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REJOICE IN THE LORD

An Easter Message
from Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.

Dear Sisters and Brothers
in Christ,

We prepare to celebrate the great feast of Easter and begin the season of joy. What is this Easter joy that is so special and so closely tied to the Lord's Passion, death and resurrection? What difference does this season of joy make in the way we feel, and in the way we live as disciples of Jesus Christ?



A mosaic of Christ's Resurrection on display at Gate of Heaven Cemetery and Mausoleum in East Hanover

Joy is not something we experience every day. It is not the same thing as happiness or contentment or even enjoyment. We can enjoy a nice dinner with friends without being joyful. Joy is something different. It is more profound.

Parents experience joy when a son or daughter returns from Iraq or Afghanistan unharmed. We can experience joy at the wedding or ordination of a close friend. Joy can surprise us—when we discover something precious that we thought was lost forever. Or, joy can deepen gradually over many years, and finally express itself at a golden jubilee celebration.

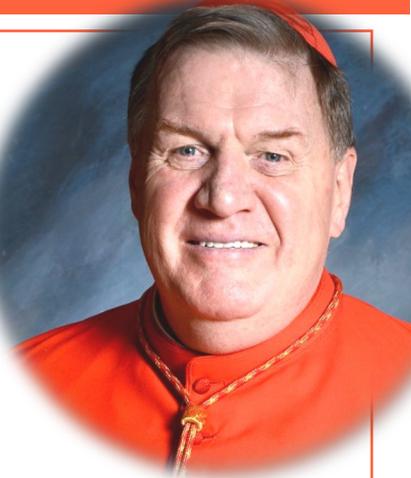
Joy comes when many years of suffering and adversity are overcome; when an extended battle with cancer appears to be won; when a forgiving father welcomes home a prodigal son; when a political prisoner is finally released from captivity; and when love and fidelity are victorious over evil. This is Easter joy—the Lord's triumph over sin and death, (continued on page 2)

Welcome!

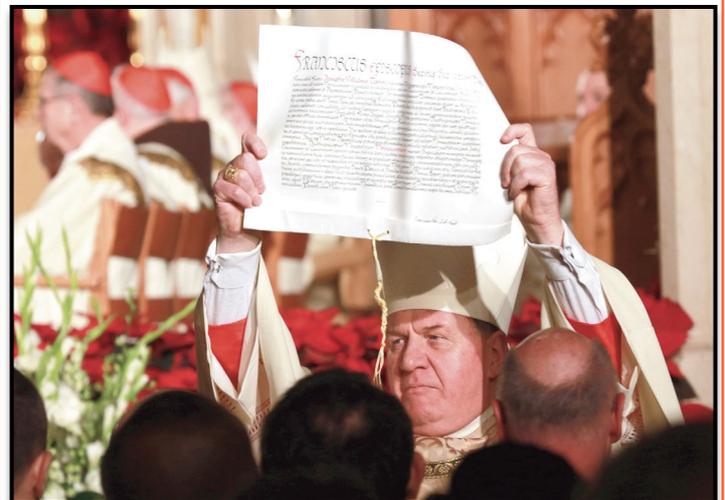
Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Newark

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin was installed as New Jersey's first Roman Catholic cardinal on the feast of the Epiphany, Friday, January 6, at a solemn Mass in Newark's Cathedral of the Sacred Heart Basilica.

Delivering the homily during the liturgy, he said, "The chasm between faith and life is the greatest challenge facing the Catholic Church today," and he urged the church to be salt for the earth so that the presence of Christ does not become "a comforting, nostalgic memory."



The installation took place with more than 2,000 people in the towering Cathedral Basilica. Cardinal Tobin concelebrated the Mass with six other cardinals and more than 60 archbishops and bishops. (continued on page 3)



Archbishop Tobin walks up and down the aisle with the Vatican decree announcing he is the new Archbishop of Newark. Photo courtesy of The Advocate.

the forgiveness of our sins, and the opening up of the gates of heaven to all God's children.

