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New Name & Refreshed Website

Our corporation, Catholic Cemeteries of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre, Inc, recently adopted a new d/b/a (doing business as): **Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island**. This new name is shorter than our formal corporation name and truly represents what we are: Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island, serving the Catholic community throughout the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

We are in the process of updating all cemetery brochures, applications, and other documents with the new d/b/a name. As part of our rebranding efforts, we have updated our website URL to www.CCLongIsland.org. We have also refreshed our website to give it a brand-new look and feel. While the previous URLs will currently direct you to our new website, we ask that you update any bookmarks on your web browser or mobile device with the new URL.



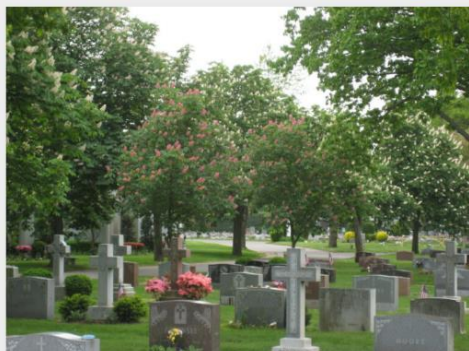
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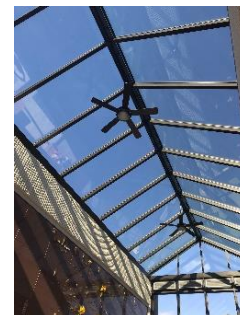
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Mausoleum Skylight Update

In our Spring newsletter, we announced a major construction project to replace the skylights of our garden mausoleum buildings in Cemetery of the Holy Rood, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, and Queen of All Saints Cemetery.

The benefits of these improvements include new energy efficient thermal panel glass, improved ventilation, and updates to the fans and lighting in the renovated corridors.



The original expectation was that all work would be completed by Spring 2020. We are happy to share that work has progressed ahead of schedule. All skylight replacements have been completed at Holy Rood and Holy Sepulchre, while the Queen of All Saints replacements will be completed by November 2019. We thank everyone for their patience and understanding while construction was in progress.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, November 2nd: All Souls Day Mass

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

Sunday, November 3rd: Cemetery Sunday Vespers

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

Saturday, December 7th: Christmas Ornament Mass

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

Graves/Crypts/Niches Across our Network

As we serve the Catholic community throughout the Diocese of Rockville Centre, we offer families a wide choice of options at varying prices across our cemetery locations.

At the beautiful **Holy Sepulchre Cemetery** in Coram, we have an ample selection of graves, interior and exterior crypts and niches, including a limited number of glass front niches.

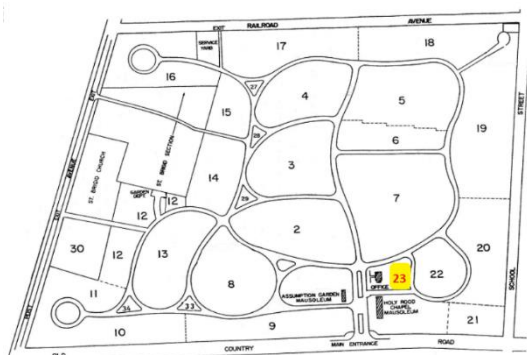
Queen of All Saints Cemetery, conveniently located just off the Long Island Expressway at Exit 56 in Central Islip, also has graves of varying sizes, as well as indoor and outdoor crypts and niches.

We know that many families have inquired about the availability of graves at **Cemetery of the Holy Rood** in Westbury, so we are very excited about sharing this news:

At the Cemetery of the Holy Rood we have developed a new area — **Section 23** — and will be offering graves for sale there to the general public **beginning November 1st!** Located near Holy Rood Chapel Mausoleum and immediately behind our administrative office, this section will be an upright monument section with Single Grave plots at a price of \$5,000 each.

In addition, there are a limited number — approximately 60 as of this writing — of graves of varying sizes and prices throughout Holy Rood! We also have a broad array of interior crypts and niches, including the glass front niches which were made available earlier this year; these crypt and niche spaces are all available for immediate purchase in Holy Rood Chapel Mausoleum. Purchases of grave, crypt, and niche spaces at Holy Rood are generally limited to those Catholics in Nassau County.

