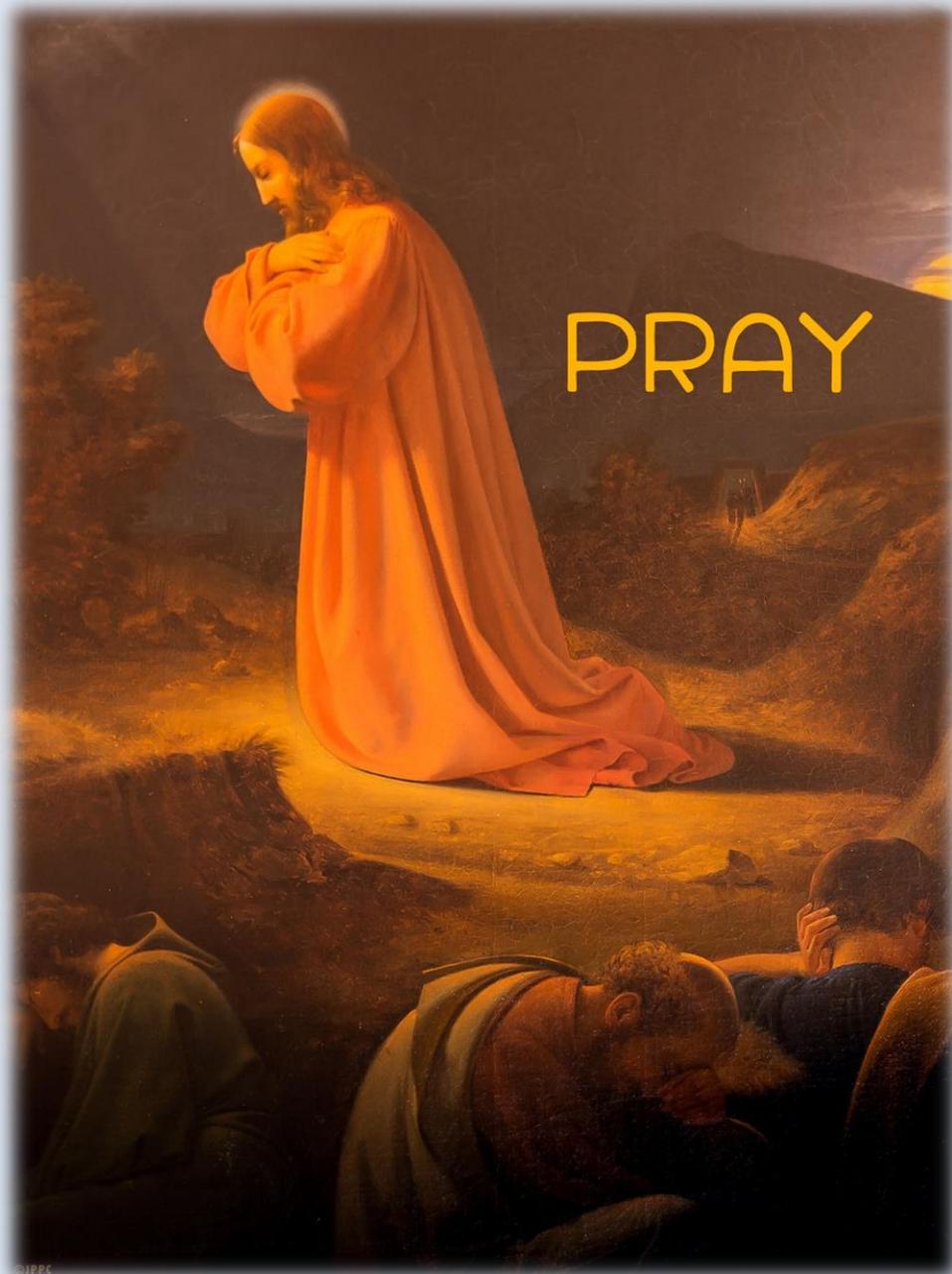


# Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 29, 2022



Saint Mary 14 Park Street + Sacred Heart 58 Church Street + Saint Mark 105 Stanley Street  
North Attleborough, Massachusetts

## Transfiguration of the Lord Parish

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(508) 695-1173 or email [ripco@comcast.net](mailto:ripco@comcast.net)

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saint Mary Church • Saturday 3:00 pm

### Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are scheduled on Saturday afternoons at 1:00 pm, with a limit of four families at each baptism. Please contact Monica Forte in the office at [stmaryna@noozi.com](mailto:stmaryna@noozi.com) for more information and available dates.

