

A religious painting of the Virgin Mary holding the infant Jesus. Mary is depicted with a serene expression, her eyes closed in a peaceful state. She is wearing a blue robe and a white mantle. The infant Jesus is wrapped in white swaddling clothes and is resting his head on his hand. The scene is framed by a dense arrangement of white flowers, likely lilies, which are scattered around the central figures. The background is dark, making the figures and flowers stand out.

St. Matthew Parish

*Thank her for
the depth
of her love. . . .*

*Happy
Mother's Day*



**Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 11, 2025**

- Saturday, May 10**
- 4:30PM Betty & Ed Pruskowski**
- Sunday, May 11**
- 7:30AM Carolyn Hogan**
- 9:30AM Sandra & Dorothy Zinni**
- 11:30AM Eleanor Camille Kelley
(2nd Anniversary)**
- Monday, May 12**
- 8:15AM Robert Travaglini**
- Tuesday, May 13**
- 8:15AM Rosemary Massimini**
- Wednesday, May 14**
- 8:15AM Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Cappanelli**
- Thursday, May 15**
- 8:15AM Betsy Piergrossi**
- Friday, May 16**
- 8:15AM Richard Theis Sr.**
- Saturday, May 17**
- 4:30PM Therese Kueny**
- Sunday, May 18**
- 7:30AM Dec'd Members of the
DiGregorio Family**
- 9:30AM Samuel Dauby**
- 11:30AM Mary Maloney &
Margaret Beswick**



**Eucharistic Bread in memory of:
Betty Pruskowski**



**Sanctuary Candle in memory of:
Maureen Dieckhaus**

Celebrant's Mass Schedule

- 5/10 4:30 Fr. McKeaney
- 5/11 7:30 Fr. Ryan 9:30 Fr. Kelly 11:30 Fr. Devlin
- 5/17 4:30 Fr. Devlin
- 5/18 7:30 Fr. Devlin 9:30 Fr. Devlin 11:30 Fr. Ryan
- 5/24 4:30 Fr. McKeaney
- 5/25 7:30 Fr. Devlin 9:30 Fr. Ryan 11:30 Fr. Kelly
- 5/31 4:30 Fr. Devlin

**Pray for the Deceased
Joanne Houck**



Pray for the Sick



Stephanie Ricci, Grant Levy, Slavia Langdon, Jason Cox, Frank Zoltowski, Mary Hawkinson, John Bruno, Renee Marinelli, Ann Marie McCarthy-Grater, Tanya Zekovitch, Anthony Benedict, Minnie Olearsky, Vicki Schaffer, James Simpson, Kinleigh Connelly, Joseph Wolfrom, Jack Ryan, Bob Thorpe, Jack Banas, Annamaria, Lou, Maddie, Sophia Borzillo, Patrick Gough, Noel Carroll Lawless, Mary Ellen Mihok, Lisa Connelly, Russell Puche, John Strouse, Natalia Bialek, Matthew Costello, John Rodenbaugh, Joe Lipinski, Kevin Kissling, Patricia Smith, Joe Keenlen, Ric Kenna, P.M., Tina Staley, Michael Palermo, Bob Pettine, Joseph Travaline, Martha Wolfrom, Angelo DiGiovanni, Peter Bokalo, Paula Storti, William Harkins, Dave Minnick

Pray for the Military



Staff Sgt Daniel Furtak, Lt. Michelle R. McNally, Andrew Midgett, Sgt. Robert Bonneau, Col Eva McGinley, Petty Officer George Horning Jr., SR Sgt. Thomas Mazzochetti, Robert Catapano U.S. Army 101st Airborne, Michael Bondra, Senior Airman Jacob Shoemaker, Chief Master Sgt. Curt W. Zeiders III, Pvt. Nick Soback, 2nd Lt. Ryan D'Ambrosio, 2nd Lt. Eraina D'Ambrosio, Lt. Col Jeffrey Matthew, Brenden Torphy, Daulton Berry, Pvt 1st Class Scott Allen Martz, Jr, Sr. Airman Sean P. Ryan, Matthew Boccella

**Mass Schedule for
Ascension
Wednesday, May 28
Vigil 7PM
Thursday, May 29 –
8:15AM & 12 Noon**



Registration: For your convenience register at www.stmatthewparish.com

Sacrament of Baptism: First 3 Sundays of the month after the 11:30 Mass. Register for Baptism by filling out the Sacristy Record of Baptism form at www.stmatthewparish.com

Sacrament of Matrimony: You must submit a wedding form to schedule a wedding at www.stmatthewparish.com Upon approval we will email you to confirm and set up a meeting with Father.