Please contact any of our Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island offices today and speak to our staff for information on how we can best fulfill your needs.



Map of Holy Rood showing the location of the new Section 23

Queen of Peace Update

Construction continues on Queen of Peace Cemetery in Old Westbury. Catholic Cemeteries will provide updates on our website www.CCLongIsland.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.



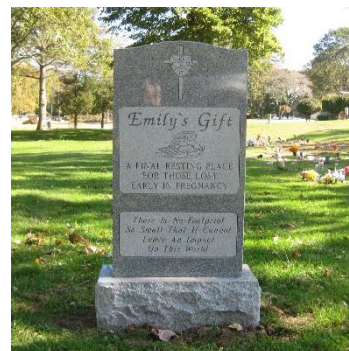
Map of Long Island showing the locations of Holy Sepulchre, Queen of All Saints, Holy Rood, and the future site of Queen of Peace

Emily's Gift Program

In our Spring 2019 Newsletter, our President/CEO Richard Bie shared information on the **Emily's Gift**, a special bereavement program offered by St. Charles Hospital for families suffering an early pregnancy loss.

Working with Sister Edith Menegus, Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island dedicated an area for the interment of St. Charles Hospital babies which are unable to make it to full term so that the families would have a place to visit their loved ones. This dedicated plot is adjacent to the Children's Section at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Sister Edith worked closely with a local monument dealer, Stone Unlimited, to design a special memorial for this burial space. Monument work was completed in October 2019, and the stone is now in place in front of the Emily's Gift plot.



Holiday Decoration Programs for 2019-2020

Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island offers 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 2019-2020 holiday season are available online at www.CCLongIsland.org. Orders may be placed online via credit card (Visa, MasterCard, or Discover) or PayPal account. 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.

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



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, Saturday, November 2, 2019 at 9:30 am** at **Cemetery of the Holy Rood** in Westbury, **Holy Sepulchre Cemetery** in Coram, and **Queen of All Saints Cemetery** in Central Islip.

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 3rd**, 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, 2018 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.

31st 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



The Annual Mass for Deceased Children will be on **Saturday, November 16, 2019 at 12:30 PM** at St. Agnes Cathedral (29 Quealy Place, Rockville Centre). The presider will be Msgr. William Koenig.

All are welcome. Come early to inscribe your child's name in the "Book of Families."

For more information, contact **Lucy Creed** at **516-678-5800 x236** or lcreed@drvc.org.

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 7th 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.**

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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)	10/24/2019	11/7/2019
Thanksgiving Day	11/21/2019	12/5/2019
Advent-Christmas	11/29/2019	1/15/2020

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.

Cemetery Price Changes

Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island adjusts our prices for burial inventory and services periodically. We occasionally are asked, "Why do burial spaces and services cost as much as they do?" The answers are many and complex but major themes will assist in understanding.

One of the first impressions visitors find while visiting one of our sites is how beautiful and well-kept the grounds are. During the growing season April – November, the entire cemetery is mowed and trimmed weekly, and we apply required fertilizers and irrigate all areas as a supplement to rainfall. This requires dedicated staff to accomplish. We also need to maintain our mausoleums daily. Vacuuming, dusting and cleaning are constantly being performed. Our labor costs just for normal upkeep of our buildings and grounds add up quickly and understandably increase over time. We do, when possible, perform competitive multi-year bidding to obtain the best pricing for contracted services such as cleaning our buildings, extermination, and other ancillary services. This is in addition to our office staff of Customer Service Representatives, accounting and management.

In addition, the cemetery needs to purchase and maintain equipment to perform its core business, the respectful burial of our dearly departed. Machinery, such as backhoes used for digging burial plots, can be extremely expensive, but owning and maintaining safe and efficient equipment is paramount.

Finally, there is the normal upkeep of our mausoleums, chapels and office buildings. As home owners can appreciate, work on existing structures is a regular occurrence, whether it be a new roof, replacement of all mausoleum skylights, currently in progress across each of our sites, is very costly, and there is also the need for routine operating costs, such as heating and air conditioning upkeep, replacement and the like. And, as with our homes, the older structures become, the greater the need for upkeep.

