



# SAINT RAPHAEL PRESCHOOL

## *Weekly Memo | March 12, 2019*



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

Pope Francis

### **Important Upcoming Dates**

#### *March 15: PRESCHOOL CLOSED*

SRCS and the Preschool will be closed this Friday, March 15th, so that staff and families can attend the funeral of long time SRCS Aftercare director, Cathy Drescher.

#### *March 18: 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.

#### *March 22 & 25: Photo Orders Due*

Class and student photos were taken this week. If you'd like to place an order, please do so by Friday, March 22nd (on-line) or Monday, March 25th (paper forms).

*Dear Parents,*

*We are sad to announce the passing of Cathy Drescher, long time director of the SRCS Aftercare program. Our community grieves together during this time of great loss. The Preschool and SRCS will be closed this Friday, 3/15, so that staff and families can attend her funeral. Please keep Cathy's family in your prayers.*

*A few years ago 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



## **40th Anniversary Preparation- Raffle Items and Sponsors Needed!**

As part of our 40th anniversary celebration, we are planning to raffle off some items and experiences. All the proceeds would go toward scholarships for Preschool students. If you own a business and would be willing/able to donate an item or experience to our raffle or if you'd be willing to sponsor a portion of the event (like the bounce house, food, etc.), please contact Ms. Nora (nduran@saintraphael.org 919-865-5725). Donations are tax deductible and all donors will receive documentation for tax purposes. You can find more information about donations [HERE](#).

## **Individual and Class Photo Ordering Information**

All classes are having individual and class photos taken this week by Lifetouch. You will receive proofs of your child's photos by the end of this week. Please look over these proofs and decide whether or not you'd like to place an order. Along with the proofs, you'll receive an order form. This will give you information about on-line ordering (which will be open 3/18-3/22) and give you the option of returning the form with your order information and payment. Paper orders will be due Monday, March 25th. Please see the office with questions!

## **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:** \$38,290

## 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](mailto: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 14<sup>th</sup>: *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 & Tupa-Tupa in the Atrium and pot luck & activities in the Lewis Room.

### 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](mailto:jschirripa@saintraphael.org)