Sacrament of the Sick: Before surgery arrange to be anointed after Mass contact the office at stmatthewrectory@verizon.net or contact the Hospital Chaplain.

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YOUNG ADULTS EVENTS

**14
May**

Evangelization Book Study

Discussion of the book From Christendom to Apostolic Mission, pages 1-28
7pm in the Parish Center

**21
May**

Evangelization Book Study

Discussion of the book From Christendom to Apostolic Mission, pages 29-84
7pm in the Parish Center

**28
May**

Ascension Vigil Mass

We'll be attending mass for the Feast of the Ascension, then going for ice cream
7pm in the church

**4
Jun**

Evangelization Book Study

Discussion of the book From Christendom to Apostolic Mission, pages 85-98
7pm in the Parish Center



Learn more

Get to know St. Matt's vibrant
18 to 39 Young Adults group

[Bit.ly/4e8FWoV](https://bit.ly/4e8FWoV)



The Blessed Mother's Month

The Church especially honors the Blessed Mother during the month of May. Here at St. Matthew's we have the custom of honoring Mary on each **Monday in Church at 7 PM** during this month with communal recitation of the Rosary concluding with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Deacon Joe will also offer a brief reflection on the Blessed Mother. Perhaps as a sign of your love and devotion to Mary, your schedule will allow you to join us on Monday evenings during the month of May.

Baptism

The **Sacrament of Baptism** is administered in Church on the **first three Sundays of each month following the 11:30 A.M. Mass. We do not schedule private Baptisms.** Schedule your Baptism at www.stmatthewparish.com under sacraments fill out the **sacristy record of Baptism form.** Once you submit the form, we will email you back with confirmation of the date you requested if it is available.

Cemetery

St. Matthew & St. Benedict Cemeteries follow the general practices and procedures set by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Items brought by families to the cemeteries to decorate a grave are placed at their own risk and are to be temporary items only and will be removed periodically when the cemetery clears/cleans the grounds. The only item permitted to remain basically permanently, at a grave, is the monument. We will post in the Parish Bulletin several weeks in advance before any clearing/cleaning of the grounds takes place. Jim Williams, Cemetery Director 610-828-0424 x 3 - james@stmatthewparish.com

Prayer Shawl

BLESSED PRAYER SHAWL

If you or someone you know is undergoing surgery, struggling with illness, or suffering the loss of a loved one, and would like to have the comfort of a prayer shawl that has been hand knit/crocheted by our prayer shawl ministry, please contact the parish office at 610-828-0424 x4 or stmatthewrectory@verizon.net If you wish to participate in our Prayer Shawl Ministry, please join us at our monthly meeting in the Cosmas & Damian Room in the Parish Center. The meetings are scheduled for Noon on the **2nd Tuesday of each month.** Alternatively, you can simply deliver completed shawls to the parish office.

Seniors

SENIOR CITIZENS

Our senior meeting takes place once a month on the **1st Wednesday** in the Parish Center Hall. The next meeting is **Wednesday, June 4th at 12 Noon.** We will have lunch. A great way to socialize with other seniors. Please contact Pat Hanna 610-272-3610 with any questions.