We are aware of the financial burden borne by those who come to us, and we therefore try to ensure that there is a place at our cemeteries for all Catholics across the Diocese. Costs are managed to be efficient. And, while prices increase for certain products and services, we also made it a point this year to reduce certain prices to try to provide an opportunity for the entire Catholic community throughout the Diocese of Rockville Centre to be able to consider the purchase of burial rights at one of our Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island.

Thank you for entrusting your family members to us.

Funeral Director Appreciation Events

On September 18 and 19, Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island hosted Funeral Director Appreciation Events at Cemetery of the Holy Rood and Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, respectively. Representatives from the following funeral homes were in attendance:

- Clair S. Bartholomew & Son Funeral Home
- Bellmore Funeral Home
- Cecere Family Funeral Home
- Donohue Cecere Funeral Directors
- Thomas F. Dalton Funeral Homes
- Dodge Thomas Funeral Home
- Franklin Funeral Home
- Hempstead Funeral Home
- Leo F. Kearns Funeral Homes
- O'Brien-Sheipe Funeral Home
- Roslyn Heights Funeral Home
- Bryant Funeral Home
- DeFriest-Grattan Funeral Homes
- Hale & Lynch Funeral Home
- McManus-Lorey Funeral Home
- Moloney Family Funeral Homes
- O.B. Davis Funeral Homes



At each event, our President/CEO Richard Bie gave a short presentation to highlight the current offerings at each of our cemeteries, announce the opening of the new section at Holy Rood, and provide the latest updates on Queen of Peace Cemetery in Old Westbury.



Most importantly, the appreciation events provided Catholic Cemeteries and our staff with the opportunity to thank the funeral directors for all that they do in caring for our families. We appreciate everyone taking time out of their busy schedules to attend these events.

Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

Back in June, Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island hosted two benefits meetings for our employees at our Westbury and Coram locations. During these meetings, our management and human resources teams reviewed all current benefits available to each employee. Representatives from Mutual of America and Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union gave presentations at each meeting to provide an overview of the services they offer to our employees.

In addition to providing valuable information, Ocean Financial generously raffled off a pair of Mets tickets during each meeting. James Brosnan, Customer Service Manager at Holy Rood, was the lucky winner in our Westbury raffle. James attended the game at Citi Field with his wife on September 23rd to watch the Mets take on the Miami Marlins.



Catholic Cemeteries Intern Program

This past summer, Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island launched our inaugural Summer Internship Program. The 2019 program featured an impressive group of students:

- **Morgan Kaja**, Iona College (IT Department)
- **Omar Santana**, St. John's University (Accounting)
- **Santom Thomas**, St. John's University (Accounting)



Pictured left to right: Richard Bie (President/CEO), Omar Santana, Morgan Kaja, John F. Kennedy (CFO), Santom Thomas

Our interns gained real life work experience and were valuable team players with Catholic Cemeteries. We thank Morgan, Omar and Santom for their hard work and dedication this summer, and we wish them the best of luck in their upcoming school year and their future endeavors. We look forward to growing our Summer Internship Program in the years to come.

Seasonal Field Workers

Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island launched a seasonal worker program to assist with our field operations during the summer months. A total of five workers were hired between our locations: **Devin Margan-Ansaldi**, **Dominic Pascarella**, **Patrick Shelvin**, and **Joseph Zaino** worked in Westbury, while **Kevin Johnson** assisted us in Coram.

The seasonal workers handled landscaping and general maintenance duties throughout the cemeteries. Our Westbury staff was tasked with maintaining the grounds at Queen of Peace Cemetery throughout the summer. Thank you to Devin, Dominic, Patrick, Joseph, and Kevin for your hard work!



Staff Promotion

Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island is pleased to announce that **Kwame Ampeh**, who has recently completed all four parts of the CPA examination, has been promoted from Staff Accountant to Senior Accountant, effective October 1, 2019.

Congratulations Kwame, and best wishes for continued success!



Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island is on Facebook



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 the links below to access each of our pages.

Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island

[Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island \(Main Page\)](#)

[Cemetery of the Holy Rood](#)

[Holy Sepulchre Cemetery](#)

[Queen of All Saints Cemetery](#)

Parish Cemeteries Managed by Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island

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

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

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

[St. Boniface Parish Cemetery
\(Elmont\)](#)

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

[Cemetery of the Sacred Heart
\(Cutchoque\)](#)



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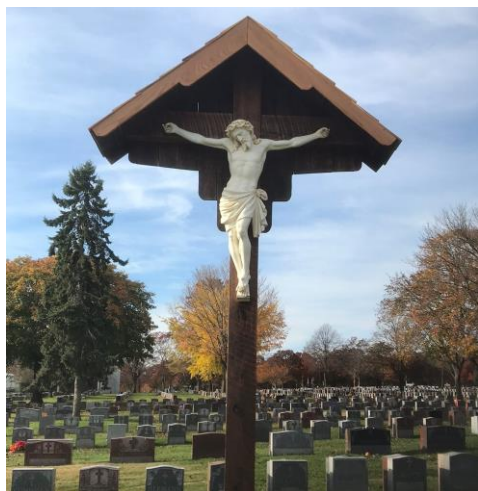
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Corpus of Christ Statues

Late last Fall, Catholic Cemeteries began a project to renovate the Corpus of Christ statues at Cemetery of the Holy Rood, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, and Queen of All Saints Cemetery.

Five new fiberglass corpus statues were ordered to replace the older wooden statues in our cemeteries – three in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, one at Cemetery of the Holy Rood, and one at Queen of All Saints Cemetery. Once the new corpus statues were received, our field staff started the process of renovating each cross. One by one, our staff is taking down each existing cross to make necessary repairs and stain the crosses to give them a fresh new look. After these renovations are completed, the new statue is affixed to the cross, and the cross is returned to its place in the cemetery.

As of February 15th, three of the five renovations have been completed and the new corpus statues are now erected. The remaining renovations are scheduled to be completed by the early Spring.



Above is a picture of the new corpus statue in Section 10 at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Coram.

Mausoleum Skylight Replacements



A major construction project will begin this Spring at Catholic Cemeteries to replace the skylights of our garden mausoleum buildings in Cemetery of the Holy Rood, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, and Queen of All Saints Cemetery.

Construction is scheduled to commence in mid-April at Cemetery of the Holy Rood. Once the skylights have been replaced at Holy Rood, construction will move on to Holy Sepulchre Cemetery and then to Queen of All Saints Cemetery. Construction will last approximately 16 weeks at each cemetery, with the expectation that work at all cemeteries will be completed by Spring 2020. Please keep in mind that as with any construction project, timelines and schedules are subject to change.

Notices will be posted by the mausoleum buildings and on the electronic signs in the cemeteries as we approach the start of construction at each site. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience that this construction may cause.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, March 30th: 2019 Bereavement Conference

- St. Patrick Parish, Huntington: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Friday, April 19th: Way of the Cross

- Cemetery of the Holy Rood: 12:00 PM

Monday, May 27th: Memorial Day Masses

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

The Gift of Life and Emily's Gift Program

Submitted by **Richard C. Bie**, President/CEO of
Catholic Cemeteries of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre, Inc

We all love to give and receive gifts. Gifts are used to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, holidays and various other special occasions. The best gift that is often overlooked and taken for granted is the **Gift of Life**. Given to us by our parents and the grace of God, the Gift of Life is the single greatest gift which is not appreciated nor respected by certain members of our society. As Catholics, we believe that life begins at conception; however, there are those who have a different opinion. It is unfortunate that as a society, we continue to struggle with defining the moment at which we should acknowledge and respect life. Perhaps, if we redefine our birthdays and began counting from the moment we were conceived, it might change our perspective on how we look upon the Gift of Life.

At Catholic Cemeteries, we perform a Corporal Work of Mercy which is Burial of the Dead. This is defined by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops as follows:

"Funerals give us the opportunity to grieve and show others support during difficult times. Through our prayers and actions during these times we show our respect for life, which is always a gift from God, and comfort to those who mourn."



