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Mother's Day History

Contrary to popular belief, Mother's Day was not conceived and fine-tuned in the boardroom of Hallmark. The earliest tributes to mothers date back to the annual spring festival the Greeks dedicated to Rhea, the mother of many deities, and to the offerings ancient Romans made to their Great Mother of Gods, Cybele. Christians celebrated this festival on the fourth Sunday in Lent in honor of Mary, mother of Christ. In England this holiday was expanded to include all mothers and was called Mothering Sunday.



In the United States, Mother's Day started nearly 150 years ago, when Anna Jarvis, an Appalachian homemaker, organized a day to raise awareness of poor health conditions in her community, a cause she believed would be best advocated by mothers. She called it "Mother's Work Day."



Fifteen years later, Julia Ward Howe, a Boston poet, pacifist, suffragist, and author of the lyrics to the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," organized a day encouraging mothers to rally for peace, since she believed they bore the loss of human life more harshly than anyone else.

In 1905 when Anna Jarvis died, her daughter, also named Anna, began a campaign to memorialize the life work of her mother. Legend has it that young Anna remembered a Sunday school lesson that her mother gave in which she said, "I hope and pray that someone, sometime, will found a memorial mother's day. There are many days for men, but none for mothers."

Anna began to lobby prominent businessmen like John Wannamaker, and politicians including Presidents Taft and Roosevelt to support her campaign to create a special day to honor mothers. At one of the first services organized to celebrate Anna's mother in 1908, at her church in West Virginia, Anna handed out her mother's favorite flower, the white carnation. Five years later, the House of Representatives adopted a resolution calling for officials of the federal government to wear white carnations on Mother's Day. In 1914 Anna's hard work paid off when Woodrow Wilson signed a bill recognizing Mother's Day as a national holiday.

At first, people observed Mother's Day by attending church, writing letters to their mothers, and eventually, by sending cards, presents, and flowers. With the increasing gift-giving activity associated with Mother's Day, Anna Jarvis became enraged. She believed that the day's sentiment was being sacrificed at the expense of greed and profit. In 1923 she filed a lawsuit to stop a Mother's Day festival, and was even arrested for disturbing the peace at a convention selling carnations for a war mother's group. Before her death in 1948, Jarvis is said to have confessed that she regretted ever starting the mother's day tradition.

Despite Jarvis's misgivings, Mother's Day has flourished in the United States. In fact, the second Sunday of May has become the most popular day of the year to dine out, and telephone lines record their highest traffic, as sons and daughters everywhere take advantage of this day to honor and to express appreciation of their mothers.

Taken from the website of: <http://mothers-day.123holiday.net>

Palm Crosses



Due to the closing of churches because of the Corona virus, what do you do when you have packages of palms for Palm Sunday, you make Palm Crosses. St. Paul Parish members received the crosses in the mail from Father Mark Niznik to keep feeling connected to the church during this time.

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..



Ladies Adoration Society

Thank you Jesus for your never ending guidance and we praise you for our great success.

May is the month we honor our Blessed Mother. Her color is blue and her statue, in a place of honor, is beneath her son, our Lord Jesus, to the right of the Altar as well as in the Vestibule of the church.

On behalf of our Adoration Society, we wish all Mothers a Blessed and Happy Mother's Day.

In His Service,

Dori Canfield, ANS President



"To Our Lady"

Lovely Lady dressed in blue, teach me how to pray!

God was just your little boy, tell me what to say!

Did you lift him up sometimes, gently, on your knee?

Did you sing to him the way Mother does to me?

Did you hold his hand at night?

Did you ever try telling stories of the world?

Oh! And did he cry?

Do you really think he cares if I tell him things - little things that happen?

And do the Angels' wings make a noise?

And can he hear me if I speak low?

Does he understand me now?

Tell me for you know, lovely lady dressed in blue, teach me how to pray!

God was just your little boy. And you know the way.



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

Golf League



Our church golf league has been cancelled until further notice.



Birthdays

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



Anniversaries

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

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

Spaghetti Dinners



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

Happy Mother's Day

"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.

PROVERBS 31:25-26



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