

THE CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION

of the Diocese of Pittsburgh

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At The Catholic Cemeteries Association our Mission is to administer the Corporal Work of Mercy of burying the dead, and to care for their resting places, preserve, promote and protect the Church's teachings on death and resurrection and console the bereaved and encourage prayers for the deceased, especially in our Catholic Cemeteries.



THIS MONTH'S NOTABLE BURIAL



John G. Gertsch

September, 29th 1944 - July, 19th 1969
Christ Our Redeemer Cemetery

VIETNAM CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT. HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY DURING THE WAR IN VIETNAM AS A STAFF SERGEANT IN COMPANY E, 1ST BATTALION, 327TH INFANTRY, 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION. WITHOUT S/SGT. GERTSCH'S COURAGE, ABILITY TO INSPIRE OTHERS, AND PROFOUND CONCERN FOR THE WELFARE OF HIS MEN, THE LOSS OF LIFE AMONG HIS FELLOW SOLDIERS WOULD HAVE BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY GREATER. HIS CONSPICUOUS GALLANTRY, EXTRAORDINARY HEROISM, AND INTREPIDITY AT THE COST OF HIS LIFE, ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY, ARE IN THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE U.S. ARMY AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT ON HIM AND THE ARMED FORCES OF HIS COUNTRY. HIS NAME CAN BE FOUND ON THE VIETNAM MEMORIAL IN WASHINGTON, DC ON PANEL 20W, ROW 019.

SPRING FLORAL PROGRAM AVAILABLE NOW!

Remember a loved one by having flowers placed at a relative's niche, mausoleum or gravesite. Our floral program will give you and your family the peace of mind in knowing that there will be beautiful bouquets placed for your loved one for the holiday season. All Christmas decorations will remain on the grave or crypt/niche site until the first week of March — the beginning of our spring clean-up.

To order use the "Find A Loved One" search feature on our website to locate your loved one. Once found, click the blue order flowers button. All orders for wreaths and floral arrangements must be used and placed on grave sites or crypt/niche fronts at one of The Catholic Cemeteries Association's Diocesan Cemeteries.

Visit link below for more information:

[Find Out More](#)





CONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN!

Construction has begun for the new Saint Michael the Archangel Mausoleum at Resurrection Cemetery. Saint Michael the Archangel Mausoleum will include 709 total crypts and 292 total niches. A rear landscaped exterior patio will contain 144 niches with a peaceful reflecting wall. We are excited to see this beautiful mausoleum come to life. Please contact us for availability and more information.



Resurrection Catholic Cemetery & Mausoleum

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Phone: 724-695-2999
Email: resurrection@ccapgh.org

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“Your staff was very helpful to us while we went through my Grandma's passing I am truly thankful! The entire staff was wonderful and I wish you all the best. I am so pleased my family is there with you all.”

-Annie

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

Although the recent weather may not feel like Spring, warmer weather is coming and so is our annual Cemetery Clean Up! As a reminder to our families, we will begin removing items from all lots starting on Monday, March 1st. If you would like to keep something, please make sure to take a few moments to visit the cemetery to retrieve your items.

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 memorial
- Faded, 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.

WE ARE STILL OFFERING VIRTUAL APPOINTMENTS!

Contact any of our Cemetery
Offices for more information.



Phase Two of Holy Savior Cemetery Mausoleum is Almost Complete!



Construction for the 2nd phase of the Holy Savior Mausoleum is nearing completion! The new addition will have restroom facilities and include 1,010 crypt spaces and 456 niche spaces for cremation.

For information and availability in this beautiful addition please contact Holy Savior Catholic Cemetery. In addition to Holy Savior's impressive mausoleum, Holy Savior Cemetery is our only cemetery with a green burial option. This section is named Saint Francis of Assisi Green Burial Section, in honor of the Saint's love of creation and all natural things.

Holy Savior Catholic Cemetery &
Mausoleum
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Employee Spotlight:



W. Michael Saul

We would like to welcome our new Controller, Michael Saul to the CCA family. He joined us in August 2021. Michael graduated from Saint Vincent College with a degree in Accounting. He is also a CPA with an impressive work history. He has two children in college and lives with his wife in Ross Township. His community volunteering includes Boy Scout Troop Treasurer and Assistant Girls Softball Coach.

Welcome Michael!

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

On behalf of everyone at The Catholic Cemeteries Association I would like to welcome you to our Spring Newsletter!

This is an exciting time of year with Easter fast approaching. It is also a time to reflect upon and pray for all of our loved ones who have died and joined Jesus in the glories of Heaven.

All of our cemetery locations have begun preparations for our annual spring cleaning in anticipation of your visits. We look forward to seeing you this spring and summer. All of our offices are there to assist you with any and all questions that you may have. Please feel free to stop in, enjoy a cup of coffee and visit with our staff. They would love to see you!

May God bless you and your family.

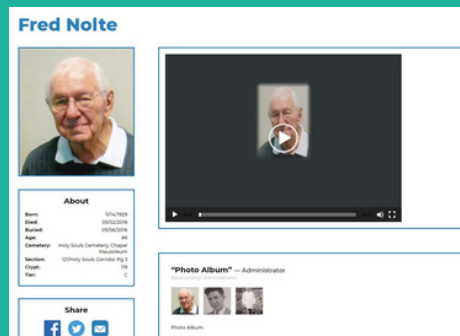
Michael Sinnott
Executive Director

FIND YOUR LOVED ONE BY USING OUR WEBSITE!

The Find A Loved One search feature on our website is a great way of locating family members.

Once you have found your loved one using our search feature you are able to order seasonal floral arrangements as well as add to and view their memorial page.

Creating a memorial page for your loved ones is a great way to house memories and pictures in one place for family and friends to enjoy and share.



Find A Loved One

THE SEASON OF LENT IS UPON US!

Ash Wednesday starts Lent by focusing the Christian's heart on repentance and prayer, usually through personal and communal confession. We are reminded of the intense and painful journey that Christ underwent. Just as Christ was strengthened by God's love, so are we strengthened by both God's love and by the love of our dearly departed. When we walk through this season with the support of loved ones, spiritual resources to nourish us, and an abiding trust in the goodness of God, we will indeed reach our own Easter Sunday of healing and wholeness. Though we may start our season of grief in ashes, it will be completed by our rising to new life.



Healing Prayer For Those In Greif

"Dear God, you know my heart. You know the sadness that fills it. You recognize how my grief has pushed all other emotions aside and weighs heavily on me. See me, God. Hear me, God. Please help me to accept that my loved one was called home so soon. I pray for your healing of my endless sadness and constant grief that prevents me from living. Help me to see the good in my life and refocus my attention on my family. Guide me to find new ways to cope with my loss that will renew my soul and refill my heart with your eternal love. Amen."

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