

**From the  
Pastor's Desk**

Dear Parishioners,  
As our country celebrates Memorial Day this week, let us keep in our prayers all who have died in service to our country in the armed forces. Below is a poem, "The Peacemaker" written by Joyce Kilmer, a Catholic poet who was killed in action during the First World War, in honor of those who have died in defense of freedom:

*Upon his will he binds a radiant chain,  
For Freedom's sake he is no longer free.  
It is his task, the slave of Liberty,  
With his own blood to wipe away a stain.  
That pain may cease, he yields his flesh to pain.*

*To banish war, he must a warrior be.  
He dwells in Night, eternal Dawn to see,  
And gladly dies, abundant life to gain.*

*What matters Death, if Freedom be not dead?*

*No flags are fair, if Freedom's flag be furled.*

*Who fights for Freedom, goes with joyful tread*

*To meet the fires of Hell against him hurled,  
And has for captain Him whose thorn-wreathed head*

*Smiles from the Cross upon a conquered world.*

Let us especially appreciate and pray for all members of the armed forces who have died in recent service in Iraq and Afghanistan and pray for their loved ones who have been left behind. We also pray this weekend for all who currently serve in the military, especially those from our parish or connected to any of our parishioners as family and friends. We pray that we will one day know the world at peace and that all persons will come to know the peace that Jesus gives to us through his cross and resurrection, a peace that the world cannot

give.

Also, Memorial Day is an opportunity for us to remember all of the faithful departed in our prayers as we visit cemeteries to decorate the graves of our deceased loved ones with flowers. May we never forget to pray for the souls of all the faithful departed, not only on special days but each day of the year.

As we begin the summer vacation season with Memorial Day, I wish all of you an enjoyable summer.

God bless, Father Gutowski

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INTENTIONS****MAY 30 THRU JUNE 5**

Monday	Fr. James Kenny
Tuesday	Fr. Alaysius McMahon
Wednesday	Bill Biernbaum
Thursday	8 a.m. William Roth
	6 p.m. Ray & Mildred
	Peatrowsky
Friday	Catherine Heimes
Saturday	Shirley DiPasquale
Sunday	People of St. Joseph

**TODAY'S READINGS**

We are cautioned: "Be careful what you ask for - you might get it." During these last weeks of Easter, we pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit into our world. But the Spirit has been known to shake things up. Do we have the courage to pray for the Spirit's action in our lives even if it means we may give up the familiar and the comfortable?