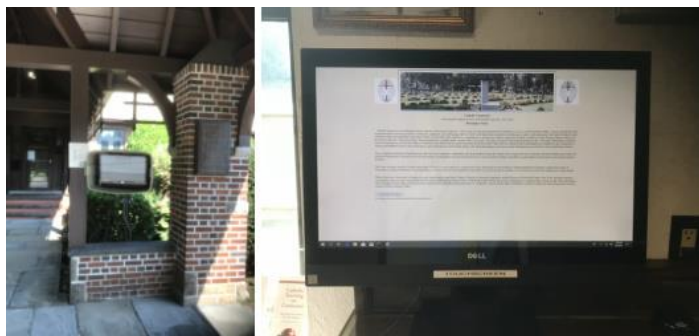




Sacred Places

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Locate a Loved One



Catholic Cemeteries supplies easy-to-use kiosk stations that can assist you at all our sites: Cemetery of the Holy Rood, Queen of All Saints Cemetery, and Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. The kiosks are touch screen computers tied directly into our database.

To locate a loved one using the kiosk, press the “**I Understand**” button at the bottom of the first page disclaimer. Enter in the first and last name of the person you are looking for, select the cemetery site, and hit “**Begin Search.**” The screen will show you people with that name. To view the interment location of your loved one, press the blue text (**Record ID**) next to the name and it will provide you with the plot, crypt, or niche location. Have another person you are looking for? No problem. Press the “**New Search**” button and look for as many names you wish.

You can also search for a loved one directly from your computer or mobile phone. Simply type search.ccdrcinc.org in the web browser on your computer or mobile device to search our directory. You can also scan the below QR code with your mobile device to access this directory.

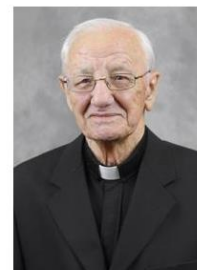


*Scan this QR code to
search for a loved one
from your mobile phone.*

Online Photos & Memorials

Have a special photo? Wish to add an image or a memorial story to the online record?

Families may choose to have an image of their loved one added to the directory so that it is displayed along with their burial location information. Families can also add a memorial story, along with up to 5 additional photos, to commemorate their loved one. Catholic Cemeteries provides these memorial services at **no cost** to families.



Photos and stories can be uploaded to the online record directly by family members. Stories will be reviewed for approval by Catholic Cemeteries prior to being published. You may also email the photo of your loved one to portraits@ccdrcinc.org to have it added to the directory. If you submit the photo via email, please include the following information in the body of the email: name of the deceased, date of interment, and grave/crypt/niche location of the deceased.

If you have any questions or if you would like additional information on this program, please contact the cemetery office.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

Friday, November 2nd: All Souls Day Masses

- Cemetery of the Holy Rood: **9:30 AM**
- Holy Sepulchre Cemetery: **9:30 AM**
- Queen of All Saints Cemetery: **11:00 AM**

Sunday, November 4th: Cemetery Sunday Vespers

- Cemetery of the Holy Rood: **3:00 PM**

Saturday, December 1st: Christmas Ornament Masses

- Cemetery of the Holy Rood: **9:30 AM**
- Holy Sepulchre Cemetery: **9:30 AM**
- Queen of All Saints Cemetery: **9:30 AM**

Queen of Peace Update

Construction continues on Queen of Peace Cemetery in Old Westbury. The Queen of Peace will be the fourth diocesan cemetery in the Diocese of Rockville Centre and the second diocesan cemetery within Nassau County.

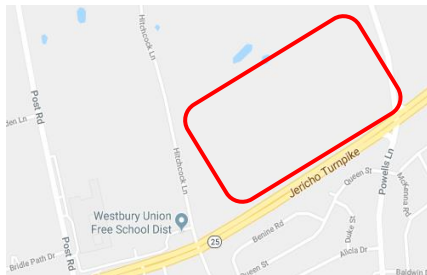
The first phase of the Queen of Peace site work is nearing completion. During this phase all of the roadways, site drainage and landscape were developed. The Design Team is now in the process of designing several buildings which will be built at the Queen of Peace Cemetery. These buildings will consist of a chapel, mausoleums, administration building and maintenance building. We anticipate that construction on the buildings will begin in 2019 and we are hopeful that Queen of Peace Cemetery will be ready to open sometime in late 2020.

Catholic Cemeteries will provide updates on our website www.ccdrcvnc.org and on our [Facebook page](#). We have also created an email list for those looking to receive updates on the status of Queen of Peace. To join this email list, please click the following link:

[Sign Up for Updates on Queen of Peace](#)

We are thankful for the years of support of the Catholic Church in the time it has taken to begin this cemetery project. We remain hopeful it will serve our families for many years. We continue to ask for your prayers, public support, and positive wishes.

Queen of Peace
Cemetery will be located
in Old Westbury along
Jericho Turnpike,
between Hitchcock Lane
and Powells Lane.