### Sacrament of Marriage

Marriage is usually celebrated on Saturday morning and afternoon. Please contact the Parish Office at least nine months in advance to begin preparation.

### Sacrament of the Sick

Pastoral care to those in need of the sacrament of the sick is arranged with Father Rodney. Please call the parish office to arrange a visit.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration is offered on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month in Saint Mary Church, beginning at 9:00 am with Morning Prayer and ending at 6:00 pm with Evening Prayer and Benediction.

### Parish Offering

If you are attending in person, you may drop your contribution in the collection basket. You are welcome to mail your budget envelope to the parish office, at 14 Park Street, North Attleborough, MA 02760. You may also leave your envelope in the drop box located outside the parish office door, to the right on the landing. Or you can use this link for on line giving:

<https://app.gabrielsoft.com/guest/mafrdiocese/31>

Thank you for your ongoing support!

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00 pm Saint Mary Church

Sunday 8:00 am Saint Mark Church

Sunday 9:30 am Saint Mary Church

Sunday 11:00 am Sacred Heart Church

### Weekday Masses

Monday 4:30 pm Saint Mary Church

Tuesday 8:00 am Saint Mark Church

Wednesday 4:30 pm Saint Mary Church

Thursday 8:00 am Communion Service

Saint Mark Church

*Links to:* Transfiguration of the Lord Facebook page  
<https://www.facebook.com/Transfiguration-of-the-Lord-Parish-North-Attleborough-106529317647894/>

YouTube at <https://tinyurl.com/ysfaxaty>

### Parish Office

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# MASS Intentions

## May 29 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>May 28</u>
4:00 pm	Scott Forbes
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>May 29</u>
8:00 am	Brenda Loiselle
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>May 29</u>
9:30 am	Suzanne McGowan
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>May 29</u>
11:00 am	Regina & Eugene Keating

Monday May 30  
*Memorial Day – No Daily Mass*

<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>May 31</u>
8:00 am	
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>June 1</u>
4:30 pm	Lena Macil
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>June 2</u>
8:00 am	Gerrard Sirois

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## June 5 - Pentecost

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>June 4</u>
4:00 pm	Anne Quinn
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>June 5</u>
8:00 am	Paul Briggs, Sr.
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>June 5</u>
9:30 am	Michael Croke
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>June 5</u>
11:00 am	Judith Charron

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## Parish Contributions

Collection figures from May 14/15:  
\$12,241.39



## Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.

## *From Father Rodney*

The first reading that we hear this 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter is one filled with sadness, dread and faith. Saint Stephen, the proto-martyr, is martyred in this section of Acts. The people are filled with rage and anger against Stephen because he, like the rest of the Apostles and disciples, continue to spread the name of Jesus – Risen from the dead. The leaders of the Jews had hoped to have stop His Holy Name from spreading but just the opposite seems to be happening. The Christian “cult” is growing and growing fast. The Name cannot be contained. The sadness of this senseless murder – by stoning – is a sad historical fact indeed. We even hear a familiar name associated with the murder, namely, Saul. Yes, that’s right, the same Saul who would be thrown off his horse; rendered without the ability to see until he is persuaded by Jesus to stop persecuting the early Church. Saul relents, is renamed Paul, and becomes the Apostle to the Gentiles. All of this happens and we hear that Stephen echoes the sentiments of the Lord as he says right before he breathes his last, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” The strikingly fascinating thing about all of this is that Saul – Paul – consents to the murder of Stephen. How can a murderer be a saint, one might ask? It is a good question and should help us to know without a shadow of a doubt that there is hope for us all. As we continue to witness the shedding of innocent blood in Ukraine, let us pray for the conversion of those responsible for what potentially are war crimes so that stability and prosperity might be returned to the people of Ukraine. Let us pray for all innocent victims of war, murder and anything that hastens the death of the innocent. Let us remember our sacred call to pray for a greater dignity of all human life from the very moment of conception until natural death. May those who have lost their lives now rest in the embrace of the Almighty.

