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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>

St. Paul Choir

Choir practice has been cancelled until further notice..



YMS of R Men's Group

The next YMS of R meeting will be Thursday, May 19th at 12:00 noon in the social hall following the bible study class at 11:00am. All gentlemen of the parish are invited and encouraged to join us in fellowship. If you are new to the parish, this is a good opportunity for you to meet some of the men of our parish.



I would like to thank everyone that had a hand in helping to make our weekend yard sale a success. There were about two dozen volunteers in all and a precious few that put in countless hours preparing for the event. It was marvelous! From hot-dogs to the social hall and over to the man-cave, the comradery shined a light onto our fellowship outreach into the community. My experience of the day was being a part of lots of smiles and laughs with customers from the community that benefited from the insanely low prices on everything. People felt as if they experienced a real win by being here and they expressed their gratitude and joy both on the way in and especially on the way out. May the grace of God pour over all of our volunteers as we continue to work together to build the kingdom of heaven.

With much love, your pastor, Father Mark

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 will return on Thursday, May 5th at 11:00am inside of the social hall. Bring your bibles. If you need a bible, we will have one for you.



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 front of the church.



Birthdays

- 1st Fernando Varela
- 4th Paula Sassano
- 7th Sue Dunfee
- 11th Wanda Dunphy
- 17th Vinnie Meidhof
- 19th Travis Thorpe
- 20th Mary Ann Herrero
- 23rd Dotty Middleton
Linda Thompson
- 24th Louis Torresin
- 26th Kay Hansen
- 30th Peg Brosig
- 31st Valda Niznik



Anniversaries

- 5th Frank & Rita Carbone
- 12th Stu & Barb Newey
- 20th Dick & Jan Nowak
Ross & Joan Waldo
- 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.

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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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!