Range Renovations at Holy Rood



During the month of September, Catholic Cemeteries will be embarking upon a renovation of grounds in Sections 14, 15, 17, 18, and 19 at Cemetery of the Holy Rood. The ranges and plots affected are:

Section 14 – J – 97 to 146/147

Section 15 – O – 52/53 to 88/89

Section 17 – G – 37 to 107

Section 17 – S – 11 to 113

Section 18 – MM – 9 to 129

Section 19 – Z – 87 to 137

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



Have you "liked" us on Facebook? We operate a main Facebook page for Catholic Cemeteries and separate Facebook pages for each of our cemetery locations. Be sure to "like" our pages to receive the latest news and updates, receive notifications on upcoming events, and view photos of our cemeteries.

Click below to access each of our Facebook pages:



[Catholic Cemeteries of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre \(Main Page\)](#)



[Cemetery of the Holy Rood](#)



[Holy Sepulchre Cemetery](#)



[Queen of All Saints Cemetery](#)



[St. John of God Parish Cemetery](#)



[St. John the Evangelist Parish Cemetery](#)



[St. Boniface Parish Cemetery](#)



[St. Francis de Sales Parish Cemetery](#)



[St. Patrick Parish Cemetery \(Brookville\)](#)

30th Annual Mass for Deceased Children

Let the children come to me, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to these. Matthew 19:14



The Annual Mass for Deceased Children will be on Saturday, **September 29, 2018 at 12:30 PM** at St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre. The celebrant will be Father Tony Stanganelli, Pastor of St. Brigid Parish.

All are welcome. Come early to inscribe your child's name in the "Book of Families." Following the Mass, light refreshments will be served in the Pastoral Center.

For more information, contact **Ellen Zafonte at 516-678-5800 x506** or ezafonte@drvc.org.

All Souls Day Masses

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.**

Catholic Cemeteries will be celebrating Mass on **All Souls Day, Friday, November 2, 2018** at the following times:

9:30 am Cemetery of the Holy Rood
9:30 am Holy Sepulchre Cemetery
11:00 am Queen of All Saints Cemetery

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.

Cemetery Sunday

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 4th**, 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 Cemetery of the Holy Rood**, the Diocesan Choir will preside over a ceremony of prayer, song and remembrance. The names of all who have been interred in our cemeteries after November 1st, 2017 will be printed and will appear at the ceremony. 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.

Christmas Ornament Masses

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.

On **Saturday, December 1st at 9:30 am** at **Cemetery of the Holy Rood, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, and Queen of All Saints Cemetery**, 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 this Mass to be placed on one of the trees 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 1st through January 10th. **Please note that any ornaments not picked up by January 10th will be discarded.**

Seasonal Decoration Programs for 2018-2019

Catholic Cemeteries of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre, Inc is again offering a holiday decoration program. For families who have gravesites, you may purchase an **evergreen blanket or pillow** for **Christmas**; a **palm cross** for **Easter**; and **seasonal potted plants** for both **Mother's Day** and **Father's Day**, for placement on individual graves.

We will continue to decorate the chapels in our mausoleums with **poinsettias** at **Christmas**; **lilies** at **Easter**; and **potted plants** for both **Mother's Day** and **Father's Day**. All families, especially those who have entombments in our mausoleums, are invited to purchase a plant in memory of a loved one. The name of the deceased will be listed in a memorial book placed in each of the chapels.

Decoration Programs for the 2018-2019 holiday season are available online at www.ccdrvinc.org. Orders may be placed online via PayPal (*note: if you do not have a PayPal account, you will have the option to check out and complete your purchase using a credit card*). If you are unable to place an order online, you can mail in an order form to the cemetery office along with a personal check, or you may come into the cemetery office to pay by cash, check, or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, or Discover).

Mausoleum Decoration Programs

Christmas Chapel Plants



Easter Chapel Plants



Mother's Day & Father's Day Chapel Plants



Gravesite Decoration Programs

Christmas Blankets and Pillows



Easter Palm Crosses



Mother's Day & Father's Day Plants



Things You Wanted to Know About Cemeteries, But Were Afraid to Ask

People have often wondered, how did cemeteries come about? Where are our ancestors from the 1600's, 1700's and even before that buried?

The word "cemetery" can be traced from Greek, meaning "resting place" and originally applied to the Roman underground catacombs.

It is believed that America had no large formal cemeteries prior to 1831. The dead were always buried, but either in smaller scale cemeteries, church yards and often right on an individual's or family's private property. The oldest known maintained cemetery in the United States is the Myles Standish Burial Ground in Duxbury, MA, which was in use from 1638 to 1789. It is the burial ground of several well-known pilgrims as well as Captain Myles Standish, an English military officer hired by the Pilgrims as military advisor for Plymouth Colony.

