



UPCOMING EVENTS

Our Lady of Sorrows Mass and Rosary –

Thursday, September 15, 2022

All Souls Day Mass – Wednesday, November 2, 2022

Monthly Mass Schedule

Come pray for the souls of your beloved dead buried at the cemetery. This Spiritual Work of Mercy continues your relationship with your loved one through the prayers of the Church.

Gate of Heaven Cemetery

1st Saturday of the month, 9:00 A.M., *Cemetery Chapel*

Mount Olivet Cemetery

2nd Saturday of the month, 9:30 A.M., *Cemetery Chapel*

Resurrection Cemetery

3rd Saturday of the month, 9:00 A.M., *Cemetery Chapel*

All Souls Cemetery

1st Tuesday of the month, 8:00 A.M. *Celebrated at Mother Seton Church, 19951 Father Hurley Blvd., Germantown, MD*

Coming Soon...

Catholic Cemeteries is expanding Archdiocesan cemeteries. Gate of Heaven Cemetery expects to open a new section in late 2022 or early 2023. Plans are underway to expand All Souls Cemetery and Resurrection Cemetery. St. Mary's Queen of Peace opened new sections in April 2022.

Thank you for making an appointment

The managers and staff at Catholic Cemeteries appreciate your consideration of the time and attention it takes to care well for each family making at need or pre-need burial arrangements. Kindly make an appointment to visit the cemetery office. Walk-ins cannot always be accommodated.

THE CATHOLIC CEMETERIES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON, INC.



NEWSLETTER

Serving the needs of the faithful in Maryland, the District of Columbia, and Virginia

2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am grateful to God to greet you after these past two very difficult years of the pandemic.

Many of you experienced loss during this confounding time - some surrendering your loved one without the consolation of a Catholic funeral and burial rites nor the comforting presence of family, friends, and fellow parishioners. This could only have added to your sorrow.

For each of you who have endured the loss of a loved one, please be assured of my personal prayers and the prayers of the entire People of God in The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington.

No one who has ever had such an experience needs to be reminded or even encouraged to remember those that we have handed over to the all-merciful Father. The human heart naturally remembers and holds ever fresh the faces, the voices, and the fond memories of our dearly departed.

This is why right from the beginning, thanks to an unbroken chain of witnesses, believers have set aside blessed ground—these gardens of God's saints—for their beloved dead who await the resurrection of their bodies in Christ. Through His death and resurrection, Jesus has answered the desires of the human heart, renewing our identity as God's own daughters and sons.

Let us live this truth with hope at our Catholic Cemeteries today and always!

Devotedly yours in Christ,

✠ Wilton Cardinal Gregory, Archbishop of Washington



Image: The Resurrection, Perugino, The Metropolitan Museum of Art

Archdiocesan Cemeteries

All Souls Cemetery, 11401 Brink Rd., Germantown, MD, (301) 428-1995

Gate of Heaven Cemetery, 13801 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD, (301) 871-6500

Mt. Olivet Cemetery, 1300 Bladensburg Rd., NE., Washington, DC, (202) 399-3000

Resurrection Cemetery, 8000 Woodyard Rd., Clinton, MD, (301) 868-5141

St. Mary's Queen of Peace Cemetery, 38888 Dr. Johnson Rd., Mechanicsville, MD, (301) 475-5005



Mission Statement: The mission of the Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington is to perform the Corporal Work of Mercy of burying the dead of the Archdiocese and to witness our faith and hope in the Resurrection of the body in Christ.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Who actually owns the property at the cemetery?

The purchase of property at a Catholic cemetery of the Archdiocese of Washington is not a real estate transaction, but rather a faithful agreement between a family and the Church. The family purchases the right of burial or entombment in the site. The Church retains ownership of the property and takes responsibility for respectfully maintaining the cemetery grounds in perpetuity. As an additional help to families, the purchase price of unused burial rights at one Catholic cemetery of the Archdiocese can be transferred later and applied to the purchase of burial rights at any other major Catholic cemetery.



If my parents purchased six sites and they are buried in two of them, who is entitled to the remaining four sites?

Catholic Cemeteries follow the inheritance laws of each local jurisdiction. In general, all the children inherit the remaining burial sites of a family grave purchased by their parents, unless otherwise specified in a will. If one child has a need to use one of the sites, the other children must all sign an authorization, as well.



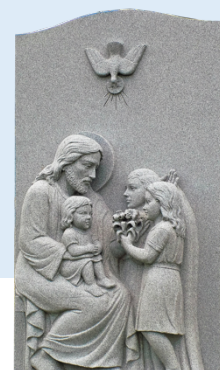
What happened to my flowers?

Catholic Cemeteries welcomes the age-old tradition of bringing fresh flowers to the gravesite of a loved one year-round. In fact, this gesture helps contribute to the beauty of the cemetery. Since the sacred grounds are also visited by wildlife, the flowers can sometimes be eaten by deer. Other times, they are removed by the cemetery staff when they begin to wilt and lose their beauty. Artificial flowers are welcome before and after the grass mowing season. During that time, however, the wires in the flower stems pose a safety hazard to the mowers, maintenance staff and cemetery visitors, and will be removed.

For more answers to your questions, visit the Catholic Cemeteries website, ccaw.org/ask-the-managers

Bury Cremated Remains on Sacred Ground

Catholic Cemeteries seeks to serve families who are still holding the cremated remains of loved ones as a result of the pandemic and are now ready to inter those remains on sacred ground. Since the human body is destined for resurrection in Christ, Church teaching requires that cremated remains of a body be buried or entombed after the funeral, in anticipation of that eternal promise. The Church asks that cremated remains be kept in a respectful vessel and always be treated with the same reverence as full body burial. Therefore, cremated remains are not to be scattered, divided into multiple containers, or kept at home indefinitely. The cemeteries of the Archdiocese have prepared for the interment of cremated remains in ground burial sections, columbariums, or mausoleum niches, with varying options for memorialization. Kindly contact the cemetery office to make an appointment for burial arrangements.



"There is a deep and indissoluble bond between those who are still pilgrims in this world — us — and those who have crossed the threshold of death and entered eternity. All baptized persons here on earth, the souls in Purgatory and all the blessed who are already in Paradise make one great Family. This communion between earth and heaven is realized especially in intercessory prayer. Dear friends, we have this beauty!"
— Pope Francis, Oct 30, 2013 General Audience



Let's stay in touch

To receive Flocknote updates on cemetery visiting hours, inclement weather closings, monthly Masses and annual events via text message or email: Text CCAW to 84576 on your cell phone, or sign up on the ccaw.org homepage.

