



Catholic Journey

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For our Catholic community, serving our Catholic families for over 160 years*

Winner! Holy Cross Cemetery Recognized Nationally for Excellence

We are proud to announce that Holy Cross Cemetery and Mausoleum, in North Arlington, New Jersey, has been selected as this year's winner of the prestigious American Cemetery Excellence (ACE) Award. The award, presented by American Cemetery & Cremation magazine, one of the leading publications serving the funeral and cemetery industry, recognizes the most outstanding cemeteries both within the United States and abroad each year.

Last year, Holy Cross Cemetery earned the distinction of Ace Award *Runner-Up*. Additionally, the magazine recognized Maryrest Cemetery and Mausoleum in Mahwah, as a *Runner-Up* in 2013.

Congratulations to our entire staff on this wonderful and prestigious recognition!



Holy Cross Cemetery and Mausoleum, North Arlington, NJ



HOLY CROSS CEMETERY AND MAUSOLEUM *A Sacred Place with Distinction, Tradition & Innovation*

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. Visit the beautiful and sacred Holy Cross Cemetery to see for yourself why it is award-winning. 💎



NEW SACRED SPACES FOR OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

In order to better serve our Catholic families and their burial needs, Catholic Cemeteries is adding new sacred spaces that offer families more burial options. Construction is underway, however, spaces are available to families now. To learn more, please stop by, call 888-498-5209, or visit online at www.CemeteryMinistry.org



Gate of Heaven Cemetery, East Hanover
New Construction Now Underway

Gate of Heaven

Holy Rosary Garden Mausoleum Phase II

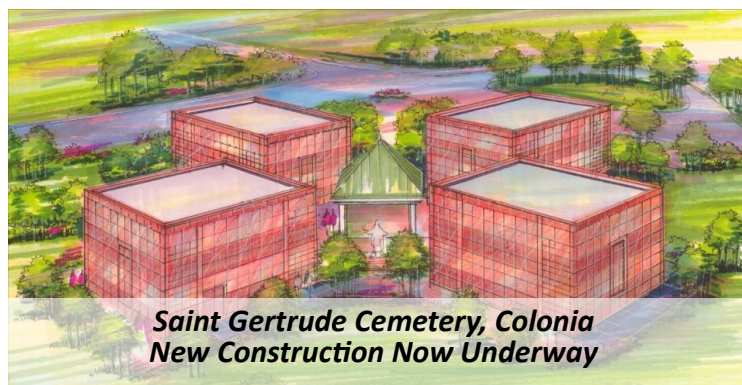
This beautiful new Garden Mausoleum with a covered gathering space for committal services, personal prayer and meditation offers crypt spaces and cremation niches.

Christ the King *New Evangelists Committal Gazebo Section*

This striking new gazebo section with concrete walkways, Boxwood hedgerows, flowering trees, and in-ground irrigation offers a covered gathering space for committal services and personal prayer.



Christ the King Cemetery, Franklin Lakes, NJ
New Construction Now Underway



Saint Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia
New Construction Now Underway

Saint Gertrude

Holy Rosary Garden Mausoleum Phase II

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Special 0% Financing extended until December 15, 2017

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Memorial Mass Honors Departed Clergy

A memorial Mass for departed clergy lead by Cardinal Joseph William Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of Newark, was celebrated on November 8, 2017, in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Bishops, clergy, seminarians, bereavement facilitators, members of the Knights of Columbus, parishioners and family members of departed clergy attended the service. Following Holy Communion, the names of 14 Archdiocesan priests who died in the past year were announced as fellow clergy or family members carried a white rose for each departed priest to the Altar.

“Taking part in today’s celebration of Mass and receiving the Eucharist is truly a blessing... it is powerful healing medicine, especially at a time of loss and grief,” said Andrew P. Schafer, Executive Director of Catholic Cemeteries, a ministry of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark, which hosted the remembrance Mass. “We are deeply grateful to our dearly departed clergy for praying over us, with us, and for us, and for their sacrifices and love. May they know that they were loved in return.”

The memorial Mass for departed clergy is a tradition of Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese along with the tradition of memorial Masses for all in its cemeteries

on Memorial Day and monthly Masses throughout the year. For a complete schedule of Catholic Cemeteries Masses, visit www.rcancem.org/mass-schedule.