The construction of Mount Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge, MA began the movement to larger scale cemeteries in the United States. Mt. Auburn Cemetery is a 175-acre National Historic Landmark. It is still known for its picturesque and tranquil setting. In the 1840's, Mt. Auburn was considered one of the most popular tourist destinations in the U.S. At the time she was 16 years old, American poet Emily Dickinson wrote a letter about her visit to the cemetery in 1846.



As time progressed, people became more transient and space was limited as people lived in more densely populated areas. The need for a centralized location to bury the dead became more and more necessary. As Catholics, our first burial option should always be on "consecrated grounds." There are also local ordinances and zoning laws prohibiting the burial of the dead on private property.

While the history of Catholic Cemeteries of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre, Inc. are not as rich as the Myles Standish Burial Ground or Mt. Auburn Cemetery, we have a few vintage photos to share:



*Entrance gates of Cemetery of the Holy Rood, Westbury, NY
(October 27, 1931)*



Holy Sepulchre Memorial Day Mass, Coram, NY (June 1, 1946)

As Catholics of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, we are fortunate to have three diocesan cemeteries from which to choose our final resting place, with a fourth on the way (Queen of Peace in Old Westbury, NY). In addition, there are a host of local parish cemeteries that still have burial space throughout Long Island. Please contact the cemetery office for further information.

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Bereavement Information

Many parishes, hospitals and community organizations offer **bereavement support groups** for you to participate in. These groups provide the opportunity for you to gather with members of the community to gain strength and find solace from one another.

Details and contact information on available groups, special events and workshops can be found on our website by [clicking here](#).

Information available on the website includes:

- Bereavement Support Groups with meeting dates
- Weekly and Monthly Bereavement Support Groups
- Support Groups/Programs for Children
- Special Programs, Conferences, Masses, and Retreats
- Other Programs Available as Needed

Additional resources can be found at the website of the Office of Faith Formation for the Diocese of Rockville Centre at <http://www.drvc-faith.org/bereavement>

Saturday Masses at our Chapels

We invite you to join us at Catholic Cemeteries for our regularly scheduled monthly Masses. On the first Saturdays of most months, Masses are celebrated for all those buried at the cemetery. Special Masses are also celebrated on Memorial Day and All Souls Day.

To review our Mass schedule, please click the following link:

[**Catholic Cemeteries Mass Schedule**](#)

Safety Reminders – Wintertime Graveside Visitation

The winter season brings us foul weather which may include freezing temperatures, snow and ice, and blustery cold winds. Despite this inclement weather, family members may wish to visit the cemetery to pray and remember their loved ones on a birthday, anniversary, or just to pay their respects. In order to ensure a safe visit, please be aware of the following:



SNOW: The obvious problem will be a slippery surface to walk upon. The snow may hide uneven ground below and also cover granite and bronze markers that are flush with the ground. When the snow is very deep, it is recommended to visit from the roadside or stop into our chapels to pray.

ICE: After a mild day rain event or the snowpack melting on a previously hard frozen ground, ponding will occur as the rain/meltwater will not be able to be absorbed into the ground. Should the temperatures drop again, the ice on these surfaces will present a slipping hazard. Please be very careful and consider roadside visitation or visit our chapels.

FROST HEAVE GROUND: Even with no snow or ice present, the ground may be very uneven due to frost heaving. The frozen ground surface will feel knobby underfoot as water in the soil migrates to the surface and freezes. Your footing will be very uneven, causing one to lose balance and fall. A twist of the ankle is also possible. Please exercise extreme caution; again, please think of visiting our chapels to pray and reflect.

Beneath each electronic sign at our cemeteries, visitors will notice a posted sign. **While all visitors are responsible for their own safety**, these signs provide additional indicators on the current conditions of the cemetery. Based on conditions, one of the following signs will be posted:

- **WELCOME**
Standard greeting. Regular visitation rules apply.
- **CAUTION INCLEMENT WEATHER WALK AREAS AT RISK**
For rainy, snowy, icy days. Walk areas include concrete paths, paved road surfaces, and lawn areas.
- **WARNING ROADSIDE-CHAPEL VISITATION ONLY**
People should not step on road surfaces nor lawn areas. Flooding, icy (slippery surfaces) and Snow conditions. If one cannot see the lawn one cannot see the hazard, therefore car side and chapel visits are stated.
- **VISITATION NOT RECOMMENDED**
The gates (the hours) might be open for winter care services or for exiting people, but ice and snow cover the walkways and road surfaces as well as the lawn areas. Therefore, it is too risky to be on the grounds.

In summary, please be extremely careful when visiting your loved ones at graveside. Always remember that they are looking down at you, whether at the grave, in your car, or in the chapel.

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Planting & Decoration Guidelines

As the holiday season approaches, it is important to be mindful of our cemeteries' rules and regulations for planting and decorations.

