



SAINT RAPHAEL PRESCHOOL

Weekly Memo | March 19, 2019



Lent is a time of grace, a time to convert and live out our baptism fully.

Pope Francis

Important Upcoming Dates

March 22 & 25: Photo Orders Due

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

April 18-26: Preschool closed for Easter Break

The Preschool will be closed for Easter break from Holy Thursday through April 28th. Classes will resume on Monday, April 29th.

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



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](#).

Preschool Summer Camp Registration Opens Next Week

St. Raphael Preschool Summer Camp offerings will be sent home later this week. Registration will open on Monday, 3/25 and remain open until full. Spots are filled on a first come, first served basis for any child age 3 through rising kindergartner. Please spread the word to your friends and neighbors- campers are not required to be registered here during the school year.

Individual and Class Photo Ordering Information

Last week you received proofs of your child's photos. Class photo proofs can be seen on-line and on the classroom bulletin boards. Please look over these proofs and decide whether or not you'd like to place an order. The proof sheet is also your 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: \$38,490

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 to Family Stations of the Cross

Join Mothers in Faith on Friday, March 29th for a Family inspired Stations of the Cross at our regular time of 7:00 pm. Participating kids will receive items representing the Stations of the Cross as they walk this special journey. Kids of all ages are welcome to attend!

Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry

<p><i>The St. Raphael</i>  KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS® Proudly sponsor the annual</p> <h2 style="text-align: center;">Friday Night Lenten</h2>  <p>Starting Friday March 8th from 4:30 – 7:00 pm</p> <p>Join us in Raphael Hall for a family friendly dinner with a variety of choices including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Fried Fish * Baked Fish * Pasta* Peel & Eat Shrimp <p>Dinner includes a choice of fries or potatoes, plus coleslaw, side salad, roll and drink.</p> <p><i>Meals are \$4 - \$5 for kids \$7 - \$10 for adults.</i></p> <p>Desserts may be purchased and benefit Charity projects sponsored by the Columbiettes.</p> <p>Fish Fry Dates: March 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th April 5th, & 12th</p> 	<h3 style="text-align: center;">Did you know?</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The St. Raphael Knights of Columbus have hosted the dinners for 28 years• Money raised at the Fish Dinners goes towards scholarships at St. Raphael Catholic School and they give approximately \$2000 every year• Stations of the Cross is every Friday beginning at 7:00 pm after dinner• They accept cash, check and credit cards to pay for fish dinners• You can eat dinner in Raphael Hall or get it To Go• KOC will also sell tickets for the Knights annual state raffle and 2 quilts to help send disabled veterans to wheelchair games
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