



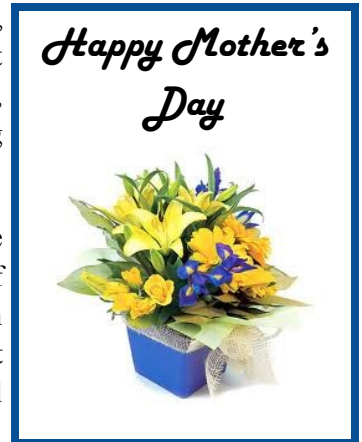
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## Mother's Day – Did You Know Facts

*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](http://www.holidays.net/mother/didyouknow.htm)





Father Mark's bible study class meets every Thursday morning at 10:00am 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.



## 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 in the social hall.



## Birthdays

- 1st** Diane Hollinsworth  
Fernando Varela
- 4th** Paula Sassano
- 7th** Sue Dunfee
- 11th** Wanda Dunphy
- 13th** Sandy Elstad
- 17th** Vinnie Meidhof
- 18th** Walter Arruda
- 19th** Travis Thorpe
- 20th** Mary Ann Herrero  
Shirley Whalen
- 23rd** Danny Liss  
Dotty Middleton  
Linda Thompson
- 24th** Louis Torresin
- 28th** Don Ditto
- 30th** Peg Brosig
- 31st** Valda Niznik

## 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.



## Anniversaries

- 4th** Jim & Paula Sassano
- 5th** Frank & Rita Carbone
- 6th** Bernie & Marlene Kress
- 18th** Gary & Diane Hollinsworth
- 20th** Dick & Jan Nowak
- 25th** Vic & Wanda Dunphy

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

## Sunday Coupon Flyers



Debbie Niznik wants to thank all of you for bringing in your Sunday coupon flyers each week. Debbie has been on a mission to get as many free or next to free items for our "Clean Kids" Back Pack Program and she needs your help. If you receive the Sunday newspaper, and you just throw out the Sunday coupon flyers or you just cut out a few coupons and throw the rest of the flyer away, **STOP** and bring the flyers and put them in the second plastic bin drawer labeled Sunday Coupon Flyers inside of the church. Thank you.

## Spaghetti Dinners



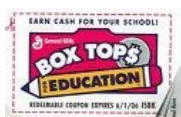
Come and bring your friends to our weekly all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinners on Fridays from 4:00-7:00pm. Dinners include salad, roll & butter, and your choice of a free beverage - either coffee, iced tea, or lemonade. Adults are just \$6.00 and Children 12yrs and younger are FREE. There are also homemade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

*If we are children of God,  
we have a tremendous treasure in nature  
and will realize that it is holy and sacred.  
We will see God reaching out to us in every  
wind that blows, every sunrise and sunset,  
every cloud in the sky, every flower that  
blooms, and every leaf that fades.*

Oswald Chamber

## Boxtops & Labels for Education



Here at St. Paul Parish we try to keep you up to date on church activities. In addition to our newsletter we also have emails. Our email address is:

**deb niz1959@gmail.com**

We are still continuing to collect box tops & labels for education. In the back of the church there is a plastic bin for you to drop off your box tops & labels.

For more information about these programs, check out their websites at:

**www.boxtops4education.com**

**www.labelsforeducation.com**

If you would like to receive these emails, please pick up a form in the back of the church and give it to Debbie Niznik.



Our Friday Night Spaghetti Dinner has been a huge success and now we are in need of more volunteers. If this is something that you can help us out with, please see or contact Bob Canfield 352-454-8673 Even if you can only volunteer once a month it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!!

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