Knights of Columbus

To all my Saint Matthew Brothers in Christ. Currently our Knights of Columbus Chapter here at Saint Matthew is looking for new members to help us grow in membership and perform good works of charity. Our council has already exceeded its expectations and is striving to continue its goals by helping our community, our churches, and spreading our discipleship and love of neighbor as our Lord asks us to do. By joining us, whatever time, treasure, and talent you have to serve with us would surely be appreciated. We realize you are busy with family, work, and other commitments. Could you make one meeting a month? Could you join us for one activity a quarter? I am personally inviting you to join a long time fraternal organization, enjoy great fellowship with your Catholic brothers, and make a difference in our church and communities. Please call me at 610.322.6611 or email at Mike.toth224@gmail.com. It would be my pleasure to speak with you about us.

ROSARY

Every 1st Saturday of the month join us after the 4:30PM Mass to say the Rosary. **Every Monday at 7PM in the Parish Center** Except every 3rd Monday will be in Church Contact Chris Dieckhaus 610-291-8058

Grief Support

“Blessed are those who weep and mourn for they shall be comforted.” The Mission of our

Bereavement Ministry is to carry the Spirit of Jesus’ compassion to members of St. Matthew Parish Community who are in mourning. Our members will reach out to the families of those who have died to share with them the support and prayers of the Community. If you know of someone who needs a telephone call to support them in their grieving, contact our Parish Nurse, Janet DiGregorio, RN, at 610-457-3494.

St. Matthew Community Charity (SMCC)

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Poor Box donations are collected by St. Matthew Community Charity Society (SMCC) – a Parish Ministry. SMCC has been organized by the parishioners of St. Matthew Church to assist people in need, in the greater Conshohocken area. SMCC provides emergency financial assistance to people in need, usually in the form of payments for rent or utilities. Beneficiaries are very often referred to SMCC by social service agencies such as Catholic Social Services, Montgomery County Community Connections, and the Patrician Society.

To **SEEK ASSISTANCE:** send an e-mail to community.charity.society@stmatthewparish.com or call the SMCC Help Line 610-828-0424 extension 7.

To **DONATE:** deposit cash or a check made payable to SMCC in the Church POOR BOX or send a check to SMCC, c/o St. Matthew Parish Office, 219 Fayette St., Conshohocken, PA 19428 or you can scan the QR code located at each Poor Box, or use your employer’s online giving platform for charitable donations our EIN is 84-3991214. If you wish to include your donation as a federal tax deduction, please provide your name and address so we can send you a letter acknowledging your tax-deductible donation. To learn more about SMCC go the parish website <http://stmatthewparish.com> click Contact us from your laptop/desktop from your iPhone you need to click Menu when you see Contact us click the down ^ symbol and select Community Charity.

Nursing Hm Visit

St. Matthew Community Charity (SMCC)

visits Towne Manor East & West, Brandywine Senior Suites, Markley Rehab and Healthcare Center, Norriton Square Nursing & Rehab Center and Suburban Woods every week -- if someone in your family or a friend is in one of these facilities and you would like them to stop in and say "hello" or if the are homebound please contact the Parish Office at 610-828-0424 x4 or stmatthewrectory@verizon.net to provide their name what nursing facility in the area you would like them to visit

Homebound Visit

If you or one of your loved ones are homebound, please call 610-828-0424 x4 or email stmatthewparish@verizon.net to make arrangements for Fr. Devlin or Deacon Joe to visit you or your loved one at home to receive Communion and a blessing.



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May 11, 2025

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52 | Rev 7:9, 14b-17 | Jn 10:27-30

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

“My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.”

