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## Memorial Day

Dear Parishioners:

On this Memorial Day weekend, it is good for us to pray for all our military personnel who gave their lives so we could live in freedom. Originally established in 1868 to honor those who fell in the Civil War, Congress made it a national holiday in 1971 to honor all who have made the ultimate sacrifice for love of homeland and country.

Storyteller William Bausch has a wonderful reflection about the famous ship, the Queen Mary, apropos the theme of Memorial Day. The Queen Mary was built in Scotland and launched in 1934. Her maiden voyage was May 27, 1936 from Southampton England to New York, a passage accomplished in a record five days. At the height of its glory, it carried over 2,000 passengers serviced by a crew of over 1,000. It was the premier luxury liner of all time.

Something changed all that, however. When World War II broke out, the Queen Mary underwent a transformation. Because its four 40,000-horsepower turbine steam engines could outrun German U-boats, it became a military transport. Servicing the war effort, it traveled more than 600,000 miles and carried over 800,000 troops. One historic journey in 1943 included passenger Winston Churchill and 5,000 German prisoners of war. Quite a history.

The story of the Queen Mary has three lessons. First, on this Memorial Day weekend, it is a reminder of all those men and women whose lives, like the Queen Mary, were changed when war broke out. They all knew that like the mighty ship, they had their choice of comfort or service. And now, just as the Queen Mary sits at the dock in Santa Monica CA as a reminder of its former glory, so American citizens honor our monuments, celebrate our holidays, and recall our memories of the price of liberty and those who paid for it with their blood.

The story of the Queen Mary functions on a second, personal level. It's a paradigm for what happens to ordinary people who start out with so much promise. Then as life goes on, the unexpected comes along that demands adaptations. For example, people don't bargain for their personal wars – sickness, depression, a divorce, a child on drugs, financial setback, loss, widowhood, the relentless ravages of time and aging – any more than the Queen Mary bargained for a global war. But there they are.

Suddenly, you have a choice. Keep looking back, like an aging movie star loading makeup on a face that won't lie anymore. Or, like the Queen Mary, learn to adapt creatively, that is, in ways that bless others and stretch your identity.

Finally, the Queen Mary story functions as a challenge. The challenge is that your present choices are creating your future. How you live and work now constitutes your identity – your enduring values that make you who you are. The Queen Mary never dreamed it would be anything except a playground for the rich and famous. But when the war broke out and service was demanded, the Queen Mary came through. People remember that, which is why we have memorial days. A terrible war intruded, but a ship responded to the moment. Likewise, our challenge is to respond to new chapters in our lives.

One way to sum this all up is to remember Steven Spielberg's *Saving Private Ryan*. A squadron of young soldiers embarks on a mission to find one soldier behind enemy lines and bring him home. Most of the young men in the squadron, including the captain, die in the rescue attempt. As he lies dying, the captain's last words to Ryan are, "Earn this."

Many years later, Private Ryan, now an old man, visits the grave of his captain. As he kneels at the grave, he

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### Today's Readings:

Acts	15:1-2, 22-29
Revelation	21:10-14, 22-23
John	14:23-29

### Next Sunday's Readings:

Acts	1:1-11
Hebrews	9:24-28; 10:19-23
Luke	24:46-53

*Preaching Next Sunday:*  
*Fr. Michael Weiler, S.J.*

### Mass Schedule:

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:00PM  
**Sunday:** 8:00AM & 10:30AM  
**Sunday Contemplative:** 7:30PM  
**Daily:** Monday 8:00AM in church  
 Tuesday - Friday 8:00AM La Storta Chapel  
**Centering Prayer:** Friday 7:00AM  
**Anointing Mass:** First Friday 8:00AM  
**First Saturday Mass:** 8:00AM  
**Reconciliation:** Saturday 3:30-4:30PM  
 or by appointment with a priest

says “Not a day goes by I don’t think about what happened . . . . And I just want you to know . . . I’ve tried. Tried to live my life the best I could. I hope that’s enough. I didn’t invent anything. I didn’t cure any diseases. I worked a farm. I raised a family. I lived a life. I only hope, in your eyes at least, I earned what you did for me.”

A good sentiment for us today on Memorial Day. A hoped-for sentiment for someone tomorrow who will remember us.

**Fr. Craig Boly, S.J.**  
**Pastor**



**ST. IGNATIUS SCHOOL**

If you’ve never attended a school event or visited the school, next week is your week! We hope you will join us for some of these events and see the great work being done at our parish school.

**Academic Fair:** Thursday, May 30, 5:30 p.m. All students will have work on display. Don’t miss the incredible Cardboard Arcade, a working arcade of simple machines designed by our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. Our 7<sup>th</sup> graders will become notable people in history for you to meet. And if you really want to know what a St. Ignatius education means to kids, sit in on a Gallery of the Graduate presentation. Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders each study an artist and then create and present 4 pieces in the style of that artist. Each of their pieces reflect on how they have been shaped by our 4 learning expectations. This is inspiring and poignant work from our graduates just before the move on to high school. We hope you will join us.

