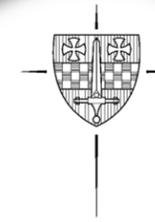
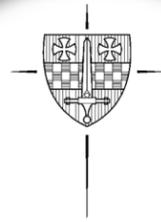


Diocesan Cemetery Directory

2019 Newsletter

Our Mission

To perform the Corporal Work of Mercy of burying the dead and to care for their resting places; to preserve, promote and protect the Church's teachings on death and resurrection; and to console the bereaved.



All Saints Catholic Cemetery

1560 Brinton Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15221-4899
412-271-5950

Calvary Catholic Cemetery

718 Hazelwood Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15217-2807
412-421-9959

Christ Our Redeemer Catholic Cemetery

204 Cemetery Lane
Pittsburgh, PA 15237-2722
412-931-2206

Good Shepherd Catholic Cemetery

733 Patton Street
Monroeville, PA 15146-4530
412-824-0355

Holy Savior Catholic Cemetery

4629 Bakerstown Road
Gibsonia, PA 15044-8993
724-625-3822

Holy Souls Catholic Cemetery

Campbells Run Road
Robinson Township, PA 15205
724-695-2999

Mount Carmel Catholic Cemetery

7601 Mount Carmel Road
Verona, PA 15147-1518
412-241-1260

Our Lady of Hope Catholic Cemetery

1898 Bakerstown Road
Tarentum, PA 15084-3213
724-224-2785

Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery

2900 Washington Road
McMurray, PA 15317-3278
724-941-7601

Resurrection Catholic Cemetery

100 Resurrection Road
Moon Township, PA 15108-7759
724-695-2999

Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery

97 Sacred Heart Road
Monongahela, PA 15063-9605
724-258-2885

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

1443 Lincoln Road
North Versailles, PA 15137-2448
412-823-9111

St. Mary Catholic Cemetery

Penn Avenue & 45th Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15224
412-421-9959

St. Stanislaus Catholic Cemetery

700 Soose Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15209-1544
412-821-4324

THE CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION

of the Diocese of Pittsburgh

My dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Our Catholic cemeteries are sacred places of mercy, healing, strength, joy, faith and hope. They are very special places where we can visit, pray and lovingly remember the faithfully departed and all of the special moments that we shared together in life. Burial in a Catholic cemetery is a demonstration of our faith and belief that we will be resurrected on the last day and welcomed into Christ's loving arms.

It is with that in mind that I wanted to touch on the topic of cremation. As many of you know, the Catholic Church has approved cremation since 1963 and the cremated remains of the faithful are to be treated with the same dignity and respect as the burial of a body.

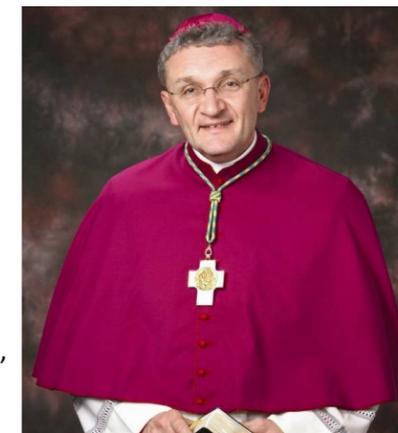
As stated in the *Order of Christian Funerals*, "The cremated remains of a body should be treated with the same respect given to the human body from which they come. This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport and the final disposition. The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains in the home of a relative of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the church requires" (*Order*, p. 417).

In death as in life, all of the faithfully departed are to be treated lovingly with the dignity and respect that our Catholic faith requires. If you are considering cremation or if you have the cremated remains of a loved one in your home or somewhere other than in a Catholic cemetery, I encourage you to visit one of our Catholic cemeteries today and learn how they may assist you.

Grateful for our continued efforts together in being *On Mission for the Church Alive!*, and for our belief that "Nothing is Impossible with God," I am

your brother in Christ,

Most Reverend David A. Zubik
Bishop of Pittsburgh



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We believe the body is sacred and that it will be raised on the last day and reunited with its immortal soul.

Cemetery Rules and Regulations

In the spirit of maintaining the sacred nature and dignity of the Catholic cemetery, the following will be enforced. We ask for your understanding and your cooperation.

Not Permitted:

- Planting or decorating during the general cemetery cleanup occurring in the month of March.
- Any shrubs, trees or bushes.
- Anything that represents a safety hazard such as: statues, borders, decorative stones, fencing, wire, toys, glass, rocks, bottles, cans, plaques, ornaments and wood.
- Flowers or objects that are unsightly or detract from the spiritual setting of a Catholic cemetery.
- Pets, bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades, trail vehicles, littering and loitering.
- Hanging items on tree branches.
- Regrettably, we cannot be responsible for anything placed at the grave or crypt site.