Holiday decorations may be placed on the following dates:

Holiday	Place ON or AFTER this date	Take away BEFORE this date
All Hallow's Eve (All Saints Day)	10/24/2018	11/7/2018
Thanksgiving Day	11/15/2018	11/29/2018
Advent-Christmas	11/23/2018	1/15/2019

Below are links to important resources to help you determine what items are permitted at each gravesite and mausoleum location:

[Planting & Decoration Guidelines - Quick Reference Guide](#)

[Cemetery Rules & Regulations - Overview](#)

[Seasonal Planting & Decoration Schedule](#)

Planting & Decoration Guidelines (Gravesites)

Catholic Cemeteries, Diocese of Rockville Centre



Planting/Decoration Type	IS MY DECORATION/PLANTING PERMITTED?		
	Lawn Crypts	Upright Monument Lots 1, 2, or 3 Grave Lots 4 Grave Lots & Larger	Flush Marker Sections Graves & Lawn Crypts Children's Plots
Annual Flowers	YES - semi-circle of 18" in front of monument	YES - semi-circle of 18" in front and rear of monument	Not Permitted
Bouquet Holders	YES - Approved bouquet holders (aluminum/bronze) may be installed. Limit of 2 bouquet holders per lot are permitted.		ONLY where holder is part of the marker design
Vases	YES - Flat bottom vases ONLY The following vase types are not permitted: glass vases, ceramic vases, pin style vases, or cone shaped vases.		
Artificial Flowers	SEASONAL - Winter Months ONLY (November 1 until one week after Easter). ***Will be removed outside of the winter month period***		
Fresh Cut Flowers	YES - Must be in designated area in approved container		
Potted Plants	SEASONAL - Permitted on Holy Days/Holidays. ***Must be removed or planted one week after the day of celebration***		
Shrubs/Bushes	3 Grave Plots or Larger ONLY - Refer to Page 2 for rules and regulations		
Flags	YES - Must not exceed 12" x 16". No more than 2 flags permitted on plot, one must be an American flag. ***Faded/soiled/tear flags will be removed***		
Holiday Decorations	SEASONAL - See separate schedule for permitted dates		
PROHIBITED ITEMS	To protect the safety of field employees and visitors, some items are NOT permitted in the planting area and may not be placed or affixed to monuments. Examples of prohibited items include, but are not limited to, the following: Wooden crosses Pin-wheels Banners Glass jars Planters Statues Bottles Toys Balloons Earthenware pots Crockery Bric-a-brac Tin Cans Shells Edging Stones Pebbles Marble chips Vigil lights (flame or solar) Perennials, vines, climbers, hedging or rose bushes		

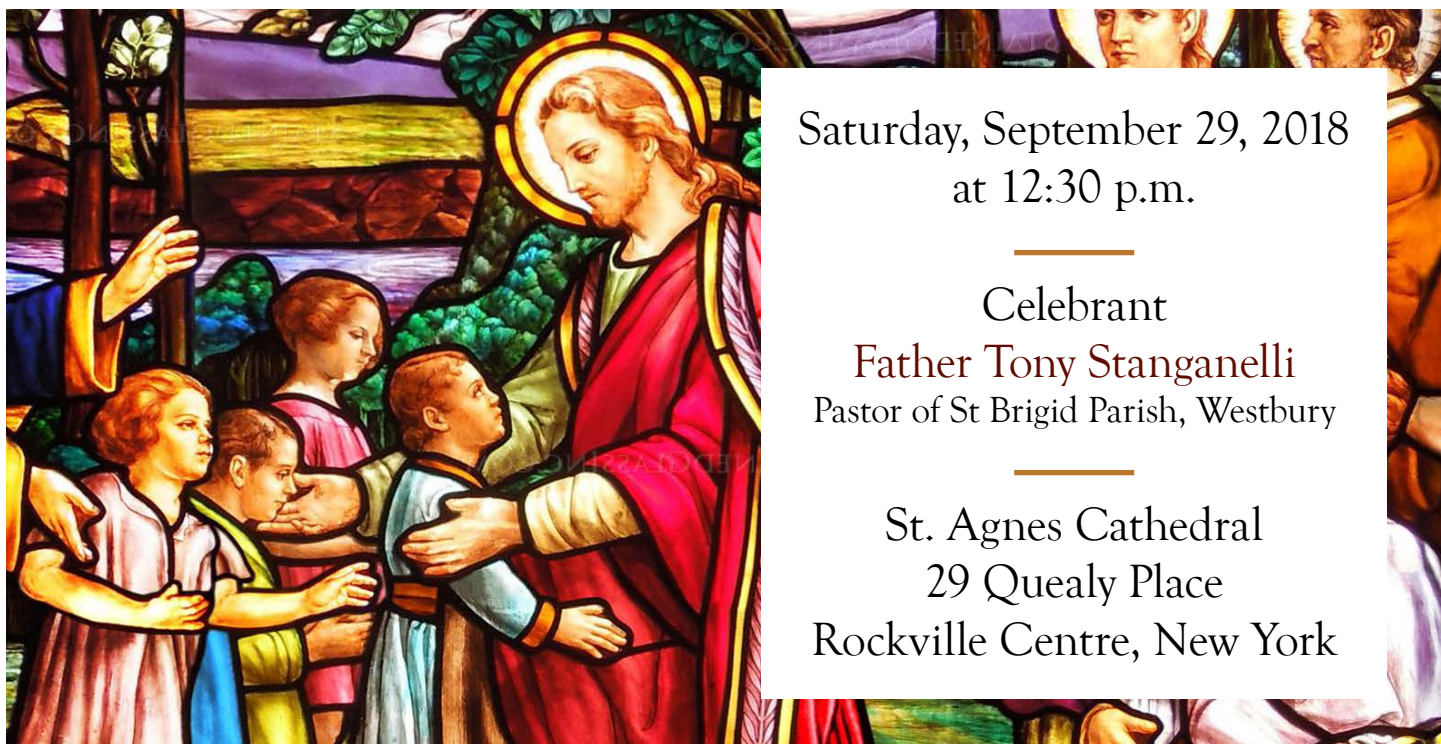
Please note the following important reminders on decorations:

