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Mother's Day – Did You Know Facts

Did you know that the celebration of motherhood dates back to the ancient Greeks? **Rhea**, the mother of all Greek goddesses, was honored annually at a springtime feast. In ancient Rome, a raucous spring festival was held in honor of the Roman mother goddess, Cybele, while the Celtic Pagans linked their celebration of the mother goddess Brigid to the coming of spring and the first milking of the ewes.

Did you know that the first official celebration of mothers in the United States took place in 1858? **Anna Reeves Jarvis** campaigned for a Mothers' Work Day in her home state of West Virginia to raise awareness about local sanitation issues. When Jarvis passed away in 1905, her daughter Anna pursued a national mother's day in honor of her own activist mom. Anna's efforts paid off when in 1914, Mother's Day was recognized as a national holiday by Presidential proclamation.

Did you know that the founder of Mother's Day, **Anna Jarvis**, was vehemently opposed to the commercialization of the holiday? "I wanted it to be a day of sentiment, not profit," she once said. Despite Jarvis' opposition, Mother's Day is the second biggest gift-giving holiday in America, preceded only by Christmas. The National Retail Foundation estimates that Americans will spend more than \$14 billion a year on Mother's Day.

Did you know that **motherhood is commemorated in national celebrations around the globe**? From Australia to Zimbabwe, more than sixty countries celebrate Mother's Day together with Americans on the second Sunday in May. In the United Kingdom, Mothering Sunday is held on the fourth Sunday of the Lenten Season. March 8th marks the celebration of moms in most countries of the Former Soviet Union, while the Arab world honors mothers on the Vernal Equinox (March 21).

Did you know that every September, Americans honor military mothers who have lost a son or daughter during active duty? Known as **Gold Star Mother's Day**, the holiday has been set by Presidential proclamation since 1936 for the last Sunday in September. Gold Star Mothers is the name of a bereavement support group started by Grace Darling Seibold, whose son was killed in combat over France during World War I.

Did you know that on Mother's Day, **the President of the United States issues an annual proclamation** reaffirming the national significance of mothers to the American people? In 2004, for example, then President George W. Bush declared that, "Mothers who protect, teach, and nurture their children with all their hearts strengthen their families and help build a better future for our country."

Taken from the website of: www.holidays.net/mother/didyouknow.htm

*Happy Mother's
Day*



Confirmation Class YMS of R Men's Group



The Confirmation Class with Father Tom Basta has now concluded. We are waiting on a date from the Bishop when he will be coming to our Parish to confirm the class. An announcement will be made on that date.

The next YMS of R meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 18th at 9:00am at Cal's Restaurant in Belleview. All men from the parish are encouraged to attend. If you are new to the parish, this is a good opportunity for you to meet some of the men of our parish.



St. Paul Choir

We have a fantastic, spirited choir here at St. Paul's, under the direction of Charley Stoykovich. We are still looking for singers for our Saturday and Sunday Masses. Anyone interested in joining the choir can meet here at the church on Tuesdays at 6:00pm for practice.



Ladies Adoration Society

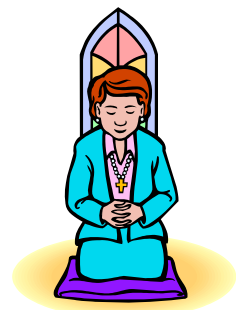
WHO WE ARE:

The Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament is a group of women within the Polish National Catholic Church who take an extra special role in promoting and maintaining the Church. We are a group of individuals committed to making the Church both physically and spiritually better. It is our hope and desire to use our talents and creativity to conduct or assist with church services and church-related functions. The Society also serves as a social outlet and, at times, a support group for its members and others within the parish. Nearly all parishes in the Polish National Catholic Church have an active Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament Society, which is part of a diocesan and larger national society. Each local chapter runs autonomously. All have elected officers and conduct monthly meetings, during which the members plan additional events that will take place throughout the year.

