OCTOBER 15, 2023 | 28TH 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

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

Parish Business Manager

Therese Venti | Ext. 2 | therese.venti@saintgabriel.org

Director of Adult Formation & Pastoral Care/RCIA

Lisa Gorton | Ext. 8 | lisa.gorton@saintgabriel.org

Director of Children, Youth & Young Adult Formation

Carole Cox | Ext. 4 | carole.cox@saintgabriel.org

Music Coordinator

Barbara Chandler | Ext. 5 | barbara.chandler@saintgabriel.org

COUNCILS

Pastoral Council

Jim Haug | pastoral.council@saintgabriel.org

Finance Council

Susan Yost | finance.council@saintgabriel.org

Knights of Columbus

Stephen Freeby | sfreebyjr@yahoo.com

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 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

John Cimmino
Maria Estremera
Tina Shashaty Fuchs
Leah Robinson
Patrick Salerno
Robert Salerno

Tim Kirkbride Steve and Sue Schmit

Mary Kozlowski Mary Stump Pat Martonik Lori Sullivan

Mass Intentions at time of publication

Wed., Oct. 18, 9:00 am Jack Stemper Thurs., Oct. 19, 9:00 am Edith Nicolas

Fri., Oct. 20, 9:00 am Mass Intention Available Sat., Oct. 21, 5:30 pm Deacon Roy Smith

Sun., Oct. 22, 9:00 am For the parish and the entire universe

Sun., Oct. 22, 11:00 am Ralph Morelli

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/



Join Flocknote. With Flocknote, we are able to text everyone who joins or just a specific group. Join Flocknote and keep in touch with us via text and email. Text "GABRIELVA" to 84576

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 15

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

1:00 pm | High School Faith Formation3:30 pm | Middle School Faith Formation

Monday, October 16

11:00 am | Rosary

6:30 pm | First Reconciliation Preparation

Tuesday, October 17

9:00 am | Rosary

9:00 am | Centering Prayer 7:00 pm | Prayer Leader Meeting

7:00 pm | Healing Circle 7:00 pm | Lectionary Study

7:30 pm | Fishermen

Wednesday, October 18

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

6:00 pm | Cantor/Musician Rehearsal 7:00 pm | Executive Finance Council

7:00 pm | Prison Ministry 7:00 pm | Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 19

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

7:00 pm | RCIA/Candidates Gathering

7:00 pm | GIFTS

7:00 pm | Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting

Friday, October 20

8:15 am | Rosary 9:00 am | Mass 10:00 am | Bible Study

10:00 am | Praying Hands Prayer Shawl Ministry

Saturday, October 21

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

Sunday, October 22

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

Interested in Vocations?

"Many are called, but few are chosen." Are you considering a vocation to proclaim the word of God as a priest or consecrated religious? Call Father Matthew Kiehl 804-359-5661 or e-mail: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.



GIVING 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 envelope, 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!



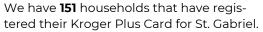
Shop with Scrip right from your phone with the RaiseRight app!

1. Download the RaiseRight mobile app from the app store using your smartphone or tablet 2. Enter the enrollment code to join. Call office for enrollment code.

3. The brand gives back to St. Gabriel the moment you buy a gift card—at no extra cost to you!

Have questions about getting started? Call the ShopWithScrip Customer Support team at 1-800-727-4715

Register your Kroger Plus Card for St. Gabriel





Let's continue to grow that number! It's SO simple...go to www.kroger.com/communityrewards and use St. Gabriel's organization number, 82387. Every time you shop at Kroger with your Kroger Plus Card it raises money for our parish! We just received a quarterly rebate check for \$642.14, bringing our total for fiscal year 2023/24 to \$1,314.42



Your Parish Needs You... and You Need Your Parish!

By registering at St. Gabriel, you are declaring your desire to be part of a Catholic faith community. If you have recently moved to the area or if you are

a long-time resident, make it official. **All information** is kept confidential.

Registering is easy!

Just scan this QR code or complete the form at www. saintgabriel.org.



Top Reasons to Register

- A sense of belonging and identity in the community.
- It is a commitment to practice your faith.
- Registration enables our pastor, staff, and community to get to know you better, to welcome and minister to you. This is especially important during a time of crisis so that the pastoral staff can attend to your spiritual needs and the needs of your family.
- For the parish to record sacraments, as required by church law, and faith formation for your household, you need to be registered.
- Registration helps you stay connected with your parish and helps your parish stay connected with you. Providing your contact information is important so that parishes provide you with timely updates via email, direct mail, phone, etc. Also, in supporting your parish, if you use offertory envelopes or online giving, you will also receive a year-end statement of your donations for income tax purposes. Once you are registered, please notify the parish office of any changes in address or phone number.
- Registered active members are eligible for sponsor/ godparent validation.
- Census numbers may determine how many priests are assigned to a parish and how many Masses and enrichment programs are planned and scheduled.





