



## e-Newsletter

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES  
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

# Sacred Places

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### *A Catholic Cemetery as a Ministry*

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#### **What do you see as your most significant contributions and accomplishments to the work of your office and the mission of the Diocese?**

The Catholic Cemeteries -DRVC exists to meet the needs of individuals and parishes in the Diocese of Rockville Centre in preparation for, at the time of, and following the death of a loved one. The ministry we provide extends into the area of liturgy, prayer, comfort, support, grief and evangelization. Our ministry is rooted in the reality of the human person as an embodied spirit. That embodiment is sacred, for it locates the human spirit in history and in place.

As with most ministries, those who work in the Office of Catholic Cemeteries deal with a multitude of issues. First there is the practical: the burial of the dead. The cemeteries are there to handle the dignified disposition of the deceased. Next there is the historical: maintaining the records for perpetuity to identify the proper location of the burial place. There is also the emotional, helping families deal with the painful loss of separation.

We attempt to accomplish this by maintaining a beautiful and comforting setting where a family can come to remember and memorialize their loved one. We also support the parish bereavement groups and facilitators and assist with a bereavement conference with the Office of Faith Formation. Another role is stewardship, as we must attend to financial matters to assure that the funds are available for the care of the cemeteries both in the present and for the distant future.

Most importantly, we attend to the spiritual needs of the families we serve. Through the celebration of the Eucharist at the Saturday Masses and other liturgical celebrations throughout the year, we share our belief in the Hope of the Resurrection and the great Paschal Mystery, from death comes life, so that the people of God may find comfort in the understanding that life is changed, not ended.

Catholic Cemeteries holds several events each year. Some of these events have been around for decades while others have been a tradition from its inception. *Memorial Day Chapel/Field Mass Celebration, All Souls Day Chapel/Field Mass Celebration, Candle Lighting Vespers Service (Cemetery Sunday), Parish Cemetery Pastor/Staff Educational Training Meetings, The Way (Stations) of the Cross, Bi-Monthly Celebration of the Eucharist, and Bereavement Training Workshops and Conferences.*

*The principle remains that Catholic cemeteries are an integral part of the Church's traditions and rites. In the Code of Canon Law, Catholic cemeteries-like churches, chapels, shrines and altars-are considered "sacred places." They are given a special blessing to set them apart and to highlight their sacred character.*

*Any work devoted to advancing the cause of contemporary Catholic cemeteries must be rooted in the understanding that the Church maintains a cemetery system today not only for the Corporal Work of Mercy of the Burial of the Dead. Catholic cemeteries also have significant value and those who staff them make significant ministerial contributions to Catholics and their families, thus building both the Church and the Kingdom of God.*

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#### Join us for Mass

Westbury NY - Cemetery of the Holy Rood,  
Holy Rood Chapel Mausoleum  
Central Islip NY – Queen of All Saints Cemetery,  
Garden & Chapel Mausoleum  
Coram NY – Holy Sepulchre Cemetery,  
Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel & Garden Mausoleum

[Mass times & dates](http://holyroodcemetery.org) are listed at [holyroodcemetery.org](http://holyroodcemetery.org)

*"The Church calls each member of Christ's Body — priest, deacon, layperson — to participate in the ministry of consolation: to care for the dying, to pray for the dead, to comfort those who mourn."*

*Order of Christian Funerals, # 8*



*If you're thinking of an annual that will thrive in intense sun, heat and is very drought resistant, once established, vinca may be your best bet. Vinca is often mistaken for impatiens.*

*It's important to know your planting area. Certain annuals do better than others in shade, southern exposures and amount of waterfall. Once you're familiar with the conditions affecting your plot or home garden, you'll be able to pick plants that will adorn an area with minimal effort on your part. Of course, if you are a frequent visitor at the cemetery and can devote the time and care to water, your options for planting and plant survival are greater. To become more familiar with annuals that may work best for you, consult a salesperson at your local nursery, or visit the web [click here](#)*

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### Transplant Your Grief

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#### A Prayer for Soul Gardening

God of Soil and growing things  
God of roots and rocks and weeds  
God of flowers poised to bloom  
God of gardens on our hearts  
Open us to new life  
Come into this season of my grief and bless me  
Repot my roots so they can grow  
Dig out the weeds that choke me so.  
Till my soil and lift the layers of resistance  
That hang on tightly deep inside  
Fill the soil of my soul with nourishment of your grace  
To open aspects of my spirit where security struggles with truth  
Prune the places of my heart where I fight the real growth  
God of Resurrection and new life,  
Unearth all that needs to live in me.  
Take me to people and events and situations  
And nurture me into greater openness  
For it is only then that I will grow.

Submitted by Donna Knight Customer Service Representative,  
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*"So it is that the union of the wayfarers with the brethren who sleep in the peace of Christ is in no way interrupted, but on the contrary, according to the constant faith of the Church, this union is reinforced by an exchange of spiritual goods."*

*— Catechism of the Catholic Church 955 (2)*

As someone who works in what is commonly referred to as the death care industry, sadness tends to permeate the daily routine. I am often told by those that work outside the industry that I can't make it personal and yet all I can ask is -- how can I not?