The Gospels tell us that Jesus' friends experienced mixed emotions at the time of his Passion, death and resurrection. They were afraid, bitterly disappointed, hopeless, full of doubt and uncertainty. And then came the joy of the Resurrection.

For some, like the women who went to the tomb on Easter morning, the experience of joy was immediate (even if it was mixed with confusion about what really happened). For others, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, joy came more slowly—after they experienced the Lord's presence in the breaking of the bread.

For Peter and most of the disciples, the joy of Easter was intermittent; it came and went with Jesus' appearances in the upper room and in Galilee. It was not until they received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost that the joy of Christ's resurrection became deeply rooted in their hearts.

Pope Francis speaks of joy often. With characteristic bluntness, the pope says in his apostolic exhortation, "Evangelii Gaudium" ("The Joy of the Gospel") that Christians should not be sourpusses ("vinegar faces" in the original Spanish). We shouldn't act like our faith is a burden or that Christian life is made up of an endless series of oppressive rules and regulations.

We should be joyful—rejoicing in our freedom and in our abiding sense of confidence in God's love for us. The joy of Easter springs from our gratitude to God for his saving grace, for his forgiveness of our sins, and for his

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presence in our lives. "Shout for joy!" the Scriptures tell us. "Rejoice and be glad!" the angels sing. "Alleluia! Praise God" the saints tell us by their words and example.



A stained glass window depicting Christ's Baptism, Death, and Resurrection radiates behind the Chapel Altar at Maryrest Cemetery and Mausoleum in Mahwah, NJ.

Easter joy should give us the confidence we need to overcome the negative voices that we hear constantly in the news media and in our own anxious fears. As a matter of fact, things are not awful. God has reached out to us and loved us. We are not doomed to a disastrous fate; Christ died for us and set us free. We are not alone; we are the gathering of God's people, the Church, united in Christ. We do not need to be afraid; he is with us always. Our sins have not damned us; the grace of Christ has saved us.

The joy of Easter coincides with the coming of spring and the emergence of new life. This year, more than most, we have suffered the pain of winter, and we are more than ready for a new beginning.

As Pope Francis writes, "The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ, joy is constantly born anew" ("Evangelii Gaudium," #1).

This is the source of all new life. May this season of grace bring us lasting joy. May we share this joy generously with others during this Easter time and always! †

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Approximately 500 priests and deacons also participated.

In the first dozen pews were the Cardinal's 12 siblings, of which he is the eldest at 64, their families, relatives and friends. Marie Tobin, his 93-year-old mother, sat at the aisle in the first row.

Later, Cardinal Tobin thanked his family for teaching him how to love and how to share. "When you grow up in one house with eight sisters and one bathroom you learn how to share," he said as they Church filled with smiles and laughter. "And thank you for teaching me how to pray," he added.

Archbishop John J. Myers, retired archbishop of Newark, welcomed attendees and made special acknowledgement of members of Cardinal Tobin's religious community, the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, his mother, Marie Tobin, and his extended family.

Archbishop Christophe Pierre, the U.S. papal nuncio, read the apostolic mandate from Pope Francis appointing Cardinal Tobin as the new Archbishop of Newark. After the archdiocesan College of Consultors reviewed the parchment and wax papal seal, Cardinal Tobin walked down the main aisle carrying the open scroll high above to share it with all. He was greeted with great prolonged applause.

At the installation's conclusion, the Cardinal extended his gratitude to his Redemptorist family and "bishops in episcopal service in Indiana and New Jersey." In thanking Archbishop Myers for his welcome and "the care you've given to this archdiocese for 15 years," the assembly once again offered sustained applause. ☩



Cardinal Tobin knocks on the narthex doors of the Cathedral before entering. Photo courtesy of The Advocate.



More than 2,000 people filled the Cathedral Basilica for the Mass of Installation. Photo courtesy of The Advocate.



Cardinal Tobin shares a moment with his mother, Marie Tobin. Photo courtesy of The Advocate.

