Parishioners should show patriotism

I was saddened to see many parishioners exiting the church this July 4th holiday weekend during the last song of the Mass, "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies." Because the song is a patriotic selection, I thought that everyone would stay and give their respect, especially since we were only going to sing two verses. My hope is that the message will get out as to how important it is to take an extra minute or two to wait, and pay tribute to all of those who have lost their lives building this great nation and keeping it safe.