Local Pastor Concelebrates Canonization Mass with Pope Francis; Honors Italian Capuchin Priest, Saint Angelo d'Acri

Reverend Joseph Ferraro, pastor of the Holy Family Church in Nutley, New Jersey, traveled to the Vatican in October to concelebrate Mass in St. Peter's Square with Pope Francis where 35 new saints were canonized.

Father Joe was particularly excited to celebrate the canonization of Saint Angelo of Acri, an Italian Capuchin priest from Father Joe's Italian hometown of Acri, Calabria.

"Growing up from a very early age, I remember my parents and grandparents speaking of Blessed Angelo of Acri," said Father Joe. "They all had pictures, calendars and various religious articles at home and spoke of the life of this great saint and the hope and prayers for his canonization as a Saint."

Saint Angelo was born Luca Antonio Falcone on October 19, 1669, and became a Capuchin Franciscan at age 18. He professed vows in 1691, took the name "Angelo," and dedicated himself to preaching.

Saint Angelo preached mainly in Calabria and Naples and converted

thousands while performing numerous healing miracles. He was believed to have the gifts of prophecy and bilocation, simultaneous presence in two different places, similar to Padre Pio. He also was known to experience visions and ecstasies.

Saint Angelo died in Acri on October 30, 1739, and was beatified by Pope Leo XII in 1825. His feast day is October 30th.

Father Joe recounts how the pilgrims who visited the Vatican Mass for Saint Angelo wore yellow caps depicting the Saint and his Basilica in Acri. As the Saint's name was announced, the pilgrims waved banners with messages to Pope Francis, "Calabria loves you," while they chanted, "Evviva Sant'Angelo d'Acri!"

"The square was full of joy and life," described Father Joe. "There were many tears of joy, as the people of Acri have waited so long for this moment. I thought about my grandparents and other extended family members who waited for this day but now are home with the Lord as they joyfully celebrated with us at this Mass."

Upon his return home, Father Joe celebrated a monthly Mass of Remembrance at Holy Cross Cemetery in North Arlington on November 8 followed by a blessing of a beautiful mosaic of Saint Angelo in honor of the canonization. Specially-designed Saint Angelo prayer cards printed in English and Italian were distributed at Mass and are still available at Holy Cross Cemetery. For more information, call 888-467-8903. Blessed Saint Angelo of Acri – Pray for us! ☺



Fr. Joe Ferraro (center) with cousins, Pasquale Caruso and Stefania Chimento, both members of the St. Angelo Basilica Choir, which sang at the canonization Mass in the Vatican in October.



In the Basilica of Saint Angelo in front of the Saint's crypt are Pietroangelo Straface, his niece, Maria Straface, and her father, Giorgio Straface, parishioners of Holy Family Church in Nutley visited the Vatican to witness the canonization Mass.



Father Joseph Ferraro blesses a mosaic of Saint Angelo following a monthly Mass of Remembrance at Holy Cross Cemetery.



A handmade mosaic of Saint Angelo of Acri is on display at Holy Cross Cemetery in North Arlington.

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.

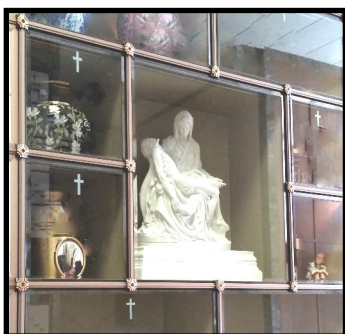
If cremation is chosen as the body's final disposition, cremation should take place after the Funeral Mass since funeral rites are designed to be celebrated in the body's presence.

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.

Selecting a Final Resting Place

Catholic Cemeteries offers a variety of memorial options for the interment of cremated remains in our beautiful, inviting and faith-filled atmosphere.

- ♦ **Glass Front Niches** - Elegant above-ground urn spaces with see-through beveled glass fronts located inside our magnificent chapel mausoleums.
- ♦ **Granite/Marble Front Niches** - Interior or exterior above-ground urn spaces with bold, raised, bronze lettering.
- ♦ **Cremation Graves** - In-ground burial specifically for cremated remains utilizing a cemetery approved outer burial container.
- ♦ **Right of an Inurnment** - If space allows, an additional interment right into an existing grave or crypt may be acquired with cemetery approval and owner consent.