The Healing Circle—Bereavement Group

BEGINS THIS 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.



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.

CCHASM

Thanksgiving Meal Program

The CCHASM Thanksgiving Meal Program helped more than 12,000 adults and children last year.

If you or someone you know is in need this year of a healthy Thanksgiving Meal, please let them know of this amazing program.

Registration for the 2023 Thanksgiving Meal Program is from October 2 to November 1. You can either call the CCHASM office at 804-796-2749 Monday – Thursday from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm or do an online registration at www.cchasm.org/tg2023.



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.



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 THIS weekends of Oct. 14/15 and next of Oct. 21/22 for a complete list of items. Only brand new items will be accepted. Thank you for your generosity.



DAYS Take a Stand for Life

The Richmond community will take part in 40 Days for Life...a groundbreaking, coordinated international mobiliza-

tion. 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. 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 na-wyltc45@aol.com.



Liturgical Ministry Training. Sat. Nov. 11, 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 https://www.saintgabriel.org/training or call Lisa Gorton at 804-639-6712.





We are all part of a parish family. Family members who share a common heritage, grounded in the same beliefs, values, and traditions. Your

challenges are ours. ROCK - Raising our Catholic Kids are gatherings to help you meet those challenges. To connect you with other parents in the parish and to the greater community, supporting 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.

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.

Parents of PRE-K-5th Graders - Spring offerings Mon., 6:30 pm, Feb. 5, 12, 26, Mar 4 & 11

Parents of Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers Tues., 6:30 p.m., Nov. 14, Dec. 5, Jan. 9, and Feb. 13

World Mission Sunday - Oct. 22

Pope Pius XI instituted World Mission Sunday in 1926, and the first worldwide collection occurred the following year. Held each year on the penultimate Sunday in October, World Mission Sunday is an effort of the entire



Church to help over 1,100 dioceses that cannot sustain themselves because they are too poor, young, or actively persecuted.

Until 1908, the Church in the United States was a mission territory. We relied on this fund to build our churches and seminaries and support our clergy and religious. Today many foreign missions rely on our generosity to sustain the Church, which is an instrument of God's love and mercy, His hope and peace.

This year's message from Pope Francis for World Mission Sunday, "Hearts on fire, feet on the move", is inspired by our Lord's encounter with the disciples on the Rad to Emmaus found in the Gospel of Luke (24:13-35). In choosing this theme, Pope Francis has reaffirmed that World Mission Sunday is a privileged opportunity to us foster missionary cooperation on both the spiritual and material levels.

There will be a second collection at each of the Masses the weekend of October 21/22. If you are an e-giver, you can go onto your account and give a one-time donation. In the fund box chose, World Mission Sunday.

Scripture for the Week of 10/15

Sun: Is 25: 6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 or 1-10 Mon: Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-

4: Lk 11:29-32

Tues: Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41 **Wed:** 2 Tim 4:10-17b;

Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9

Thurs: Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1-6; Lk 11:47-54 Fri: Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1-

2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7

Sat: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-

Next Sun: Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22: 15-21



You are Invited!

The Women's Giving Circle of the Catholic Community Foundation is bringing women together to make a difference across our Diocese and communities through grants to nonprofits, while engaging in fellowship and having fun along the way!

Sip & Learn

September 28, 2023 | 5:30-6:30pm RSVP by September 25th October 19, 2023 | 5:30-6:30pm RSVP by October 12th November 8, 2023 | 5:30-6:30pm RSVP by November 1st

RSVP to Maggie Keenan at mkeenan@richmonddiocese.org

Visit Us: wgc.richmondcatholicfoundation.org



Liturgical Life

CATHOLIC

The Wedding Garment

I like to think that any self-respecting doomsday prepper would find something to admire in my van's stores of extra clothes, snacks, boredom-busting toys, sunscreen, and seasonal outerwear. You never know when you're going to pass a free splash pad or a particularly amazing sledding hill. And you never know when one of the kids is going to find the world's most irresistible mud pile or fall into a river.

All this pre-planning for fun and disaster, and still, I usually devote a fraction of that effort to spiritual preparedness.

I swap out my traveling first-aid kit every season, imagining hypothetical emergencies — and I push confession off another week. "I haven't committed any mortal sins," I tell myself, "And I'm just so busy."

I shove extra outfits into my car's trunk on the off-chance my son decides to paint himself in Go-Gurt — and I shrug off the daily examinations of conscience that could help me overcome a persistent sin.

I stock my purse with bags of Cheerios to ward off sneaky attacks of kid hunger — and I fall asleep without saying the Rosary, murmuring to myself: "I'm so tired. Mary understands."

