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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.

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.



CATHOLIC CEMETERIES OF LONG ISLAND

SERVING THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY THROUGHOUT THE DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

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***Please pardon our appearance. This website is currently under construction. For more information please call:*

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery- (631)-732-3460
Queen of All Saints Cemetery- (631)-234-8297
Cemetery of the Holy Rood- (516)-334-7990

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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

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- 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.

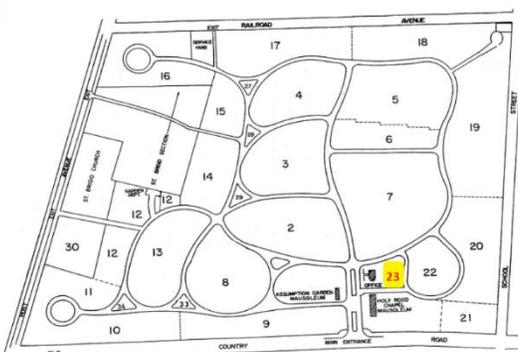
Queen of All Saints Cemetery, conveniently located just off the Long Island Expressway at Exit 56 in Central Islip, also has graves of varying sizes, as well as indoor and outdoor crypts and niches.

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.



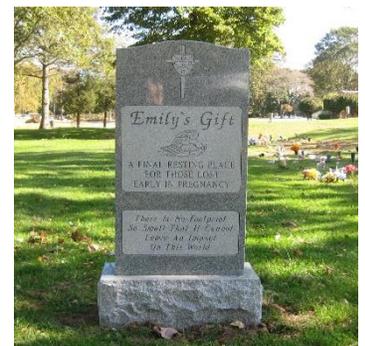
Map of Long Island showing the locations of Holy Sepulchre, Queen of All Saints, Holy Rood, and the future site of Queen of Peace

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.**

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
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
- DeFrist-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
\(Cutchoque\)](#)