# BE ONE WITH JESUS

## *eucharistic adoration*

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### Monthly Adoration

Monthly Adoration is offered the *first Tuesday of every month (June 7 is next)*. You are invited to join us in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Saint Mary church, beginning at 9 a.m. with Morning Prayer and ending at 6 p.m. with Evening Prayer and Benediction. You can drop in at any time for as long as you like or, if you would like a specific time slot, please call Joanne Regali 508-643-3821 and leave a message.



### Eucharistic Revival Commencing on June 18

The Diocese of Fall River will join dioceses across the country in launching a multi-year Eucharistic Revival this year on the weekend of the Feast of Corpus Christi. Bishop Edgar da Cunha will commence the revival in our diocese on Saturday, June 18 with a special Mass, Eucharistic Procession and Adoration at Bishop Connolly High School in Fall River, to begin at 4:00 pm. To RSVP, visit <https://bit.ly/Eucharist22>.

Visit [fallriverdiocese.org](http://fallriverdiocese.org) to learn more about the Eucharistic Revival project.

### United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

To learn more about the Eucharistic Revival in the United States, you may visit the USCCB website:

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/welcome-national-eucharistic-revival>

## FAITH FORMATION

Director of Religious Education

Mrs. Elaine Corvese

508-695-3823

Please note new email address:  
[TransfigurationRelEd@gmail.com](mailto:TransfigurationRelEd@gmail.com)



*Our prayerful congratulations to the students who received the Eucharist for the first time on May 14, 2022*  
*A list of our First Communion class will appear in next weekend's bulletin.*

### Faith Formation for Fall 2022

The students in all grades will be promoted to the next grade and emails regarding the program will be sent during the month of August. If you have a son/daughter entering first grade in the fall, you will need to register him/her to the Faith Formation program. First grade is the first year of the two-year program in preparation for First Communion which is held in the spring of the second year. Contact the Faith Formation office at [transfigurationreled@gmail.com](mailto:transfigurationreled@gmail.com) to register.

The Faith Formation program has ended for all grades for the 2021-2022 year. I would like to thank the parents/guardian for their endless support and patience. Also, thank you to the catechists. I am truly blessed to work with such a wonderful team!





## 2022 Catholic Appeal

**“Journeying Together in Faith and Love”**

The 81st Catholic Appeal continues. Please join with your fellow parishioners in helping those in need in our communities, and show love through your generosity. The agencies and apostolates supported by the Appeal provide encouragement to those who are deepening their faith journeys, and those who endeavor for a better tomorrow. The Appeal sustains life-affirming services such as marriage preparation and enrichment, citizenship preparation, bereavement support, and community action for better housing. Make your secure gift or pledge online today at

[www.GiveFRDiocese.org](http://www.GiveFRDiocese.org) .

*The total contributions from our parish in 2021 was \$102,248.00.*

*As of May 22 our total was \$63,355.00*

Thank you to those who have already made your contribution to this year’s Appeal.

**PLEASE NOTE: ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE DIRECTLY TO “CATHOLIC APPEAL”.**

**Please do not make the check out to the parish.** Please indicate “*Transfiguration of the Lord Parish*” on the donation card on the line “please credit the following parish with my gift”. This will enable your donation to be counted as a donation from our Parish. The Catholic Appeal Office will handle all contributions, and you are asked to mail your contribution directly to: The Catholic Appeal – Diocese of Fall River P.O. BOX 237, Kensington, CT 06037-0237. Any contributions that come to the office are required to be sent **unopened** to the address above.

