

# PRO-LIFE NEWS

## Mothers, Fathers, and Bookends

Mother's Day and Father's Day, perennial bookends in the Spring calendar!

Mothers and fathers are themselves like bookends:

- They serve as protective brackets to keep those within -- their children -- upright and secure, and to keep them from falling.
- They come in a pair.
- They are both essential.
- They must be sturdy.
- They are timeless.

Here's to all the mothers and fathers, both living and deceased, who have bracketed our lives with love, safety and self sacrifice, and who braced us with our Catholic faith in our temporal home to prepare us for life's journey towards our eternal home.

**“We still have Mother's Day and Father's Day as two separate days to celebrate the indispensable contributions of each parent, a societal reminder that being a mother or a father isn't simply about what that particular person does, but about who they are.”**

*Pia de Solenni*





*“You prolifers only care about children before they’re born.”*

How many times have you heard that old canard? Yet try going to a Planned Parenthood clinic and ask for diapers, formula, baby clothes, help finding housing or a job, rides to doctor appointments, parenting classes, assistance with adoptions, help getting into a drug rehab or GED program.

We all know where parents of children, both unborn AND born, go for help when they’re scared, alone, or desperate. They go to places like **Good Counsel Homes of South Jersey** and **Helpers of God’s Precious Infants**.

These are the two organizations that have been the recipients of our parish Baby Bottle campaign held annually for many years between Mother’s Day and Father’s Day.

Although we are unable to officially hold the fundraiser this year, please consider making a donation so that our parish can continue its annual support for these wonderful local prolife groups.

Checks should be made payable to Mater Ecclesiae, and be sure to note in the memo section of the check: **Baby Bottle donation**.

Address for mailing:  
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261 Cross Keys Road  
Berlin, NJ. 08009-9431



*Helper Terri with some of the children being assisted by Helpers of God’s Precious Infants*



*At Helpers Academy, moms and dads who attend parenting classes earn “baby bucks” to “purchase” needed items for their new baby.*

*With the help of Good Counsel Homes, this once homeless mother graduated from high school and got her CNA license.*