I am overwhelmed by the here-and-now, consumed by the minutiae of earthly life, that I forget there is only one eventuality I — or any of us — can expect with any certainty. We will all be invited to the feast.

Is my van stocked for that?

"The king said to him, 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?""
— Matthew 22:12

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Is it right to sue someone? Isn't it a way of getting revenge?

Answer:

Revenge is inflicting harm for harm's sake, the idea of an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, and then some. There is often a fine line between justice and mercy, between compensation and forgiveness. Unfortunately, things can happen to us that cause harm, suffering, and damage, regardless of people's intentions. When someone is hurt, especially in such a way that special care or treatment is required, the cost of that care needs to be paid.

In a perfect world, those with special needs, handicaps, or disabilities would find the help and care they need, including those who are injured or hurt. But justice is not always forthcoming, and people are not always fair. So, using the legal system to right a wrong is sometimes the only option.

In some cases, it is the only way that people can get the help they need and deserve. However, frivolous lawsuits, or 'fishing for money' is not only unfair, but immoral as well. The law is there to protect people and making use of it when necessary is a good thing.

Are your Young Adult Children still listed under your parish registration?

Have your children moved out of the house and are now on their own? Even if they are members under your household, it is their responsibility to join a church family, participate in the Mass, **and to register as a member independent of their parents.** Encourage them to register through the website or the QR code above. Please let us know if they have moved for accurate census numbers. Thank-you!



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

First Confession Preparation, Sat. Oct. 21, 1 p.m.

RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children) Sun. Oct. 22, 1 p.m.

Confirmation Preparation, Sun. Oct. 22, 2 p.m.

Children's Formation on Sat. Oct. Oct. 21, 2:30—4 p.m.

Youth Formation Sun. Oct. 22, 3 p.m.

Baptism Preparation, Sun. Oct. 15, Noon

Parish Luncheon, Thurs. Oct. 19, Noon at The County Seat in Powhatan

Meditation: "I can do all things in him who strengthens me." Phil 4:13

Mass Intentions:

Intenciones

21 de octubre a las 4:00 pm: Misa de intención disponible

22 de octubre a las 4:00 pm:

Misa de intención disponible

October 21 at 4:00 pm: Mass intention available

October 22 at 4:00 pm: Mass intention available

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 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!

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

Preparación de la Primera Confesión, sábado 21 de octubre, 1 p.m.

RCIC (Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Niños) Domingo 22 de octubre, 1 p.m.

Preparación de la confirmación, domingo 22 de octubre, 2 p.m.

Formación de niños el sábado 21 de octubre, de 2:30 a 4 p.m.

Formación Juvenil Domingo 22 de octubre, 3 p.m.

Preparación para el bautismo, domingo 15 de octubre, mediodía

Almuerzo parroquial, jueves 19 de octubre, mediodía en la sede del condado en Powhatan

Meditación seminal: "Puedo hacer todas las cosas en aquel que me fortalece". Filipenses 4:13

15 de octubre 2023— ¿Interesado en las vocaciones? "Muchos son llamados, pero pocos son elegidos". ¿Está considerando una vocación para anunciar la palabra de Dios como sacerdote o religioso consagrado? Llame al Padre Matthew Kiehl 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!











(804) 744-6401

For All Your Plumbing, Heating and Air Needs

Licensed • Insured

COMMONWEALTH **PEDIATRICS**

7023 Old Janke Road, Richmond, VA 23225 Phone: 804-320-1353 Fax: 804-320-6636

6510 Harbour View Court, Ste 100, Midlothian, VA 23112 Phone: 804-739-8166

Fax: 804-639-6614

15400 WC Commons Way, Midlothian, VA 23113 Phone: 804-549-5405 Fax: 804-379-8162

www.commonwealthpeds.com

TRANSPARTATION

We Provide Door to Door Service & Dialysis Transportation

804-609-5555 Providing Non-Emergency Medical • Transportation Throughout Virginia Transportation to and from Church • Medical Transport • Dr. Appointments



Residential Real Estate • Commercial **Property Management • Buyers & Sellers Welcome** LICENSED SINCE 1988



SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!

WE'RE HIRING!

AD SALES EXECUTIVE

BE YOURSELF. **BRING YOUR PASSION.** WORK WITH PURPOSE.



Contact us at careers@4lpi.com or www.4lpi.com/career



Place Your Ad Here and Support our Parish!

AD CREATOR STUDIO





NEVER MISS OUR BULLETIN!

SUBSCRIBE

Have our bulletin emailed to you every week.



Visit www.parishesonline.com

LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS Place Your Ad Here and Support Our Parish!

> **CONTACT ME Wendy Bond**

wbond@4LPi.com (800) 477-4574 x6420