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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



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..



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





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

- 5th Frank & Rita Carbone
- 6th Bernie & Marlene Kress
- 20th Dick & Jan Nowak
Ross & Joan Waldo
- 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.

Words for Thought

We may run, walk, stumble, drive, or fly, but let us never lose sight of the reason for the journey, or miss a chance to see a rainbow on the way.



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