- No placed item, whether floral or otherwise, is considered permanent to the site. The cemetery makes every effort to enforce rules and regulations uniformly and with compassion.
- Because the cemetery is open to the public, with thousands of visitors each year, **the cemetery cannot guarantee plants and decorations from DAMAGE, THEFT, or DISAPPEARANCE.** The cemetery will not be responsible for plant or shrub damage caused by wildlife.
- The cemetery reserves the right to remove and dispose of any decoration/planting **WITHOUT NOTICE OR COMPENSATION** when deemed as unsightly, out of season, or otherwise not permitted in accordance with the cemetery's rules and regulations.



30th Annual Mass For Deceased Children

Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these. Matthew 19:14



Saturday, September 29, 2018
at 12:30 p.m.

Celebrant

Father Tony Stanganelli
Pastor of St Brigid Parish, Westbury

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

All are welcome

Register online at www.drvc-faith.org

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

Light refreshments will be served in the Pastoral Center after mass.

For more information contact
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e-Newsletter

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
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The Hope of Springtime

The chill of winter is beginning to ease its grip and signs of the warmth of spring are starting to blossom. The warmer weather melts our hearts, reminds us of spring times from years gone by, and brightens our hope for the future. Springtime always causes me to recall the core belief of our faith, the resurrection. The natural rhythm of the seasons, mimic the seasons of our lives. For everything, there is a season as the writer of Ecclesiastes penned:

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; a time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace."

We continue our winter grief for our loved ones and the loss of their physical presence. Yet, we also have our springtime hope. A fervent belief that our loved ones exist in the warm embrace of our Lord and the knowledge that when God calls us home, we will all be together again. May the Son's love warm your heart. May God's love bring forth the joy for our unfolding life and tears of gratitude for the times we shared with those who have gone before us. For everything, there is a season. May God continue to bless each of you on life's journey.

Submitted by **Deacon Al Pickford**, Customer Service Manager
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When the Growing Season Begins

Before you know it, Spring will be here paving the way for the growing season. Many of our visitors like to plant at the gravesites. Bear in mind that only annual flowers may be planted in an 18" semi-circle in front of the monument. Planting is not permitted in all sections of the cemetery, so pay attention to the guidelines which can be found under this link: [Planting & Decoration Guidelines](#)



Anyone who tends to a garden at home, knows that any flower bed area is easily plagued with weeds up until the first frost of the season. A flower bed area in the cemetery is no exception. If you choose to plant at the cemetery, it will be your responsibility to maintain the flower bed. Here's what a grave looks like in just a few weeks after having been planted if no one returns to weed.

Permanent Maintenance at the cemetery does not include weeding in the flower bed area. Field staff is faced with either cutting the grass up to the monument and cutting the flowers, or allowing the weeds to grow in the flower bed in the hope that a family visitor will return to tend to the grave.

If you're unable to tend to a gravesite for whatever reason, we remind you about our **Custom Planting Program** where we will plant flowers for you. In addition, we've added a service where we will also maintain the gravesite for you and provide periodic watering and weeding. All gravesites are different sizes, so prices vary accordingly. For additional information, click this link: [Cemetery Decoration Programs](#).

May all your flowers flourish this growing season!

