

# MAY

May is **National Hamburger Month**  
**Asian/Pacific/American Heritage Month - Celebration of Asian and Pacific Islanders in the U.S.**  
**Mental Health Awareness Month**

## May Holiday

Memorial Day Last Monday in May (Decoration Day – prior to 1971 it was celebrated on May 30)

## Events in May

Kentucky Derby 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in May  
Mother's Day 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in May  
World Fair Trade Day 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in May  
Bike-to-Work Week 3<sup>rd</sup> Week in May  
Indianapolis 500 Sunday before Memorial Day

May 01 May Day  
May 03 National Day of Prayer & World Press Freedom Day  
May 05 Cinco de Mayo  
May 06 National Nurse's Day  
May 07 Childhood Depression Awareness Day  
May 08 Teacher's Day & World Red Cross Day  
May 10 National Receptionist Day  
May 12 International Nurses' Day  
May 15 International Day of Families  
May 16 Wear Purple for Peace Day  
May 17 Ascension Day  
May 18 International Museum Day  
May 19 Bike-to-Work Day  
May 19 Armed Forces Day  
May 20 Flower Day  
May 21 National Waiter/Waitress Day  
May 22 National Maritime Day  
May 23 Shavuot & World Turtle Day  
May 24 Escargot Day  
May 25 National Missing Children's Day  
May 27 Pentecost Day

## Symbols

May Birthstone is the Emerald  
May Flower is the Lily of the Valley and Hawthorn  
May Bird is the Nightingale

## Dates to Remember

May 01, 1886 Strike for the 8-hour day involves 340,000 workers. After Chicago police attack marchers three days later, this is commemorated as the first International Workers' Day

May 01, 1830 Mother Jones' birthday

May 01, 1942 President Franklin Roosevelt seizes struck mines.

May 02, 1968 Dodge Revolutionary Union Movement (DRUM), an organization of African American auto workers, stages wildcat strike against speedup and racism.

May 04, 1970 Ohio National Guard kills four students and wounds thirteen at anti-war protest at Kent State University.

May 07, 1882 U.S. Congress passes the Chinese Exclusion Act requiring IDs and barring citizenship for Chinese immigrants.

- May 07, 1868 Students and workers rebel in Paris, France over over-crowded schools, low wages, and other grievances.
- May 08, 1945 End of WWII in Germany
- May 17, 1954 U.S. Supreme Court outlaws segregation in public schools.
- May 20, 1920 Socialist Party nominates Eugene Debs for U.S. President. He is the first to mount a campaign from jail. He runs on the slogan, "From the Prison to the White House".
- May 24, 1921 Trial of anarchist labor organizers Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti begins.
- May 29, 1968 Poor People's Campaign begins in Washington, DC.