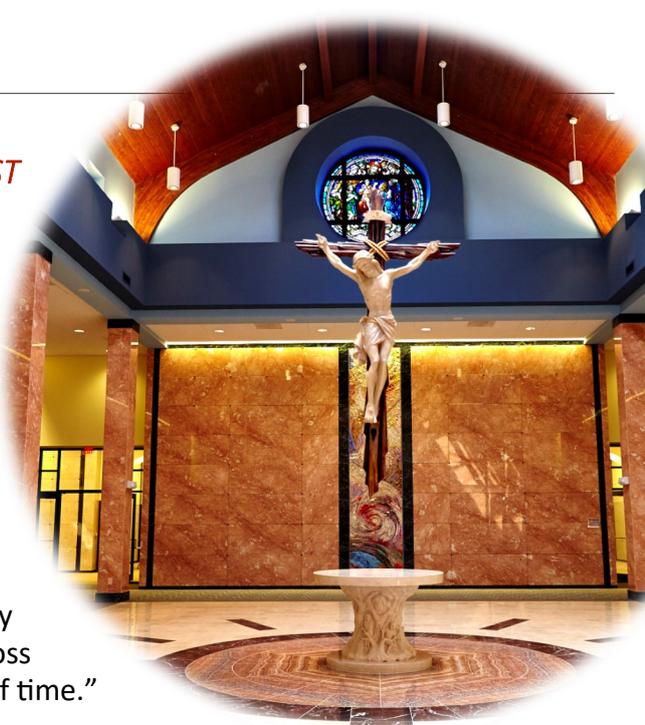
GOOD NEWS!

HOLY CROSS CEMETERY AND MAUSOLEUM *RUNNER UP IN 2016 AMERICAN CEMETERY EXCELLENCE CONTEST*

Holy Cross Cemetery and Mausoleum, in North Arlington, NJ, a property of Catholic Cemeteries, was recognized recently as one of three runners-up in the 2016 ACE (American Cemetery Excellence) Award contest from *American Cemetery & Cremation* magazine. This is the second Catholic Cemeteries property recognized as a contest runner-up by ACE. Maryrest Cemetery and Mausoleum in Mahwah, NJ, received this distinction in 2013.

According to the publication, which recognizes top-performing cemeteries among numerous applicants from the U.S. and around the world, "this year's three runners-up stood out not only for their performance, professionalism and innovation, but also for their ability to look to the past to envision the future." The 102-year-old Holy Cross Cemetery and Mausoleum was described as "built to stand the test of time."

One only needs to observe the age of some of the artwork, headstones and private family mausoleums at Holy Cross Cemetery and Mausoleum to see that timeless traditions are deeply intertwined in the cemetery's heritage dating back to its start in 1915. However, Holy Cross Cemetery and Mausoleum also has forged full-speed ahead with cutting-edge technology and architecture, innovative product choices, world-class customer service and unsurpassed beauty and grandeur. A unique holy place that allows families to memorialize and remember their deceased loved ones in a beautiful, inviting and faith-filled atmosphere, Holy Cross Cemetery and Mausoleum is recognized as one of the most magnificent cemeteries in the country; it is a holy place with a museum-like characteristic. ☚



FEEDING THE HUNGRY IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

Catholic Cemeteries recently presented checks to two, local Catholic charities that provide food to the area's poor. The funds come from parishioners and visitors who donated at Catholic Cemeteries mausoleum locations during the Christmas season. The money supports the work of The Emergency Food Network of Catholic Charities and The Missionary Sisters of Charity.

"Feeding the hungry is one of the most basic acts of loving kindness and is one of the seven Corporal Works of Mercy," said Andrew P. Schafer, Executive Director of Catholic Cemeteries. "Donating food on behalf of a departed loved one truly honors their memory in a tangible way, and is a *Mitzvah* or a wonderful gift that cannot be repaid. We encourage our cemetery visitors and community to help feed the marginalized within our Archdiocese not just at Christmas time, but year-round because that's when it's needed."

