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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.

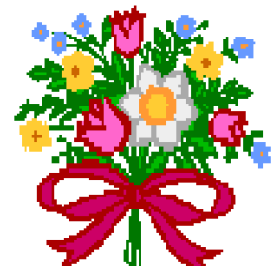
*Did you know* that **motherhood is commemorated in national celebrations around the globe**? From Australia to Zimbabwe, more than sixty countries celebrate Mother's Day together with Americans on the second Sunday in May. In the United Kingdom, Mothering Sunday is held on the fourth Sunday of the Lenten 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](http://www.holidays.net/mother/didyouknow.htm)

*Happy Mother's Day*





## Spaghetti Nights

Come and bring your friends to our weekly spaghetti night on Fridays from 4:00-7:00pm, starting May 1st. Dinners include spaghetti & meatballs, side salad, bread, and your choice of a beverage, either coffee, iced tea, or lemonade. Adults are \$12.00 and Children under 12 years are \$7.00. There are also home made desserts from our Ladies ANS Society for \$3.00 each. If you are bringing a large group, please contact Bob Canfield at 352-454-8673. Please let him know how many are in your party and what time you will arrive, and he will reserve your table(s) for you.

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



The YMS of R now meets twice monthly at 5:00pm.

The 2nd Tuesday a get together. (May 12th)

The 4th Tuesday a get together and monthly meeting. (May 26th)

The YMS of R group is open to all the men of the parish.

For any questions, please see or contact Mark Gilbert at:

(410) 419-0321

## 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 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 Bella Perez
- 19th Travis Thorpe
- 20th Jim Finnerty  
Mary Ann Herrero
- 23rd Linda Thompson
- 24th Louis Torresin
- 31st Roger Clevenger  
Valda Niznik



## Anniversaries

- 1st Patrick & Kathryn Larson
- 2nd Richard & Julie Manta
- 7th Mark & Terry DeVries
- 20th Ross & Joan Waldo

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



Here is our Get Together schedule for May:

Monday, May 4th at 6:00pm

Wednesday, May 20th at 2:00pm

The Women's Prayer Group is open to all the women of the parish. For more info please see Paula Sassano.

### Vocal Coaching by Kathleen Kane

For technique/breathing, confidence, presence, and poise, learn how to breath properly while having fun.

Half hour and one hour sessions available.

If interested, please email Kathleen at: [horsesbringlife@gmail.com](mailto:horsesbringlife@gmail.com)



### 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.

## 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!