

St. Paul Parish Newsletter

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Father's Day History

Though **Father's Day** wasn't made a national holiday until 1972, the efforts of one woman in Washington sparked a movement to celebrate dads long before then.

Sonora Dodd and Father's Day

The first known Father's Day service occurred in Fairmont, West Virginia, on July 5, 1908, thanks to the efforts of Grace Golden Clayton. The service was to honor all fathers, especially those hundreds who were killed during a devastating mine explosion in Monongah (just a few miles from Fairmont) the previous year. However, the observance did not become an annual event, and it was not promoted—very few outside the local area knew about it.



INSPIRATION for Father's Day was Civil War veteran William Jackson Smart, who reared six children after his wife died.

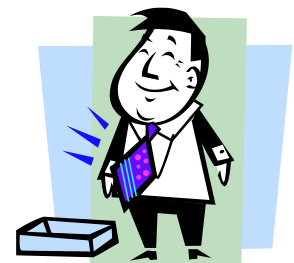
In 1909, Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington, also was inspired to create a holiday honoring fathers. William Jackson Smart, her father, was a farmer and Civil War veteran that raised Sonora and her five younger brothers by himself after his wife, Ellen, died giving birth to their youngest child in 1898. While attending a Mother's Day church service in 1909, Sonora, then 27, came up with the idea.

Within a few months, Sonora had convinced the Spokane Ministerial Association and the YMCA to set aside a Sunday in June to celebrate fathers. She proposed June 5th, her father's birthday, but the ministers chose the third Sunday in June so that they would have more time after Mother's Day (the second Sunday in May) to prepare their sermons. So it was that on June 19, 1910, Sonora delivered presents to handicapped fathers, boys from the YMCA decorated their lapels with fresh-cut roses (red for living fathers, white for the deceased), and the city's ministers devoted their homilies to fatherhood.

International Roots:

Catholic Europe: Long before the U.S. holiday, the Catholic Church celebrated fatherhood on March 19 (St. Joseph's Day) dating back to at least 1508. This tradition honors Saint Joseph, the foster father of Jesus

Happy Father's Day



St. Paul's SPAGHETTI NIGHTS!
Fridays, 4-7pm
5245 SE 112th St., Bellevue, FL 34420
For reservations (6 or more) 352-454-2644

Dinner includes:
• Spaghetti & Meatballs
• Side Salad
• Bread
• Tea, Lemonade, Coffee
Donation: \$12
Children under 12: \$7
Home Made Desserts Available: \$3

(<https://www.almanac.com/content/history-fathers-day>)



Spaghetti Nights

Come and bring your friends to our weekly spaghetti night on Fridays from 4:00-7:00pm. Dinners include spaghetti & meatballs, side salad, bread, and your choice of a beverage, either coffee, iced tea, or lemonade. Adults are \$12.00 and Children under 12years are \$7.00. There are also home made desserts from our Ladies ANS Society for \$3.00 each. If you are bringing a large group, please contact Bob Canfield at 352-454-8673. Please let him know how many are in your party and what time you will arrive, and he will reserve your table(s) for you.

The Young Men's Society of Resurrection (YMS of R)



The YMS of R now meets twice monthly at 5:00pm.
The 2nd Tuesday a get together. (June 9th)
The 4th Tuesday a get together and monthly meeting. (June 23rd)

The YMS of R group is open to all the men of the parish.
For any questions, please see or contact Mark Gilbert at:
(410) 419-0321



Here is our Get Together schedule for May:
Monday, June 1st at 6:00pm
Wednesday, June 17th at 2:00pm
The Women's Prayer Group is open to all the women of the parish. For more info please see Paula Sassano.



Vocal Coaching by Kathleen Kane

For technique/breathing, confidence, presence, and poise, learn how to breath properly while having fun.
Half hour and one hour sessions available.
If interested, please email Kathleen at: horsesbringlife@gmail.com

What Makes a Dad

~~Author Unknown.~~

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so,
He called it ... Dad





Father Mark's bible study class meets every Thursday morning at 11:00am here at St. Paul's social hall. This ongoing class is for everyone interested in finding out more about their faith. Father Mark brings us many pearls of Scripture each week and whether you are a first time bible reader or an astute learned scriptural connoisseur, there's something special in the Word of God for everyone. You are encouraged to bring a friend.



Birthdays

- 3rd** Dori Canfield
Tracy Demack
- 7th** Linda Bailey
Lilo Johnson-Smith
- 8th** Diane Clair
- 9th** Mara Polisoto
- 12th** Mary Jane Madore
- 17th** Ken Hoffmann
- 20th** Dick Nowak
- 25th** Kathleen Smith
- 26th** George Clark
- 29th** Gary Demack



Anniversaries

- 4th** Rick & Marie Aneiro
Carmine & Rita Ferraro
- 5th** Jeffrey & Dian Gerstner
- 6th** Lee & Linda Bailey
- 17th** Sam & Laura Alfano
Terry & Andi Stuck
- 29th** Bill & Paula Derkowski
- 30th** Fred & Lucy Dowling

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



Clean Kids Back Pack Program

Our mainstay charitable program provides local homeless school children with personal care/hygiene items all year round. Please drop off items anytime on the rectory porch or at church on Sundays in the bins at the front of the church.

Special Offering Envelopes

The month of June is designated for the **Clergy Pension Fund**. Parish members can donate to this fund by using your Clergy Pension Fund envelope. Also, if you are not a member and would like to donate to this fund, please use a Love Offering envelope that are in the church pews and mark it "**Clergy Pension Fund**".

Words for Thought

That is God's call to us -- simply to be people who are content to live close to Him and to renew the kind of life in which the closeness is felt and experienced.



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CLEAN KIDS BACKPACK PROGRAM

DONATIONS

TOP NEEDED ITEMS



No Rinse Shampoo



Deodorant



Dental Care Supplies

Other important needed items:

- backpacks
- family size tents
- sleeping bags
- sleeping mats
- socks & underwear
- feminine hygiene products
- baby wipes
- diapers (assorted sizes)
- shaving supplies

Please make sure that donations are **new and in original packaging.**

Thank you!