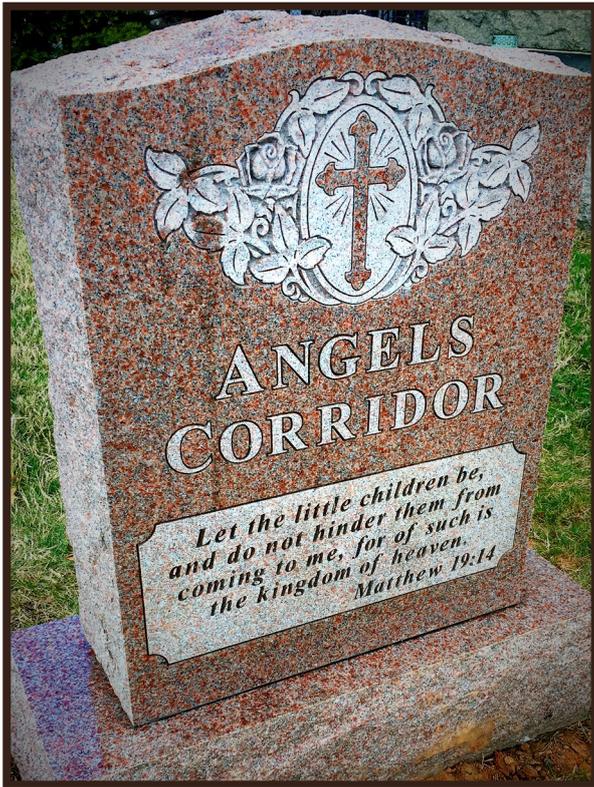
The Emergency Food Network of Catholic Charities, based in Cranford, NJ, coordinates and supports a network of food pantries, donor churches, schools, community groups, and volunteers by providing assistance and emergency food supplies to 50 food centers in the Archdiocese of Newark. The Missionary Sisters of Charity, founded by Saint Mother Teresa, provides food and shelter primarily for women in the community. The center helps with daily meals, clothing, and career and emotional counseling.

To donate to the Catholic Cemeteries Food Bank Ministry, visit online at www.rcancem.org/donate



Sharon Reilly-Tobin of the Emergency Food Network of Catholic Charities, receives a \$1,000 check from Andrew P. Schafer of Catholic Cemeteries in front of a mosaic depiction of Saint Mother Teresa feeding the hungry.

Holy Innocents Memorial Placed at Mount Olivet Cemetery



Grief can be overwhelming for families who suffer the loss of a child. Providing for the respectful care of that child — with the rich rituals of the Church — can bring solace to parents and family members. A sacred place to honor and commemorate a child can nurture the healing process and bring a sense of peace to those who mourn.

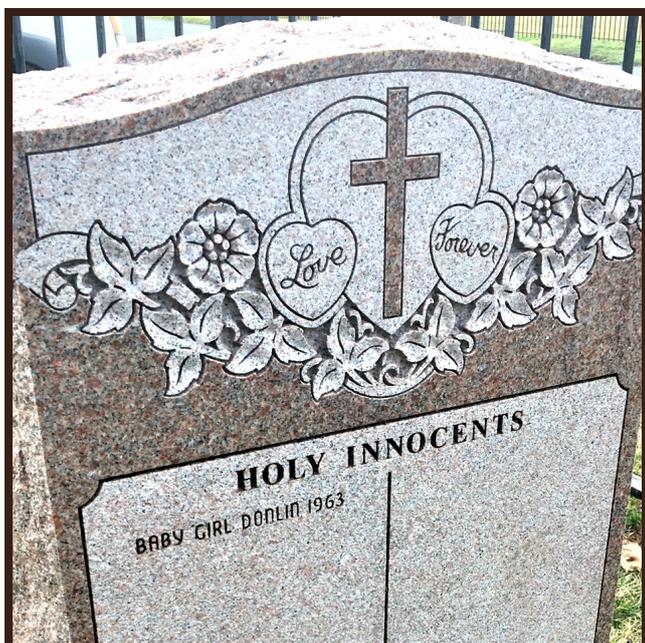
At the Archdiocese of Newark's Catholic Cemeteries, a special place for prayer and reflection memorializing the loss of beloved children serves as a lasting tribute to the sanctity of all children created in the image of God.