Permitted:

- Planting in approved planting bed up to one foot in front of memorial. Area is to be maintained free of weeds and grass.
- Artificial flowers:
 - in approved vases
 - in approved planting beds
 - on an upright memorialFaded, rotten or worn flowers will be removed.
- Christmas decorations from the first Sunday in Advent to February 28.
- Easter decorations from the first Sunday in Lent through Ascension Thursday.
- Other holiday decorations such as Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day and All Souls Day.
- Approved solar vigil lights.

Catholic Funeral Rites

What makes a funeral "Catholic?" In the following paragraphs we identify the three essential elements of a "Catholic" funeral service. These are the three "stations" or "stops" on the journey between the death of a Catholic and burial.

The Vigil for the Deceased is "the principal rite celebrated by the Christian community in the time following death and before the funeral liturgy." (OCF, 54) In this gathering, "the Christian community keeps watch with the family in prayer to the God of mercy and finds strength in Christ's presence." (OCF, 56) This pause (or "station") in the journey of bereavement often gathers the community at the funeral home – though the celebration may also take place at the family home or even on the property of the parish church.

The Funeral Liturgy is "the central liturgical celebration

of the Christian community for the deceased." (OCF, 128) Whenever possible, this rite includes the celebration of the Mass. Sometimes, however, because of certain holy days or the particular circumstances of the family, the funeral will take the form of a liturgy of the Word outside of Mass. In either case, this gathering has a serious purpose, but it is also filled with the presence of Christ.

The Rite of Committal "is the final act of the community of faith in caring for the body of its deceased member." (OCF, 204) It is celebrated at the place of burial or entombment. With prayer and song and a brief scriptural reflection, the family and the community of faith let go of the earthly remains of the departed. The coffin (or the urn of cremated remains) is set with reverence in its final resting place – awaiting "the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting." (The Apostles Creed)

The Right of Burial

Who owns it?

One does not "own" graves or crypts in the same manner in which one owns real estate. Those who acquire grave or crypt spaces acquire an easement or right to use those spaces for the interment of human remains, but they do not actually acquire ownership of the physical property. The one to whom the easement has been granted (the "owner") has the right to do a number of things related to the burial space(s):

- The owner of the easement can direct who may be buried in the space(s) and who may not. No one can use the space(s) without the easement owner's permission.

- The owner can allocate individual grave or crypt spaces to specific people. If the owner dies without making a specific assignment for all the spaces, it can create confusion and problems in the family for future burials.

- The owner can transfer their right of burial to another family member or to any other person as long as they are eligible to be buried in a Catholic cemetery.

It is important to keep in mind that cemetery easements do not pass automatically as part of a deceased person's estate. Owners must specifically bequeath the right of burial to another person by "specific devise" in the Will, that is, in writing, specifically identifying the location of the cemetery property to be bequeathed. If no such specific devise is mentioned, then all blood heirs of the deceased owner have an equal right to use the cemetery property in order of need. The spouses of these heirs; however, do not have an inherent right of burial. They must receive written permission for burial either from the owner during his or her lifetime, or from the blood heirs of the owner after the original owner's death. If you own multiple spaces for in-ground burial or crypts for above-ground entombment, we strongly encourage you to file a written assignment for the use of those spaces with the cemetery office. For more information on this important topic call us, toll free, at 1-877-886-7526.

Did You Know?

Resting Places for our Veterans

In recognition of the sacrifices made for us by our veterans, The Catholic Cemeteries Association provides resting places in each of the diocesan cemeteries honoring those who have faithfully served our country.

The Association has also established two new sections to honor our veterans, one in Queen of Heaven Cemetery in McMurray and the other in Good Shepherd Cemetery in Monroeville. These sections are unique in that they not only provide space for the veteran and spouse, but for other family members as well.

These sections are both named after Saint Michael the Archangel, the leader of the celestial armies and the Patron Saint of soldiers. A beautiful granite memorial located in each section recognizes the priceless contributions these veterans have made to their country. Features of the memorial include insignias of the six branches of the Armed Services, etchings of scenes from some of the major conflicts in which the United States has been involved and a Roll of Honor, in which the names of veterans can be permanently inscribed.

Veterans who are honorably discharged are entitled to a free burial space in Saint Michael the Archangel sections.



Queen of Heaven Cemetery Veterans Monument