

Happy Mothers' Day?

In its present form, Mother's Day was established by Anna Jarvis with the help of Philadelphia merchant John Wanamaker following the death of her mother Ann Jarvis on May 9, 1905. The first "official" service was on May 10, 1908 in the same church, accompanied by a larger ceremony in the Wanamaker Auditorium in the Wanamaker's store in Philadelphia. The next year the day was reported to be widely celebrated in New York.

Jarvis then campaigned to establish Mother's Day first as a U.S. national holiday and then later as an international holiday. On May 8, 1914, the U.S. Congress passed a law designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. On May 9, 1914 President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation declaring the first national Mother's Day.

In 1934, U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt approved a stamp commemorating the holiday. In May 2008 the U.S. House of Representatives voted twice on a resolution commemorating Mother's Day.

The commercialization of the American holiday began very early, and only nine years after the first official Mother's Day had become so rampant that Anna Jarvis herself became a major opponent of what the holiday had become, spending all her inheritance and the rest of her life fighting what she saw as an abuse of the celebration. She decried the practice of purchasing greeting cards, which she saw as a sign of being too lazy to write a personal letter. She was arrested in 1948 for disturbing the peace while protesting against the commercialization of Mother's Day, and she finally said that she "...wished she would have never started the day because it became so out of control ..." She died later that year.

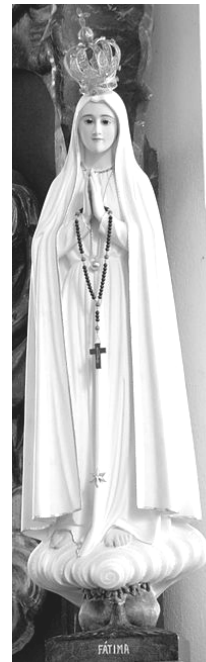
However, Mother's Day is now one of the most commercially successful American occasions, having become the most popular day of the year to dine out at a restaurant in the United States and generating a significant portion of the U.S. jewelry industry's annual revenue, from custom gifts like mother's rings. Americans spend approximately \$2.6 billion on flowers, \$1.53 billion on pampering gifts—like spa treatments—and another \$68 million on greeting cards. Commercialization has ensured that the holiday has continued, when other holidays from the same time, such as Children's Day and Temperance Sunday, are no longer celebrated.

As you can see, what the civil and business communities celebrate as Mothers' Day on the second Sunday of May has very little to do with religious conviction and nothing to do with Catholic Belief. Don't despair though. Parishioners will have the opportunity to celebrate a real (Catholic) Mothers' Day – at Mass -- as we celebrate the **Feast of Our Lady of Fatima** on this **Monday**, May 13 with Masses at 8:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.

Jarvis, Wanamaker, Wilson, Roosevelt, and Congress had one view of Motherhood. Mary and Jesus had another.

Mary Said: My soul doth magnify the Lord. And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. Because he hath regarded the humility of his handmaid; for behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. Because he that is mighty, hath done great things to me; and holy is his name. And his mercy is from generation unto generations, to them that fear him.

[While hanging on the cross ...] When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.



Mon. 05/13 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Cancer**
Feast **Our Lady of Fatima**
8:00 AM MASS Theresa Mincin, B/day Ann, *Daughter, Anna Miller*
6:00 PM MASS Father Zatalava's Cancerous Condition

Tues. 05/14 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Heart Diseases**
Feast Saint Matthias, Apostle
8:00 AM Mass Anna Wineland, *M/M Glenn Storm*

Wed. 05/15 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Arthritis**
Feast Saint Isidore
8:00 AM Mass Thomas Byrne, *Bernadette Weakland*

Thur. 05/16 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Nervous Disorders**
Feast Easter Weekday
8:00 AM Mass Michael J. Zaczek, B/day Ann, *Children*

Fri. 05/17 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Emotional Disorders**
Feast Easter Weekday
8:00 AM Mass Marguerite Frederick, *M/M Richard Dixon*

Sat. 05/18 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Diabetes**
Feast Pentecost Sunday
4:30 PM Mass Return of good health for Fr. Zatalava, *Fran and Carol*

Sun. 05/19 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Addictions**
Feast Pentecost Sunday
9:00 AM Mass Our Lady of Fatima Parish Family
11:00 AM Mass Denise Keagy, *Tom and Pat Byrne and Grassi Family*

*Lord
Jesus
Christ
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God
Have
Mercy
On
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A
Sinner*

Happy Birthday:

