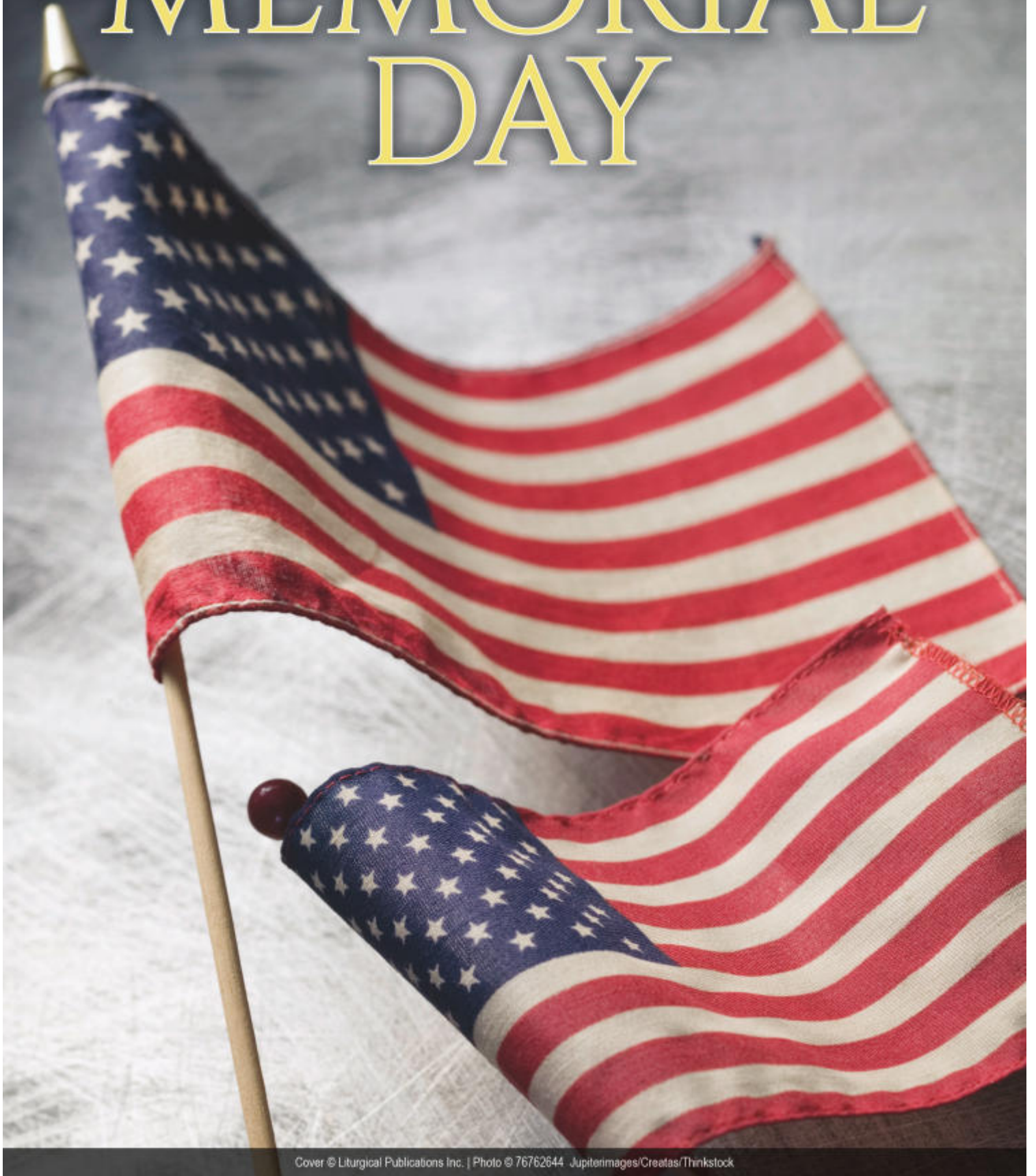


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# MEMORIAL DAY




Parish Stewardship for 2018-2019

Weekly amount originally budgeted for 2018-19. . . . \$3,529.00  
 Offertory for the weekend of **May 11/12**.....\$2,480.00  
 Deficit/Surplus for the weekend of **May 11/12**.....-\$1,048.85  
 Budget from July 1, 2018—June 30, 2019..... \$183,500.00  
 Deficit/Surplus to-Date.....-\$10,957.27

Thank you for supporting your Church

 **St. Joseph “Prayer Chain” and “Care and Concern”**  
 If there is someone who could use the prayers of our Parish, please call Charlene at 787-7601.

 **Food Bank**  
 The many items brought for the food bank have been appreciated. You may continue to bring your donations for the Food Bank by dropping them off at the church office or by using the box in the church. Thank you for your donations!

**Memorial Day Mass** will be celebrated at **9:00 a.m. on Monday at the Cross in our cemetery.**

**The American Legion Post #978 Honor Guard will be at the Honor Roll in our cemetery at 11:00 a.m. for those wanting to be present for this salute.**

**Tuesday, May 28** there will be a **Memorial Day Mass** celebrated at **St. Cecilia Cemetery at 6:00 p.m.** followed by refreshments at the Betta camp. All are invited.

This Thursday-**Ascension Holy Day Mass at 9am & 7pm. Finance Council Meeting — May 28 — 9:45 a.m.**

**The Second Collection for the International Needs will be this weekend of June 1/2.** Please consider contributing to this second collection.

