



# SAINT RAPHAEL PRESCHOOL

Weekly Memo: March 15, 2017

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Dear Parents,

Recently I received an email with unexpected advice about fasting during Lent that really resonated with me. I hope you will appreciate it, too!

*Fast from hurting words and say kind words.  
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.  
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.  
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.  
Fast from worries and have trust in God.  
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.  
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.  
Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.  
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.  
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.  
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.*



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).

## **Summer Camp Update**

We are busy planning our Preschool summer camp schedule! A registration form will go out to families in the next two weeks. Camps will run 9am to noon with an optional hour of Lunch Bunch and are open to all 3, 4, and 5 year olds who are fully self-sufficient in the bathroom. We have two weeks of Preschool summer camp planned- June 5-9 and 12-16. Art/Drama camp and Science camp will be offered both weeks. This year Ms. Margaret, Ms. Renee, and Ms. Gail are debuting a new camp (offered only June 5-9) called *Mind Your P's and Q's: Social Skills and Manners for Preschoolers*. Planned activities will incorporate social skills and manners while strengthening fine motor skills and literacy and math concepts. The week will end with a tea party! Look for more information next week.

## **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. *Even 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**

Mark your calendars for the last PRESCHOOL STORY TIME this year on **Tuesday, April 4 (10am-10:30am)**. Join us at Saint Raphael Catholic School for fun and reading! RSVP to Mary Morgan at [mmorgan@saintraphael.org](mailto:mmorgan@saintraphael.org) or [919-865-5754](tel: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 yet 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](tel:919-865-5754).

### **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:** \$51,180

### **Important Upcoming Dates**

April 13-21: Preschool closed for Easter vacation

April 28: Preschool Family Fun Night



*"We must trust in the mighty power of God's mercy. We are all sinners, but his grace transforms us and makes us new"*

*~ Pope Benedict XVI*



**\*\*Parish All-Staff Day Service Project- 150 Soup Kits for Catholic Parish Outreach\*\***