The spiritual riches contained in this line alone are enough to sustain us for a lifetime. First, we rejoice that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, calls us his own. We belong to him who, like the shepherds of bygone days, protects his sheep – capable of little in the way of self-defense – even at the cost of his own life. Also, among the distinctive marks of Jesus’ sheep are that they hear his voice and follow him. Thus, to be part of Christ’s flock involves not only being known by him, but knowing him and heeding his call. A sheep who has not attuned its ears to the voice of its shepherd is a lost sheep! Although the world’s fertile meadows may look inviting, *not* to attune our ears to the voice of Christ means exposing ourselves to the dangers of a life apart from God. On the other hand, if we make our pilgrimage of life with him, we abide within the protective confines of his love until the day we follow him into the pastures of eternal life.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Frequently, our free will (something we do not share with sheep) gets in the way of our ability to heed the Shepherd’s voice. For us, his voice is expressed in concrete ways: in his commandments, in the teachings and tradition of his Church, in the Scriptures, in our legitimate superiors, and in prayer. These are the means he uses to mark out the path he wishes us to follow. But this path always involves the cross, and our sheep-ish (pun intended) nature recoils at the sight of suffering. In today’s second reading, however, St. John’s vision offers the key to overcoming our resistance: “For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them.” In other words, Jesus, our Divine Shepherd, is also a lamb who has tread the difficult way of the cross. He is *the* Lamb of God who offered himself in a sacrifice of perfect obedience to his Father’s will. Thus, we do not embark along the way of obedience and suffering alone; Jesus walks before us to sustain and protect us along the way.

OBSERVE

Find an image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd online and spend 15 minutes praying about what you see. What is the Shepherd’s attitude toward his sheep, and the sheep’s attitude toward their Shepherd? What do we learn from this about *our* relationship with Christ?

This Week on Formed

Week of May 11, 2025



The Day the Sun Danced: The True Story of Fatima

In 1917, three children in Fatima, Portugal, saw the Blessed Mother, shared her message, and witnessed the miracle of the sun dancing in the sky. Their faith inspired the world. Experience this miracle in this great film the entire family will enjoy.



The 13th Day

In a world torn apart by persecution, war, and oppression, three children in Fatima were chosen by God to offer an urgent message of hope to the world. Based on the memoirs of the oldest seer, Lucia Santos, *The 13th Day* dramatizes the true story of three young shepherds who experienced six apparitions of Our Lady, which culminated in the final prophesied miracle on October 13.



Our Lady of Fatima | Brother Francis and Friends

Brother Francis and Sister Imelda tell the story of the three shepherd children from Fatima who saw visions of Mary, later to be known as Our Lady of Fatima. Learn about the courage and faith these children exhibited and how they were rewarded with an amazing miracle!

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Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

Life Resurrected

A SUPPORT GROUP FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST SOMEONE TO SUICIDE

Grounded in our Catholic Faith, Life Resurrected is for those who are searching to make sense of the tragedy of suicide and geared toward dealing with the sorrows and anxieties surrounding this loss.

We will have our next meetings on Wednesday, May 28th and June 25th from 7:00-8:30 PM in McGrory Hall.

If you have any questions please contact Father Marc Capizzi at 610-265-4178 or frcapizzi@mdpparish.com

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2025-2026 PREP REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Scan the QR code to register



<https://forms.gle/11DXRoMp12Bu49nq7>



RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY/MOTHER'S DAY - "CHANGE" FOR LIFE:

Respect Life Sunday is on Mother's Day, May 11th. It is a perfect time to assert that life is sacred from conception until natural death. St. Matthew's will participate in a Baby Bottle Campaign to collect donations to continue our mission to affirm the sanctity of life through leadership, outreach, and love, and to support our maternity home, Guiding Star Ministries, which provides housing, counseling, training, and other services to pregnant women who would otherwise be homeless and abortion vulnerable. We will distribute news bulletins, baby bottles, and red roses after Masses on **Saturday, May 10th and Sunday, May 11th**. Please use the bottles to deposit your coins, bills, or checks (payable to Pro-Life Union) over the next week and return the filled baby bottles to the Church vestibules the following weekend or contact Diane at 610-828-8041 for pick-up. We are grateful to you for your contributions, which will help moms, babies, and families. You make the difference! Thank you very much!

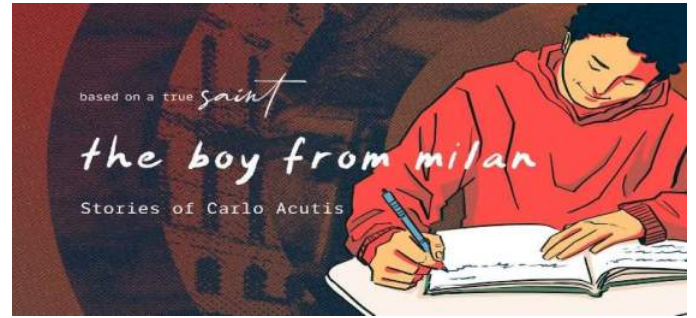




Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word is now every week at the 9:30AM Sunday Mass. All children ages seven and younger are welcome to join us!