## Transfiguration of the Lord Parish

### Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul.



If you need assistance, please call the help line for our parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society. They can offer information about the types of assistance available. Please call 508-212-4755 for help or more information.



### We Welcome

On Saturday, May 21, 2022 we welcomed four new members into our Catholic faith and Transfiguration of the Lord Parish.

We welcome: *Harper Brinn Hamlin*, daughter of Katie & Timothy Hamlin, *Tobias Andrew Tarasuik*, son of Vanessa Delgado, *Jaxon Beau Moore*, son of Meagan & Evan Moore and *Victoria Elena Zemke*, daughter of Christina & Kyle Zemke. Congratulations to Harper, Tobias, Jaxon and Victoria, their parents, godparents, family and friends on the joyous celebration of faith and family.

### Pope Francis

“My peace I give you” (Jn 14:27). Jesus knows that on our own we are not able to cultivate peace, that we need help, a gift, the Holy Spirit. It is He who disarms the heart and fills it with serenity”



~May 22, 2022

## Pray for Ukraine

Please continue praying a decade (or more) of the Rosary daily for the people of Ukraine and Russia and for the end of the war. At the back of each of the churches in the Parish there is a blue binder with the



Ukrainian colors on the front. If you feel led by the Holy Spirit to do so, please sign your name as a simple commitment to pray daily until the end of this crisis.

Sometimes even as a people of God we can feel overwhelmed or powerless when we see the images coming out of Ukraine and hear about demonstrators in Russia being beaten and any independent news sources being shut down. We can lose heart. We often forget that we have the most powerful weapon of all... prayer and when we come together as a community there is real power. Thank you for taking a few moments out of your day to unite with the larger Catholic/Christian community to pray for an end to this crisis.

## Blood Drive

Rhode Island Blood Center will be conducting a blood drive at Sturdy Hospital in the Auditorium at 211 Park Street on Thursday, June 9, 2022 from 7:30 am – 4:00 pm. To schedule your time to donate please visit

[www.ribc.org/drives](http://www.ribc.org/drives) to book, Sponsor Code 3046

### **DONATIONS BY APPOINTMENT!**

*(walk-ins will be welcomed if availability permits at time of arrival)*

***Eat, hydrate, bring identification with you.  
Masks required.***

As is recommended in the rubrics, during the Easter season we will be using the Apostles' Creed in lieu of the Nicene Creed. This briefer, earlier Creed is a good way for us to keep an ancient practice alive. The Apostles' Creed can be found on page 10 in the missalette. We will also use the Penitential Act found on page 4 and below.

### **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God,  
the Father Almighty,  
Creator of Heaven and earth;  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body  
and life everlasting.

Amen



- St. Ignatius of Loyola

### **Class of 2022**

Congratulations to all our local college graduates! We know this year's graduates faced many unique challenges in their collegiate experience. We celebrate your successes and pray for you and your families. ***May the gifts of the Holy Spirit continue to guide you go forward into the world!***



*Baptized  
in the name of the Father  
the Son  
and the Holy Ghost*

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### Scheduling Baptisms

Parents requesting the baptism of their child should be registered members of the parish who attend weekend Mass on a weekly basis. Baptisms are celebrated on Saturdays at 1:00 pm at 14 Park Street with a maximum of four families. Please contact Monica in the office via email ([stmaryna@noozi.com](mailto:stmaryna@noozi.com)) for more information and visit the parish website [www.saintmaryna.com](http://www.saintmaryna.com) and click on the "Sacraments" tab for more detailed information.

*What Are The Requirements To Be a Godparent or Sponsor?* If you have been asked to be a godparent, requirements set by the Roman Catholic Church are as follows: You must be a confirmed Catholic, at least 16 years old, registered in a parish and practicing your faith by regular participation at Mass. If you are married, your marriage must be recognized as valid by the Church. If you are currently a member of Transfiguration of the Lord Parish and have been asked to be a godparent, please see Father Rodney after Mass. You may contact the office for more information.

### Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal Catholic organization focused on Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. Council #330 has been serving the Catholic community of the Transfiguration of the Lord Parish since 1898. The Council is committed to assisting local causes that align with our Catholic values such as the Parish, St Mary-Sacred Heart School, Adopt-a-Family, and Abundant Hope.

If you are interested in becoming a member or have questions, please contact Jim Schromm at [jim.schromm@verizon.net](mailto:jim.schromm@verizon.net).



**There is still time!**

**St. John Neumann Parish Invites You  
36th LAKESIDE Family Festival**

Memorial Day weekend  
May 27<sup>th</sup> ~ May 30<sup>th</sup> 2022

**Hours of operation:**

**Friday May 27<sup>th</sup>: 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.**

**Sat and Sun: Noon to 11 p.m.**

**Monday May 30<sup>th</sup>: Noon to 5 p.m.**

*Rt. 18 – 157 Middleboro Rd.,  
East Freetown, Mass 02717*

**FREE ADMISSION!!**

*Come to the Festival for  
HUGE Barn Sale*

*Classic Car Show (on Sunday)*

*Games –Fun– Food- Raffle*

*Live Entertainment*

*Midway Rides*

Need more info? Go to

<http://sjnfreetown.org/lakeside-family-festival>



*David Dumont  
Doris Legg  
Jeanne Small  
Joseph Dery*

*Eternal rest grant unto our beloved dead,  
O Lord.*

*Let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest always in the loving arms of God*



## Readings for May 29

### Seventh Sunday of Easter

#### FIRST READING

##### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked up intently to heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and Stephen said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." But they cried out in a loud voice, covered their ears, and rushed upon him together. They threw him out of the city, and began to stone him. The witnesses laid down their cloaks at the feet of a young man named Saul. As they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he fell to his knees and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them;" and when he said this, he fell asleep.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R. The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.**

The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice;  
let the many islands be glad.

Justice and judgment are the foundation of  
his throne.

**R. The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.**

The heavens proclaim his justice,  
and all peoples see his glory.  
All gods are prostrate before him.

**R. The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.**

You, O LORD, are the Most High over all  
the earth,  
exalted far above all gods.

**R. The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.**

#### SECOND READING

##### A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, heard a voice saying to me: "Behold, I am coming soon. I bring with me the recompense I will give to each according to his deeds. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Blessed are they who wash their robes so as to have the right to the tree of life and enter the city through its gates.

"I, Jesus, sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the root and offspring of David, the bright morning star."

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." Let the hearer say, "Come." Let the one who thirsts come forward, and the one who wants it receive the gift of life-giving water.

The one who gives this testimony says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**





## **GOSPEL**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

† A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying: “Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me. Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me. I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them.”

