



SAINT RAPHAEL PRESCHOOL

Weekly Memo | April 30, 2019



"If every tiny flower wanted to be a rose, spring would lose its loveliness."

St. Therese of Lisieux

Important Upcoming Dates

May 6-7: Field Day

Classes will enjoy outdoor fun next week on Field Day! See below for class schedule.

May 18: Preschool's 40th Anniversary Celebration

Mark your calendars for family fun! We will celebrate our 40th anniversary on Saturday, May 18th, 3-5:15pm in Ignatius Hall, followed by 5:30 Mass.

May 24: Last Day of Preschool

Dear Parents,

Happy Easter! I hope you all had a restful break and joyous holiday. We are excited to get back to school. It's hard to believe there is only one month left in the school year!

Our last month will be hectic and fun- so much is planned for May! Many hands are needed to make all our events run smoothly. Please read below to see how you can help! We'll start with Field Days next week, followed by spring music concerts May 15-17. We are especially excited to celebrate our 40th anniversary on Saturday, May 18th. Look for an Evite to go out later this week! May 24th is our last day of classes. There are still some available spaces in our Summer Camps for the first two weeks of June. Contact the office if you are interested in signing up!

*Many blessings,
Molly DeAngelo*

Preschool News and Announcements



Field Days are May 6th and 7th

Our students will enjoy an active morning on the SRCS field for Field Day on Monday, May 6th and Tuesday, May 7th. *Please remember to put sunscreen on your child and dress in clothes and shoes for outdoor, active play!* To make this morning run smoothly, a number of volunteers are needed. Set up and take down helpers are especially needed! If you are able to help out that morning, please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d4faca2ea0fb6-2019>

Here is the class schedule for Field Days:

May 6- Yellow Puppies, Bunnies, Frogs, Dolphins, Owls

May 7- Red Puppies, Otters, Cubs, Turtles, Eagles, Pandas

Help Needed for 40th Anniversary Celebration!

We are so excited for our upcoming celebration! Many hands are needed to make this special event a success. Are you able to volunteer? We are in need of paper good donations, volunteers to help at the event (at the food table, helping at center activities, etc.), and raffle ticket sellers during drop off and pick up times leading up to the event.

Please help out if you can. We appreciate the support!

Raffle Ticket Sales: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054aa4a723a20-raffle>

Celebration Donations: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d4facao2ea0fb6-items>

Celebration Volunteers: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d4facao2ea0fb6-40th>

40th Anniversary Scholarship Raffle- Have You Bought Your Tickets?

In honor of our 40th anniversary, we are holding a raffle to raise money for student scholarships so that all children can receive a faith-filled early education. We have some amazing prizes- a \$500 gift certificate to the Original Mattress Factory, a date night basket with wine, gifts, and a \$100 gift certificate to 42nd Street Oyster Bar, and a family fun basket including a photography package, a birthday party at eNeRGy Kidz, Irish dancing classes at Inis Cairde, and more! We also just received a year's Black Card membership to Planet Fitness! Raffle tickets will be sold in the Preschool hallway and are also available on-line. The drawing will happen on May 18th at our 40th anniversary celebration, but you need not be present to win. Please spread the word to your friends and family! We are also appreciative of donations to our [40th Anniversary Fund](#). More information can be found on our website by choosing "40th Anniversary Fund" on the sidebar: <http://straphaelpreschool.org/>

Register Now for Preschool Summer Camp!

St. Raphael Preschool will offer two weeks of summer camp- June 3-7 and 10-14. Camps run 9am-noon with optional Lunch Bunch noon-1pm and Early Arrival (new this year!) from 8-9am. All children aged 3 through rising K who are fully potty-trained are eligible to register. It is not necessary to be a current student to attend our camps, so please tell your family, friends, and neighbors! You can find the registration form and camp information [HERE](#).

Completed registration forms and payment should be returned to the Preschool office.

Ignatius Fund Update

Thank you to all who have already contributed to the Ignatius Fund! By making a tax deductible donation, you are directly impacting the lives of St. Raphael Catholic School and Preschool students and faculty while pledging your support to Catholic education. Learn more about the Ignatius Fund and donate on-line through our

website: <http://straphaelpreschool.org/ignatius-fund/>

Goal: \$80,000 with 100% participation

Raised to date: \$43,470

News from Saint Raphael Catholic School



Dear Saint Raphael Community,

It is with great honor and excitement that I introduce myself to you all as the next principal of Saint Raphael Catholic School. I am humbled to have been selected to lead this school community and build upon an already strong foundation. In collaboration with the support and efforts of Fr. Phil and the Saint Raphael Church community, I look forward to working with the faculty and staff to continue living out the mission of the school.



