



This Memorial Day, as we remember the men and women who gave their lives for our freedom, let us never forget that it was God and faith in Him that made us strong.

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The Story behind "Taps"

(from the book of Christian Clippings)

It all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when the Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land.

During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moan of a soldier who lay mortally wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention.

Crawling on his stomach through gunfire, the captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment. When the captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead. The captain lit a lantern.

Suddenly, he caught his breath and went numb with the shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, he enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial despite his enemy status. His request was partially granted. The captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for the son at the funeral. The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate.

Out of respect for the father, they granted him the services of one musician. The captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of his dead son's uniform. The wish was granted.

The music was the haunting melody, that is used at all military funerals, known as "Taps." The words to Taps are as follows:

"Day is done; Gone the sun
From the hills, From the sky.
All is well. Safely rest.
God is nigh.

To All Who Have Served Our Country,
"Thank You."

40th Anniversary of the Ordination to the Priesthood of Rev. Harry Ringenberger



Congratulations

Thank you, Father Harry, for all you have given to Our Lord and His children during your life. May God Bless you with many more years of service.

In honor of this happy occasion, a reception in his honor will be held in the Parish hall on Sunday May 24 following the 12:30PM Mass.

BRICK GARDEN

Think of that special someone, anniversary birth, death, etc. and consider ordering now so that your brick may have a special place in the Garden.

For more information contact **Barbara Scerbo**, Garden Chairman, 954: 563-3735-cell or 954: 610-5641 - BSCERBO1935@AOL.COM.

Annual Red Mass & Dinner June 4

St. Thomas More Society of south Florida, 2009 Annual Red Mass at St. Anthony, 6:00PM, Reception at the Marriott Harbor Beach Resort, 7:30PM & Dinner 8:30PM. Guest Speaker: Cardinal Theodore Edgar McCarrick, Cardinal, Archbishop Emeritus of Washington, D.C. For information call 954: 776-1600.

BINGO

Every Thursday

All parishioners and friends of St. Pius are invited to attend **every Thursday. Doors open at 5:30PM**

Progressive Game

Early bird starts at 6:30PM

Regular Bingo at 7:00PM

Snack Bar serves coffee, tea, hot chocolate, popcorn, hot dogs and a variety of sweets.

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St. Pius X Perpetual Memorial Appeal

Brochures are on the tables at the church entrance. For information, contact **Joe Scerbo 954-401-6428.**

The Sanctuary Lamp signals the Eucharistic presence of the Lord Jesus in the tabernacle and burns continuously for 7 days. You may have the sanctuary lamp memorialized for either a sick person, a deceased loved one, or a special intention, for a weekly donation of \$10.00. Please call the parish office to reserve a specific date.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in the Church in memory of **Gertrude Michon** and in the Chapel for the intention of **Olivia Souza.**

Prayer Request for the sick...

Florence Demchur, Skip Thompson, Jim McNamara, Olivia Souza, Jim Caggiano, Teri Terlizzi, Mercine Hennesey, Maria Rodrigues, Mary Finucane, Isabella Hurtado, Mary Elizabeth Catanzaro, Sal Ohayon, Pegi Doyle, Gloria Wyers and Stephen Hlavaty.

Prayer Requests for the deceased...

Lysa L'Efperance and Kathleen M. Kienzle.

Our Parish Web Site

Be sure to visit our web site and get "Alka-Seltzer For the Soul" free every Monday.

<http://www.saintpiusthetenth.org>.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY – MAY 23rd

4:00PM **Vennard & Baldini Families**

5:30PM **Ellen Meister**

SUNDAY – MAY 24th

8:00AM **Bob Ericksen**

9:30AM **CCD Children**

11:00AM **Vincent Smaldone**

12:30PM **James J. McGarry, III**

MONDAY – MAY 25th

8:00AM **Mary Gillan**

9:00AM **Joseph Chernik**

TUESDAY – MAY 26th

8:00AM **Particia Gill, Patricia Buguey and Laura Jane McElfresh**

9:00AM **Angelina & Joseph Leone**

WEDNESDAY – MAY 27th

8:00AM **Marian & Edward Stitzell**

9:00AM **Intention of Violetta & Giuseppe Sica**

THURSDAY – MAY 28th

8:00AM **Mary Gillan**

9:00AM **Yolanda Calero**

FRIDAY – MAY 29th

8:00AM **John Boutchie**

9:00AM **John Kish**

SATURDAY – MAY 30th

8:00AM **Marian & Edward Stitzell**

9:00AM **Chris McDonald**

FOOD FOR THOUGHT.....

Life is not a problem to be solved, but a gift to be enjoyed.

There is an ingredient that enhances all medicines...
...hope.

Please Note: The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day.



We hope you have a "great"
MEMORIAL DAY.