



SAINT RAPHAEL PRESCHOOL

Weekly Memo | February 20, 2018



Lent is about a relationship, the most important one, with God and our neighbor.

Fr. John Lombardi

Important Upcoming Dates

February 19 & 20: Preschool Closed

There will be no classes for students on February 19 in observance of Presidents Day and on February 20, when teachers will attend a Diocesan retreat at St. Michaels.

Dear Parents,

Last year around this time I received this interesting advice about fasting during Lent. It really resonated with me, so I wanted to share it with families again this year. I wish you all well as you prepare your hearts for the miracle of Easter.

***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 News and Announcements



Preschool Parent Surveys

Last week all families were sent a link to the on-line version of our Parent Survey. Thanks to those who have already completed it! Your feedback about our program is so valuable- please take a few minutes to share your thoughts. If you prefer to complete a paper copy, some are available at your child's classroom sign-in table. We appreciate your input!

Help Needed for Project Linus Quilt Sewing

On the mornings of March 12th and 13th, our students will sew quilts using the fabric they chose during Catholic Schools Week. These quilts will then be blessed and donated to Project Linus. If you are able to assist with sewing or ironing on either morning, please contact committee chair Jennifer Murphy at jenmurphybsn@gmail.com.

Ride Home Needed

A student from one of our 5 day 4s classes is in need of a ride home from school each day. The family lives near the BJs off Capital. Please contact the office if you are able to help!

Important 2018-19 Reminders

Our registration has been off to an amazing start! Thanks for referring your friends to us. We have very limited spaces left in our 3s and 4s classes. Some are already completely filled! There are still a number of 2s spots open and a few Transitional Kindergarten openings. If you know of someone who is interested in our school, please tell them to stop by before our rosters are full!

Stewardship applications must be resubmitted each year. If you are a member of St. Raphael parish and would like to apply or reapply for the stewardship tuition rate, please do so anytime between now and May. For families with financial need, tuition assistance applications through FACTS are also due in May. Further information on both of these can be found on the Admissions page of our website: <http://straphaelpreschool.org/admissions/>

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: \$47,102

News from St. Raphael Catholic School



2018-19 School Year

Applications are being accepted at Saint Raphael Catholic School for the upcoming school year. To apply, please go to our school website, www.saintraphaelschool.org and click on "admissions".

Anyone interested in learning about scholarships and tuition assistance is welcome to contact Erin Boretti, SRCS business services coordinator, at [919-865-5753](tel:919-865-5753) for more information.

Deadline to apply for the North Carolina Opportunity Grant is March 1. It is **FREE** to apply for the grant. If qualified, the grant awards up to \$4200 for the year's tuition. Go to www.ncseaa.edu for details and application.

Deadline to apply for scholarships through FACTS Management is April 1. Details and application are at www.factsmgt.com

Contact Erin Boretti for more details at eboretti@saintraphael.org or [919-865-5753](tel:919-865-5753)

News from Around Our Parish



An Invitation from Mothers in Faith

Come join moms of all ages in community, faith, and service. Take some time out for you while connecting to other moms and learning more about our Catholic faith.

Next meeting is Thursday, March 8th from 9:00am until 12:00 noon in Room 112. Childcare is available in the nursery for \$5/child.

February Meeting: End of Life It's never easy thinking about our last days but did you know our Catholic Faith can help us prepare spiritually and physically for our last days and for after we are gone? Should I be cremated or buried? What does the Catholic Faith say about dispersing ashes? From the Sacrament of the sick to preparing last wishes, come learn stress free ways to take care of a sick loved one and make sure loved ones know your wishes.

Contact Debbie at mothersinfaithsr@yahoo.com with any questions or for more information.