

MOM TO MOM GROUP

The Month of Mary



Jesus Christ, as well as a being of the Immaculate Conception.

She raised Jesus with her motherly care that was instilled to her by the Lord as well as supporting Christ on His chosen path, which for sure was not an easy task.

The Lord says:
“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations.”
Jeremiah 1:5

Just as the Lord chose Mary to raise his son, so did He choose us to raise his children living in Christ. It is our privilege as mothers to prepare the path the Lord has chosen for our children and to come closer to Jesus Christ through Mary and look to her for support and guidance.

Through Mary we can come closer to Christ and closer to God.

As May is the month dedicated to Mary. We can look towards our Mother as a teacher to her son

Feast Days in May

The month of May is devoted to our Mother Mary, we do this via prayers at home and also through a special ritual that is called *May Crowning*, where we place a crown of flowers onto the statue of Mary and also at her feet. Girls dressed nicely place a flower wreath upon her head during an early May Sunday mass.

This can be done at

home as well, if one does not possess a statue of our Virgin Mother we can show a similar devotion via a depiction of her on a photograph or painting.

The next feast day is the *Ascension of the Lord*, 40 days after He rose from the dead Christ ascends into heaven from Mount Olive.

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary concludes the May festivals for us this month and leads us into summer.

Pentecost on the 8th of June will mark the end of the Easter Season.

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS:

- ◆ May Crowning
- ◆ The Ascension of our Lord (29. May)
- ◆ The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (31. May)

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

<i>The Month of Mary</i>	1
<i>Feast Days in May</i>	1
<i>Natural Easter egg dyes</i>	2
<i>Hymn of the Month</i>	2
<i>Upcoming Events</i>	2

Whitsun Doves

Materials:

- ◆ White cardboard
- ◆ Scissors and an X-Acto-knife
- ◆ White paper
- ◆ String

Responsory for the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Translated by James Monti

For more information contact the Cathedral Office or Maggie Kaska at 603.203.8300

Saint Joseph Cathedral
145 Lowell Street
Manchester, NH 03104

When Pentecost approaches we can make some pretty white doves to hang above our dinner table or in a window.

As the white dove represents the Holy Ghost, we can use this image in our homes as well as in our churches and draw the shape of a dove onto white cardboard, cut it out and make a slit into the side of the body of the dove so we can pass some white paper folded in accordion style through it and pull them

slightly apart to show the wings of a dove. At the top of the wings we can thread some white or gold yarn through and hang the dove above our dinner table.

Nature tables also look very pretty with a Whitsun dove above it and a pretty spring scene below.

Happy Easter tidings!



Hymn of the Month

At your Ascension, O Lord,
You put aside the cloud,
(You) who walk upon the wings of the
winds, alleluia.

Verse: You have put on praise and beauty,
clothed with light as with a garment.

Verse: Glory be to the Father, and to
the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Repeat: Who walk upon the wings of the
winds, alleluia.

Repeat: Who walk upon the wings of the
winds, alleluia.

Upcoming Events

- We might be holding a “Family Social” or “Mother’s Social” during the month of August. Please keep an eye out for it in your inbox.

Happy Summer!