



# SAINT RAPHAEL PRESCHOOL

## *Weekly Memo | February 27, 2018*



*Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy.*

Pope Francis

### **Important Upcoming Dates**

#### *March 2: Parent Surveys Due*

The deadline for submitting a parent survey is Friday, March 2nd.

#### *March 7, 8, 23: Picture Days*

Students will have individual and class photos taken on these days. Please see below for the class schedule and more information.

#### *March 9: Preschool Closed*

There will be no classes for students on Friday, March 9th, as all employees of St. Raphael will attend an Parish All-Staff Retreat.

*Dear Parents,*

*Signs of Lent are visible all around the Preschool. Classroom prayer tables are draped in purple, children are cutting out palms and waving them while calling out Hosanna, and classes are visiting the church to learn about the Stations of the Cross. Soon the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd class will introduce the Last Supper and Empty Tomb works to the four and five year olds. We do our best to teach the children about Jesus's great sacrifice in hands-on, developmentally appropriate ways. After each part of the Lenten story we reaffirm the miracle of the Resurrection, reminding students that Jesus is stronger than death. He lives on forever! Even at this young age they are able to appreciate the new life Jesus gives us at Easter. I hope that you too are able to take time for reflection as you prepare your heart for the Easter season.*

*Many blessings,  
Molly DeAngelo*

## Preschool News and Announcements

### Picture Days

Class and individual photos days have been rescheduled for March 7, 8, and 23. Please note that all class photo purchases must be prepaid; however, families will receive proofs of individual student photos before deciding whether or not to make a purchase. You will receive flyers with more information from Lifetouch this week. Please contact the office with questions!

Wednesday, March 7: Eagles, Bunnies, Yellow Puppies, Cubs, Pandas

Thursday, March 8: Frogs, Turtles, Red Puppies, Otters, Owls

Friday, March 23: Spotted Puppies and Dolphins

### Stewardship Forms Due ASAP

If you are parishioner of St. Raphael parish and you would like to apply for the stewardship tuition rate, please fill out and return a Stewardship Form as soon as possible. This form needs to be resubmitted every year. The deadline to turn in this form is April 1st. Copies are available in the Preschool office and by clicking [HERE](#).

Please see Ms. BJ with questions.

### **Lost and Found is Overflowing!**

The Preschool Lost & Found is overflowing with items! Please click [HERE](#) to see if you recognize any. Please contact the office if you see something that is yours!

### **Preschool Parent Surveys**

Two weeks ago 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. March 2nd is the deadline for completing a survey. We appreciate your input!

### **Preschool T-shirt and Sweatshirt Orders**

Looking for an Easter gift? On-line ordering for St. Raphael Preschool t-shirts and sweatshirts is here! New this spring- adult sizes are also available! Products are available from children's size XS all the way to adult size XXXL.

<https://www.kustomkoozies.com/st-raphael-t-shirts-sweatshirts/>

The link will be active from March 1-15. All ordered items will be delivered to the Preschool on March 22nd. We do have a few colors and sizes currently in stock, which can be purchased at the office immediately.

Please see the office with questions!

### **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](mailto:jenmurphybsn@gmail.com).

### **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:** \$49,002

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# 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.factsmgt.com)

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

## Ryan O'Connell Memorial Golf Tournament

Calling all golfers! Join St. Raphael Catholic School on Monday, May 7, 2018 at North Ridge Country Club for a great afternoon of golf and philanthropy. All proceeds benefit the Ryan O'Connell Scholarship Fund, which provides assistance to K-8 school families experiencing hardship and other unexpected needs. For more information, click [HERE](#).

# 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](mailto:mothersinfaithsr@yahoo.com) with any questions or for more information.