

St. Paul Parish Newsletter

May 2024



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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>



Dine in or Take out from 4 - 7pm each Friday for an amazing New England seafood style meal! Order either the Haddock or Shrimp or Chicken, that comes with sides of coleslaw, potato waves and the veggie of the day! There's also complimentary tea, lemonade and coffee! The donation is \$15 per meal, with an additional option to have your seafood pan seared. Try one of our amazing, great portioned, homemade desserts from our Adoration Society for just \$2. Word is getting out about how terrific our Fish Frys are, so please keep supporting the efforts of our Christ-centered volunteers! If you'd like to join in the fun, any amount of time you can give is greatly appreciated! Even just one Friday every other month would be great! Please contact our volunteer coordinator, Bob Canfield for details (352) 454-8677

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



The Young Men's Society of Resurrection (YMS of R)



The next YMS of R meeting will be Thursday, May 16th 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.

YMS of R members and their guests meet the 2nd Tuesday, May 14th at 5pm for a casual get together at the Mancave. Usually pizza or burgers. Open to all men of the parish. For any questions please see or contact Mark Gilbert at (410) 419-0321.



Saturday, May 18th

5:00pm - 8:00pm

Donation \$10 per person

**Includes Cheese/Meat tray
per Each Table of 6**

Dress: Hawaiian Theme

Music by: Classic Mix Band



Father Mark’s bible study class meets every Thursday morning at 11:00am 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.



Birthdays

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



Anniversaries

- 7th Mark & Terry DeVries
- 20th Dick & Jan Nowak
Ross & Joan Waldo

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

PLARN Portable Sleeping Surfaces

How many times have we heard “the most valuable thing you have to give is your time”? We have yet another opportunity for us to do so that doesn’t require anything but sitting down while making something that will provide an insulating, hygienic and lightweight portable sleeping surface for our brothers and sisters experiencing homelessness. The sleeping surfaces are made from the plastic grocery and take out bags we end up with and often discard. It takes between 500 and 700 bags to create a 4x7 surface area. We trim the bags and use a 15/16mm(P/Q) size crochet hook for the final product, which is completely portable. We meet on the first Sunday of each month following the 11:00am Mass in side of the social hall.

For more info please contact:
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Clean Kids Back Pack 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.

Words for Thought

*Isn't it a wonderful morning?
The world looks like something God had
just imaged for His own pleasure.*



Lucy Maud Montgomery



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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!

Dine in, Pick up
or Delivery!
Ask about our
party platters!

Amen Sandwiches!

352-553-8404

Mon, Tue, Wed: 10am – 2pm

St. Paul Parish, 5245 SE 112th St. Belleview, FL 34420

So fresh!
So good!
Gluten Free
available!

Our Sandwiches are created
using Artisan Bread!

Menu



ARTISANAL
QUALITY &
TRADITION

Sandwich Meals come with one side: Chips or Pickled Beets or Pasta Salad.

You also receive a complimentary Bottled Water and petite Sweet Treat!



HOT Sandwich Meal Selections:

Rustica Riot (\$15) - You will rave over our pressed Shredded Chicken, Spinach, Sun Dried Tomato, Red Onion, Provolone, Creamy Garlic Sauce! (*substitute shrimp, add \$2*)

Alpine Combo (\$15) - A pressed Ham & Turkey avalanche with Swiss, Honey Mustard!

Primal Screamer (\$18) - Saddle up for a pile of perfect Prime Rib sliced, Grilled Peppers & Onions, and oh yes, the very best Mozzarella & Provolone!
Somebody, can I get an Amen!

The Grecian Meltdown (\$15) - Zorba the Greek wept tears of joy over this pressed veggie combination of Red Onion, Sundried Tomato, Spinach, Provolone, Roasted Red Peppers, Gouda & Feta Spread, House Dressing!

Key West Club (\$16) - Even Hemingway couldn't find the words for how good this Grilled Shrimp, Lettuce, Tomato, Bacon Spread is!

The Haddock Monster (\$16) - This insanely huge, mouthwatering ocean prize from the North Atlantic is made to order. Lightly Breaded, Lettuce, Tomato, side of Tartar and/or Cocktail Sauce! (*Enjoy it pan-seared, add \$4*)

Classic Half-Pound Burger! (\$16) - Made your way! This mouthwatering giant just might be the best burger you'll ever have! Cooked to order, choose your Cheese and Toppings! Served with Fries!

Side Orders Available:

Chips or Pasta Salad or Pickled Beets: \$2.50 ea.

Stuffed Grape Leaves (6): \$7.50

Soda: \$2 Bottled Water: \$1

Look for our daily specials
and give us a "like" on
Facebook!



COLD Sandwich Meal Selections:

Italian Stack (\$15) - A New York favorite with savory Salami, Pepperoni, Ham, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Banana Peppers, Provolone, House Dressing!

Mr. Egg Sullivan (\$15) - Put it together for a really big show, featuring delicious Homemade Egg Salad, Lettuce, Tomato, with an encore of Bacon Spread or Veggie Spread!

Turkey Twister (\$15) - A Category Yummy! Loaded with Turkey, Lettuce, Tomato, Provolone, and Bacon Spread or Veggie Spread!

Ham It Up! (\$15) - Just the way mom made them... except way bigger! Loaded with Ham & American Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Mayo!

Our Cold Sandwiches can also be pressed and heated!



Salad Selections!

Served with a complimentary Bottled Water and petite Sweet Treat!

The Giant Chef (\$15) - Enjoy this bounty of Greens, Ham, Turkey, Hardboiled Egg, Tomato, Cucumber, Onion, Bacon Crumbles, Swiss & American Cheese!

The Greek Mountain (\$15) - An Olympian Classic! Cascade through this majestic combination of Romain Lettuce, Ham, Tomato, Onion, Cucumber, Greek Olives, Stuffed Grape Leaves, Feta, Greek Dressing!

Antipas 2.0 (\$15) - Feast on Mixed Greens, Fine Italian Meats & Cheeses, Marinated Peppers, Tomato, Cucumber, Onion, House Dressing and a scoop of Pasta Salad!

The Garden of Vegan (\$15) - This collection of vegan friendly items is just too long to list! It has a definite WOW factor that will impress everyone around you! Served with our House Dressing!

"Et Tu Brute" (\$15) - Caesar died over this Salad! An emperor-sized combination of Romaine, Croutons, Fresh Grated Parmesan, House Caesar Dressing, Grilled Chicken! *(substitute shrimp, add \$2)*