WHAT WE DO:

Activities vary by chapter, but may include:

- Candle vigils during certain church liturgical services.
- Various functions that support the Church and promote love of Christ and fellowship (prayer circle, coffee hour after services, dinners, etc.).
- Maintain the parish church, sanctuary and altars (cleaning, washing of altar cloths, arrangement of flowers for the altars, etc.).
- Outreach into the community (visitation of nursing homes and hospital, soup kitchens, food collection and distribution).
- Regional, diocesan and national retreats to promote exchange of ideas, seminars, travel and fun with members of the Society from throughout the country.





Father Mark's bible study class on Thursday mornings is now on a summer break and will return in the fall. The return date will be announce at a later time.



Greeting Card Club

The date for the next Greeting Card Club meeting will be announced by Father Mark and an email with the date will also be sent out to everyone. If you haven't had the chance to find out about our greeting card program, please join us that day for a fun and worthwhile outreach project. The Lenten Season is a perfect time to put your faith into action in this easy and creative way.



Backpack 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 back of the church.



Birthdays

- 1st** Diane Hollinsworth
Fernando Varela
- 5th** Bob Haeussler
- 13th** Sandy Elstad
- 18th** Walter Arruda
- 19th** Travis Thorpe
- 20th** Shirley Whalen
- 23rd** Dotty Middleton
Dick Pierce
Linda Thompson
- 24th** Loretta Keegstra
- 28th** Don Ditto
Cindy Yackowski
- 29th** Carol Andrews
- 30th** Peg Brosig
- 31st** Valda Niznik



Anniversaries

- 5th** Frank & Rita Carbone
Bill & Dotty Smith
- 6th** Bernie & Marlene Kress
- 9th** John & Linda Enot
- 15th** Joseph & Helen Berdechowski
- 18th** Gary & Diane Hollinsworth
- 20th** Dick & Jan Nowak

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

Golf League



Our church golf league meets each Tuesday of every month at 8:30am at Spruce Creek Del Webb in Summerfield. Golfers are paired into groups of 4 players in scramble format. If any men or women are interested in joining our fun league, please contact Susan Hilt at 352-307-2129. Bring your friends. All are welcome. Sign up sheets will be posted

BACKPACK ITEMS

As Father Mark mentioned in church, these are the Backpack Items that will be donated to those in need. Thank you for all of your donations to the program.

Spaghetti Dinners



Come and bring your friends to our weekly all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinners on Fridays from 4:00-7:00pm. Dinners include salad, roll & butter, and your choice of a free beverage - either coffee, iced tea, or lemonade. Adults are just \$6.00 and Children 12yrs and younger are FREE. There are also homemade desserts from our Ladies ANS Society for only \$1.00 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.

Words for Thought

Listening to God is a firsthand experience.... God invites you to vacation in His splendor. He invites you to feel the touch of His hand. He invited you to feast at His table. He wants to spend time with you.

Max Lucado

Finding Peace in the Face of Loss Support Group

Father Mark has approved the establishment of a support group here at St. Paul's to be led by Diane Hollinsworth. This is not a traditional bereavement group as the scope of the program includes any kind of loss. The next meeting will be held in the social hall following the Saturday 10:00am morning Mass for Anointing of the Sick & Intentions for Departed on May 7, 2016.

Volunteer Frist Award Given



On Sunday, April 24, 2016 at the 11am Mass, Father Mark represented church member, Lydia Kowalski Cane with the Volunteer Frist Award she had recently received from The Cancer Center of North Florida Regional Medical Center. Lydia has been a volunteer with The Cancer Center since 2012 where she dedicated to the compassionate care of the patients and also provides invaluable assistance to the staff, especially the Oncology Nurse Navigator. She has made it her passion to help patients and their caregivers as they cope with the disease.

Lydia goes above and beyond through her connections in the community to help with fund raising efforts for the American Cancer Society. She consistently ensures that there are plenty of comfort items for the patients at The Cancer Center including, hats, lap blankets, stuffed animals and more. When her supply get low, she contacts every church in Gainesville (where she lives) and surrounding the community asking for help.

Lydia collects the stuffed animals year round from our church. If you would like to donate new or barely used stuffed animals, you can bring and leave them in the back of the church. A big thank you goes out to all who have donated stuffed animals over the years!