Want to volunteer? Email dirreledu@stmatthewparish.com



The Boy from Milan: Stories of Carlo Acutis

Discover the inspiring story of Carlo Acutis, the young boy from Milan on the path to sainthood. You may have heard of him, the sneaker-wearing, computer-loving "gamer saint" of our time. But beyond the headlines and hashtags, the real story of Carlo is something deeper, something the world desperately needs to hear. Known for his deep love of God, devotion to the Eucharist, and quiet acts of charity, Carlo's life was a testament to everyday holiness.

Featuring personal stories from those who knew him in real life, this documentary goes beyond the headlines to reveal the heart of a boy who saw Jesus in everyone and never missed an opportunity to love. His simple yet profound faith continues to touch lives, proving that sainthood is for all of us.

Be inspired by Carlo's true story and discover that holiness is possible in daily life.

Learn more here: <https://formed.org/the-boy-from-milan#optin>



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THE WELL YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE NOV 15, 2025



SHERATON HOTEL DOWNTOWN PHILADELPHIA & CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

"YOU ALSO ARE MY WITNESSES, BECAUSE YOU HAVE BEEN WITH ME" (JN 15:27).

MORE DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED!
QUESTIONS: PhillyOMYA@archphila.org

Mental Health Minute

May is mental health awareness month. On May 15, we celebrate the feast of Saint Dymphna, patron of those with mental illness.

Many Saints experienced mental health challenges including:

- St. Oscar Romero - obsessive-compulsive disorder
- St. Thérèse of Lisieux - modern day anxiety, scrupulosity, and depression
- St. John of God - hospitalized due to a mental health crisis
- St. Mark Ji Tianxiang - substance use disorder

**57.8 million (22.8%)
U.S. adults
experienced mental
illness in 2021.**

<https://www.nami.org/about-mental-illness/mental-health-by-the-numbers/>

For Catholic mental health support, visit: www.archphila.org/support



The Veterans Ministry at St. Matthew's Church PLANNING MEETING

We have launched our Veterans ministry and the first planning meeting will take place on:

Sunday May 25th
12:45 pm - 1:45 pm
St. Matthew's Parish Hall

Agenda

- Discuss Upcoming food distribution dates
- Discuss how we can best serve our Veterans
- Lets brainstorm together!

Who Can Volunteer?

Anyone with a heart for serving veterans, parishioners, and family members.

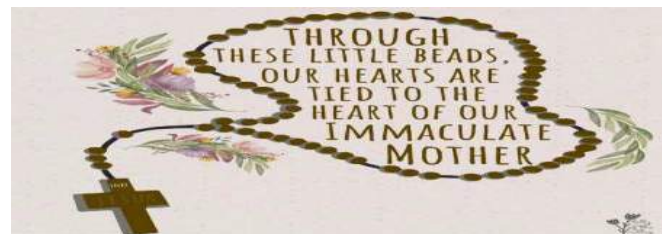
Get Involved!

For more information or to sign up, Michael DiMaio at:

484-797-7064
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To all the Mothers,
Grandmothers,
Aunts, Sisters
and other women
in our lives that care for
us and love us
unconditionally,
Happy Mother's Day!



Join us for our Annual Rosary Walk on Sunday, May 18, 2025 at 7PM. Everyone is encouraged to participate. We will gather at 6:45PM near the Church Grotto and process up Fayette St. For more information contact Chris Dieckhaus at 610-291-8058. Thank you.