The Burial of the Dead is, in itself, a celebration of the Gift of Life. The monuments at cemeteries throughout the world are a testament to this. At Catholic Cemeteries, we don't discern nor discriminate on the necessity for a proper burial on whether a particular life spent 100 years on this earth or less than 9 months in mother's womb. This is evident in a recent project at one of our cemeteries. Catholic Cemeteries of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre, Inc., in conjunction with St. Charles Hospital, recently established a new burial area for the unborn.

In 2018, my staff and I began working with Sister Edith Menegus, Director of Pastoral Care at St. Charles Hospital as well as Jim Spencer, Senior Vice President of Mission and Ministries for Catholic Health Systems of Long Island, to define a special area on the grounds of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in which the remains of the miscarried babies from St. Charles Hospital could be properly buried. When we initially embarked upon the discussions, I proudly explained that Catholic Cemeteries already had designated areas in each of our cemeteries in which we provide space to the burial of the unborn. Sister Edith insisted on a specific area for the proper interment of St. Charles Hospital babies which are unable to make it to full term so that the families would have a place to visit their loved ones. Marilyn Fabbicante, Executive Director of Public and Internal Affairs at St. Charles Hospital, explained the St. Charles Hospital Pastoral Care Department approach led by Sister Edith:

*St. Charles Hospital, as a ministry of the Catholic Church, offers a special bereavement program for families suffering an early pregnancy loss. Called **Emily's Gift**, the program offers families support, acceptance, and gentle guidance. With a commitment to justice, integrity and respect for the dignity of each person, St. Charles also provides a final resting place for those lost early in the pregnancy.*

On December 20, 2018, St. Charles Hospital celebrated a funeral mass for the remains of 35 babies which was followed by a committal service at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In the Spring of 2019, St. Charles Hospital will be dedicating a monument at this location in Section 4 of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery which will appropriately be entitled **"Emily's Gift"**.



In a recent interview on the Diocese of Rockville Centre website, Bishop Barres stated: *"We as a Catholic Community together are vigilant, active and strong in every dimension of what we express as a church."* The sanctity of human life should be cherished. Losing a loved one is never easy and losing a child before full term is especially difficult on families. Interment at our Catholic Cemeteries is that celebration of the Gift of Life which reinforces our Catholic doctrine and is a shining example of the respect for the lives which have been lived, regardless of the length of the life.

New Glass Niche Walls at Holy Rood

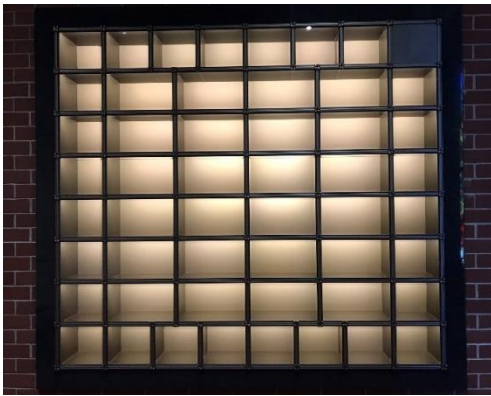
Catholic Cemeteries has added ten new glass niche walls at **Cemetery of the Holy Rood**. These new glass niches can be found in Phase 3 of Holy Rood Chapel Mausoleum in the following areas:

First Floor

- St. Rita corridor – 4 walls

Second Floor

- St. Benedict corridor – 4 walls
- Ven. Pierre Toussaint corridor – 2 walls



Glass front cremation niches offer an indoor above ground viewing place for a cremation urn. A glass window can be extremely desirable for families who wish to see the urn of their loved one.

When choosing an urn, a unique personalization opportunity exists. A wide array of urns is available, ranging from humble to decorative. Given the visibility of the urn, the urn must conform to certain standards set forth by the cemetery. All urns must be approved by the cemetery prior to the day of inurnment.

Niches are available in two sizes: Select (11.5" wide) and Classic (18" wide). Both niche sizes can accommodate up to two urns.

For more information, or to find out about availability and pricing options, please contact the cemetery office for assistance.