The dedicated Holy Innocents areas at our Catholic Cemeteries provide a special place of remembrance for children and especially recognize the deserved honor and dignity of human life. Here, parents and families can reverently acknowledge their child's life and hope to find peace and comfort in a loving God.

Recently, a new "Angels Corridor" memorialization was placed at Mount Olivet Parish Cemetery in Newark. The memorial, an etched rose-colored marker inscribed with a scripture passage from Matthew, was made possible in part by a generous gift from a family in our Archdiocesan community who wished to keep alive the memory of their departed daughter. The first inscription, "Baby Girl Donlin," is in her honor.

"Our Catholic community is here to help families find peace and comfort in our loving God," said Andrew P. Schafer, Executive Director of Catholic Cemeteries. "We are dedicated to honoring God's children with the utmost compassion and tender care, and we pray that parents and families will be comforted in their grief and strengthened in faith, hope and love."

To learn more about the Holy Innocents memorial at our Catholic Cemeteries, contact the main office at 866-773-7526. ☺



*Let the little children be, and do not hinder them from coming to me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven.
~ Matthew 19:14*

The Catholic Way: The Order of Christian Funerals

The Catholic funeral rite is divided into three parts: the **Vigil** (Wake), the **Funeral Mass**, and the **Rite of Committal**. These meaningful Church rituals guide our Catholic family at the time of loss.



If cremation is chosen as the body's final disposition, cremation should take place after the Funeral Mass since funeral rites are designed to be celebrated in the body's presence.

To help our Catholic community during this difficult and often confusing time, a free 6-minute video, "Many Travelers, One Journey," is available in English or Spanish. Watch online at www.rcancem.org/ocf.



Did You Know?

Instruction from Pope Francis restates the doctrinal and pastoral reasons for the Church's burial preference for the remains of the faithful. The Church continues to prefer the practice of burying the bodies of the

deceased because this shows a greater esteem towards the departed. Nevertheless, cremation is not prohibited unless it was chosen for reasons contrary to Christian faith.

Cremated remains of the faithful departed should not be scattered, or kept in one's home, nor should they be divided among family members.

When cremation of the body has been chosen, the human cremated remains of the faithful must be laid to rest in a sacred place, such as a cemetery. This helps to ensure that due respect is shown to the faithful departed and that they are included in the prayers and remembrance of their family and the Catholic community. ☩

KEEPING THEM AT HOME?



Keeping cremated remains at home may be a sign of love and grief, but family members may not understand that the departed loved one now belongs to the entire community of faith and not just to

his or her closest relatives.

If you are holding the human cremated remains of a loved one at home, whether they departed recently or many years ago, consider bringing them to a Catholic cemetery. The dignified and permanent interment of a Catholic's cremated remains in a sacred place properly recognizes the Order of Christian Funerals.

Placing cremated remains in a sacred place also prevents the faithful departed from being forgotten or from being shown a lack of respect. This is more likely to happen as time goes on and family members closest to the departed also pass away.

The promise of Catholic Cemeteries is to provide a dignified, permanent and sacred resting place for your loved one, whatever your needs. Speak with a trained Memorial Planning Advisor today. Stop by, call, or visit online to watch our video at www.rcancem.org.

CONSIDER PRE-PLANNING YOUR MEMORIAL OPTIONS



Planning your cemetery arrangements ahead shows care and concern for your family and loved ones and relieves them of tough decisions during a difficult time. Consider the advantages of planning today:

- ◆ **Family Heritage** - make certain your loved ones are together
- ◆ **Peace of Mind** - know you will ease your family's burden during a difficult and painful time
- ◆ **Assurance** - ensure arrangements are set according to your wishes
- ◆ **Statement of Faith** - burial in the consecrated ground of a Catholic cemetery allows you to share your faith values and belief in the resurrection with future generations of your family. This legacy of faith is your gift to them. ☩

“Journey from Winter to Springtime”



As we journey through grief, we may experience winter, when inner “frosting” occurs. We become resentful and frustrated by the storms of our circumstance. Blizzards of sadness blow through. We are snowed in, confined in our depression and hopeless of ever digging out.