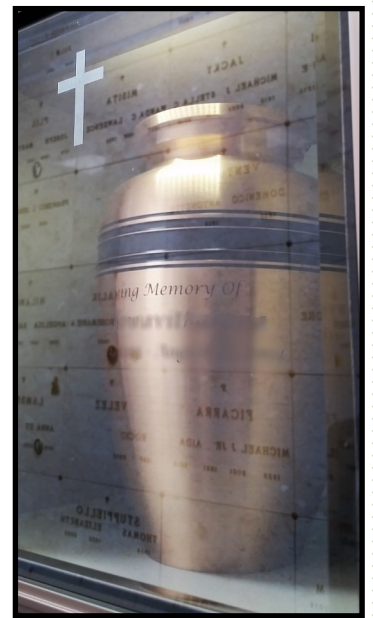


For more information on available options, visit www.rcancem.org or contact the office of a Catholic cemetery of your choice. ☩

Honor their Ashes

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 Burial Pre-Planning

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. ☩



The staff of Catholic Cemeteries proudly wore pink in October to mark Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Keeping all in our thoughts & prayers. ♥



Catholic Cemeteries Annual **CHRISTMAS** FOOD COLLECTION



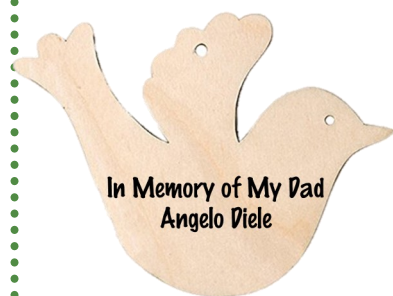
Donate ♥ Online
www.rcancem.org/donate

Christmas Food Drive

Please join us in providing non-perishable food items that will be distributed to local food pantries to help feed those who are less fortunate in our Archdiocese.

Donations may be dropped off during business hours in the offices of all Archdiocesan mausoleums **now through January 8, 2018**. For cemetery locations, visit www.rcancem.org.

Feeding the hungry is one of the most basic acts of loving kindness, and donating food on behalf of a departed loved one is a Mitzvah, a wonderful gift that cannot be repaid, and one that truly honors their memory in a tangible way. Feeding the hungry also is one of the seven Corporal Works of Mercy. Other Corporal Works of Mercy include clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, visiting the sick, and burial of the dead. Keep Christ in Christmas. Help feed the hungry. ♥



Christmas Tree of Remembrance

You are invited to a **Mass of Remembrance in December** and to bring a personal, non-fragile tree ornament in memory of your loved one to help decorate our Christmas Tree of Remembrance following Mass. A tree ornament will be provided if needed. Also, please remember to bring a non-perishable food donation. For a complete schedule of Masses, visit www.rcancem.org/mass-schedule. 🌲

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. ✉

2018 General Clean-Up Days: January 15 ♦ April 9 ♦ June 21 ♦ November 16

Thank you for your letters...



"Most people are consumed by grief that the kind gestures of others can go unnoticed. We wanted Catholic Cemeteries to know that this kindness did not go unnoticed or unappreciated. You have been in our prayers and thoughts for making a sorrowful time just a bit easier..." - Armand

"...For all you have done, do, and will do for the families during their most vulnerable moments... the day to day work that you do here at St. Gertrude's may not always be voiced by any one individual or family, however, I pledge to you that your thoughtfulness is not unnoticed." - Linda

"My wife passed away... and I have spent a lot of time at Holy Cross. I have had the opportunity to observe your maintenance employees during the winter and into the spring. I would like to commend the workers for the way the property is kept and for their overall demeanor while performing their tasks." - Jim Z.

"...I want to say how much I appreciate the grounds crew at the cemetery. The staff are consistently friendly and helpful." - Paul

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.



*The blessings of peace,
The beauty of hope,
The spirit of love,
The comfort of faith.*

*May these be your gifts this
season of
Thanksgiving
and
Christmas.*



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