

# Newsletter

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES  
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

# Sacred Places

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## Sacred Places (Online Editions)

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Since 1990, in the Spring and Fall of each year the Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Rockville Centre has published a newsletter entitled *Sacred Places*. Past issues have featured articles on bereavement, cremation, and other items related to the Cemeteries. We have archived these newsletters on our website and have moved away from the paper form of this newsletter.

If you enjoy receiving *Sacred Places* and would like to continue reading it we ask that you obtain future copies and sign up for them at [Click here:](#)



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## Legacy Giving

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Catholic Cemeteries serve the Church by spanning the kingdom now present and the kingdom yet to come. On behalf of the entire Christian community, the Catholic Cemetery holds the bodies, once temples of the Holy Spirit, until the Lord comes again in glory.



It serves as a symbol of the extended community of believers, a community unbroken by death. Catholic Cemeteries help to illuminate the path as we make our pilgrimage from earth to heaven.

Catholic Cemeteries need financial assistance from people like you to continue our mission of serving the living and caring for the dead. By making bequests and other "planned gifts," you can help ensure the sustainability of the maintenance of our Cemeteries.

- Gifts large and small are important. Charitable giving is not only for the wealthy!
- A bequest is the easiest way to make sure that your family's cemetery will be provided for in the future.
- You can make a significant gift without affecting your current income or cash flow.
- You can direct your bequest to benefit a specific cemetery or to the diocese.

***"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,  
and I will give you rest."*** **Matthew 11:28**

For more information write to: Catholic Cemeteries-DRVC  
PO Box 182, Westbury NY 11590-0182



[Catholic Ministries Appeal](#)

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## Looking back Catholic Cemeteries

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- More than 3500 interments were performed in 3 Diocesan and 20 parish cemeteries during 2011.
- 68 parishes offered bereavement support groups and programs for the bereaved in 2011.

Catholic Cemeteries include Holy Rood Cemetery, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery and Queen of All Saints Cemetery. During the fiscal 2011 year, the Cemeteries contributed \$3.25 million to the Administrative Offices. The Cemeteries ended the fiscal year with an increase of \$7.3 million in total net assets which was due primarily to increases in cemetery operations and investment returns.

When a "right of burial" or entombment is sold by Catholic Cemeteries, a percentage of the fee is designated as a Permanent Maintenance fund or a Mausoleum Maintenance Care fund. These funds are not donations; therefore, they are not permanently restricted under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Further, New York State only regulates permanent maintenance funds when they are held by entities other than religious corporations, requiring that such funds be treated as trust funds, prudently invested with the intent of preserving capital and producing a reasonable income. Although Catholic Cemeteries is exempt from the State regulations, it recognizes a written promise to invest the principal of the Permanent Maintenance Fund and to use the income to fund the general maintenance and improvements of the cemetery. As of August 31, 2011, Catholic Cemeteries had \$86.1 million of net assets contractually committed for such purposes.

- In fiscal 2009, Catholic Cemeteries undertook a study to estimate the amount of maintenance that they will incur in the future to care for Catholic Cemeteries. Based on an actuarial projection of 50 years and a discount rate of 3.5%, the present value of future obligations for permanent maintenance are substantial and would require an estimated \$134.0 million to be fully funded as of August 31, 2011.
- In fiscal 2011, the independent auditors of Catholic Cemeteries were changed from KPMG, LLP to Holtz Rubenstein Reminick, LLP.
- See the financial statements for Catholic Cemeteries at: <http://www.drvc.org/financial-statements-2011>

Improvement Projects recently completed at Catholic Cemeteries include:

**Carpeting** at Holy Rood Cemetery Chapel Mausoleum and Queen of All Saints Chapel Mausoleum and Administration Building.

**Energy saving Lighting** Project at the Cemetery of the Holy Rood.

After four years, the wrought iron fence repainting project concludes at Cemetery of the Holy Rood.

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## Looking forward Catholic Cemeteries

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- On October 1, 2012, Catholic Cemeteries has been asked to **manage the parish cemetery**, Saint Patrick's in Glen Cove, NY.
- This All Souls Day for mass we welcome our new bishops to Catholic Cemeteries. To learn more about our bishops [click here](#)



- **Roofing work** has been arranged for Holy Sepulchre Mausoleum in Coram, NY and Queen of All Saints Cemetery in Central Islip, NY
- **Paved roadway work** has been arranged for our Catholic Cemeteries and the three parish cemeteries managed by Catholic Cemeteries.
- **Queen of Peace Cemetery, Old Westbury NY**

**Open House - September 1995** – "It is the goal of the Diocese to provide a much needed cemetery that is both aesthetically pleasing and spiritually uplifting."

**"From Here to Eternity: Choice Burial Sites"** *The New York Times* – November 14, 1999 reported: The Rockville Centre diocese recently bought the 97-acre Hitchcock estate in Old Westbury to create another cemetery, Queen of Peace, but the cemetery proposal was rebuffed by the Village of Old Westbury and the case is now being heard in State Supreme Court. "We have to have burial space for Catholic people who live in Nassau," said Ellen Woodbury, director of cemeteries for the Rockville Centre diocese, who added that Holy Rood was "close to full."

**"Diocese sues Old Westbury over proposed cemetery"** *The Long Island Catholic* – December 9, 2009 reported: The resulting legal expenses and consultant, engineering, and other fees have cost the diocese about \$3.5 million since 1995, said Neal Barlin, diocesan cemeteries director. By contrast, the diocese budgeted \$10 million to construct the cemetery. "And we haven't even really turned ground yet."

**"Religious Bias Suit Proceeds Over Planned Cemetery"** *New York Law Journal* - May 1, 2012 reported: "The Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockville Center has been given the green light to pursue claims of religious discrimination against the Village of Old Westbury in a decades-long fight over the right to build a cemetery with more than 90,000 burial plots...."