Consider what we are told not to make personal: A father and mother lose their 4 year old son in a tragic accident at home. A father shares his anger for not recognizing his son's pain prior to his death from a suicide. A mother tearfully recounts her daughter's painful death. A wife brings her one true love to the cemetery. A mom says goodbye to her son, reminds him to be careful, never to see him again. A husband who cared for his dying wife brings her to the cemetery where he and his children will now have to visit her.

As Catholic cemeterians, we witness their suffering and we share in their tears. At the moment a family calls upon us to serve, we accept without hesitation the responsibility of caring for their loved one in this sacred place. We acknowledge a duty to each family and treat their loved one just as Joseph of Arimathea did when he took responsibility for the burial of Jesus. As Catholic cemeterians, we have a bond with our families because we feel each interment. In that moment when a family arrives at the gates of their Catholic cemetery, they are confronted with the numbing pain of finality. It is in that moment a Catholic cemeterian becomes a guardian not only of the loved one entrusted to our care but also of the spiritual well-being of the survivors.

We acknowledge each person's grief and we accept that their grief can be overwhelming as they leave their loved one behind in our care. We are now ministers caring for the dead and providing comfort to the living who now turn to their Catholic faith for comfort. It is in our Catholic cemeteries where our faith in the resurrection is alive, where our hope in what will be is validated and where the peacefulness of our surroundings allows us to remember.

It is personal because we understand what we do is both a corporal and spiritual work of mercy. Our Catholic faith reminds us that those who mourn are blessed and it is our duty to provide comfort to them.

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*Lord, support us all the day  
long, until the shadows  
lengthen and the evening  
comes, and the busy world is  
hushed and the fever of life is  
over and our work is done.  
Then in thy mercy grant us a  
safe lodging a holy rest, and  
peace at the last. Amen.*

*— St. John Henry Newman*

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## Make 2015 – a year of Hope

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Much has been written about hope. It is one of our duties as Christians to hope according to Romans 12:12 – Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer. It has also been written in Romans 8:24, 25 - For in hope we were saved. Now hope that sees for itself is not hope. For who hopes for what one sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait with endurance.

We need to hope for ourselves and hope for eternal life for our loved ones who have gone before us.

Make this a year where doubt and hopelessness are diminished from our thoughts, words and actions. Combine hope with prayer and we may be pleasantly surprised with what awaits us.

Other well-known reflections on hope:

### Hope Springs Eternal

Hope springs eternal in the human breast;  
Man never is but always to be blest:  
The soul uneasy and confined from home,  
Rests and expatiates in a life to come.  
-Alexander Pope

### Fatima Pardon Prayer

Oh my God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love Thee! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love Thee.  
-The Guardian Angel of Portugal

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Here in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, we are blessed to have qualified people to be of assistance. You may wish to visit [www.DRVC-Faith.org/bereavement](http://www.DRVC-Faith.org/bereavement) for further information concerning available bereavement groups in your area or any additional assistance. If you do not have access to a computer or would like to ask a specific question concerning bereavement, kindly call our diocesan phone number during normal business hours at 516-678-5800 X 236. In the case of emergency, please contact 911. (Available 24 hours a day).

*Order Now at: [holyroodcemetery.org](http://holyroodcemetery.org)*



*Order Easter Lilies, Mother's Day  
and Father's Day Plants*

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## Spring Decoration Program

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The spring decoration program will again be offered for Mother's Day and Father's Day. Live floral decorations will be available for placement on gravesites and in the chapels of the community mausoleums. A beautiful, live potted plant will be placed directly in the planting area in front or rear of the monument. For those families who have mausoleum crypts, the flowers will be placed on stands in the respective chapels. The names of those remembered will be placed in a Book of Remembrance at the altar.

The cost for each plant ordered will be \$25.00. They will be placed the week before Mother's and Father's Day, and will remain there through the week of the holiday itself. Families are invited to take their plants home prior to their removal by our staff.

**If you placed an order last year, you will receive notification through the mail.** Otherwise, you may fill out the coupon below and mail it with your check as soon as possible.



### Here's how our planting program works:

- Orders are placed and then delivered to the family gravesite 1 week before holiday.
- Families plant at lot or remove their flowers. If they are to be kept by 1 week after the holiday.
- The cemetery staff then collects the remaining potted plants from the lots
- The removed flowers are planted around the grounds for all to enjoy throughout the summer time.
- Provides a holiday gravesite decoration for our loved ones
- Provides the cemetery grounds with common area floral beautification
- Recycles the plant and saves money
- Revenue supports Catholic Cemeteries missions



Thank you for supporting the  
Catholic Cemeteries  
Mother's Day and Father's Day  
Chapel Plant and Gravesite Floral Programs.

