

St. Paul Parish Newsletter

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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.

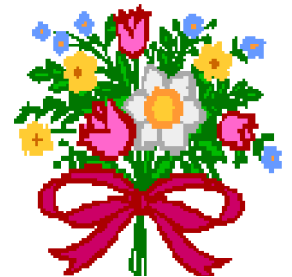
Did you know that the founder of Mother's Day, **Anna Jarvis**, was vehemently opposed to the commercialization of the holiday? "I wanted it to be a day of sentiment, not profit," she once said. Despite Jarvis' opposition, Mother's Day is the second biggest gift-giving holiday in America, preceded only 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."

Happy Mother's



Taken from the website of: www.holidays.net/mother/didyounow.htm



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 \$20 per meal. We now have Ipswich Clams. These are freshly fried when ordered. You will get the complete meal of 1/2 pound of fried Clams, along with the potatoes, coleslaw, vegetable and drink for \$25. If you'd like to plate share, there is a \$10 add on. Try one of our amazing, great portioned, homemade desserts from our Adoration Society for just \$3. Word is getting out about how terrific our Fish Frys are, so please

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



The next YMS of R meeting will be Thursday, May 15th at 12:00 noon in the social hall after the Holy Thursday Mass 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 13th at 5pm for a casual get together at the Man-cave. Usually pizza or burgers. Open to all men of the parish. For any questions please see or contact Mark Gilbert at: (410) 419-0321.

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.

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 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
10th Tom Sawyer
11th Wanda Dunphy
19th Travis Thorpe
20th Mary Ann Herrero
23rd Linda Thompson
24th Louis Torresin
31st Valda Niznik

PLARN Portable Sleeping Surfaces

Here are two pictures of a Plarn mat that was made by Lucy Dowling using a wooden loom our resident woodwork wizard, Bruce Russell, made for the Plan Project. The time to make a finished mat using the loom is cut in half from ones that are crocheted. Bruce has made a second loom should anyone wish to help as the Plan Project now supports the Back Pack Program by providing sleeping surfaces for those in need. The Plarn Group the first Sunday of the month following the 11am Mass.



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



Anniversaries

2nd Richard & Julie Manta
7th Mark & Terry DeVries
20th Dick & Jan Nowak
 Ross & Joan Waldo

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

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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!