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Hello, Spring 2023!

Spring is finally here! With Easter, Mother's Day, and Memorial Day approaching, we have exciting updates and information for you.

Our annual cemetery clean-up is finished, so it's safe to start decorating the graves of your loved ones again! For a full list of what is and is not permitted at our cemeteries, visit our [Rules and Regulations](#) page today.

Easter is less than a week away, and for those who ordered from our Spring Floral Program, you'll see flowers on your loved one's graves to celebrate the season. We also reflect on the reason for the season: Christ's resurrection. 1 Peter 1:3 proclaims, "*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*"

Stay tuned this month and next for more updates regarding Mother's Day and Memorial Day!



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Memorial Prayer Services 2023

This year, we are hosting Memorial Prayer Services at 12 Diocesan cemeteries. For more information on service times and locations, contact us today.

April

- 16 - All Saints Cemetery
- 16 - Christ Our Redeemer Cemetery
- 23 - Calvary Cemetery (St. Mary)
- 23 - Queen of Heaven Cemetery
- 30 - Resurrection Cemetery (Holy Souls)

May

- 28 - Holy Savior Cemetery

June

- 11 - Sacred Heart Cemetery
- 25 - All Saints Cemetery
- 25 - Resurrection Cemetery (Holy Souls)

July

- 9 - Christ our Redeemer Cemetery
- 16 - Calvary Cemetery (St. Mary)
- 23 - Queen of Heaven Cemetery

November

- 5 - All Diocesan Cemeteries



Easter and Our Grief



Grief can hit us hard during the holidays. Easter is about resurrection and rebirth, so how can we reconcile our feelings of loss during this season?

We may feel stuck in that Saturday between Good Friday and Easter, full of grief like the disciples. Yet we know that Sunday will come, and we will be reunited with those we lost.

On Easter, we celebrate Christ's victory over death. In 1 Corinthians 15:51-53, Paul reminds us that death does not last forever.

"We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."

We know that we will be resurrected with our loved ones. Our suffering is not final; we have eternal life through Christ.



Catholics & Cremation: Guidelines, Options, and More

Did you know the Catholic Church has permitted cremation since the 1960s and today cremation has become a very popular burial option for many Catholics? The Church has provided us with a list of guidelines to ensure we keep with the faith when choosing cremation.

According to 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."

For those interested in cremation, we are pleased to offer a complete selection of urns, niches, and more! Contact us today for more information.

Cremation Products



Glass Niches



Columbarium



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Garden

Famous Burial

Billy Conn

Calvary Cemetery

- Buried 06/01/1993



Billy Conn, buried in our very own Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Greenfield, was a Hall of Fame boxer! Also called, "Pittsburgh Kid," Billy was the Light Heavyweight Champion from 1939-1941.

His fight with Joe Louis on June 18, 1941 at the Polo Grounds in NYC was one the greatest fights of the century. Conn, outweighed by more than 25 pounds came within two rounds of dethroning Louis. Conn's career ring record was 63 wins 12 loses and 1 draw. He was inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame in 1990.

Find a Loved One

Want to know how we found Billy Conn's memorial page on our website? Use our **Find a Loved One** feature by clicking the photo below!



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Employee Spotlight: Eileen Lichtenfels

Eileen Lichtenfels has been a counselor with CCA for 20 years. Incidentally, she stumbled into this career on accident after a fateful visit to the cemetery to find her grandparents' graves. After speaking with a CCA manager, she dove right in.

"I have learned that this was the best choice for me," Eileen said. "A career in service to others like I never knew existed. One with independence, focused and rewarding work, flexibility, security, and more."

Before Eileen joined us at CCA, she worked jobs in service, marketing, and restaurants. She was looking for a new direction in her career and found it in her position at CCA. "This career has been a blessing," she said. "Working with an ever-changing and devoted group of special people, meeting families when they need someone's guidance and empathy the most, laughing with coworkers about the strangest of tales (ghosts included). These are part of the elements that have made it my choice to be here."

Anyone who's met Eileen knows she's kind, knowledgeable, and most of all, interesting and fun!

"I first got to know Eileen when we were at Primanti's on a Grove City shopping trip. She has been one of my mentors in this organization ever since our conversation watching a Steelers' game that day. When I transferred to Good Shepherd/St. Joe's, she was always available and willing to help me learn the cemeteries. She's an amazing resource for the organization and an even greater colleague and friend."

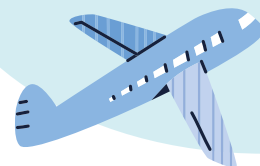
Janine Surmick, Good Shepherd/St. Joseph

"I first met Eileen 15 years ago. I found her to be kind, friendly, and super fun to be around. When I was new to the Good Shepherd and St. Joe's offices and got to know her in a work environment, she went above and beyond in helping me learn the offices, the cemetery, and more. She is always available to new people and willing to help in any way she can and is a veritable fount of information. She seems to have the perfect formula of living her best life; both work and personal."

John Smouse, Sales Manager



Eileen loves to travel. She's visited most U.S. states, four islands of Hawaii, numerous European countries, Egypt, Jordan, Africa, Costa Rica, Mexico, and several Caribbean islands. Soon she'll see Croatia and Slovenia!



Eileen loves going to concerts, the movies, and local music venues.

