joe Poh Memorial Golf Tournament

It's hard to do many things in life alone. It reminds us of the old proverb "it takes a village to raise a child". Sometimes it takes a village to accomplish the goals we set forth for ourselves. We want to personally thank the "village" which sponsored the parish golf tournament. We could not have a successful tournament without these many companies supporting it, which in essence support our parish.

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# Learn to Lead Campaign – Diocese of Richmond

The Diocese of Richmond is invested in building for the future and education of our children through our Catholic Schools is a key element. Catholic Schools and Education are vitally im-

portant for the future of the Church. This is why the Diocese of Richmon launched the Learn to Lead campaign – to fund local priorities at our 23 schools and enhance financial aid and help develop outstanding teachers.

There will be a second collection at all Masses this weekend. This collection will provide an opportunity for anyone who believes this ministry is worthy of their support to be involved. If you are an E-giver, you can go onto your account and make a one-time donation to *Learn to Lead* up until tonight at midnight.

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Will be held following the 9 a.m. Mass on Fri. Oct. 6 until 10:30 am. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available following Mass until 10:20 am.

## **Food Pantry Weekend** Oct. 7 & 8

Please bring items for the food pantry for both St. Gabriel and Good Samaritan parishes. Donations may be left on the table by the kitchen 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. We really need canned fruit! While all donations are appreciated, only items listed are needed, so 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, Oct. 8

Following the 11 a.m. Mass meet us in the kitchen to make 150 peanut butter & jelly sandwich lunches for the homeless in Richmond. This is a great family activity. Youth can earn community service hours. It is an on-going monthly outreach activity (Sunday before the second Monday of each month.) Many hands make light work.



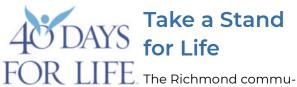
## Happy First Birthday

## Celebrate the One Year Birthday for our **Spiritual Adoption Babies**

October is Right to Life Month

Support the sanctity of all human life by purchasing and bringing a baby gifts to Mass during the weekend of Oct. 28/29. All items go to the Pregnancy Resource Center of Richmond. Suggested items include diapers (all sizes), wipes, bottles, clothing size 0-3T, bibs. Stop by the table in the

commons after Mass on the weekends of Oct. 14/15 and 21/22 for a complete list of items. Only brand new items will be accepted. Thank you for your generosity.



# Take a Stand

nity will take part in 40

Days for Life...a groundbreaking, coordinated international mobilization. This is a community -based campaign that takes a determined, peaceful approach to showing local communities the consequences of abortion in their own neighborhoods, for their own friends and families using a three-point program: prayer and fasting, constant vigil and community outreach. Please join St. Gabriel's Respect Life Ministry to pray the rosary at 118 N. Arthur Ashe Blvd., Richmond, 23220 on Saturdays, Oct. 7, 21 and 28. 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.

### Rosary Rally Sat. Oct. 14, Noon



The Respect Life Ministry invites you to join in The America Needs

Fatima's PUBLIC ROSARY RALLY on October 14 at Noon on the southeast corner of Winterpock Road and Hull Street Road. We will be on the sidewalk near Longhorn restaurant. We will be one of over 20,000 rallies tat will take place across the United States that day. Please join in offering reparations for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of the world.

## Blessing of our Pets

Where: Parish Garden When: Sat. Oct. 7. Noon In honor of St. Francis of Assisi's feast day.



## **Mass Intentions Book for** 2024 open this week.

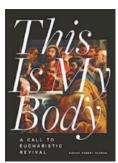
To make a Mass intention,

please come to the parish office during office hours.

#### **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**

## This is My Body: A Call to Eucharistic Revival by Bishop Robert Barron, Sat. Oct. 14, 10 a.m.

A recent survey revealed that 69% of Catholics do not believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. For the majority of Catholics today, the Eucharist is merely a symbol of Christ, and the Mass is merely a collec-



tivity of like-minded individuals gathering to remember His life. This indicates a spiritual disaster, for the Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life." In response, Bishop Robert Barron began working with his brother bishops on a solution. From these conversations, the National Eucharistic Revival was born. This Is My Body: A Call to Eucharistic Revival is designed to accompany that revival. In this brief but illuminating text, Bishop Barron offers a threefold analysis of the Eucharist as sacred meal, sacrifice, and Real Presence, helping readers to understand the sacrament of Jesus' Body and Blood more thoroughly so that they might fall in love with him more completely.

Discover the profound truth flowing out of Jesus' words at the Last Supper: "Take, eat; this is my body. . . . Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant." You can sign up at the Adult Faith Formation Table in the Commons or visit www.saintgabriel.org/book-discussion-group

## **Anointing of the Sick** on the weekend of Oct. 28 & 29

Fr. Felix will administer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick during each Mass. Those seeking the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick are invited to sit in the reserved front rows.



## The Healing Circle— **Bereavement Group**

Tues., Oct. 17, Nov. 7, 21, Dec. 5, 19, Jan. 16, 30, Feb. 6, 7—8:30 p.m.