*"...we visit the cemetery to pray for our dear departed ones; we go to visit them...in order to express our affection for them once more, to feel them still close to us; and in so doing, we also remember an article of the Creed: In the communion of saints there is a close bond between us who still journey on this earth and so many brothers and sisters who have already reached eternity."*

*—Pope Benedict XVI, All Souls Day 2011*

Order Now at: [holyroodcemetery.org](http://holyroodcemetery.org)

Order Palm Crosses, Mother's Day  
and Father's Day Plants

2015: Mother's Day # of Plants \_\_\_\_  
 2015: Father's Day # of Plants \_\_\_\_  
 Total: \_\_\_\_\_ Plants @ \$25 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_  
 Section \_\_\_\_\_ Range \_\_\_\_\_ Plot \_\_\_\_\_  
 Or Chapel Mausoleum:  
 Corridor \_\_\_\_\_ Tier \_\_\_\_\_ Crypt # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of deceased Mother: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of deceased Father: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please make checks payable to: **Catholic Cemeteries-DRVC**  
 Mail your order to: **P.O. Box 182, Westbury NY 11590-0182**

**Why are some things allowed and other items a problem?**  
[Click here for additional information](#)

## *Preparing Well at Catholic Cemeteries*

When there is a death in the family, major decisions need to be made quickly, usually by people who are grief-stricken. Yet, Catholic Cemetery Managers note the presence of some peace among families whose loved ones have prepared well and made cemetery arrangements before time of death.

This preparation is an act of hope and faith in the life to come. It's a way of taking care of family and friends then by making decisions for them now. Families can gather preliminary information on cemetery property prices, choices for memorialization and other options here on this site.

Exceptional payment terms are also available when purchasing prior to need with 10% down, no interest payment plan options on burial lots, cremation niche space and crypts.

As part of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, Catholic cemetery managers and family counselors consider it a privileged ministry to assist families in a respectful, professional and ethical way. We look forward to serving you at:

- Cemetery of the Holy Rood, Westbury • 516-334-7990
- Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Coram • 631-732-3460
- Queen of All Saints Cemetery, Central Islip • 631-234-8297
- St. Francis de Sales Cemetery, Patchogue • 631-732-3460
- St. John of God Parish Cemetery, Central Islip • 631-234-8297
- St. John Evangelist Parish Cemetery, Riverhead • 631-732-3460
- St. Patrick Parish Cemetery, Brookville • 516-334-7990

**Catholic Cemeteries – Diocese of Rockville Centre –  
Check out our face book page and see the calendar of  
upcoming events. ...**

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*An Afternoon of Prayer & Enrichment*

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For all involved in Ministry of Consolation come renew,  
refresh, learn, share, & pray.

**An Afternoon of Prayer & Enrichment, Coram**

**Tuesday, May 5, 2015, 1:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.** at Holy  
Sepulchre Cemetery, 3442 Route 112, Coram, NY 11727.

Presenters: Sr. Mary Alice Piil, CSJ, Director of Faith  
Formation, Peter Ryan, Director of Catholic Cemeteries  
and Christopher Ferraro, MA Music Director, Our Lady of  
Perpetual Help Parish. Cost: \$10.

[Register](#)

**An Afternoon of Prayer & Enrichment, Westbury**

**Thursday, May 7, 2015, 1:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.** at Cemetery  
of the Holy Rood, 111 Old Country Road, Westbury, NY  
11590. Presenters: Sr. Mary Alice Piil, CSJ, Director of Faith  
Formation, Peter Ryan, Director of Catholic Cemeteries  
and Christopher Ferraro, MA Music Director, Our Lady of  
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[Register](#)

[View or Download Flyer](#)

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*Stations of the Cross*

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We invite you to join us on **Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 12:00  
noon in the Holy Rood Chapel** for the opening prayers.  
Weather permitting, we will follow the mile-and-a-half route  
throughout Cemetery of the Holy Rood as we commemorate  
Our Lord's redemptive death. If the weather is inclement, the  
ceremony will be held in the chapel. The service will conclude  
with final prayers and Veneration of the Cross in the Chapel.



*The Catholic Cemetery is established to carry out the sacred  
religious function of the burial of the dead and the care for their  
resting places, recognizing the deep spiritual significance of  
this Corporal Work of Mercy.*



*Cemetery grounds open every day (weather permitting) 8 AM to 5 PM ~ Mausoleum Buildings open from 8 AM to 4:30 PM  
Office open 9 AM to 4:30 PM (Monday thru Friday) ~ 9 AM to 12:00 noon on Saturdays  
For further information please visit the website of the Office of Catholic Cemeteries [www.holyroodcemetery.org](http://www.holyroodcemetery.org)*

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## For Catholics and members of the Christian faith Community ... (In the Diocese of Rockville Centre)

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For Catholics and members of the Christian faith  
Community ...

The Rite of Committal is the final liturgy in the *Order of Christian Funerals*. Like the Vigil Service, the Rite of Committal makes use of Scripture, a few words of hope by the presider, intercessions and prayers.

At the time of burial, prayer shows honor and respect for those who have died. It is a memorial to all who are interred. The cemetery is a place where many Christians come to express their grief and hope for their loved ones who have preceded them in death.

