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Please join us on Zoom at 11:30 am Sunday for a discussion.

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## Interested in helping out? We need you!

Helping roles include set up/clean up, ushering, greeting, refreshments, acting and lay reading. Contact Nina at nina.dewees@brynathynchurch.org.

**Please note:** This service is livestreamed and recorded. You and your family may be on camera, and your comments will be part of the livestream and recording.

**Musicians:** Bethany Genzlinger, Anna Martin, Sarah Martin, Shawn Rose **Video:** Zion Nobre

#### Exodus 20:12

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you.

### Matthew 12:46-50

While [Jesus] was still talking to the crowds, behold, His mother and brothers stood outside, seeking to speak with Him. Then one said to Him, "Behold, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, seeking to speak with You." But He answered and said to those who told Him, "Who is My mother and who are My brothers?" And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, "Here are My mother and My brothers! For whoever shall do the will of My Father in heaven is My brother, and sister, and mother."

### Mark 10:29-31

So, Jesus answered and said, "Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel's, who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

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[W]hat a person inherits from either parent, from his grandfather, great-grandfather, great-grandfather and so on back, ... multiplies and increases in that person's descendants, and remains with each person. And with each person it is increased further still by the sins of their own doing. Nor is hereditary evil dispersed and rendered harmless except with people who are being regenerated by the Lord.

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All people without exception are born with evils of every kind, so much so that our intrinsic characteristics are utterly evil. Therefore, we need to be born again—that is, regenerated—in order to receive new life from the Lord. The evils we inherit from our parents and ancestors reach back in a long sequence, increasing and building up. .... Even babies who die in infancy and are brought up in heaven are nothing but evil because of their heredity.... In the other life none are punished for the evils they have inherited; they are punished only for the evils they actively and repeatedly commit....

### Divine Providence 215:2

In the earliest times, honor involved simply the relationships between parents and children. It was an honor of love, full of profound respect, not for parents as the source of birth but for parents as the source of teaching and wisdom, which constitute a second birth, essentially a spiritual one, because it is a birth of their spirit.

We do not pass a collection basket during the service. An offertory bowl is located at the entrance for donations to support our church. Donate online at <a href="https://www.brynathynchurch.org">www.brynathynchurch.org</a> or scan the QR code:



## **Announcements/Events**

### Dads Group: May 13, 7:30 pm (Church Office)

Discussion on the story of King Saul's daughter and son both helping David to escape from Saul. Read 1 Samuel 19-20 beforehand, if you'd like. Sign up to receive emails and/or texts about this group at **brynathynchurch.org/dads**.

## Sunset Organ Vespers: May 14, 7:30 pm (Cathedral)

Rev. Jeff O. Smith reading scriptural and doctrinal passages with organist Corrado Cavalli, principal organist at St. Cantius Church in Illinois.

## Moms Enrichment Evening: May 15, 7:00-9:00 pm

**Speaker:** Hilary Bryntesson. **Topic:** How to Talk About Sex with Your Children Moms of all ages are welcome. For questions or to find out the meeting location, contact Nina at 215-947-6225 x206 or **nina.dewees@brynathynchurch.org**.

## Community Worship: May 18, 10:00 am

We need volunteers to help with setup and cleanup, provide refreshments, or help supervise with the children's activities. If you can help, please contact Nina at 215-947-6225 x206 or nina.dewees@brynathynchurch.org.

Parents of Pre-K Girls: If you are part of the Bryn Athyn community and have a daughter who will be starting Kindergarten in the fall, and would like to request a specially-outfitted doll for her New Church Day gift, please contact Wendy Cooper at wcooper627@gmail.com.

**BA Post is taking a break from June 2-20, 2025** in order to get the office situated in the new building. Notices for upcoming church events and worship services will be circulated via email, and posts on our website and social media: **www.brynathynchurch.org** 

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# **Mothers Through the Generations**

Rev. Malcolm G. Smith Informal Family Service May 11, 2025