Since 2015, I have led the Saint Joseph Catholic School community in Petersburg, VA. From this experience, I am grateful for the relationships that were developed while working within a diverse student population and utilizing community support to carry out the mission of the school. While the size of Saint Joseph and Saint Raphael is undoubtedly different, I look forward to building new relationships with students, families, faculty and the parish community in order to continue providing an academic setting that is both rich in rigor, but also, first and foremost, Catholic.

Prior to my most recent role as principal, I began teaching after graduating from Virginia Tech. My teaching career began at Saint Pius X Catholic School in Norfolk, VA where I taught 2nd grade, 1st and 2nd grade Spanish, 5th grade Religion, and 6th and 7th grade Social Studies. Two years later, my wife, Whitney, and I moved to Richmond so that she could pursue her studies in Occupational Therapy at Virginia Commonwealth University. While in Richmond, I taught middle school Social Studies at Saint Bridget Catholic School. Throughout our time in Richmond, our family has grown by two. Whitney and I have been blessed with two sons; namely, Liam Anthony (2 years old) and Emmett Carter (6 months old). I look forward to introducing my family to the school and parish community.

During my transition into the Saint Raphael School community, I ask for your prayers; that our students continue to grow as disciples of Christ, that our staff and faculty model that discipleship, and that our parents and guardians continue to purposefully engage in their student's learning journey. In turn, please be assured of my prayers for each of you and for the school community. Thank you for your support and

patience.

God bless,

Joseph A. Whitmore, M.Ed.

News from Around the Parish



An Invitation from Mothers in Faith

Welcoming Mothers of all ages to our Mothers in Faith meetings! Whether you are a mom to toddlers, teens or grand kids, all moms are welcome to join us on our faith journey towards Christ. Meet other mothers, enjoy engaging guest speakers and grow closer to our parish community.

Next Mothers in Faith Meeting- Thursday, May 9th at 9:30am in rm 112

May Meeting: *Decorating Tips of Christ's Love - How to make your home a beautiful reminder of our Catholic Faith*

Ever wonder how to integrate our Catholic faith into your home? Want to do something more than place a statue on the mantel? Learn how to make your faith literally a part of your home. It's not glaring and out of place but instead it brings peace and a gentle reminder of Christ's love.

For more information contact Mothers in Faith
at MothersInFaithSR@yahoo.com.

May 4th Special Needs Mass at St. Luke



If you have special needs & do not ordinarily attend Mass, or, would like to help bring a relative / friend with special needs to Mass, you are invited and encouraged to join us in **St. Luke (12333 Bayleaf Church Rd) on Saturday, May 4th at 9:30am**. This is an inclusive opportunity to reengage with one's faith and return to regular Mass attendance. **Please Spread the Word!**

For a successful event and be as welcoming & prepared as possible, please contact via email Jerome.Savage@outlook.com or phone (919) 931-3261 to advise our organizing Knights of Columbus council what special needs you or your companion have. Also, please share any special talents or interests you and your companion(s) have such as serving as a Lector, Altar server or Eucharistic minister. This service is all about participation. People with special needs are invited to join us and help perform functions of the Mass.

Finally, stay for social time at the reception to follow in our fellowship hall. Beverages & snacks including Gluten-free options provided by Gabi's Grounds (Local IDD business). We are joined by guest speaker Brogan DeBuhr (Ambassador for Special Olympics of NC) to provide information about their programs and how being athlete & spokesperson has had a positive impact on her life.

"People with disabilities are a gift for the family and an opportunity to grow in love, mutual aid and unity." – Pope Francis

FAITH IN ACTION



LIFE

Upcoming Catholic Charities Event



VS Rochester Red Wings

FRIDAY NIGHT
FIREWORKS
AFTER THE
GAME!

Durham Bulls Athletic Park | 409 Blackwell Street, Durham, NC 27701

For information and to purchase tickets visit:
www.CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org/BullsPitch4Charity

This year, proceeds from this event will support new **Durham Community Food Pantry** which will hold its official Ribbon Cutting earlier in the day on May 17th.

ALL ARE WELCOME



CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org

#PitchIn4Charity

Questions about the event? Please contact Daniel Altenau, Catholic Charities Communications Director at (919) 821-9767 or by email at Daniel.Aldenau@raldioc.org

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