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

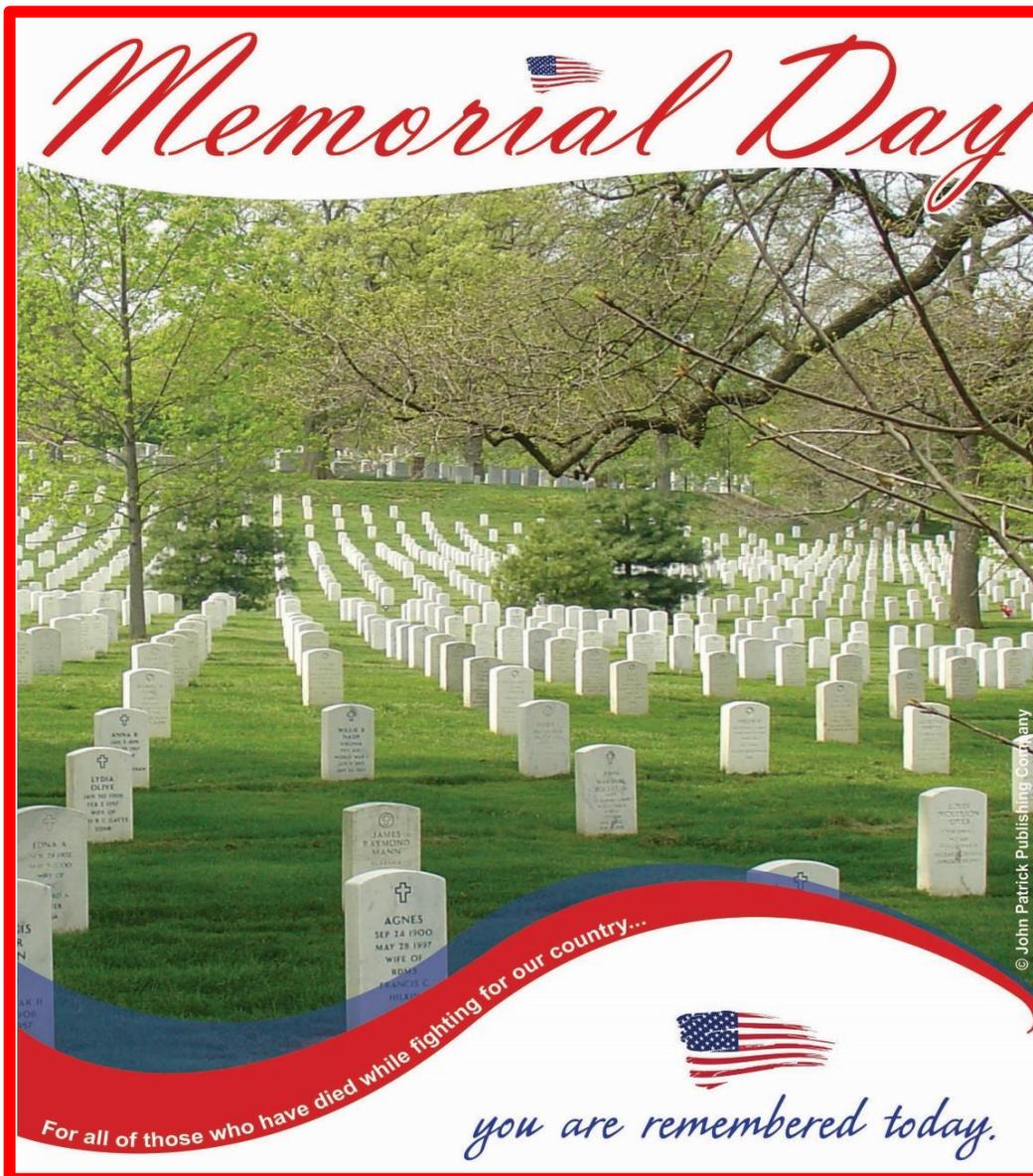
## **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

The paschal candle, blessed at the Easter Vigil, carried in procession into the darkened church, and aflame with the light of Christ to be passed hand to hand to renew our baptism, burns for the fifty days of Easter whenever we gather as Christ’s risen body. In the last fifty years, we have grown to see this candle as the sign of Christ’s enduring presence with us. Before then, it was often seen more as a kind of signpost pointing backwards to events in Christ’s life. Therefore, in some places, on the fortieth day after Easter, in order to portray the disappearance of Jesus at the Ascension, the candle was hidden.

Now we see the paschal candle as a sign of the great baptismal season of grace and it remains in a prominent place throughout the entire fifty days. We do know of some churches that did not hide the candle after the Ascension. In England before the Reformation, the candle was left in place for fifty days, since on Pentecost Eve there was a vigil, and the candle was used to consecrate the waters of the font. In Salisbury cathedral, the candle was thirty six feet high, and in Westminster Abbey weighed over three hundred pounds. On Pentecost, the candles were melted to make tapers for the funerals of the poor.

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*God of power and mercy,  
you destroy war and put down earthly pride.  
Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears,  
that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters.  
Keep in your mercy those men and women  
who have died in the cause of freedom  
and bring them safely  
into your kingdom of justice and peace.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen*

<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/prayer-memorial-day-last-monday-may>