Additional Information on Cremation - Links

[Catholic Teaching on Cremation](#)

[Planning Guide – Inurnment of Cremated Remains](#)

[Choosing a Permanent Burial Site for Cremated Remains](#)

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Saint Patrick's Day	3/8/19	3/26/19
Palm Sunday-Easter	4/7/19	4/29/19
Mother's Day	5/5/19	5/20/19
Memorial Day	5/18/19	6/3/19
Father's Day	6/9/19	6/24/19
Independence Day	6/27/19	7/12/19

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Easter & Spring Decoration Programs

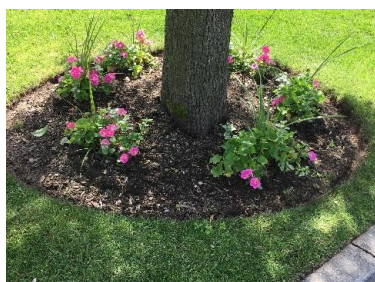
Catholic Cemeteries will again offer decoration programs for Easter, Mother's Day and Father's Day. For the Easter season, families may purchase a palm cross for placement on gravesites or a lily for placement in our mausoleum chapels. For Mother's Day and Father's Day, live floral decorations will be 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.

Decorations 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 in late 2018 for Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day, and Father's Day decorations, there is no need to do anything further. Otherwise, you may fill out the order form to the right and mail it to the applicable cemetery with your check as soon as possible. You may also complete a decoration order online at www.ccdrcinc.org.

About Catholic Cemeteries' Decoration Programs

- 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



SEASONAL DECORATION ORDER FORM

Easter (2019)

___ Palm Crosses (Graves) @ \$25 = \$ ____
 ___ Easter Lilies (Chapels) @ \$25 = \$ ____

Mother's Day (2019)

___ Potted Plant (Graves) @ \$30 = \$ ____
 ___ Potted Plant (Chapels) @ \$25 = \$ ____

Father's Day (2019)

___ Potted Plant (Graves) @ \$30 = \$ ____
 ___ Potted Plant (Chapels) @ \$25 = \$ ____

Total Enclosed = \$ _____

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**

Mail your order to:

HOLY ROOD: P.O. Box 182, Westbury NY 11590-0182

HOLY SEPULCHRE: 3442 Route 112, Coram, NY 11727

QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS: 115 Wheeler Rd, Central Islip, NY 11722

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, April 19th, 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.



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.

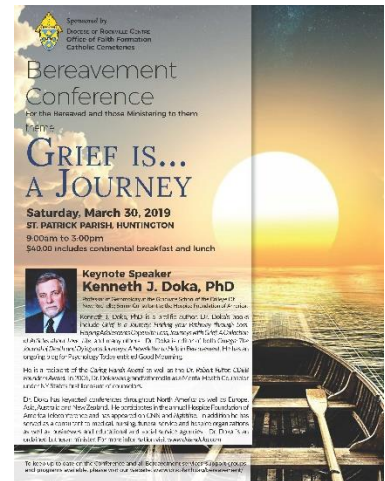
Please join us for the monthly masses at Catholic Cemeteries.

[Click here for the 2019 Mass Schedule](#)

Bereavement Conference 2019

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 30, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** The conference will be held at St. Patrick Parish at 400 Main Street, Huntington, NY 11743.

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 "**Grief is...a Journey.**"



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 27, 2019**. Mass times are as follows:

9:30 AM – Cemetery of the Holy Rood

9:30 AM – Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

9:30 AM – Queen of All Saints Cemetery



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](#)

Note: Monument cleaning requests will not be worked on until the Spring after water in the cemetery has been turned on.

Gravesite Bouquet Holders

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.

Shrub & Bush Maintenance Service

A well maintained, balanced shrub or bush not only enhances the natural qualities of the plant, but also 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](#)

Msgr. Bernard J. Quinn

Sunday, April 7, 2019 will mark the 79th anniversary of the passing of Servant of God Msgr. Bernard J. Quinn.

Msgr. Quinn, whose cause for sainthood is being considered by the Vatican, was the founder of St. Peter Claver parish, Bedford-Stuyvesant; St. Benedict the Moor parish, Jamaica; and Little Flower Children Services, Wading River, Long Island.



