

Decorations Not Complying With Rules: Cemetery employees work in the various sections of the cemeteries on a regular basis. As part of their regular responsibilities, they maintain the beauty and safety of the cemeteries. As instructed by the Cemetery Rules & Regulations, to ensure their safety, and the safety of all who visit the cemeteries, they are expected to remove decorations which are not in compliance.

Wind & Theft: Decorations may also be removed by either of these causes. As it is impossible for employees to be everywhere at all times, cemeteries cannot assume liability for decorations. When items are blown about, the grounds crew has no choice but to dispose of them, as replacement at specific sites are not known.

The cemetery is not responsible for any decorations and or property placed on grave.

Other: Catholic Cemeteries are a holy place. Lawn games, pets (other than service dogs), alcoholic beverages, loud music, skateboarding and other similar activities are not permitted.

CEMETERY OFFERINGS

Memorial Day Mass & Monthly Mass of Remembrance: Families and friends of the deceased gather at all archdiocesan cemeteries at 11:00 AM on Memorial Day each year to not only remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom and country, but all our beloved dead who rest in the sure hope of eternal life.

Except for Holy Days of Obligation and Holy Week, a Remembrance Mass is celebrated at many of our locations. Please call the appropriate cemetery office or visit our website, www.rcancem.org for additional information. All Monthly Masses begin at 9:30 AM and are celebrated in mausoleum chapels.

- The first Tuesday of the month at **Gate of Heaven** Cemetery, E. Hanover - (888) 459-0746
- The first Wednesday of the month at **Holy Cross** Cemetery, N. Arlington - (888) 467-8903
- The first Wednesday of the month at **Maryrest** Cemetery, Mahwah - (888) 489-9095
- The first Thursday of the month at **Holy Name** Cemetery, Jersey City - (888) 621-0337
- The first Friday of the month at **Saint Gertrude** Cemetery, Colonia - (888) 444-2791

Palm Crosses: Crosses for display on graves only, may be ordered at any cemetery office, or on our web site at www.rcancem.org no later than Wednesday before Easter and will be placed by cemetery representatives.

Cemetery Floral Program: A floral program is available for upright headstones, mausoleum crypts and cremation niches.

Silk flowers arranged in a beautiful vase will be placed and changed four times each year. Arrangements can be made at any cemetery office, or on our web site at www.rcancem.org. **Cemetery Candle Program:** One, five and ten year candles identified to memorialize a loved one are available at any cemetery/mausoleum office or on our web site at www.rcancem.org. A special lighting ceremony is held each month during the celebration of the Eucharist at a cemetery's mausoleum.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace! Amen

ARCHDIOCESAN CEMETERY PROGRAM FACILITIES

- **CHRIST THE KING CEMETERY** [1968]
980 Huron Road, Franklin Lakes NJ 07417
[201] 891-9191 Fax [201] 891-3329
- **GATE OF HEAVEN CEMETERY & MAUSOLEUM** [1937]
225 Ridgedale Avenue, East Hanover NJ 07936
[973] 887-0286 Fax [973] 887-3410 Mausoleum [973] 428-1626
- **HOLY CROSS CEMETERY & MAUSOLEUM** [1915]
340 Ridge Road, North Arlington NJ 07031
[201] 997-1900 Fax [201] 997-6664
Mausoleum [201] 997-5763
- **HOLY NAME CEMETERY & MAUSOLEUM** [1866]
823 West Side Avenue, Jersey City NJ 07306
[201] 433-0342 Fax [201] 433-5526
Mausoleum [201] 395-0904 or [201] 604-0030
- **HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY** [1859]
125 Central Avenue, East Orange NJ 07018
[973] 678-3757 Fax [973] 678-7109
- **MARYREST CEMETERY & MAUSOLEUM** [1935]
770 Darlington Avenue, Mahwah NJ 07430
[201] 327-7011 Fax [201] 236-3842
Mausoleum [201] 962-7382 [201] 962-7383
- **MOUNT CARMEL CEMETERY** [1880]
10 Serpentine Road, Tenafly NJ 07670
[201] 569-8727 Fax [201] 569-1567
- **SAINT GERTRUDE CEMETERY & MAUSOLEUM** [1933]
53 Inman Avenue, Colonia NJ 07067
[732] 388-0311 Fax [732] 388-6834 Mausoleum [732] 388-8990
- **SAINT ANDREW CEMETERY** [1900] River Vale
Operated from Christ the King Cemetery
- **SAINT MARY CEMETERY** [1887] E. Orange
Operated from Holy Sepulchre Cemetery
- **SAINT PETER CEMETERY** [1849] Jersey City
Operated from Holy Name Cemetery



**ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK
CATHOLIC CEMETERIES**



**ABBREVIATED
RULES AND REGULATIONS
& GRAVE DECORATIONS**

Name: _____

Location: _____

Block/Section: _____

Section/Block: _____

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Number: _____

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ARCHDIOCESAN CATHOLIC CEMETERIES RULES & REGULATIONS

Cemetery Hours

Gates are open daily from 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM
[Wednesdays, April 15 thru September 15, to 7:00PM]

Cemetery Offices

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Saturday 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Cemetery Offices Closed

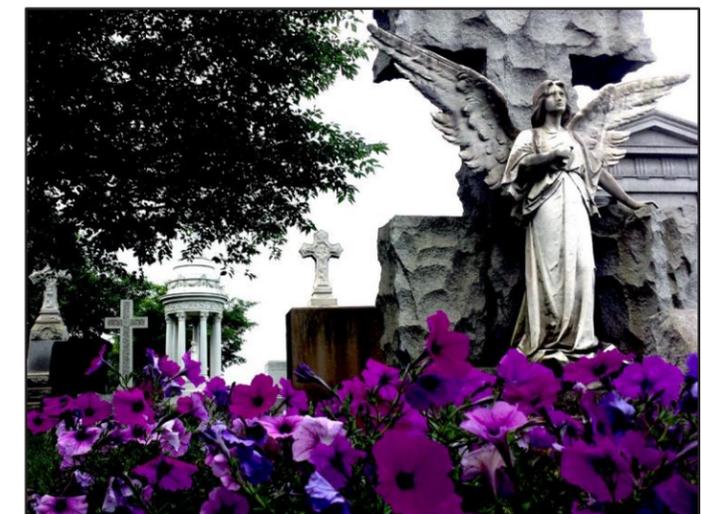
New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day
Labor Day, Columbus Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day

Mausoleum & Mausoleum Office Hours

9:00 AM to 4:30 PM Every Day
[Wednesdays, April 15 thru September 15, to 6:30PM]
Mausoleum Offices Closed Christmas Day

Extended Holiday Hours

Cemetery Gates & Mausoleums open until 6:00 PM
Palm & Easter Sundays, Mother's & Father's Days



INTRODUCTION

Catholic Cemeteries honors the tradition of visitors expressing their love/devotion by decorating graves where loved ones are buried. Our practice is to adorn burial spaces with flowers and other plantings. ***Decorating, however, must be done in a way that does not create a safety hazard, impede proper maintenance, infringe on the rights of or offend others, nor diminish the Catholic character of the cemetery.***

The Archdiocesan Cemetery Program has established comprehensive regulations which govern the decoration of graves, crypts and niches. These regulations ***preserve the common good*** and, as broadly as possible, recognize customs, and meet the needs of families while preserving the dignity of the cemeteries and assuring safety of all who visit or work within the cemeteries.

We hope this pamphlet will serve and guide our Catholic families as they visit and pray for their loved ones and adorn the grave(s) of their loving family members and friends.

BURIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Funeral arrangements are facilitated through the funeral home selected by the family, with a licensed funeral director. The cemetery may be a necessary first point of contact when the grave/crypt/niche is to be purchased. Cemetery costs and funeral costs are paid independently.

SPACE UTILIZATION

The number of burials in an interment space is determined by the certificate of interment rights. When additional burial rights are requested, management reserves the right to determine availability within the interment space. (If available additional rights may be purchased)

DISPOSITION OF INTERMENT SPACES

It is highly recommended that all certificate-holders make definite assignments of their unused interment spaces with a designation of interment while living; this form may be obtained at a cemetery office.

MEMORIALIZATION

Everyone deserves to be remembered by name. ***Monuments and memorials, (other than those inscription rights purchased directly through Catholic Cemeteries), remain the property and responsibility of the purchaser.*** Monument companies must receive written cemetery approval for material, design, size and any inscriptions or artwork. Every memorial must include a Cross.

CEMETERY RECORDS

Family records must be kept current. It is very important that the cemetery has up-to-date contact information of the certificate holder or heirs. Please keep the cemetery office notified of any change of address and telephone numbers. ***Email addresses are especially helpful.*** This information is critical to the administration of your family's burial estate and to keep you informed.

DISINTERMENTS & REMOVALS

According to the rituals and common practice of the Roman Catholic church, interment is considered a final act which allows the body of the deceased to "rest in peace" awaiting resurrection. Removal of the dead from their graves, crypts or niches should only be done for the most serious of reasons. Removal of human remains buried many years ago are generally not possible and considered permanent disposition.

CEMETERY DECORATION REGULATIONS

Prohibited Decorations: Prohibitive decorations are ***too numerous to list***. The most common include, ***but are not limited to***, border enclosures, fencing, decorative stones and shells, glass and glassware, wax candles, votive candles, landscape lights, toys, pin-wheels, balloons, porcelain, bric-a-brac, shepherd's hooks or other hanging devices, sprinkling cans, fraternal flag holders, sporting items, hats or similar articles. These are not permitted on any grave, lot or in trees. **Decorations that are permitted must not exceed the beds 12" inches deep and the length of the monument.**

The cemetery is not responsible for any decorations or property placed on graves.