**To have a representative of the Church present at this final moment is a great source of consolation** to those who will now have to continue their journey in life without their beloved. While a priest may be unable to preside at the Committal Service, a deacon or a trained bereavement minister may represent the Church at this final moment.

We are pleased to inform you of our program provided by the Diocese of Rockville Centre. The Offices of the Deaconate and Catholic Cemeteries have arranged for a clergy staff member to attend and pray with families at our cemetery.

For generations we have taught -- a Catholic cemetery is a place of honor and respect for those who have died. It is a memorial to all who are interred there. It is a sacred place where Catholics come to express their grief and hope for their loved ones who have preceded them in death. It is consecrated ground, fitting for someone whose body was a temple of the Holy Spirit on earth and now awaits the resurrection from the dead.

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## Catholic Cemeteries Baby Sections and the "Island" – Children of Hope

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### Catholic Cemeteries - Baby Sections and the "Island" – Children of Hope

Founded by members of the Ambulance Medical Technicians of the Nassau County Police Department. After a series of cases of infanticide in Nassau County, the emotional impact began taking its toll, on them as well as the community. They sought a level of closure, peace and hope. Looking after these unfortunate victims of a society gone astray through a dignified burial at Cemetery of the

Holy Rood since 1991. It gave many a sense of healing from this pain.

To date: In addition to numerous family burial lots and the Guardian Angel Lot as well as the Saint Vincent de Paul Section found in the cemetery. Cemetery of the Holy Rood has special areas designed specifically for the burial of children.

For years areas of the cemetery have served as the final resting place for children, Section 27, Section 28, Section 33, Section 34, the Guardian Angel Plot and the Saint Vincent de Paul section.

In 2015, Section 1B opened to provide additional burial space for an additional 63 children interments.



Sample markers for the children's burial sites.



Children's Sections can be found at:  
Cemetery of the Holy Rood, Westbury NY  
Queen of All Saints Cemetery, Central Islip NY  
Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Coram NY  
and a multitude of related/similar programs  
Take place at the diocesan parish cemeteries.

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(In 2014, Saint Lawrence Parish Cemetery, Sayville NY)



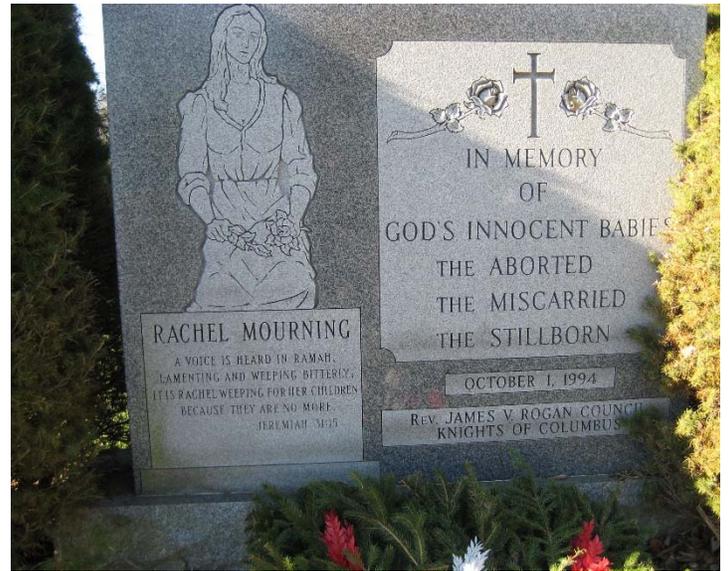
**Rachel Mourning Statues and Monuments  
(Queen of All Saints Cemetery, Central Islip NY)**



## Burial of Pre-Born Children

*"The Church teaches that every spiritual soul is created immediately by God - it is not 'produced' by the parents - and also that it is immortal: it does not perish when it separates from the body at death, and it will be reunited with the body at the final Resurrection."*

—Catechism of the Catholic Church, 366



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**Guardian Angel Plot**  
Cemetery of the Holy Rood  
Westbury NY



**NOA – No one in Attendance**

Catholic Cemeteries ensure the Committal Prayer Service is held regardless of who may or may not be available for the Committal. Here's an example where cemetery employees (and a local contractor attended and prayed.)



O God, by whose mercy the faithful departed find rest, send your holy Angel to watch over this grave. Through Christ our Lord.  
R/. Amen.

**Saint Vincent de Paul**  
Cemetery of the Holy Rood, Westbury NY



*"The rite [of committal] marks the separation in this life of the mourners from the deceased, and through it the community assists them as they complete their care for the deceased and lay the body to rest. The act of committal is a stark and powerful expression of this separation. When carried out in the midst of the community of faith, the committal can help the mourners to face the end of one relationship with the deceased and to begin a new one based on prayerful remembrance, gratitude and the hope of resurrection and reunion." —OOFC, #213*

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## Saturday Masses at our Chapels

In time, we come to the awareness that the cemetery is a place of comfort; we live in the hope that those we love are safe and secure in the Lord. We are also comforted in the simple act of remembering our loved ones, as the visit to the cemetery renews a bond we know can never be broken. Please join us for the monthly masses at Catholic Cemeteries

[Click here for the Schedule](#)

### Brochures and Literature

[Cremation Planner Guide](#)

[Overview Guide for Lot Owners and Visitors](#)

[How Do I Purchase a Monument ?](#)

[How Do I Inscribe a Family Monument ?](#)

[Can I Get the Cemetery Monument Cleaned ?](#)

### Forms and Documents

[Do you have an Aging Plan?](#)

[Bouquet holders for Gravesite flowers?](#)

[Cemetery Donation Programs?](#)

Cemetery gates are open every day from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Offices closed noon Saturdays, on Sundays and the following holidays:

### Schedules

[Cemetery Chapel Masses](#)

[Holidays for Office Closings – Days of no burials](#)

[Seasonal Decorations and Planting](#)

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## Have You Moved?