- 05/13 Kathie Starr
- 05/14 Pete Colledge
- 05/16 Daniel Stitt, Jr.
- 05/18 Doc Farabaugh
 Pat Wall
- 05/19 Jim McKnight

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 05/18 Paul and Sue Masic

The history recounted on the first page does not give permission for any son or daughter not to take Mom out to dinner and give her a posey and some expensive jewelry. Understanding where things come from and how they develop gives us a sense of perspective. Sometimes the motivation behind things done the way there are is unconscious. For instance, all of the main characters referenced in this accurate history are Protestants. None of the Protestant reformers had an appreciation of the Catholic positioning of Mary in their theological beliefs or their practical prayer life. The Protestant (either conscious or unconscious) evangelical effort to *convert* Catholics, in this instance, was to so popularize an exaggerated devotion to our earthly mothers that the Catholic devotion to Mary, our heavenly mother, would or might be compromised.

Don't be compromised. Enjoy - almost cynically - the events surrounding this cultural artifact. Don't go cheap, either! But realize, all Mom really wants is for all her kids going to Mass weekly, saying the Rosary daily, and raising the grand kids Catholic for life.

MONEY MATTERS

Sixth Sunday of Easter, (May 5, 2013)

200 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$1,986.00 of which \$189.00 accounted for non-envelope contributions.

# Envelopes In Circulation	189	# Used	86	# Unused	103
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Father Zatalava's May 1st Hoagie Sale = \$1,037.00 Profit!! Camp payment = \$809.39

**Annual Catholic Appeal 2013
Goal for Our Lady of Fatima Parish
\$14,855.00**

**Pledged to Date
\$10,675 or 71% of Goal ***

Ms Connie Andros	Ms Cecelia Hollern	Ms Catharine Mincin	Dr Peter & Kathie Starr
Ms Constance Angeski	M/M James Hosgood	Ms Genevieve Musto	Mr Herbert E Summers
M/M Ron Biem	Ms Erma Iannaello	M/M John Noonan	Ms Jeanne C Summers
Mrs Marian Boslet	M/M Joseph Ianniello	M/M Joseph Pufka	Mr Rick Summers
M/M Vincent Burr	Mr John G Kasun, Sr	Mr Jared F Pufka	Ms Sylvia Tierney
M/M Thomas Byrne	M/M John Kasun	Ms Sara Quinlan	M/M Michael Wall
M/M Greg Brannan	M/M Stephen Kasun	Ms Carol Riggelman	Ms Patricia Wall
Mr Anthony Bruno	M/M Ray Kelly	M/M David Riley	Mrs Helen Watters
M/M Wilson Carper	Mr Shawn Kelly	Mr James R Riley	Ms. Jill Watters
M/M Paul G Cassarly	M/M Joseph Knott	M/M Paul Rose	Ms Bernadette Weakland
M/M David Conrad	Mr Stanley J Krish	Ms Lorraine Shuma	Father James D Zatalava
Ms Freida Conrad	M/M Michael Long	Mr Robert Simanski	Anonymous (2)
M/M Jack Corle	M/M Michael Malligan	M/M Alfred J Sisto	
M/M John Douglass	Ms Mildred Maucieri	Ms Caroline Smith	
Ms Eileen Edwards	M/M James McKnight	M/M David Smith	We are @ 40%
Ms Helen Glashauser	Mr Joe Merritt	M/M Jerry Smith	participation
M/M Charles Hennigan	M/M Joseph Milliron	M/M Thomas A Smith	
M/M Tom Hofer	Mr Tim O'Connor	M/M Bryan Starr	

Speaking of successful non-Catholic (and sometimes perverted Catholic) attempts to ridicule and even destroy infallible Catholic teaching on moral issues, we have the perfectly pretty Gilmore Girls and the sophisticated Murphy Brown showcasing and celebrating the single parent household.

We have the cleverly brilliant writing of the Will and Grace show and the really fantastic production values of Glee both championing the humanistic *virtues* and the politically correct *values* of the Gay life-style and acceptability of so called Gay Marriage.

T.V. Land as well as Hollywood provide us with a constant drum beat of moral perversion. Catholics (like anyone else) get sucked into accepting all this perversion as perfectly "normal." At the very least it has to be tolerated, *but it really should be embraced*. It has got to be heartbreaking for Pope Francis as he reads the statistics from America concerning the number of his flock who are no longer truly living the true Catholic life because the Culture has distorted their minds and stolen their hearts.

Don't be one of those statistics. Keep informed. Pray hard. Stay the course. This week read about Catholic Marriage in the attached brochure. NOT AVAILABLE FOR WEBSITE.