



SAINT RAPHAEL PRESCHOOL

Weekly Memo | March 5, 2019



Never hesitate to hold out your hand; never hesitate to accept the outstretched hand of another.

Pope John XXIII

Important Upcoming Dates

March 8: Preschool Will Be in Session

There will now be classes held on March 8th, which on the original calendar was a teacher retreat day.

This is now a weather make-up day.

March 11, 12, 15: Class and Individual Photos

Class and individual photos will be taken on these days. Please see the schedule below for the day your child's class will have Picture Day.

March 15: Discipleship Rate Tuition Forms Due

If you are an active parishioner of our parish and would like to apply or reapply for the Discipleship Tuition Rate (formerly called Stewardship Rate) for the 2019-20 school year, forms are due by March 15.

This form must be resubmitted each year.

Dear Parents,

Lent is upon us! Ash Wednesday opens this season of prayer and fasting. Father Bruce is coming this week to distribute ashes to our little ones. At the Preschool we focus on the ashes as a reminder that we are precious children of God, as the sign of the cross on our foreheads is the same as we receive at Baptism. Each week during Lent at music class we will read part of the Easter story, always focusing on the Resurrection and Jesus' great love for us. The children will recite this Lenten prayer together in the coming weeks. You are invited to incorporate it into your home prayers as well!

***Oh Jesus, I love you. You light my way.
Bless me and make me good and loving today.
All during Lent, I will share and be kind.
And when Lent is over, Easter joy will be mine. Amen***

*Many blessings,
Molly DeAngelo*

Preschool News and Announcements



Join the 40th Anniversary Planning Committee

Love planning parties? We need your help planning and implementing our 40th anniversary celebration! The majority of the party is planned, but many hands are needed to make the day run smoothly. Please let BJ or Molly know if you would like to help. Our next meeting is March 26th at 9:15am. You are welcome to bring your children to the meeting if necessary.

Picture Days- March 11, 12, 15

We are working with the Preschool division of Lifetouch to provide our class and individual photos this spring. No prepayment is necessary- you will receive proofs of your child's photos. Below is the picture day schedule:

Monday, March 11th: Bunnies, Owls, Frogs, Eagles, Yellow Puppies

Tuesday, March 12th: Cubs, Pandas, Dolphins, Turtles, Red Puppies

Friday, March 15th: Otters, Spotted Puppies

New Preschool Summer Camp Offerings!

We are excited to announce new summer camp offerings at St. Raphael Preschool! There will be two weeks of camp available- June 3-7 and June 10-14, 9am until noon with an optional Lunch bunch add-on from 12-1pm. To give you a preview, some of our new camp themes are Outdoor Adventures, Letterland Animal Adventure, and STEAM (exploring art with science, technology, engineering, and math). Registration information will come out in early April. Any fully potty trained child age 3 through rising kindergarten is eligible to register for our camps. Campers do not need to attend St. Raphael Preschool during the regular school year, so please invite your friends and neighbors!

Soccer Shots Spring Session Sign-Up

Soccer Shots is enrolling students for their 8 week spring session, Fridays March 15 - May 17. For more details and registration information, please click [HERE](#).

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: \$36,390

News from Saint Raphael Catholic School

SRCS Kindergarten Registration

Rising kindergarten parents: If you wish to enroll your rising kindergartner at SRCS, apply online [here](#) Please remember: Families with older siblings at SRCS still need to apply for their rising kindergartner. Questions? Contact Mary Morgan at 919-865-5754 or mmorgan@saintraphael.org

News from Around the Parish



An Invitation from Mothers in Faith

Join Mothers in Faith the 2nd Thursday each month in room 112 at 9:30 am as we celebrate faith and friendship together. Moms of all ages are welcome to join!

March 14th: *Connecting with the Holy Spirit*

The Holy Spirit can drive your life in many directions but first hearing the Holy Spirit's voice is the important part. How can we hear the Holy Spirit in our daily lives and follow its voice? Learn how to listen and connect with the Holy Spirit.

Feast of St. Joseph Celebration

All are invited to celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph on Tuesday, March 19. We begin with 11am Mass followed by a blessing of the altar and Tupa-Tupa in the Atrium and pot luck and activities in the Lewis Room. To see the event flyer, click [HERE](#).

Volunteers Needed for Bereavement Ministry

The funeral ministries at St. Raphael are in need of some fresh faces. These teams do a variety of tasks that help our families in their most difficult times. Volunteers could help with our receptions, host the funeral/visitation by some combination of greeting/ushering/reading/EMHC, or join a small group that gathers monthly to send prepared materials to our grieving families. All of these opportunities are weekday/midday and are flexible. You'll develop some dear friendships along the way. Work in this ministry is deeply appreciated by the family and is often part of their journey back to the faith. It is not depressing work, rather a time to celebrate love stories, the unique creation of the individual and the essential truths of our faith. Have questions? Connect with Janet Schirripa, Funeral and Bereavement Coordinator 919-865-5704 or jschirripa@saintraphael.org