

Ranger Rosaries go with the men and women of the Armed Forces wherever they are deployed. But this rosary is a little more special:

"We took a Ranger Rosary to place on the grave of a friend's brother killed in France on D-Day (June 6, 1944). Due to severe weather the night before, the cemetery was closed. Instead, the group leader held a ceremony on Omaha Beach. The flowers we were going to place on the graves we left on the beach or at water's edge.

Our group leaders read a touching letter showing the French gratitude for the sacrifices made in Normandy. It ended, "We are the children and grandchildren you never had. For that, merci."

Here is a picture of Omaha beach and the monument there. I placed the rosary with the flower on the beach. I will give the rosary to my friend, who knows that it made its way to Normandy to remember his brother. Thanks again.

p.s. I will use the Ranger Rosary next Mass instead of my own so it has some prayers on it."



Ranger Rosary is an all-volunteer ministry that started right here at St. Mary's. We have grown to include many churches and individuals around the country.

Next weekend is our once-a-year fund raiser. This is our only source of funds from the Parish. We are so appreciative of your support over the years. Your fellow parishioners will be standing outside after each Mass with rosaries, prayer cards, and envelopes to collect donations. Thank you for your generosity!