Submitted by **Andreas Zielinski**, Cemetery Manager
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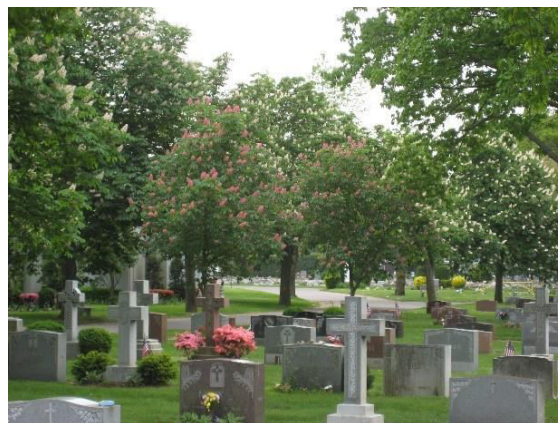
From the President's Desk

*In the Fall 2017 issue of Sacred Places, we announced that our cemeteries were now operating under a newly formed corporation, **Catholic Cemeteries of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre, Inc.***

*We are pleased to announce that our board of directors has appointed **Richard Bie** as the corporation's first President and CEO.*

I am honored to be selected as the first President of Catholic Cemeteries of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre, Inc. I would like to thank Bishop Barres and the CemCo Board of Directors with entrusting me to be part of such a fine organization. I might be new to Catholic Cemeteries, but I am not new to the Diocese of Rockville Centre. My previous position within the Diocese was with Good Samaritan Hospital. It can be said that I am trading one Corporal Work of Mercy (Comforting the Sick) for another (Burying the Dead). It is with a profound sense of exuberance that I begin the journey of leading the dedicated men and women who show up each and every day to provide compassionate care of the faithfully departed as well as their families.

I consider it an honor and a privilege to be able to serve the Catholic Church. Our Holy Father Pope Francis has stated that each life is sacred. Not only does Catholic Cemeteries provide a sacred burial place for the Catholic faithful who are fortunate enough to purchase a final resting place, but we also serve the indigent as well as the unborn. The St. Vincent De Paul section of the Cemetery of the Holy Rood is a special place which contains the unmarked graves of those who are still part of the Catholic faithful but cannot afford burial in a Catholic Cemetery. In keeping with honoring the sacred nature of each human spirit, all of our cemeteries contain a truly special place in which unborn children are laid to rest



within the sacred place which is designated as “Rachel Weeping.” These examples differentiate Catholic Cemeteries from all others and exemplifies the Catholic Mission by celebrating our Catholic Identity.

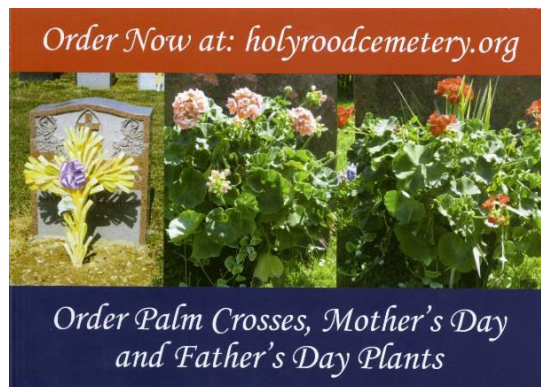
I have spent the beginning of my tenure as President visiting each of the cemeteries and meeting with the staff. I am truly impressed with the condition of the grounds and facilities at each one of the cemeteries. Most impressive are the dedicated employees, many of which have been with Catholic Cemeteries for 20+ years. The experience of each one of these employees will prove to be an invaluable tool in understanding what has made the organization successful. Tapping on the collective wisdom of this experience will be key to ensuring that Catholic Cemeteries continues to flourish with operational excellence under my direction.

One of my immediate priorities will be to oversee the construction of our newest cemetery in Old Westbury, Queen of Peace. The site work is underway which includes the layout of new roads, drainage systems, fences and a watering system. We hope to have the site work complete by late Spring, 2018. The development of construction plans for the chapel, mausoleums and other support structures on the property will begin soon. The design development process will look to incorporate new concepts as well as some existing successful ones while preserving the Catholic identity which defines Catholic Cemeteries as ‘Sacred Places’.

Catholic Cemeteries has a rich history of executive collaboration with the Diocese of Rockville Centre and the local communities. Our excellent reputation for operating with care and sensitivity is due in large part to a dedicated team of hard working men and women. I look forward to building upon this success and providing the strategic vision which will continue the long standing tradition of providing compassionate care for the Catholic families which we serve.

Richard C. Bie, President/CEO



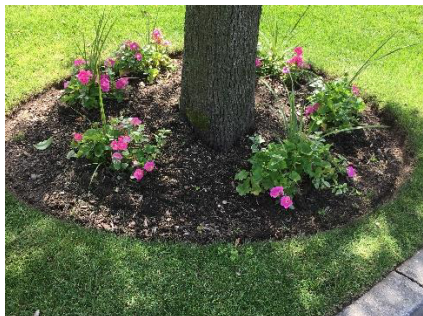


Easter & Spring Decoration Programs

Catholic Cemeteries will again offer decoration programs for Easter, Mother's Day and Father's Day. For the Easter season, families may purchase a palm cross for placement on gravesites or a lily for placement in our mausoleum chapels. For Mother's Day and Father's Day, live floral decorations will be available for placement on gravesites and in our mausoleum chapels. 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, and the names of those remembered will be placed in a Book of Remembrance at the altar.

