



# CATHOLIC CEMETERIES OF LONG ISLAND

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## UPCOMING CEMETERY CLEANUP DATES

The cemetery's rules and regulations play an important part in the beautification and preservation of the sacred resting place of the faithful departed. They are intended not as restraining, but rather as defining an orderly plan of operation, care, and permanent maintenance. These rules are posted on our website and are available at our cemetery offices for reference.

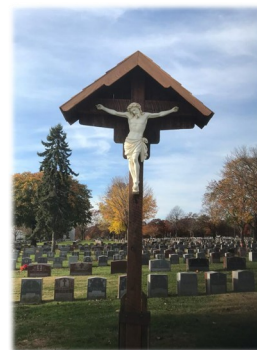
Cemetery staff will be completing the following cleanups in the month of January. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in following the cemetery rules and regulations.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2026: CLEANUP OF CHAPELS AND MAUSOLEUMS

- Christmas trees will be removed from chapels. Families are asked to remove any ornaments placed on trees **by Wednesday, January 7, 2026.**
- Any decorations placed in chapel or mausoleum buildings, including items placed on floral tables, will be **removed and discarded** at this time. As a reminder, floral tables are designated for placement of flowers **only**. In addition, items are **not permitted** to be affixed to crypt or niche covers at any time.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2026: FULL CLEANUP OF GRAVESITES

- **FULL Cleanup** of decorations from gravesites will begin on this date. In addition to Christmas decorations, cemetery staff will **remove and discard ALL items** from gravesites that are not permitted per the cemetery's rules and regulations.
- The **only items permitted** on graves at all times are **flowers and flags** as specified in the cemetery regulations. **All other items are not permitted and will be removed and discarded**; this includes **but is not limited to** statues, plaques, rocks, pictures, solar lights, edging/borders, bric-a-brac. Items are **not permitted** to be affixed to or placed on top of monuments at any time.
- **Due to the volume of items being removed, it is not possible to make arrangements to have families claim items once they have been removed.** Families are requested to remove any placed items that they wish to save **by Wednesday, January 14th**. We kindly ask that families refrain from placing any prohibited items back on graves after the cleanup is completed.
- **Please note:** January cleanups at **Cemetery of the Holy Rood** and **Queen of Peace Cemetery** will be focused on Christmas decorations first, followed by cleanup of all other grave violations as time permits. If the full cleanup cannot be completed due to weather or other cemetery work, the full cleanups of these cemeteries will be completed after Easter beginning **Monday, April 13, 2026**.



Please keep in mind that separate from the cleanup schedule, **violations may be removed at any time without notice**, especially if the items are a safety hazard or they interfere with cemetery work. Please visit our website for full details on the cemetery's rules and regulations, including an FAQ on what is permitted for placement on graves.