When we feel this inner coldness, we need to remember how God renews the earth from the deadness of winter with springtime’s vibrant beauty. Just as God created sunshine to melt the ice and snow, so His love’s sunshine melts the frost of our pain and grief.

Maybe today is the day to shed your winter wardrobe of grief and clothe yourself with a new spring look of hope and life. As you embrace the springtime, you may sense a new identity budding, possibilities blooming, and a renewed attitude poking up through the soil of your soul. Though you still miss your loved one, you feel alive again.

The winter of your grieving has passed, and you’ve survived it. It’s time to celebrate springtime. Embrace it. Thank God. Live. Hope. Grow. Renew your mind and heart in the sunshine of God’s love.

God, thank You for being with me through the winter of my grieving. As my sunshine, defrost my frozen heart and attitude. Thank You that You will bring springtime to my soul with Your love. Renew my life and clothe me with hope. Enable me to embrace the new opportunities and possibilities that You reveal to me today. Help me to celebrate that winter will pass and to embrace my journey to springtime. Amen.

[Wunnenberg, Kathe. *Grieving The Loss Of A Loved One*. 1st ed. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Zondervan, 2009. Print.]

What the heart has once known,
It shall never forget.

- Author Unknown



Letters to Catholic Cemeteries...

“Please extend my compliments to the cemetery workers for their hard work, respect and excellent finishing work... It truly warmed my heart to see how beautiful and respected my family's (and their neighbor's) graves were...” -Arleen

“I’m writing to send my great appreciation for the extraordinary assistance, compassion, professionalism that (your staff) extended to me & my family after the loss of our mom... (your staff member) couldn’t have been more patient & kind and helpful as my sisters & I selected a grave for our dear mother...” -Susan

“With the greatest of patience and understanding, (your staff member) took me around and showed me different places. Her heart was so dear and her example, faith and words so very true, affirming and encouraging, I knew I needed to write you about this most wonderful experience... With her help, I was able to complete this part of my pre-planning.” -Angie



GOD'S TAKE ON LAWNS:

A Funny Fable

Imagine the conversation The Creator might have had with St. Francis on the subject of lawns:

God: Hey, St. Francis, you know all about gardens and nature. What in the world is going on down there? What happened to the dandelions, violets, thistle and stuff I started eons ago? I had a perfect "no maintenance" garden plan. Those plants grow in any type of soil, withstand drought and multiply with abandon. The nectar from the long lasting blossoms attracts butterflies, honey bees and flocks of songbirds. I expected to see a vast garden of colors by now. But all I see are these green rectangles.

St. Francis: It's the tribes that settled there, Lord. The Suburbanites. They started calling your flowers "weeds" and went to great lengths to kill them and replace them with grass.

God: Grass? But it's so boring. It's not colorful. It doesn't attract butterflies, birds and bees, only grubs and sod worms. It's temperamental with temperatures. Do these Suburbanites really want all that grass growing there?

St. Francis: Apparently so, Lord. They go to great pains to grow it and keep it green. They begin each spring by fertilizing grass and poisoning any other plant that crops up in the lawn.

God: The spring rains and warm weather probably make grass grow really fast. That must make the Suburbanites happy.

St. Francis: Apparently not, Lord. As soon as it grows a little, they cut it... sometimes twice a week.

God: They cut it? Do they then bail it like hay?

St. Francis: Not exactly, Lord. Most of them rake it up and put it in bags.

God: They bag it? Why? Is it a cash crop? Do they sell it?

St. Francis: No Sir. Just the opposite. They pay to throw it away.