The cost for each palm cross or plant ordered will be **\$25.00**. They will be placed the week before the respective holiday, 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 order form to the right and mail it with your check as soon as possible. You may also complete a decoration order online through our website (www.ccdrcinc.org).



- Orders are placed and then delivered to the family gravesite 1 week before holiday.
- If flowers are to be kept, families should plant at lot or remove their flowers 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

2018: Easter # of Palm Crosses (Gravesites) ____

2018: Easter # of Lilies (Chapel) ____

2018: Mother's Day # of Plants ____

2018: Father's Day # of Plants ____

Total: ____ Crosses/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: _____

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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](#)

Stations of the Cross

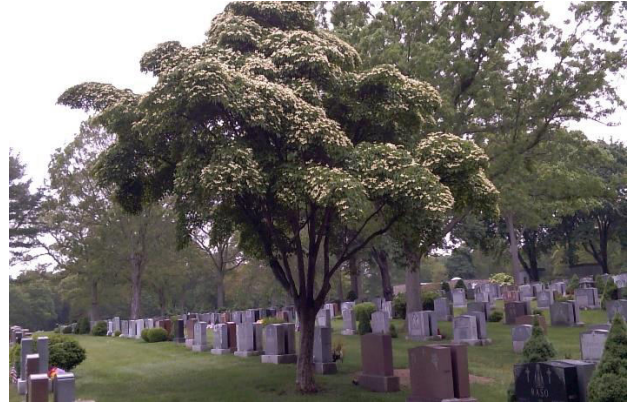
We invite you to join us on **Good Friday, March 30th**, at **12:00 noon in the Holy Rood Chapel** for the opening prayers. Weather permitting, we will follow the mile-and-a-half route throughout Cemetery of the Holy Rood as we commemorate Our Lord's redemptive death. If the weather is inclement, the 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.



The Legend of the Dogwood



Above photo taken at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Section 1

There is a legend that at the time of the Crucifixion the dogwood had been the size of the oak and other forest trees. So firm and strong was the tree that it was chosen as the timber of the cross. To be used thus for such a cruel purpose greatly distressed the tree, and Jesus, nailed upon it sensed this, and in his gentle pity for all sorrow and suffering said to it, "Because of your regret and pity for my suffering, never again shall the dogwood tree grow large enough to be used as a cross. Henceforth, it shall be slender and bent and twisted, and its blossoms shall be in the form of a cross...two long and short petals. And in the center of the outer edge of each petal there will be nail prints, brown with rust and stained with red, and in the center of the flower will be a crown of thorns, and all who see it will remember."

As we approach the budding trees, the new flowers, the return of the birds, let us not forget the promise of this new season; that we may all witness the beauty of God's world unfold at springtime.

*Submitted by **Donna Knight**, Cemetery Manager*

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 2018 Mass Schedule.](#)

Planting & Decoration Guidelines

It is important to be mindful of our cemeteries' rules and regulations for planting and decorations.

Below are links to a few important resources to help you determine what items are permitted at each gravesite and mausoleum location:

[Planting & Decoration Guidelines - Quick Reference Guide](#)

[Cemetery Rules & Regulations - Overview](#)

[Seasonal Planting & Decoration Schedule](#)

Holiday decorations may be placed on the following dates:

Holiday	Place ON or AFTER this date	Take away BEFORE this date
Saint Patrick's Day	3/8/18	3/26/18
Palm Sunday-Easter	3/18/18	4/9/18
Mother's Day	5/6/18	5/21/18
Memorial Day	5/19/18	6/4/18
Father's Day	6/10/18	6/25/18
Independence Day	6/27/18	7/12/18

Please note the following important reminders on decorations:

- No placed item, whether floral or otherwise, is considered permanent to the site. The cemetery makes every effort to enforce rules and regulations uniformly and with compassion.
- Because the cemetery is open to the public, with thousands of visitors each year, **the cemetery cannot guarantee plants and decorations from DAMAGE, THEFT, or DISAPPEARANCE.** The cemetery will not be responsible for plant or shrub damage caused by wildlife.
- The cemetery reserves the right to remove and dispose of any decoration/planting **WITHOUT NOTICE OR COMPENSATION** when deemed as unsightly, out of season, or otherwise not permitted in accordance with the cemetery's rules & regulations.

Leaving More Than Your Mark

We've reported in the past about the increase of visitors placing rocks on top of monuments and bronze flat markers as an indication that someone has visited the deceased.

(Refer to the article in our [Fall 2017 Newsletter](#) entitled "Catholic Cemeteries & Jewish Lore: An Old Custom and its Potential Hazards.")

This practice does not comply with cemetery rules and regulations. The rationale behind this has always been that the safety of visitors and field staff is greatly compromised during lawn mowing and weed whacking.

If this alone is not convincing, consider the rocks and stones becoming a projectile and have been responsible for damaging and chipping your monument or adjacent monuments. Car windows have been damaged as well.

