

Cost of Patriotism Will be Focus of Memorial Day Ceremonies;

Festivities Slated to Kick Off at 9 a.m. at World War I Monument

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The Cost of Patriotism will be the focus of the Memorial Day address given by the Reverend Donald K. Hummel, Parochial Vicar of St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield and member of the West Fields Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (S.A.R.), which will start immediately following the annual parade at the Colonial Cemetery on Mountain Avenue this Monday, May 31.

The ceremony, sponsored by both the Sons and Daughters of the Ameri-

can Revolution, West Fields chapter, will be a traditional observance in memory of veterans of the Revolution and other wars.

According to Father Hummel, the address, will focus on the price that many paid for the freedom won in past wars and for the freedom stated in the Declaration of Independence. Father Hummel noted that men who won the purple heart "for emeritus service" pledged their lives for freedom as well as the gentlemen whose names appear on the Declaration of Independence, pledging their "lives, fortune and sacred honor," before

signing the document.

Father Hummel stated that this year marks the 200th anniversary of George Washington's death and commented that the address would also include a talk about his many known contributions.

He stated that Washington led the Revolutionary Army because he "believed in the cause" even though he felt that he wasn't schooled properly in strategic tactics necessary to be a general. Father Hummel also noted that the purple heart has a bust of George Washington on it.

According to John Lawson, Cap-

tain of the S.A.R. West Fields Color Guard, more than 100 veterans of all wars are interred in the Colonial Cemetery and grave locations have been marked with flags.

There are 70 Revolutionary War soldiers buried as well as approximately 25 World War II and later servicemen. Graves also include soldiers from the French and Indian War, the War of 1812 and the Civil War.

The Memorial Day Parade, sponsored by the Martin Wallberg Post No. 3 of American Legion as well as the Westfield Chapter of Veterans of

Foreign Wars (VFW), will start at 9 a.m. at the Monument to Veterans of World War I at the intersection of East Broad Street and North Avenue.

Opening and welcoming remarks will be heard from Edward Renfree, this year's Westfield Memorial Day Parade Committee Chairman; Peter Hogaboom, Commander of the American Legion Martin Wallberg Post No. 3, and Mayor Thomas C. Jardim.

Dr. Marty Cohen, Commander of the Westfield VFW and Robert Farley, Commander for the VFW in