

# MARIAN MIRACLES MARK MEMORIAL DAY

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It defies rational explanation, but then again not everything worth believing passes the rational smell test. We're not talking about magic; we're talking about miracles. Magic involves tricks. Miracles do not—they involve divine inspiration, which is beyond ordinary comprehension.

Memorial Day is defined by one AI platform as “a time for remembrances and reflection, often marked by stories of miraculous events and divine interventions.” Not bad for a robot.

It is worth nothing this Memorial Day two recent news stories which are believable to Catholics, if not to those whose only God is science (yet some inexplicably insist there are 59 different genders). The stories speak to death and destruction.

[In March](#), John Petrovich was doing his Saturday morning run in a Pittsburgh neighborhood when he passed a house where there was an ambulance in the driveway. As was his wont, he made the Sign of the Cross and said a “Hail Mary.”

Several days later he ran by the same house and a woman at the edge of the driveway waved to him and asked him to stop. She thanked him for saving her life. He was puzzled and asked how this happened.

She said that when he first ran by her house, she felt she was dying, but before she landed in a hospital bed “she got a vision of Jesus who came to her, and said, ‘It’s okay. Everything is going to be fine. You’re going to be fine because this person prayed for you.’” She continued, saying,

“On the palm of his hand was your face—on Jesus’ hand. And I thought, ‘I have to thank you for saving my life.’” He was speechless.

[On May 10](#), there was a big fire at Mother of Christ Specialist Hospital in the Diocese of Enugu; it is named after the Nigerian town. Just about everything was lost for good. The reception area, administrative offices, the doctor’s lounge, etc. were leveled. Computers, printers, scanners and documents were all destroyed, as were televisions, refrigerators and furniture of all sorts. But not everything was decimated.

A prized statue of Our Blessed Mother, one that was passed from one department to another for devotional practices every three months, survived intact amid the flames.

One of the nuns, Maria, was struck by what happened. Her own office was also spared. “No smell of smoke, no flame, nothing. I started shouting, crying, and singing because I realized this was a great miracle.” She said this incident had a great effect on Protestants, not just Catholics in the area. She concluded, “Those who did not believe in the intercession of Mary should know that she is still interceding for us.”

Memorial Day honors those who gave their lives to protect our freedom. For Catholics, we also have some miraculous events to ponder.