5K Run / 3K Walk
Saturday,
June 7, 2025
8:30AM Start
Fun for all ages!
Camilla Hall, Malvern, PA

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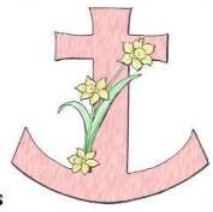
Registration: \$35 - Adults \$15 - Children (14 and under) \$100 - Group / Family of 4 max \$125 - Group / Family of 5+ \$20 - Religious Sisters \$10 - Extra t-shirts	April 1 - May 30 April 1 - 15 May 9 May 30	Registration open Early Bird Special • \$5 off individual fee • \$10 off family fee Last day assured a t-shirt Last day to register
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 Our Lady of Guadalupe
Roman Catholic Church
1034 Oak Spring Elementary Road Doylestown, PA 18042

Mass for Caregivers

A renewal of hope for people caring for a loved one.

"...we who have taken refuge might be strongly encouraged to seize the hope set before us. We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul."
Hebrews 6: 18-19

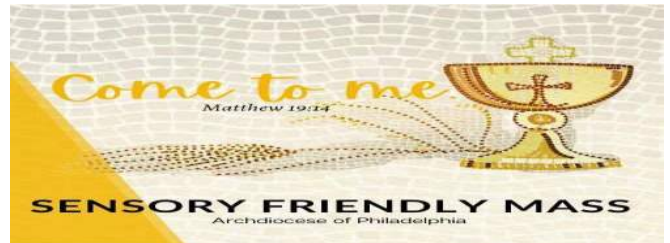


Join us for a celebration of Mass
Saturday, May 17, 2025, 8 am
in the
Saint Juan Diego Chapel

A light breakfast will be provided afterward in the OLG Narthex.

RSVP - Karen - 215-771-3312, kbabik1@verizon.net
Denise - 251-589-2691, callanankline@gamil.com

*A gift of hope will be presented to all caregivers who attend.



Saint Francis de Sales Parish in West Philadelphia will be relaunching their sensory friendly Mass beginning on **Saturday, June 7 at 5:00 PM.**

This schedule will continue for every first Saturday of each month. Contact Pat Hoyt for details: pat_hoyt@msn.com or 215-828-9146

In gratitude for our Pastor Emeriti
Rev. J. Thomas Heron
Rev. Gasper Genuardi



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Saturday Confession 3:30-4:15PM
Sunday: 7:30 - 9:30 - 11:30AM
Daily Mass: Monday-Friday 8:15AM



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*The loveliest
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of the heart
of God is
the heart of
a mother.*

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I came across the following and share it recognizing the many different experiences women have and what Mother's Day means to different women. This day is a day to celebrate all of you recognizing the complexity of life situations.

To those who gave birth this year to their first child—we celebrate with you

To those who lost a child this year – we mourn with you

To those who are in the trenches with little ones every day and wear the badge of food stains – we appreciate you

To those who experienced loss through miscarriage, failed adoptions, or running away—we mourn with you

To those who walk the hard path of infertility, fraught with pokes, prods, tears, and disappointment – we walk with you. Forgive us when we say foolish things. We don't mean to make this harder than it is.

To those who are foster moms, mentor moms, and spiritual moms – we need you

To those who have warm and close relationships with your children – we celebrate with you

To those who have disappointment, heart ache, and distance with your children – we sit with you

To those who lost their mothers this year – we grieve with you

To those who experienced abuse at the hands of your own mother – we acknowledge your experience

To those who lived through driving tests, medical tests, and the overall testing of motherhood – we are better for having you in our midst

To those who are single and long to be married and mothering your own children – we mourn that life has not turned out the way you longed for it to be

To those who step-parent – we walk with you on these complex paths

To those who envisioned lavishing love on grandchildren -yet that dream is not to be, we grieve with you

To those who will have emptier nests in the upcoming year – we grieve and rejoice with you

To those who placed children up for adoption – we commend you for your selflessness and remember how you hold that child in your heart

And to those who are pregnant with new life, both expected and surprising –we anticipate with you

This Mother's Day, we walk with you. Mothering is not for the faint of heart and we have real warriors in our midst. We remember you. And we celebrate you.

Happy Mother's Day One and All!



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