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History of Father's Day in the US

Modern version of Father's Day celebration originated in United States of America and thereafter the tradition spread in countries around the world. The world owes thanks to Ms Sonora Louise Smart Dodd a loving daughter from Spokane, Washington as it is because of her struggle that Father's Day saw the light of the day.

The idea of Father's Day celebration originated in Sonora's mind when she per chance listened to Mother's Day sermon in 1909. Fairly mature at the age 27, Sonora pondered if there is a day to honor mother then why not for father? Sonora felt strongly for fathers because of the affection she received from her own father Mr. William Jackson Smart, a Civil War veteran. Sonora's mother died while childbirth when she was just 16. Mr. Smart raised the newborn and five other children with love and care.

Inspired by Ms Anna Jarvis's struggle to promote Mother's Day, Ms Dodd began a rigorous campaign to celebrate Father's Day in the United States. The Spokane Ministerial Association and the local Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) supported Sonora's cause. As a result Spokane celebrated its first Father's Day on June 19, 1920. Though there was initial hesitation, the idea gained gradual popularity all over the United States and Father's Day came to be celebrated in cities across the country.

Looking at the heightened popularity of Father's Day in the United States, President Woodrow Wilson approved of this idea in 1916. President Calvin Coolidge too supported the idea of a national Father's Day in 1924 to, "establish more intimate relations between fathers and their children and to impress upon fathers the full measure of their obligation". After a protracted struggle of over four decades, President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Father's Day in 1966. Then in 1972, President Richard Nixon established a permanent national observance of Father's Day to be held on the third Sunday of June. Sonora Louise Smart Dodd was honored for her contribution at the World's Fair in Spokane in 1974.



Sonora died in 1978 at the age of 96. Besides doing the noble job of giving father's their due recognition, Sonora gained appreciation for her artwork and her writing for children's book on the Native Americans of Spokane. To mark her significant contribution towards society, a monument was constructed at the YMCA in Spokane.

(Taken from the website of: www.fathersdaycelebration.com)



We are getting closer to our re-opening on Sunday, July 4, 2021. Our Sunday Mass is scheduled for 11:00 am. The distribution of Communion will take place at the end of Mass along with the opportunity to drop your donations at the designated spot. We'll keep you posted on attendance protocols.

YMS of R Men's Group

YMS of R meetings are cancelled until further notice.



St. Paul Choir

Choir practice has been cancelled until further notice..



A funeral service for Deacon Angelo Pierro is scheduled here at St. Paul's church on Monday, June 21st at 11:00am with a repast luncheon to follow in the social hall. On Tuesday, June 22nd at 11:00am sharp, we meet here at the church to carpool to Bushnell Veterans Memorial Cemetery for a military service at the grotto for 12:30pm. Our resident bagpiper to the United Nations, Paul McNeill will be offering music at the grotto for this service. We hope you can join us for either or both services in this well deserved and long awaited honor of Deacon Angelo, who previously served in the United States Navy during the Korean War.



We are in need for a handful of volunteers who will take turns cleaning the social hall bathrooms and vacuuming the rugs. It takes about an hour for one person to perform this light once a week duty. I'm asking for volunteers to help just once every three months. I have a brand-new lightweight vacuum cleaner with a 35-foot attached cord that makes it very easy to use. Again, it's very light duty and we can work around your schedules to bring you here. So, please email Father Mark directly at: fathermark1@gmail.com to give me the good news and I will begin to make arrangements with Mark Gilbert, who will be scheduling those willing to help. Thank you in advance and you are appreciated!



Father Mark's bible study class has been cancelled until further notice.

Golf League

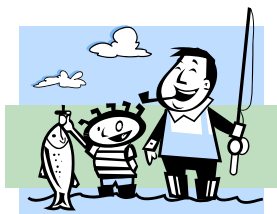


Our church golf league has been cancelled until further notice.

Spaghetti Dinners



Our Friday Night Spaghetti Dinners are now cancelled until further notice.



Birthdays

- 1st Olga Stuck
- 3rd Dori Canfield
- 4th Richard Gurzynski
- 6th Donna Servidio
- 8th Diane Clair
- 9th Mara Polisoto
- 12th Mary Jane Madore
Arlene Mungavin
- 17th Jana Cetner Brennan
Ken Hoffmann
- 18th Jacquelyn Preiss
- 20th Dick Nowak
- 22nd Leo Ianaro
- 26th George Clark
- 27th Faith Vautier
- 29th Paula Suarez



Anniversaries

- 4th Rick & Marie Aneiro
- 5th Jeffrey & Dian Gerstner
- 27th John & Claudia Leszewski
- 29th Bill & Paula Derkowski
- 30th Fred & Lucy Dowling
Stan & Ellen Kustorn

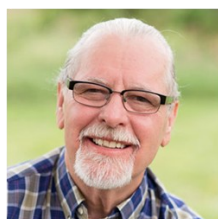
* Members: if your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please inform Debbie Niznik.

Special Offering Envelopes

The month of June is designated for the *Clergy Pension Fund*. if you would like to donate to this fund, please use a Love Offering envelope that are in the church and mark it "*Clergy Pension Fund*".

Words for Thought

God's heart is the most sensitive and tender of all. No act goes unnoticed, no matter how insignificant or small.



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