



Photo of 17 of the 24 new Sodality Members (left to right): Glenda Buchanan; Armelle Kouakou; Carol DeOro; Fr. Michael Salah; Dora Pachajoa; Patricia Crew; Angela Rappa; Sharon Discavage; Kathy Patterson; Mihuryl Hernandez; Marion Griffith; Maria Fernando; Norma Saad; Juliana Jacobson; Shirley Lee; Mary Meyer.

A Prayerful Year Ahead for St. Raphael Sodality

St. Raphael's Sodality is preparing for another busy and prayerful year with Fr. Michael Salah as our Moderator.

Date	Topic	Speaker
September 12, 2018	Beauty of the Mass	Fr. Michael Salah
October 9, 2018	Mary is our Mother	Gina Witt
November 13, 2018	The Work of Mercy at the Lord's Table	Mary Canapary with Adult Club Parish Library
January 10, 2019	Museum of the Bible	Janet Leonard Walker with Adult Club
February 12, 2019	Sodality Tea	Richard Meyer
3/8, 15, 22, 29; 4/12	Stations of the Cross	Fr. Michael Salah
March 26, 2019	Mary's Way	
April 9, 2019	Lenten Day of Prayer	
May 22, 2019	A Story of Conversion	
	Potluck Dinner/Installation	

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St. Raphael School Will Miss You, Ms. Quinn

By Nina Cardillo

Just after parting for summer break, St. Raphael School staff, students, and families came together again for a final, heartfelt farewell to our beloved fifth-grade teacher, Patty Quinn, who went home to God with the words "Jesus, I trust in You" on June 16. Family and friends of Ms. Quinn filled St. Raphael Catholic Church for the Mass of Christian Burial celebrated by Fr. Lee Fangmeyer, pastor of Mother Seton Catholic Church and longtime friend, and was concelebrated by several current and former priests of St. Raphael Parish.

For the past eight years of her



Patty Quinn taught at St. Raphael School for eight years. Photo by Stone Photography

30-year Catholic teaching career, Ms. Quinn shared her deep faith in the Lord with SRS students and shaped them with devoted instruction. She filled them with unconditional love and touched everyone with her quick wit and humor. Ms. Quinn was known for retelling stories—often evoking an element of surprise and laughter—which

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Students, staff, and parents line the sidewalk of St. Raphael School to say farewell to beloved teacher Patty Quinn in a special way after her funeral June 20. The bubbles were like prayers rising to Heaven. Photo by MJ Zafis-Garcia / St. Raphael School

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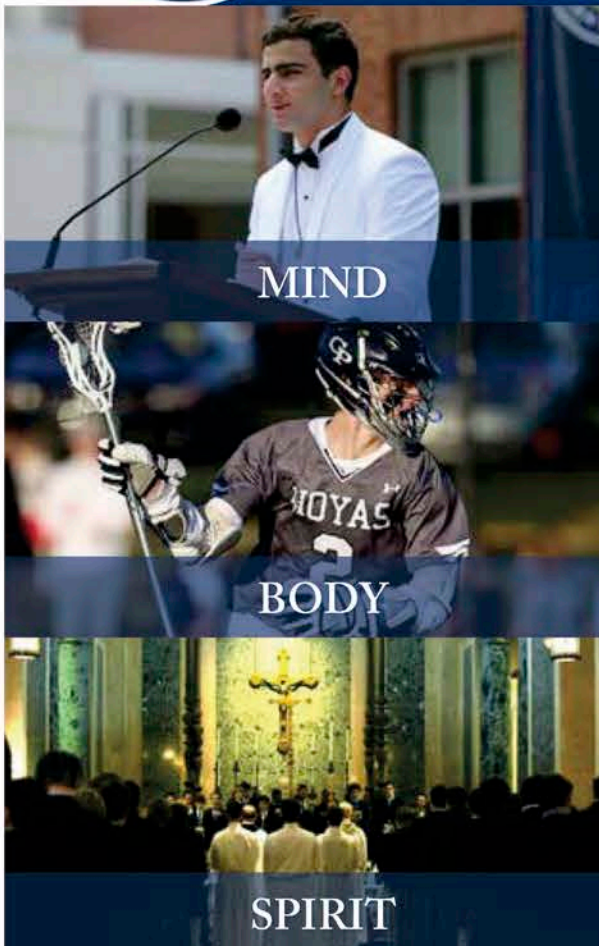
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St. Raphael Small Groups 2018-2019

Christ-Centered + Theme-Based + Parish-Connected

Parish-connected Small Groups, which meet in homes, are growing in number throughout the Church. Following the recommendation of our pastor, Fr. Salah, the AFF Coordinator and Team are adopting the best practices of current models and resources, and launching *St Raphael Small Groups* (SRS) in the Fall of 2018.

Anthony Esser, Coordinator of Parish Evangelization in the Archdiocese of Washington, presented an *Introductory Workshop* at the parish in May of 2018. Recalling that we are "*Called to Community*," Mr. Esser encouraged the formation of small groups that are Christ-Centered, Theme-Based, and Parish-Connected. Pietro Lojacono, Assistant for Religious Education, worked with his artist cousin in Italy to develop a logo which highlights the desired outcomes for each SRS.