**Spring Concert,** Friday, May 31, 2:15: All our welcome to a fun and relaxed afternoon concert featuring our K-5<sup>th</sup> graders.

**Play It Forward Benefit Concert,** Saturday, June 1, 1-4: We hope you are planning on joining this community celebration to unveil plans for greening our play space. Free entry, great music, food and drink for purchase and a paddle raise to kick off our fundraiser. We have the opportunity to meet a \$20,000 dollar for dollar match from the School Foundation and an anonymous donor. We hope you will come and Play it Forward!

Blessings on your week!

**Kelli Clark**  
**Principal**



**Our Children’s Trust Lawsuit**

Youth activists are joining together, fighting for their generation’s future and the future of our planet. The Juliana v. United States trial will be held on Tuesday, June 4th in PDX—organizers are hosting a rally and live-stream downtown. In support of these youth working towards eco-justice, we will set up a table on the plaza after morning masses, Sunday, June 2nd, with resources and information on ways you can get involved, as well as sign making materials if you’d like to participate in June 4th’s rally.

Learn more about the lawsuit here: <https://www.youthvgov.org/>

**A warm  
welcome  
to all our guests.**

**We are so happy you are here  
to celebrate with us!**

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card in the offering basket with your  
information, or visit us online at  
<http://www.sipdx.org/about>

**Mass Intentions**

Monday	May 27	† Joseph Louise Markovic
Tuesday	May 28	† Geri Braun
Wednesday	May 29	† Vincent Erving
Thursday	May 30	† Fr. Ron Millican
Friday	May 31	† Jim Emig

**We remember all lives lost fighting for our country and our freedom.**

**A Family of Faith: Register now for next year's Family Faith Formation program**

You are invited to join us for this exciting new family faith education model. Parents meet monthly to delve into the topic of the month and are given resources to integrate and teach the topic in their home. Families gather for a monthly meeting for review, fun and fellowship. Cost is \$50 for the year and includes a parent guide and children's activity book (financial assistance is available). For more information or to register, visit our website, the church vestibule or contact Beth Schaller at [bschaller@sipdx.org](mailto:bschaller@sipdx.org).

**Enneagram & Marriage: Part 3 – Subtypes  
June 2, 4:30-7:00 p.m. Loyola Jesuit Center**

Join Joseph & Grace Byrd for a further exploration of this spiritual tool in your marriage. All are welcome – newcomers as well as those who attended previous workshops. We will learn about the “Subtypes” and have time for dialogue with our partner and the group. You are invited to bring a snack and adult beverage to share. Cost is \$10/couple. Childcare available. Register online through Realm or contact Beth Schaller: [bschaller@sipdx.org](mailto:bschaller@sipdx.org).

**Place Your Order for Confirmation Photos**

Confirmation Families! If you would like to purchase either a group or an individual picture of the Confirmation Celebration please place your order on the sign-up sheet at the information desk. All orders must be placed, and money received by June 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Fundraiser for Our Lady of Sorrows**

Our Lady of Sorrows is hosting a used book sale. All proceeds will go towards the parish Property Development Fund. Over 8,000 items available—books, DVDs, Vinyl and CDs of all genres. Saturday and Sunday, June 1 & 2, 9:30 AM to 4 PM in the Parish Gym. 5239 SE Woodstock Blvd, Portland, OR. Contact Evelyn Brush at [ebrush@olspdx.org](mailto:ebrush@olspdx.org) or call (503) 775-6731 ext. 102.

**Hiring Part-time Paid Position:  
Event Coordinator**

St. Ignatius is seeking an Event Coordinator. This person, or team of persons, would act as the primary contact/s overseeing events at the parish, from set up through clean up. For more information, including a job description, please see Joseph Byrd, Parish Administrator, or e-mail [jbyrd@sipdx.org](mailto:jbyrd@sipdx.org).

**Monday Adoration**

We are in need of a few volunteers for Monday Adoration. There is a 3 PM timeslot and 4 PM timeslot open. Please call the office if you can volunteer or need more information, (503) 777-1491.

**Play It Forward!  
For a greener, safer play space!**



**Saturday, June 1st 1-4 P.M.  
Benefit Concert with The Tree Frogs!**

This is a time for **everyone** to come and share in the vision of a greener, more sustainable campus for the next generation. Come see the concept drawings for a greener play space and **help us raise the paddle** to make this a reality for all of our kids!

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A full list of staff & council members is located on our webpage at [www.sipdx.org/parish-staff](http://www.sipdx.org/parish-staff)

**St. Andrew's Nativity:  
Volunteers Needed**

The Graduate Support office at St. Andrew's Nativity is looking for volunteers to be a part of the **Nativity Scholars College & Career Coaching Program**. We are looking for “Coaches” to support a Nativity graduate in the process of planning and preparing for future success, from high school through post-secondary transitions. Ideally, Coaches will be educators or former educators with experience working with high school- or college-aged students. Anyone interested please email Brianna Hennessy at [bhennessy@nativityportland.org](mailto:bhennessy@nativityportland.org) or call at (503) 335-9600.

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