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*It's important to keep your current address on file in case you have to be contacted for any reason*

<http://www.holyroodcemetery.org/changeofaddressform.pdf>

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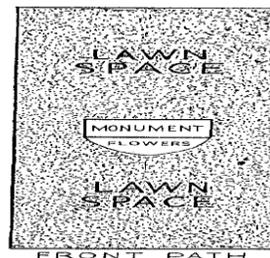
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## Planting Regulations

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[Rules and regulations – Read more ...](#)



As warm weather approaches, we would like to remind you about the planting regulations. In monument sections, annual flowers such as geraniums, begonias, impatiens and marigolds may be planted in a bed that can extend 18" in front of the monument. Bouquets of fresh flowers are permitted in monument sections in vases that are ground level, and in shrine sections in the vase that is part of the bronze memorial. No glass vases, statues or other breakable items are permitted as they could cause injuries to employees as they are maintaining the grounds. **As a reminder - Items placed in violation of the planting and decorating rules and items deemed unsightly or out of season are removed and disposed of in accordance with stated policies.** Potted plants are permitted for holidays. All holiday decorations will be picked up on the following Monday.

**When does the cemetery pick up and remove items from the gravesites?** <http://www.holyroodcemetery.org/info.pdf>

For a more in-depth explanation of grave decorations and planting rules and regulations, please visit the following link: <http://www.holyroodcemetery.org/files/50221882.pdf>

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## Memorial Day Masses

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Memorial Day Mass celebration on **Monday, May 25, 2015**

11:00 AM Cemetery of the Holy Rood (Holy Rood Chapel)  
11:00 AM Holy Sepulchre Cemetery (Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel)  
12 noon Queen of All Saints Cemetery - Field Mass



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### *Communal Crypt of All Souls*

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For the Cremation Remains of the Human Body

*Catholic Cemeteries – Diocese of Rockville Centre offers Catholic families a unique program that allows for the placement of cremated remains in our communal Crypt of All Souls at NO CEMETERY COST.*

- *FREE Entombment of Cremated Remains*

*The Church has accepted cremation for over 40 years and encourages the faithful to treat cremated remains with the same respect given to the human body, from which they emanated.*

- *Living Our Mission*

*To assist Catholic families to meet their obligation for the proper care, handling and end of life services for cremated remains, Catholic Cemeteries has added the affordable communal Crypt of All Souls alternative to its other wide range of options for final disposition, so everyone in our faith community can have a dignified and sacred resting place.*



### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- *FREE Entombment of Cremated Remains of the Human Body*
- *Permanent resting place on Catholic Cemetery sacred ground*
- *Committal Service for a dignified reverent final disposition*
- *Entombment entered into the records of Catholic Cemeteries*

**Additional information on this program has been made available at the cemetery office and our website.**



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Catholic Cemeteries Diocese of Rockville Centre

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Catholic Cemeteries, the Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York, provides this Interment Record Data as a service to all Certificate holders, visitors, funeral directors, monument dealers and any persons or contractors, companies, etc. performing related or other work within these cemeteries, and all graves, plots, crypts and niches sold, shall be subject to the cemetery's rules and regulations, and subject further to such other rules, regulations, amendments or alterations as shall be adopted by Catholic Cemeteries of Rockville Centre Diocese from time to time. That information is available at the cemetery office or website. This data is meant for informational purposes only. The public information contained herein is furnished as a service by Catholic Cemeteries and collectively the parish cemeteries of the Rockville Centre Diocese. Burial locations and names are available for the cemeteries in Nassau and Suffolk Counties, New York that are part of the Diocese of Rockville Centre. The burial information is the most current information as provided by each contributing cemetery.

Since a significant number of cemeteries pre-date the era of computers, information may be incomplete during the earliest years of operation but as entered is deemed reliable and accurate for burial record purposes. The lack of a record or the absence of information may be interpreted as, but

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**Have a special photo?**

**Wish to add an image to the on line record?**

Additional information on this program has been made available at the cemetery office and our website.