Did you know that rocks and minerals slowly break down and release the elements that were a part of their chemical structure? The process is expedited when the rocks and stones become wet. **Placing the rocks actually can cause permanent damage and discoloration to the monument** as these elements penetrate below the surface of the granite and become bleached by the sun.



Kindly refrain from leaving "your mark" when you visit. You have already exercised a corporal work of mercy by visiting the dead. Remember Matthew 6:1-18 – "Your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly." No need to let others see you visited the gravesite.

Submitted by **Andreas Zielinski**, Cemetery Manager

Bouquet Holders for Gravesites

Aluminum bouquet holders are the perfect place for floral arrangements and are a lasting and beautiful memorial tribute. Available for use at most in-ground burial sites, these bouquet holders come in two parts: the holder and the insert. The holder can easily be inverted when not in use.

Aluminum bouquet holders are priced at **\$65** and can be purchased through the cemetery office or [online by clicking here](#). All purchasers are encouraged to read the rules and regulations concerning bouquet holders before making a purchase.



Monument Cleaning Service

A clean monument enhances the natural qualities of the granite and adds to the overall beauty of a well-kept cemetery. It is usually the intention of a certificate holder to keep their memorial clean, but years often pass without this taking place.

Catholic Cemeteries recommends that certificate holders and their heirs consider the cemetery's monument cleaning program. Our staff is knowledgeable on the cleaning products necessary to remove different types of stains. We will ensure that proper tools are used and clean up procedures are followed when servicing each monument.



For pricing and for more information on this program, click the following link: [Monument Cleaning Program Brochure](#)

Shrub & Bush Maintenance Service



A well maintained, balanced shrub or bush not only enhances the natural qualities of the plant, but adds to the overall beauty of a family lot and compliments a family monument. For that reason, please consider our shrub maintenance program.

Unattended shrubs and bushes require severe pruning to conform to regulations. Severe pruning can threaten the life of the plant, whereas constant and consistent maintenance can result in a beautifully shaped, balanced, and complimentary plant fitting to the lot and its surrounding area. Regular trimming maintenance goes hand in hand with a routine visual inspect for good plant health. With regular maintenance throughout the growing season, early detection of growth related problems are possible. A treated bush can be saved when early detection occurs.

For pricing or for more information on this program, click the following link: [Shrub/Bush Maintenance Program Brochure](#)

Does your shrub/bush meet cemetery guidelines?

Please refer to the following reference guide to see what size shrub or bush is permitted on your lot:

[Bush & Shrub Size Permitted by Plot Type](#)

Bereavement Conference 2018

Along with Office of Faith Formation of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, Catholic Cemeteries invites you to attend this year's [Bereavement Conference](#) on **March 10, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** The conference will be held at St. Frances de Chantal Parish at 1309 Wantagh Ave, Wantagh, NY 11793.

This conference promises to be a very informative and beneficial experience for both the bereaved and those who minister to them. The theme of the conference, is "Life has changed, not ended."

To review the full conference schedule or to register for the conference, please go to www.drvc-faith.org/bereavement.

Memorial Day Masses

Please join us at Catholic Cemeteries for our Memorial Day Mass celebration on **Monday, May 28, 2018**. Mass times are as follows:

11:00 AM – Cemetery of the Holy Rood

11:00 AM – Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

12:00 Noon – Queen of All Saints Cemetery



Helpful Brochures & Documents

[Seasonal Decoration & Planting Schedule](#)

[2018 Holiday Schedule \(Office Closed/Days of No Burials\)](#)

[Cremation Planner Guide](#)

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

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

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

[Cemetery Donation & Memorial Programs](#)

[Do You Have an Aging Plan?](#)

A large, pale hand emerges from the top right corner, holding a string of light blue and white beads. The background is a sun-dappled forest path with tall trees and green foliage. The title text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Life is Changed, Not Ended

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Keynote Speaker

Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski

Auxiliary Bishop, Diocese of Rockville Centre

Vicar for the Western Vicariate

Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski was born and raised in Poland where he studied philosophy and theology before coming to the United States in 1987. He completed his studies for the priesthood at the Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington and was ordained by Bishop John R. McGann, for the Diocese of Rockville Centre in 1990.

Bishop Zglejszewski has served several parishes on Long Island. He was an Associate Pastor in the Parish of Saint Christopher, Baldwin (1990-1995), in Saint Thomas the Apostle, West Hempstead (1995-2003), and Saint Rose of Lima, Massapequa (2003-2007), before he was appointed Director of the Diocesan Office of Worship in 2007 and Co-Chancellor in 2013.

His graduate studies include theology at Fordham University in New York and sacramental theology at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. For several years he also was Adjunct Professor in the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, teaching in the Diaconate Formation Program.

To keep up to date on the Conference and all Bereavement services, support groups and programs available, please visit our website: www.drvc-faith.org/bereavement/