

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY, MOTHERS! May the happiness, blessings, and love you have given your families be returned to you in overflowing measure.

*Happy
Mother's Day*

OUR MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA OF MASSES

will be celebrated every day this week for all those special Mothers and others who have been commended to these nine Masses and the blessings and graces that flow from them.

Unless legitimately impeded, everyone who submitted names should, of course, be present at these Masses. It's your gift!

SHARING FAITH AND HOPE... The Catholic Charities Appeal has a tremendous impact on our community as tens of thousands of Catholic parishioners take the message of Jesus to heart and put a face on the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

Through the financial efforts of all of us together, the hungry are fed, the sick and infirm are cared for, and children and adults in need of shelter and protection are housed and comforted. Our Catholic Faith is proclaimed through Catholic campus ministry at area colleges, in faith formation programs throughout the Diocese, by 24-hour ministry in all the hospitals, and through the weekly televised Masses for those confined to home or a health care facility.



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Ninety-four cents of every dollar donated goes directly to the ministries and apostolates funded by the Catholic Charities Appeal.

As we enter the second week of the 2018 Catholic Charities Appeal, please prayerfully determine how generously you will be able to reach out and help our brothers and sisters who are in spiritual and physical need.

A NEW DATE... Our Polish Fest will not be on Father's Day weekend this year. July 14th and 15th will be the dates of our 2018 summer festival.

The change was necessitated by the planned visit to New Bedford over Father's Day weekend by the President of Portugal. The Portuguese festival has been transferred to our Father's Day weekend as part of the celebrations to welcome the President. The necessary security with anticipated road closings, etc., are seen as potential deterrents to those who would find it difficult to access our event. Not to mention that parts of the Portuguese festival are in our immediate neighborhood, making parking a nightmare.

Fortunately, we were able to secure both bands—Lenny Gomulka's and Eddie Forman's--on a rare summer weekend when both were available. So, our Polish Fest this year will proceed as usual—except that it will be in July.

CHOOSE LIFE!... On Mother's Day, the following observation is especially relevant: *"Children, and those who depend on us due to disability or age, offer us the opportunity to grow in patience, kindness, and love. They teach us that life is a shared gift, not an encumbrance."* Who knows this better than a Mother?

OLPH BINGO is a weekly opportunity to relax and socialize—and win!—every Thursday evening at 6:45 in the parish hall. Doors and kitchen open at 4:30.

CAN YOU SPARE TWO HOURS once a month on a Thursday to lend a helping hand at bingo? Volunteer opportunities are available either before bingo begins or during the games. The tasks are easy—but very important to the continued success of this necessary fundraiser for our parish. No experience necessary. If you can pitch in, kindly speak to Joanna Hunt or Chris Regula—or call the parish office. We'd love to have you as part of the team.

A PENTECOST TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE will be conducted next Sunday May 20th, at 7 p.m. at St. John Neumann Parish. You are cordially invited.

✠ *Mass Intentions*



Sat. - May 12 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM +Helena Bodzioch
Req. Ann Bodzioch Bojack

Sun. - May 13 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM Mother's Day Novena #1

Mon. - May 14 - St. Matthias

7:30 AM Mother's Day Novena #2

Tues. - May 15 - St. Isidore

7:30 AM Mother's Day Novena #3

Wed. - May 16 - St. Margaret of Cortona

7:30 AM Mother's Day Novena #4

Thurs. - May 17 - St. Paschal Baylon

7:30 AM Mother's Day Novena #5

Fri. - May 18 - St. Felix of Cantales

7:30 AM Mother's Day Novena #6

Sat. - May 19 - Easter Weekday

7:30 AM Mother's Day Novena #7

Sat. - May 19 - Pentecost Sunday

4:00 PM Mother's Day Novena #8

Sun. - May 20 - Pentecost Sunday

10:00 AM Mother's Day Novena #9

Sisters and Brothers of Our Parish Family,

Once upon a time there was a child ready to be born. So one day he asked God, "They tell me You are sending me to earth tomorrow. But how am I going to live there being so small and helpless?"

God replied, "Among the many angels I chose one for you. She will be waiting for you and will take care of you."

"But here in Heaven I don't do anything else but sing and smile; that's enough for me to be happy."

"Your angel will sing for you and will also smile for you every day. And you will feel your angel's love and be happy."

"But how am I going to be able to understand when people speak to me if I don't know the language people speak?"

"Your angel will speak the most beautiful and sweet words you will ever hear. And with much patience and care your angel will teach you how to speak."

"And what am I going to do when I want to talk to You?"

"Your angel will place your hands together and will teach you how to pray."

"I've heard that on earth there are some bad people. Who will protect me?"

"Your angel will defend you even if it means risking its life."

"But I will be sad because I will not see You anymore."

"Your angel will speak to you about Me and teach you the way for you to come back to Me—even though I will always be next to you."

At that moment there was much peace in Heaven. But voices from earth could already be heard. The child asked softly:

"O God. If I am about to leave now please tell me my angel's name."

"Your angel's name is of no importance. You will call your angel Mommy."

Happy Mother's Day to all our Earthly Angels!
Father Conrad