Above – our fountain located at the chapel mausoleum (Queen of All Saints Cemetery, Central Islip NY)

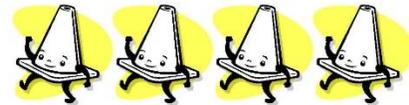
# RENOVATION

**PARDON OUR APPEARANCE  
AS WE RE - GRADE AND  
RE - SEED THIS SECTION.**

**YOUR PATIENCE DURING THIS  
PERIOD WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.  
WELCOMED AND SHOULD BE DIRECTED  
TO THE OFFICE.**

*Thank You*

**SECTIONS 17 & 19 – PARTIAL FACE LIFT**



Dear Visitor:

Beginning the first and second weeks of September, we will embark upon a renovation of grounds in Sections 17 & 19 at Cemetery of the Holy Rood. The ranges and plots that will be affected are:

Section 17 – O – P all plots

Section 19 – E – F roadway to 145/146

Section 17 – Q – R all plots

Section 19 - JJ – KK roadway to 113/114

The renovation project will improve the overall grading of the range. This will facilitate more even mowing of the lawn area and make walking through the range more easily, thereby limiting hazards. It also gives us an opportunity to fix curbs, foundations and the irrigation system.

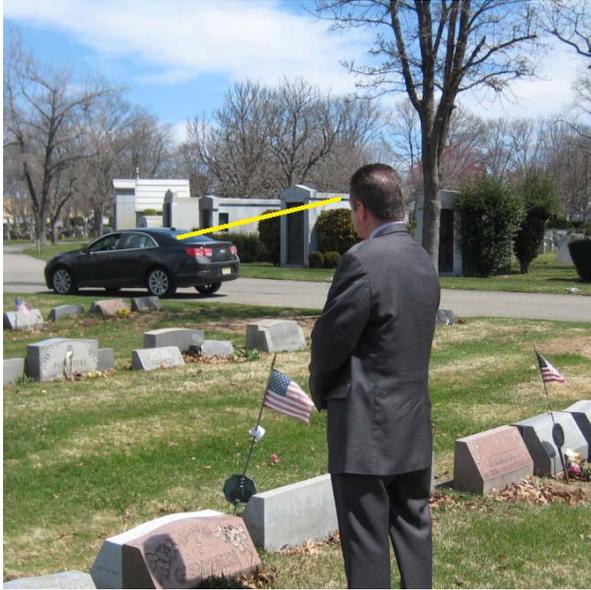
Unfortunately every renovation creates inconveniences. There will be limited access to visit these gravesites, limited watering during the project, disrupted lawn areas and the like. We are committed to making the disruptions as minimal as possible.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to make the Cemetery the best it can be for you and your dearly departed family members and friends.

If we can provide any assistance during the renovation, please speak with a member of our office staff.

We trust you'll be pleased with the results and thank you for your support of Catholic Cemeteries.

*Safety Notice:*  
*Be a Savvy Cemetery Visitor*



**DO**



**DON'T**

A savvy cemetery visitor parks several rows in front of the gravesite they are going to visit. This allows the visitor a peripheral view of their vehicle with just a slight forward glance. This is especially advantageous during more prolonged visits to decorate and plant at the site. You and your safety matter to us!

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## Christmas Ornament Mass

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The Christmas Holiday season is not a happy one for everyone. If you are in the midst of grief, you may feel overwhelmed not only by your loss, but also by the expectations of others. There is an inherent need to remember those you have loved in a special way and, hopefully, we can provide you with such an opportunity.

At Holy Rood, Holy Sepulchre, and Queen of All Saints Cemeteries, during the Saturday Mass on **December 5th**, family members will be invited to place an ornament on our Christmas trees in memory of their loved ones. You are invited to bring an ornament with you to be placed there during the offertory procession. Please remember that our chapels are public places, so we recommend an ornament that can be easily replaced, if necessary. The ornaments will remain on the trees throughout the Christmas season and can be picked up any day from January 1<sup>st</sup> through January 10<sup>th</sup>.

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## Candle Lighting Service

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It has been said that a cemetery is for the living. Although it's true that a Catholic Cemetery is the final resting place of the mortal bodies that were temples of the Holy Spirit until the Lord comes in glory, it is also a place where we, the living, come to remember those we love who have gone before us. It is a place where we come soon after the funeral filled with sadness and loneliness.



In time, however, we come to the awareness that the cemetery is a place of comfort; we live in the hope that those we love are safe and secure in the Lord. We are also comforted in the simple act of remembering our loved ones, as the visit to the cemetery renews a bond we know can never be broken.

On **Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**, we will have an opportunity to remember, in a special way, those we love that are interred in Catholic Cemeteries. **Beginning at 3:00 PM at Holy Rood Cemetery**, [the Diocesan Choir](#) will preside over a ceremony of prayer, song and remembrance. All will participate in a candle lighting ceremony at which time those present will speak the name of those who were interred and remembered.

*We invite all to attend, pray, sing, and remember.*

If you are **unable to attend**, and wish to have the name included in the service, please contact the cemetery office at **(516) 334-7990** no later than **Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>** With the name of the deceased who was interred after November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, whom you wish to have remembered.

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## All Souls Day Masses

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The Catholic Mass is a memorial and **Eucharist means 'thanksgiving'**. Mass is a re-enactment of the ultimate and supreme sacrifice of Jesus; the only death that offers all souls true security and for which we are eternally grateful. It gives us hope as we honor the one who came to be with us for a season, who left to prepare a place for us and who calls us to be with Him always. Knowing that death does not have the final say, and love does, we are strengthened in the face of our losses.