Over the summer, St. Raphael's ran a pilot program with three small



Enjoying the moment in a home-based St Raphael Small Group

groups. Their Facilitators, Karen Watson, Jessica Nardi, and Greg Metzger, have experience in education and human resources in addition to their recent involvement in the ChristLife program at the parish. Suzanne Nelson, parish AFF Coordinator, visited each group to

offer support and identify areas of growth before beginning the larger initiative with the whole parish. What did she notice? Spiritual reflection with shared discussion is a growing skill, and a shared grace that can create community in this troubled world and benefit us all.

On Sept. 8/9 during Mass parishioners will be invited to Sign Up for a preferred SRS day of the week, time, and other options.

On Sept 13 at Information Night, there will be time to meet SRS's Facilitators, ask questions, and pray for each other.

On Sept. 15/16 at Mass, Catechists and Facilitators will be commissioned for the coming year's ministry. Nationally, this is *Catechetical Sunday*.

In 2018-2019 SRS's will meet from 6-8 times in the Fall (Oct-Nov), in the Winter (Jan-Feb), and in the Spring (March-May). Specific dates will depend on the

day of the week each SRS meets.

For more information please see: www.straphaels.org/adult-faith-formation

Small Group Prayer

Holy God, Creator of the human family, we give you thanks for the many and varied ways you build up your Church. Bless all those who will be a part of a SRS in the coming year. Grant that through their vision and dedication they may grow in your love, bring honor and glory to your name, and be a source of support and joy to one another. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

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became little legends among the students who passed through her class. She brought her summer reading assignment, "*Misty of Chincoteague*," alive for the fifth-graders through an autumn adventure to Assateague Island, where they explored the land's distinctive nature and creatures, including sightings of wild ponies. Her joyful presence was a light at our school, and the tireless hours she spent putting together yearbooks and spearheading the annual Mother's Day celebration created lasting memories for our families. In 2014, Ms. Quinn won the prestigious Golden Apple Award, an achievement greatly deserved for the zeal she showed in the classroom, in the hallways, and in everything in between, and with Christ always at the center.

As the motorcade slowly departed from St. Raphael's church for the burial, students and staff lined the school sidewalk, holding an honor guard for Ms. Quinn and blowing a bubble storm of prayers to heaven. As the bubbles lifted into the air, so did our grateful hearts for the impact Ms. Quinn had on the lives of so many children. Following the burial, a reception hosted by the SRS families was held in the Trumpet Room. We will miss Ms. Quinn and count her as a special SRS Angel, now in the company of many.

What's New

This year's school theme, "*Roots and Wings*," celebrates the golden anniversary of St. Raphael Nursery School and recognizes 50 years of Catholic teaching rooted in the Gospel as well as the thousands of lives the preschool has touched and shaped in our community. The steadfast mission of faith-based education at SRNS and SRS offers a firm foundation to teach, inspire, and live out the Catholic faith while striving toward academic excellence for all its students.

SRS welcomes the arrival of

new staff for the 2018-19 school year. With a background in physics, mathematics, and education, John McCutcheon joins the faculty as a math teacher for fifth through eighth grades. John is also a fellow with the Casualty Actuarial Society. Teaching physical education is Andrea Kalochristianikas, who brings experience in fitness, instruction, and athletics, including Team USA boxing honors. Mary Kate McGetrick, a recent graduate of The Catholic University of America, is instructing music and drama, and Marylen Flood rounds out the roster as a reading enrichment teacher.

In addition to staff updates, we have a few exciting program announcements for 2018-19. SRNS will offer full-day options for the 3's, 4's, and 4-Plus students and is also launching an addition to its early-childhood program for preschoolers-in-training and their parents. Stay & Play drop-in sessions allow moms, dads, and caregivers to bring their little ones to campus for playtime led by an experienced teaching team. Lastly, SRS is expanding its afterschool options to include a variety of arts and sports classes, a new self-defense class, chess, and more!

What's Ahead

Aug. 29: **Opening Mass** and festivities kick off the new school year.

Sept. 24: **St. Raphael Golf Classic** honors Fr. Bill Finch with a day of golf and memorial soirée.

Sept. 28: **Grandparent's Day** welcomes grandparents to a special day at our school with a Mass and light reception.

Sept. 30: **St. Raphael Parish Picnic** celebrates our parish anniversary with food, fellowship, and fun.

Oct. 15: **SRS Open House** invites interested parents to a presentation and tour of our campus.

Oct. 20: **Angels on the Run 5K** and kids' runs—proceeds benefit the school.

For details about these events and more, visit our website at www.straphaelschoolmd.org.

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Mother Seton



AFRICAN DAY

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and a wonderful fashion show, featuring beautiful African clothing from all over the continent.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to

our pastor Father Lee Fangmeyer, who has been very supportive of us always. To all the volunteers, visiting priests, dancing groups, friends, relations, the choir that turned out in great number and made it a memorable occasion, and all Mother Seton African parishioners. Last but

not least, thanks to all the dedicated African brothers and sisters who spent so much time planning and organizing this event and made it a success. God bless you all and God bless America.

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VBS

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learned about how Jesus Rescues when we are lonely, when we struggle, when we do something wrong and when we worry. We had 96

campers and 55 volunteers. The volunteers were middle schoolers, high schoolers and adults. Everyone had a smile on their faces every day. Even though it rained for 4 out of 5 days we all had a great time singing "*NEVER LET ME GO*" over and over. The campers rotated to Ship

Rec games, Imagination station, Bible adventures, Kid Vid Cinema and tropical treats. We want to give a huge thank you to all would were involved in ANY way. To all those who donated materials or snacks. We look forward to next year.

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