God: Now let me get this straight. They fertilize grass so when it does grow, they cut it off and pay to throw it away?

St. Francis: Yes, Sir.

God: These Suburbanites must be relieved in the summer when we cut back on the rain and turn up the heat. That surely slows the growth and saves them a lot of work.

St. Francis: You are not going to believe this Lord. When the grass stops growing so fast, they drag out hoses and pay more money to water it so they can continue to mow it and pay to get rid of it.

God: What nonsense. At least they kept some of the trees. That was a sheer stroke of genius, if I do say so myself. The trees grow leaves in the spring to provide beauty and shade in the summer. In the autumn they fall to the ground and form a natural blanket to keep moisture in the soil and protect the trees and bushes. Plus, as they rot, the leaves form compost to enhance the soil. It's a natural circle of life.

St. Francis: You better sit down, Lord. As soon as the leaves fall, they rake them into great piles and pay to have them hauled away.

God: No. What do they do to protect the shrub and tree roots in the winter and to keep the soil moist and loose?

St. Francis: After throwing away the leaves, they go out and buy something which they call mulch. They haul it home and spread it around in place of the leaves.

God: And where do they get this mulch?

St. Francis: They cut down trees and grind them up to make the mulch.

God: Enough. I don't want to think about this anymore. Sister Catherine, you're in charge of the arts. What movie have you scheduled for us tonight?

Sister Catherine: "Dumb and Dumber," Lord. It's a real stupid movie about....

God: Never mind, I think I just heard the whole story from St. Francis.



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Christ the King Cemetery • Franklin Lakes
Most Rev. John W. Flesey, S.T.D., D.D.

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery • East Orange
Rev. Philip J. Waters, O.S.B., V.F.

Pallium Mass Set for September

On **Thursday, September 14, 2017**, The Most Reverend Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, will bestow the pallium upon Cardinal Tobin at a special Mass celebrated in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart beginning at **2:00 PM**.

The Pallium is the liturgical garment given by the Holy Father to metropolitan archbishops and primates as a symbol of the jurisdiction delegated to them by the Holy See.

Please mark your calendars for this special event in the life of this local Church of Newark.



MONTHLY MASSES OF REMEMBRANCE

An integral aspect of the ministry of Catholic Cemeteries is to provide for the spiritual needs of our families. As part of the fulfillment of this commitment, Remembrance Masses are celebrated at our cemeteries throughout the year, typically the first Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday of each month. For a complete schedule, please visit the Mass Schedule page on our website at www.rcancem.org.



CEMETERY BEAUTIFICATION SCHEDULE



In order to preserve the beauty of our cemeteries year-round, general clean-up days are scheduled quarterly to remove holiday ornaments and decorations from graves and mausoleums. Due to the volume of removed decorations, it is not possible to claim items after removal. Therefore, any items families wish to keep must be collected prior to scheduled clean up dates.

Notice of these clean up dates are posted on signage at Archdiocesan cemetery entrances, on the Rules & Regulations page of www.rcancem.org, and in various cemeteries publications.

E-mail notification also is sent. To ensure your e-mail address is on file for future notices, please contact the [Catholic Cemeteries](http://www.rcancem.org) office at 973-497-7988.

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We're Here For You

The staff at Catholic Cemeteries minister to the needs of individuals and families before, at the time of, and after death. This includes caring assistance with cemetery planning before death; compassionate support at the time of death, facilitating a loved one's interment in a holy place; support throughout bereavement; and perpetual cemetery care thereafter.



We hope this newsletter offers helpful information that assists you in your Catholic journey and in planning for your future needs.

As always, our Catholic Cemeteries staff are available to help you and to answer any questions. Contact us at 973-497-7988 or via e-mail at cemetery@rcan.org. Visit us online at www.rcancem.org and follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, YouTube or Google+.

AN EASTER BLESSING

May the Resurrection of our Savior be a constant reminder of His love and promise of eternal life.

Wishing a Blessed Easter to all!



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