**Catholic Cemeteries will be celebrating  
Mass on All Souls Day  
Tuesday, November 2, 2015 at  
09:30 am Cemetery of the Holy Rood  
11:00 am Queen of All Saints Cemetery  
09:30 am Holy Sepulchre Cemetery**

On All Souls Day, we not only remember the dead, but we apply our efforts, through prayer, almsgiving, and the Mass, to their release from Purgatory. There are two plenary indulgences attached to All Souls Day, one for visiting a church and another for visiting a cemetery. While the actions are performed by the living, the merits of the indulgences are applicable only to the souls in Purgatory. Praying for the dead is a Christian obligation. In the modern world, when many have come to doubt the Church's teaching on Purgatory, the need for such prayers has only increased. The Church devotes the month of November to prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, and **participation in the Mass of All Souls Day is a good way to begin the month.**

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## Saturday Masses at our Chapels

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[Mass Schedule](#)

[Decoration – Placement and Removal Schedule](#)

[Holiday Schedule](#)

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## Mausoleum Decoration Programs

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Christmas Chapel Plants



Easter Chapel Plants



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## Gravesite Decoration Programs

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Mother's Day Floral



Father's Day Floral



Christmas Blanket and Pillows



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## On Our Website

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**DÍA DE LOS FIELES DIFUNTOS**  
LUNES 2 DE NOVIEMBRE, 2015

*Acompáñenos por favor:*



**Capilla Mausoleo Holy Rood (9:30am)**  
**Cementerio Holy Rood**  
111 Old Country Road, Westbury, NY 11590  
**Celebrante: Sr. Obispo Robert Brennan**



**Misa Campal (11:00 am)**  
**Cementerio Queen of All Saints y Cementerio Parroquia San Juan de Dios**  
115 Wheeler Road, Central Islip, NY 11722  
**Celebrante: Sr. Obispo Andrzej Zglejszenski**



**Capilla Mausoleo Our Lady of the Rosary (9:30am)**  
**Cementerio Holy Sepulchre**  
3442 Route 112, Coram, NY 11727  
**Celebrante: Sr. Obispo Nelson J. Perez**

**Celebración dominical  
en el Cementerio**

Servicio de Encendido de Velas  
en la Capilla Mausoleo Holy Rood  
Domingo 1 de noviembre, 2015 (3:00 pm)

**Cementerios Católicos - DRVC**

Programas para tumbas  
y decoración de la Capilla  
Ponga su orden en línea en  
[www.holyroodcemetery.org](http://www.holyroodcemetery.org)

**Cementerios Católicos de la Diócesis de Rockville Centre**  
**Llame al 516.334.7990 o visite nuestro website en [www.holyroodcemetery.org](http://www.holyroodcemetery.org)**

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## A Special Thank you!

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We wish to thank all of you who have been donating non-perishable food items to the St. Brigid Food Pantry. The winter is a critical time when donations are down and often most needed. A collection box is conveniently located in the Holy Rood Chapel Mausoleum by the Blessed Mother Statute. Consider bringing some food items with you the next time you come in to visit at Cemetery of the Holy Rood.

The St. Brigid Food Pantry staff expresses their sincere gratitude and appreciation for any food donations we are able to bring them. Thank you for your continued support!

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## The Committal Service a Source of Strength!

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For Catholics and members of the Christian faith Community ...

The Rite of Committal is the final liturgy in the *Order of Christian Funerals*. Like the Vigil Service, the Rite of Committal makes use of Scripture, a few words of hope by the presider, intercessions and prayers.

At the time of burial, prayer shows honor and respect for those who have died. It is a memorial to all who are interred. The cemetery is a place where many Christians come to express their grief and hope for their loved ones who have preceded them in death.



**To have a representative of the Church present at this final moment is a great source of consolation** to those who will now have to continue their journey in life without their beloved. While a priest may be unable to preside at the Committal Service, a deacon or a trained bereavement minister may represent the Church at this final moment.

We are pleased to inform you of our program provided by the Diocese of Rockville Centre. The Offices of the Deaconate and Catholic Cemeteries have arranged for a clergy staff member to attend and pray with families at our cemetery.

For generations we have taught -- a Catholic cemetery is a place of honor and respect for those who have died. It is a memorial to all who are interred there. It is a sacred place where Catholics come to express their grief and hope for their loved ones who have preceded them in death. It is consecrated ground, fitting for someone whose body was a temple of the Holy Spirit on earth and now awaits the resurrection from the dead.