This 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. Limited space available so sign up today at the Adult Faith Formation Table in the Commons or contact Lisa Gorton at 639-6712.



## All Saints and All Soul's Day

Tues. Nov. 1 at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. we will celebrate Mass for the Feast of All Saints.

Wed. Nov. 2 at 9 a.m. we will celebrate Mass for the Feast of

All Souls and with a special emphasis on our family and friends who have passed.

You are also invited to bring photos of your loved ones who have passed for the Table of Remembrance that will be displayed from Nov. 1 until Nov. 20.



Cursillo is 3 day retreat that is fully sanctioned by the Catholic Church and the Diocese of Richmond. The next Cursillo men's weekend is scheduled for October 19-22 at St. John Nepomucene in Dinwiddie. The retreats are put on by lay

Catholics with the assistance of clergy. Anyone in good standing with the church is eligible to attend. If you are interested in learning more about Cursillo or participating in a weekend, contact Rob Grubbs at 804-370-8181.

## Saint Francis – Manchester will hold its 3rd annual Giving Day on Wednesday, Oct. 4

(the Feast of Saint Francis). We hope you will consider making a gift AND becoming a Peer-to-Peer Fundraiser! As a P2P Fundraiser, you will play a vital role in ensuring a successful Giving Day by inviting your family,

friends, and colleagues to join you in helping low-income seniors receive the care they need. Sign up at giving-

day.saintfrancisrva.org or scan the QR code. And, in the spirit of friendly competition, there will be a prize for the Peer-to-Peer Fundraiser who generates the most donations! Questions? - contact <a href="mailto:cheinen@saintfrancis.org">cheinen@saintfrancis.org</a> or 804-237-5602. Thank you!



## Scripture for the Week of 10/1

**Sun:** Ez 18:25-28; Ps 26:4-9; Ph2:1-11 or 2:1-5: Mt 21:28-32

**Mon:** Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:2, 16-23; Mt 18:1-5,

**Tues:** Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1-7; Lk 9:51-56 **Wed:** Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62 **Thurs:** Neh 8:1-4, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11;

Fri: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16 Sat: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24

**Next Sun:** Is 5:1-7; Ps 80: 9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43



# "This Is My Body"

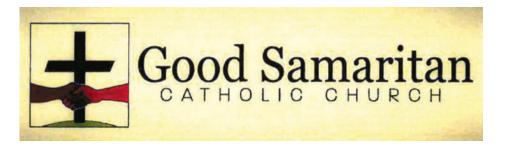
## THE SHOCKING TRUTH

Jesus said, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life." This teaching was so shocking that many of his followers left at that moment! Jesus did not call them back to clarify, because he knew they understood correctly. He was actually telling them to eat his flesh and drink his blood.

As Catholics, we believe Jesus' words literally, not symbolically. The substance of the bread and wine transform into the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ at every Mass.

We call this miracle the Eucharist.





Quilters meet on Sat. Oct. 21 at 9:30 a.m.

Soup Supper following 4 p.m. Mass on Sat. Oct. 7

Youth Formation on Sat. Oct. 7 and Oct. 21, 2:30—4 p.m.

Mass Intentions: October 7 at 4:00 pm: James Gorman

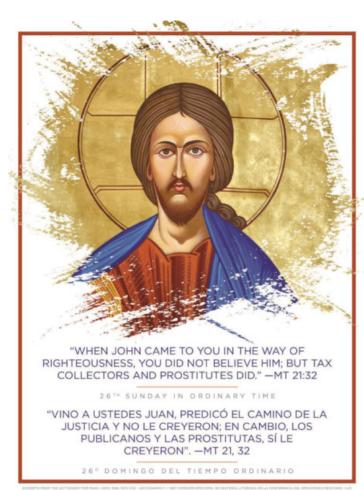
October 8 at 4:00 pm: Mass intention available

**Meditation:** "Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but [also] everyone for those of others." Phil 2:3-4

**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 we dding 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!



### Estudio Bíblico Hispano, viernes de agosto a las 7 p.m. Rosario Hispano Sábados a las 7 p.m.

**Los quilters** se reúnen el martes y el sábado 21 de octubre a las 9:30 a.m.

**Cena de sopa después** de las 4 p.m. Misa el sábado 7 de octubre **Formación de jóvenes** el sábado 7 y 21 de octubre, de 2:30 a 4 p.m.

#### **Intenciones**

7 de octubre a las 4:00 pm: James Gorman 8 de octubre a las 4:00 pm: Misa de intención disponible

**Meditación seminal:** "No hagas nada por egoísmo o por vanagloria; más bien, consideren humildemente a los demás como más importantes que ustedes mismos, cada uno velando no por sus propios intereses, sino [también] por los de los demás". Filipenses 2:3-4

#### 1 fde octubre 2023— ¿Interesado en las vocaciones?

"Se humilló a sí mismo y se hizo obediente..." Si el Señor os invita a seguirlo en humilde odediencia como sacerdote o en la vida con-sagrada, ¿cómo responderéis? Llame al Padre Matthew Kiehl 804-804-359-5661 o envíe un correo electrónico a: 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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