All are encouraged to visit and pray at Msgr. Quinn's gravesite, which is located in the Saint Brigid Section at Cemetery of the Holy Rood.

Rest in Peace, Father Minturn

Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Reverend Joseph P. Minturn who passed away on February 19, 2019.

Father Minturn was appointed Superintendent of Catholic Cemeteries on December 9, 1967. He was later named Moderator of Catholic Cemeteries on June 14, 1989. Father Minturn retired on June 24, 1998.



The staff at Catholic Cemeteries has the distinct honor of carrying on Father Minturn's legacy with the proper stewardship of our cemeteries. May Father Minturn rest in peace!

Catholic Cemeteries Employee Updates



Please join us in welcoming the following employees who joined the staff of Catholic Cemeteries since January 2018:

Main Office

- Richard Bie, President/CEO
- John Kennedy, CFO
- Kwame Ampeh, Staff Accountant
- Joanne Gonzales, AR/AP Bookkeeper
- Barbara Zareba, AP Bookkeeper

Cemetery of the Holy Rood

- Karen Rice, Customer Service
- Christopher Quinn, Customer Service
- Jeffrey Larios, Field Staff

Queen of All Saints Cemetery

- Annamarie Mooney, Customer Service



We also said farewell to several longtime employees who have moved on to new adventures. We thank them for all that they have done for Catholic Cemeteries, and we wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

Cemetery of the Holy Rood

- Bill Haddigan, Cemetery Manager
- Ken Onderdonk, Assistant to the Manager
- Luca Abbatiello, Irrigation Specialist
- Eileen Neave, Customer Service Representative
- Joann Navarra, Customer Service Representative

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

- John Stauer, Field Foreman
- Tony Graviano, Committal Deacon
- Jake Gutierrez, Field Staff

Queen of All Saints Cemetery

- Sandra Bennett, Senior Customer Service Representative

Like Us on Facebook



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, Inc \(Main Page\)](#)

[Cemetery of the Holy Rood](#)

[Holy Sepulchre Cemetery](#)

[Queen of All Saints Cemetery](#)

Below are links to the Facebook pages for the parish cemeteries managed by Catholic Cemeteries:

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

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

[St. Boniface Parish Cemetery \(Elmont\)](#)

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

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

[Cemetery of the Sacred Heart \(Cutchogue\)](#)

Helpful Brochures & Documents

[2019 Holiday Schedule \(Office Closed/No Burials\)](#)

[Cemetery Visitors Guide](#)

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

[Cemetery Visitor Safety Warnings](#)

[Candle Memorial Program](#)

[Seasonal Decoration & Planting Schedule](#)

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

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



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Saturday, March 30, 2019

ST. PATRICK PARISH, HUNTINGTON

9:00am to 3:00pm

\$40.00 includes continental breakfast and lunch



Keynote Speaker

Kenneth J. Doka, PhD

Professor of Gerontology at the Graduate School of the College Of
New Rochelle; Senior Consultant to the Hospice Foundation of America.

Kenneth J. Doka, PhD is a prolific author. Dr. Doka's books include *Grief Is a Journey: Finding your Pathway through Loss*, *Helping Adolescents Cope with Loss*, *Journeys with Grief: A Collection of Articles about Love, Life, and many others*. Dr. Doka is editor of both *Omega: The Journal of Death and Dying* and *Journeys: A Newsletter to Help in Bereavement*. He has an ongoing blog for Psychology Today entitled Good Mourning.

He is a recipient of the *Caring Hands Award* as well as the *Dr. Robert Fulton CDEB Founder's Award*. In 2006, Dr. Doka was grandfathered in as a Mental Health Counselor under NY State's first licensure of counselors.

Dr. Doka has keynoted conferences throughout North America as well as Europe, Asia, Australia and New Zealand. He participates in the annual Hospice Foundation of America Teleconference and has appeared on CNN and *Nightline*. In addition he has served as a consultant to medical, nursing, funeral service and hospice organizations as well as businesses and educational and social service agencies. Dr. Doka is an ordained Lutheran minister. For more information visit www.drkendoka.com

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/