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## Route 112 Construction

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### Road construction impacts Holy Sepulchre Cemetery (Coram, NY)

There is planned road construction for Route 112 affecting the entering and exiting from our main gate located on that roadway. This construction is to commence in the very near future as all the preliminary work of locating underground services is now complete. The government's plan is to widen the roadway and resurface, create a center median, and install sidewalks. This work necessitates electrical poles relocated about 10 feet backward toward our property. Construction equipment & vehicles will use the shoulder area during the renovation. For the safety of our families and others visiting the cemetery, we will be locking this main gate and keeping it closed until construction is completed. The adjacent roadway to Route 112, Granny Road has three remaining gates along this roadway. Please use one of these entry/exit gates for visiting loved ones, conducting cemetery business or making deliveries. We apologize for any inconvenience keeping this main gateway closed, but our concern for everyone is paramount. When the gate is closed, we will post a reflective sign as a reminder. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter

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## Bereavement Information

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**Bereavement Support Groups:** Many parishes, hospitals and community organizations offer support groups for you to participate in where you can gather together in community and gain strength and find solace from members of the group. These groups, special events and workshops with specific contact information are on our weekly listings below

At [holyroodcemetery.org](http://holyroodcemetery.org) one can find a listing of these topics.

- Bereavement Support Groups with specific beginning and ending dates
- Monthly Bereavement Support Groups
- Weekly Bereavement Support Groups
- Support Groups/Programs for Children
- Programs Available as Needed
- Memorial Programs
- Special Programs, Conferences, Masses, and Retreats for the Bereaved

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## God and Country

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It is an honor and privilege to be able to display our Nation's Armed Forces military flags at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. As we look to the upcoming Veteran's Day I ponder our love for God and Country. We are a nation of patriotic citizens who dedicate ourselves to protecting and defending America and show our love and respect for God by defending and protecting all creation.



*Psalm 91:2 "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."*

*Psalm 23:4 "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."*

These two passages from the Bible are more than an expression of strength. They are an appeal for us to have faith in our God. They tell us that our strength for all things in life are based in our understanding that if we trust in the Lord we will have the strength to face all challenges that come our way.

For all those veteran's whom have passed on and those, then, and now on active duty- the everyday heroes- we take for granted, those who risk their lives for our safety, we thank you, we salute you.

At Catholic Cemeteries, we open our arms to comfort those survivors, and to give both family members and the public, a place of comfort, a sense of belonging, and a caring environment, so they know they are not alone on their journey toward healing. All of these which are fundamental to our ministry.

By - Donna Knight Senior Customer Service Representative

# Life...

There's a

Lot to Talk

About

There's so much we experience in our lives. There are the big moments that shape us – graduation, a first job, falling in love and getting married, having children, seeing children grow into adulthood. When we reflect on our lives, it's these memories and milestones that may come to mind first.

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Memorialization at the end of life is more than it used to be. It can reflect a person's life story and be transformative, healing and comforting.

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# All Souls Day Mass Celebration

*Monday, November 2, 2015*

*Please join us:*



**Holy Rood Chapel Mausoleum (9:30 am)**

Cemetery of the Holy Rood  
111 Old Country Road, Westbury, NY 11590  
Celebrant: Bishop Robert Brennan



**Field Mass (11:00 am)**

Queen of All Saints Cemetery and St. John of God Parish Cemetery  
115 Wheeler Road, Central Islip, NY 11722  
Celebrant: Bishop Andrzej Zglejszenski



**Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel Mausoleum (9:30 am)**

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery  
3442 Route 112, Coram, NY 11727  
Celebrant: Bishop Nelson J. Perez

Cemetery Sunday Celebration  
Candle Lighting Service at  
Holy Rood Chapel Mausoleum  
Sunday, November 1, 2015 (3:00 pm)

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Grave and Chapel Decoration Programs  
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*"The Church calls each member of Christ's Body — priest, deacon, layperson — to participate in the ministry of consolation: to care for the dying, to pray for the dead, to comfort those who mourn."*

*Order of Christian Funerals, # 8*



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Diocese of Rockville Centre**

Cemetery of the Holy Rood  
Westbury

Queen of All Saints Cemetery  
Central Islip

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery  
Coram

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*"The rite [of committal] marks the separation in this life of the mourners from the deceased, and through it the community assists them as they complete their care for the deceased and lay the body to rest. The act of committal is a stark and powerful expression of this separation. When carried out in the midst of the community of faith, the committal can help the mourners to face the end of one relationship with the deceased and to begin a new one based on prayerful remembrance, gratitude and the hope of resurrection and reunion." —OOFC, #213*

**Burial of Pre-Born Children**

*"The Church teaches that every spiritual soul is created immediately by God - it is not 'produced' by the parents - and also that it is immortal: it does not perish when it separates from the body at death, and it will be reunited with the body at the final Resurrection." —Catechism of the Catholic Church, 366*

As part of the Universal Church, the Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, cherishes the life and dignity of every human person from conception to natural death and burial. Every action and procedure at the cemetery springs from this foundational belief.



# 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Mass For Deceased Children

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*Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 19:14*



Saturday, October 17, 2015  
at 12:30 p.m.

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Presider  
Msgr. William Koenig

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St. Agnes Cathedral  
29 Quealy Place  
Rockville Centre, New York

*All are welcome*

Come early to inscribe your child's name in the  
**"Book of Families"**

Refreshments following Mass in the Parish Centre

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For more information contact  
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