



# SAINT RAPHAEL PRESCHOOL

Weekly Memo: March 8, 2017

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Dear Parents,

The Lenten prayer that we teach to the children during music class was printed in last week's memo. Multiple families have shared that they have incorporated it into their home prayers, which is wonderful! At the Preschool we really focus on the Resurrection and the depth of Jesus' love for us as we prepare for Easter. However, as adults we often focus on sacrifice itself, rather than the reason for it. This short prayer is a good reminder for us as parents to open our hearts and reflect on our own relationship with Christ as we prepare to renew our baptismal promises on the great feast of Easter.

*Father, help me to see this holy season of Lent  
as a time of spiritual renewal, rather than a time of deprivation.  
Motivate me to reach a new level of experiencing your grace.*



Many blessings,

Molly DeAngelo

## **Preschool St. Patrick's Day Story Time**

We are hosting a St. Patrick's Day event with a story, snack, and music for prospective students on Friday, 3/17 at 10am. Please invite friends who may be interested in enrolling at St. Raphael Preschool! RSVP to Sarah 919-865-5725 or [srapp@saintraphael.org](mailto:srapp@saintraphael.org).

## **Soccer Shots Classes for Spring**

A new session of Soccer Shots begins this week! Now is the time to enroll. If your child is already enrolled, the fun will continue this Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. If you like to join the spring session, please sign up on-line or find more information on their website [www.soccershots.org/rdu](http://www.soccershots.org/rdu).

## **St. Joseph's Day Celebration**

Come celebrate the Feast Day of St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on Monday, March 20 with a blessing of the table in the Atrium immediately following the 11 am mass in the Mary Chapel. After the blessing, we will process to the Lewis Room with a traditional Italian Tupa/Tupa. If you can't make it for the blessing, please join us in the Lewis Room right after 12 noon pickup for some light refreshments for children and adults as well as some child friendly activities. Children will also have the opportunity to participate in a service project of making neck pillows for dialysis patients. Please contact Jeannine Washburn at [jeanninewashburn3@gmail.com](mailto:jeanninewashburn3@gmail.com) for more information. We look forward to celebrating the Feast Day of St. Joseph with you and your children!

## **We're Collecting Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House**

Because little things can make a big difference, the Preschool is teaming up with the SRCS Faith In Action Team to collect pop tabs from aluminum cans. The Ronald McDonald House of Durham provides housing and support programs to families whose children are undergoing medical treatment for serious illnesses. Funds generated from recycling the

pop tabs help support these Ronald McDonald House initiatives. Pop tabs can be deposited in the collection jar in the Preschool office. Thanks for your participation!

### News from Saint Raphael Catholic School

Spring is here -- or at least it feels like it! -- which means it's time for some Dr. Seuss fun and Eric Carle artistry! Mark your calendars for the last two PRESCHOOL STORY TIMES this year: **Tuesday, March 14(10am-10:30am)** and **Tuesday, April 4 (10am-10:30am)**. Join us at Saint Raphael Catholic School for fun and reading and reading fun! RSVP to Mary Morgan at [mmorgan@saintraphael.org](mailto:mmorgan@saintraphael.org) or 919-865-5754.

Saint Raphael Catholic School is accepting applications for the 2017-2018 school year. Applications are being accepted on a first come, first served basis. If you haven't taken a tour be sure to contact Mary Morgan for more information and to schedule your tour. Witness the gift of Catholic education! [mmorgan@saintraphael.org](mailto:mmorgan@saintraphael.org) or 919-865-5754.

### An Invitation from Mothers in Faith

*Modern American Philosophies and Our Catholic Faith:* How does our Catholic faith approach modern American philosophies such as individualism, relativism, hedonism and more? Join Mothers in Faith and Jeannine Washburn in a discussion on identifying how these philosophies have entered our lives and families, ways to root them out in order to fill ourselves up with the Truth of our Catholic Faith and live the Abundant Life that Jesus wants for us. This meeting will be Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in rm 112. Childcare is available in the adjacent nursery for \$5 per child or \$10 max per family. No one will be turned away because of an inability to pay. Please join us at 8:30am (after SRCS carpool drop off) for the Divine Mercy in rm 112 or the adjacent nursery. Contact [mothersinfaithsr@yahoo.com](mailto:mothersinfaithsr@yahoo.com) for more information.

### Ignatius Fund Update

Thank you to all who have already contributed! We are now over 2/3 of the way to our goal! Every donation to the Ignatius Fund is tax-deductible and goes to where the need is greatest. Please support the fund that supports your child! Learn more about the Ignatius Fund and donate on-line through our website: <http://straphaelpreschool.org/ignatius-fund/>

**Goal:** \$75,000 with 100% participation by SRCS and Preschool families and staff

**Raised to date:** \$51,139

### Important Upcoming Dates

March 9: Preschool closed for Parish All Staff Retreat

April 13-21: Preschool closed for Easter vacation

April 28: Preschool Family Fun Night



**\*\*Father Bruce's visit on Ash Wednesday\*\***