Items deemed by management to pose a safety hazard to either employees or visitors are not permitted and will be removed by cemetery maintenance staff as soon as identified and without notice.

Statuary: The following criteria shall prevail with respect to statuary on graves. **Only one statue, of a religious nature**, is permitted; the height of which shall not exceed half the height of the headstone. Statues that are part of the original monument are acceptable, (not add-ons). All statues must be made of a durable material; glass, porcelain or other similar items are not permitted. Statues will only be permitted in the 12" area of the flower bed or on the memorial base. (Statuary is not permitted in flat marker sections.) **Broken or unsafe statuary will be removed.**

American Flags: Flags are flown daily in designated areas over all Archdiocesan cemeteries to honor our military service veterans. Smaller flags are permitted on individual graves from Memorial Day thru Flag Day and on Veteran's Day. Veteran's Day flags may be placed three (3) days prior to the holiday and remain one (1) week after the holiday. All flags must be presentable and will be removed and disposed of according to the norms of the Quartermaster General of the United States Army. Shaft-type veteran and fraternal organization flag holders are not permitted. (Brochures describing proper flag display protocols are available at all cemetery offices.)

Christmas Greens: May be placed after November 17th, (2 feet in width only/pillow size/no full blankets). Because of high labor and disposal costs, families are asked to remove their own greenery and all Christmas decorations from the cemetery. Greens and all Christmas decorations not removed by owners will be disposed of starting January 15th.

Flowers: During the growing season, fresh/live flowers are encouraged. Seasonal artificial flowers are permitted in the ground or placed in a self-draining pin-type vase. For those unable to visit, grave floral tributes are available through the cemetery office and on our website at www.rcancem.org.

Flush Memorials: Annuals may be planted during the growing season in beds 12 inches deep and the length of memorials.

Interment Decorations: At the time of interment, cemetery management reserves the right to limit the number of floral tributes to two [2] pieces.

Flowers placed on a new grave at the time of burial may remain in place up to 72 hours from the time of placement. Wind, inclement weather, or additional burials in the immediate area, may necessitate a shorter time period.

Mausoleum: For uniform appearance, beauty and safety, no floral tributes or other decorations may be placed on crypt fronts or inside mausoleums. Areas outside each mausoleum are designated for the placement of floral tributes which must also comply with seasonal requirements. Floral tributes are available through the cemetery office and on our website at www.rcancem.org.

Monuments: With the exception of the area already occupied by an additional marker, annuals may be planted during the growing season in beds 12 inches deep and the length of the monument in front of upright monuments, or in urns or holes that are part of monument. These must be self draining.

Nothing temporary may be attached or affixed to monuments. Non-Catholic pictures, effigies and/or symbols are prohibited.

Refuse: Because of recycle and disposal challenges, we are a "carry-in/carry-out" facility. A limited number of receptacles for extenuating circumstances are still located at each cemetery; trash, however, should never be abandoned along cemetery roadways.

Shrubbery: No ***unauthorized*** shrubbery, including roses, is permitted in any archdiocesan cemetery. Management cannot control growth. (The cemetery will remove existing shrubbery free of charge.)

Votive Lights: One votive light will be permitted as long as they adhere to the following criteria. All lights must be made of a durable material. All lights must be battery or solar powered. The lights must be within the flower bed of the existing monument. Votive lights not complying with the aforementioned will be removed as identified by staff. ***(Votive candles and landscape lights are not permitted.)***

Water: During all but freezing months water outlets, where available in the cemeteries, enable families to tend to the flowers and plants placed at graves. Outlets are not intended for lawn sprinkling devices; when found, these will be removed.

In light of the presence of West Nile Virus in New Jersey and in compliance with New Jersey Health Statute 26: 3B-6, standing water is not permitted. Therefore we will no longer permit any vases that do not have self draining holes.

CLEAN-UP SCHEDULES

There are 4 ways in which decorations are usually removed:

Regular Maintenance: Items that are unsafe, become deteriorated or unsightly will be removed each week as they are identified by the maintenance staff and at the discretion of cemetery management.

General Cemetery Clean-Up: Due to the volume of decorations being removed, it is impossible to make provision to claim items after they have been removed. Therefore, should families desire to retain items, they must be removed prior to the scheduled clean-up dates. **All decorations are removed from graves and private mausoleums each year on January 15, the Monday following Easter Monday, June 21 [the first day of summer] and November 16.** Notifications of these clean-up times are posted on signage at archdiocesan cemetery entrances, our website and various cemeteries publications. You may also be notified via email, if an email address is provided to the cemetery office.