



SAINT RAPHAEL PRESCHOOL

Weekly Memo | March 13, 2018



As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst...He knows your weaknesses. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love YOU.

St. Teresa of Calcutta

Important Upcoming Dates

March 23: Picture Day for Dolphins and Spotted Puppies

Students in the Dolphins and Spotted Puppies classes will have individual and class photos taken on this morning.

March 29-April 8: Preschool Closed for Easter Break

There will be no classes for students from Holy Thursday through April 8. Classes resume on Monday, April 9

April 20: Preschool Family Fun Night

The Preschool will host a Family Fun Night on this evening from 5:30-7:30, including a pizza dinner, soccer, basketball, and science! Look for more info after Easter break.

Dear Parents,

Although we missed the children on Friday, we greatly enjoyed our St. Raphael Parish All-Staff Day. The employees of the Preschool, SRCS, and the Parish Offices met in Ignatius Hall for a morning of connecting with each other, praying together, and serving the Raleigh community by helping sort clothes for Note in the Pocket. These would be welcome activities at any point in the year, but it was especially moving to come together in this way during Lent.

Our next community event at the Preschool will be Family Fun Night on Friday, April 20th. We look forward to connecting with Preschool families on this evening and adding a service opportunity by holding a diaper drive for Catholic Parish Outreach.

*Many blessings,
Molly DeAngelo*

Preschool News and Announcements



Project Linus Quilts

This week our students had the opportunity to help sew quilts for Project Linus. Using the fabric square they chose during Catholic Schools Week, students helped our volunteers sew the squares together to make a class quilt. These quilts will be donated to Project Linus, an organization that gives security blankets to children in the hospital and in crisis situations. Special thanks to committee chairperson Jennifer Murphy and her sewing volunteers- Rebecca Parsons, Kate Welte, and Carol Iacovelli.

Stewardship Forms Due ASAP

If you are a 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 March 16th.** Copies are available in the Preschool office and by clicking [HERE](#) to access the form on the Admissions page of our website. Please see Ms. BJ with questions.

Preschool T-shirt and Sweatshirt Order Deadline is 3/15!

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 Ms. BJ with questions!

Interest Survey: 2nd Hallway Sale to Benefit the Ignatius Fund

Some families have asked if we were planning a second hallway "sale" to benefit the Ignatius Fund. There was a lot of positive feedback from the January sale and we raised over \$250 for the IF! Please click on the link below to let us know your interest level for a possible additional sale in the spring. Thanks for your input!

<https://form.jotform.com/80603509799164>

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: \$52,337

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 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)

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

Blessing of the St. Joseph Table in the Atrium

Come celebrate the **Feast Day of St. Joseph**, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on **Monday, March 19** with a **blessing** of the table in the Atrium immediately following the 11 am mass in the Mary Chapel. After the blessing, we will have a traditional Italian Tupa/Tupa followed by a procession to the Lewis Room.

Come enjoy a pot luck gathering, while celebrating Joseph as a worker, protector, father and husband through hands on activities. Fun for the whole family, including preschool activities for the little ones!

Feel free to bring a pot luck dish to share! We invite all parishioners to join us at any point in the festivities!

According to legend, when drought and famine came to Sicily, the people prayed to St. Joseph for intercession. Through his intercession, God provided life giving rain. To honor and give thanks to St.

Joseph, the Sicilians made an altar filled with food that was Blessed and distributed to the less fortunate. This tradition is continued around the world today.

Please contact Debbie Johnson at mothersinfaithsr@yahoo.com for more information or to sign up to help or bring items.

Respect Life Group

Please join us the first Wednesday of the month at 9:15 AM in the Nursery to promote the sanctity of life in our parish and community. We are a group of parents who want to provide information, resources and support for a culture of life. Feel free to bring your children! Our next meeting is on March 7th. Please

contact Lisa Higgins (mother to a current Preschool "Frog") with any questions [619-851-2546](tel:619-851-2546) or SRDays4Life@gmail.com