**Congratulations!** St. Joseph Parish Community congratulates **Taylor Hoch** and **Kyndal Mertz** for receiving their First Eucharist at the 9:15 a.m. Sunday Mass on April 28. This past Sunday, May 19th, the following 11th Graders of our Parish received the Sacrament of Confirmation at Queen of the World Church in St. Marys: **Maria Allegretto, Vyktorija Facchine, Faith Smith, and Alexandra Williams.**

**A huge ‘thank you’ to our Faith Formation Catechists** for the attention to the development of the Catholic faith of all our students this past school year. The Catechists were Kindergarten: Becky Secco; 1st Grade: Tina Young; 3rd Grade: Tracey Phillips; 5th/6th Grades: Dellene and Tom Smith; 7th/8th Grades: Julia Rollick; 9th/10th Grades: Ginger Williams; and the 11th Grade Confirmation Class: Deacon Paul and Mary Bauman. Many thanks also to the substitute teachers: Cindy Duell, Becky Bricen, and Rita Fenice. An additional ‘thank you’ to Lena Gavazzi who served as office help Sundays. Finally, we thank Mary Stoker, Faith Formation coordinator, for her leadership of another successful year!



The sun is so very important along with the rain to grow flowers and all kinds of vegetation for our gardens and for ecology in general. The sun warms us after many cold days. It does, however, need to be in balance with precipitation; otherwise everything in nature would be too dry.

Sunlight images the happiness of a day and the joyful, lively activity of work. The light of the moon shining in later evening and night can image a peacefulness at the end of the day. In a like manner, the images of the sun and of the moon in the Book of Revelation in our Second Reading at Mass describes the heavenly reward of Divine Light for the persecuted Christians of the first century who remained faithful to the Lord. “The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb.” (Revelation 21:23)

Jesus in the Gospel of John offers the promise of peace in the Holy Spirit for those who need peace with the words “Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.” (Jn 14: 27)

My brothers and sisters, these bright, shining heavenly gifts and promises are here for us right now. Jesus won for us these gifts of light and peace through His victory of death on the Cross and His Resurrection, Ascension, and sending us the Holy Spirit.

May praying for peace be an important priority for us to have in our lives and to let it shine for others in our country and in our world.

God Bless,  
 Father Mark



**Many ‘Thanks’  
 to all our Veterans  
 on this Memorial Day**



# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scripture
Monday, May 27, 2019 9:00 a.m. Mass	Special Intention Memorial Day		St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop	Acts 16:11-15 Jn 15:26-16:4a (291)
Tuesday, May 28, 2019 8:30 a.m. Mass	Blessed Mother's Intentions	Parishioners	Easter Weekday	Acts 16:22-34 Jn 16:5-11 (292)
Wednesday, May 29, 2019 No Mass			Easter Weekday	Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 Jn 16:12-15 (293)
Thursday, May 30, 2019 9:00 a.m. Mass 7:00 p.m.	Parishioners Youngmark & Cassels Families	— Mary Youngmark, Cindy & Dale Duell	Ascension of the Lord	Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23 Mk 16:15-20 (58)
Friday, May 31, 2019 8:30 a.m. Mass	Gerry Muccio	The Benigni Sisters	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Zep 3:14-18a Lk 1:399-56 (572)
Saturday, June 1, 2019 FIRST SATURDAY Adoration and Devotion 9:00 a.m.			St. Justin, Martyr	Acts 18:23-28 Jn 16:23b-28 (296)
Saturday, June 1, 2019 5:30 p.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Vigil of the Seventh Sunday of Easter	(see below)
Sunday, June 2, 2019 9:15 a.m. Mass	Josephine Carcella	Carcella Family	7th Sunday of Easter	Acts 7:55-60 Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20 Jn 17:20-26 (61)

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m; Sunday: 9:15 a.m; Holy Days: 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m; Daily: Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri. 8:30 a.m, No Mass Wednesday  
**BULLETIN INFORMATION**

Groups or individuals wishing to have information published in the bulletin are asked to submit the information in writing, by email or by phone by Monday at 10:00 a.m.

**SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION**

**Baptism** – A baptism preparation session is required of all parents wishing to have their child(ren) baptized. Parents must be registered parishioners. Sessions are held periodically at parishes throughout the Deanery. It is always preferred that baptisms be celebrated during a regular Sunday Liturgy. Call the Parish office for more information.

**Eucharist** – Children preparing for Eucharist (Gr. 3) and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including Catholic School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions.

**Confirmation** – High School youth who are entering the 11<sup>th</sup> grade and who are active in the Faith Formation process or attend a Catholic High School since 9th grade are eligible to enter the Confirmation preparation sessions.

**R.C.I.A.** – Rite of Christian Initiation for adults are initiated into the Church through this process. Any individual who may be interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church is invited. Please call the Church office.

**SACRAMENTS OF VOCATION**

**Priesthood/Permanent Diaconate** – Men who feel that they may be being called to the vocational life of Priesthood or Diaconate can contact the pastor at any time or call the Diocesan Vocation Office at 814-824-1111.

**Matrimony** – There is a required preparation process which normally includes 3 sessions with the pastor and an Engagement Encounter or Nova experience. Please notify the pastor at least 6 months prior to the anticipated date of marriage.

**SACRAMENTS OF HEALING**

**Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick** – Is celebrated for all who are seriously ill annually at a parish Liturgy. The Sacrament is also available anytime upon request.

**Reconciliation** – The sacrament is celebrated weekly on Saturday from 4:45 – 5:15 p.m, or anytime by request. Parish Penance services are celebrated during Advent and Lent. Children preparing for Reconciliation (Gr. 2) and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including Catholic School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions.

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