**"Our Lady Queen of Peace – Pray for us!"**

## EVENTS FROM 2012

### ***Sacramentary Burial***



Westbury - It wasn't your typical cemetery burial on **March 7<sup>th</sup>**. Rather than a body being laid to rest, it was the old Sacramentaries, which were retired after the New Roman Missal went into effect.

The books, having been blessed and used for sacred rituals, needed to be disposed of in a reverent manner. A prayer service was conducted

and the Sacramentaries were lowered into the ground in front of the Rachel Weeping statue at the front entrance of the Cemetery of the Holy Rood. *Read more..* in [The Long Island Catholic](#)

### ***In General Cemetery Renovation***

Westbury - The difference between renovation and restoration can mean the difference between improving the cemetery's overall operations and maintaining the status quo. Restoration rebuilds the cemetery as it was previously designed; renovation updates an older cemetery to current standards. When the cemetery's circumstances and finances permit, renovation is preferred over restoration since it enhances the cemetery's image and reduces maintenance costs.

Renovation rejuvenates an older cemetery. Undertaken to improve physical appearance and eliminate hazards, renovation brings older cemeteries into compliance with modern design and maintenance standards, often reducing operating costs.

Normally, renovation is planned for a large area within a cemetery. A completion schedule with a timetable helps minimize disarray and lot-holder inconvenience caused by the work.

When renovation has been planned some years in advance of actual work, a general clean up --including removal of undesirable trees and shrubs --can be done over time as a preliminary step.

Complete renovation usually involves a series of improvements to reduce or eliminate obstructions that mar cemetery appearance, create hazards, and interfere with efficient maintenance. Maintenance and Service Information can be found at our website. [Just click here!](#)

### ***Stations of the Cross***



Westbury - On **Good Friday**, hundreds gathered in the Holy Rood Chapel for opening prayers before embarking on the traditional annual Stations of the Cross walk throughout the cemetery. The walk is one-and-a-half miles and was concluded with final prayers and Veneration of the Cross in the Chapel. [See the photos on Facebook](#)

### ***Memorial Day***



Westbury - Local area scouts adorned graves at Holy Rood with flags on **May 28<sup>th</sup>**, observed Memorial Day. They worked with the American Legion and relied on Veteran markers, emblems and flag holders to ensure proper placement as a symbol of thanks and honor for our deceased veterans. [See the photos on Facebook](#)

### ***Renovation Work***

For current projects -- [Check out Facebook!](#)



## EVENTS FROM 2012

# The Right Fit!



Cremation Niche Display

Westbury – In late **August**, the office at the Cemetery of the Holy Rood, created an urn fitting display.

*Does the cremation urn fit the urn niche* is a question best answered beforehand. Today, cremation is growing in popularity, and consequently, people are facing new decisions. One of the basic decisions is in which type of container to place the cremated remains. The Catholic Church teaching calls for a “worthy vessel” to hold the cremated remains. Families often choose to purchase optional urns of varying styles and sizes to hold the cremated remains of their dearly departed loved ones. Although most urns will fit nicely in the urn niche space, some urns will not fit. To avoid these type of unfortunate surprises and the accompanying upset, it is highly recommended that the urn be size tested BEFORE any niche purchase or planned inurnment committal service.

For those families interested in cremation and inurnment in an above-ground niche, the Holy Rood Cemetery has created a centralized display of all its niches, in the main office. Every niche varies in size depending on its style and location. Although these size variations are often small, they can be significant depending on some urn designs. Our display simplifies the task of answering the question “Will the cremation urn fit the urn niche?”

We, at Holy Rood Cemetery, invite families to avail themselves of this unique niche display. Of course, our counselors are available to you, during every step of the process.

Catholic Cemeteries retains information to help families considering cremation at our website. [Click here](#) for more information on cremation

### Why should Catholics be buried in a Catholic Cemetery?

It is only natural that those who share the same faith in life will wish to carry on that sense of community in death. When it comes to the issue of death, the sensibilities and needs of Catholics are unique and call for certain practices in the handling and care of the remains of the deceased. Therefore, in the blessed grounds of a Catholic cemetery there are safeguards – mandated by the Church’s Canon Law – which guarantee permanence, reverence and respect for the remains of the deceased.

**Pre-need planning** of your cemetery arrangements is another option offered. Selection of your cemetery accommodations prior to need brings both peace of mind and financial protection. It lessens hardship on your loved ones at a time of sorrow and confusion. By planning ahead you can make your decision in a relaxed and thoughtful manner. Not only does it help you make the best choices, but payment plans can also be made to suit your personal budget.

### Do You Have An Aging Plan ? ...

If, like so many, you are prone to disorder in the keeping of important documents, assuming that you keep them at all, you may be well past due for a makeover of your estate plan and your end-of-life instructions. It is not just a matter of maintaining tidiness for its own sake: a lot of money and time could be saved by making your estate plan organized and accessible and then keeping it that way. Yes, it is easier said than done, but consider a quick fact if you doubt the importance of this undertaking: [Read more .....](#)

Check out on our site:

[Booklet - A Catholic Guide to End of Life Decision Making](#)  
and  
[Someone Died - What do I do?](#)

# EVENTS FROM 2012

## Understanding The Advantages Of Pre-Need Arrangements

**Pre-Need Burial Arrangements** are those planned and purchased prior to death — often years or decades before the need arises. A large percentage of all purchases of burial space acquired in Catholic cemeteries are made prior to the death of the departed. Advance arrangements represent thoughtful, pro-active planning and economic sense. Making the difficult decisions regarding burial now, relieves family members from evaluating complicated options during a period of shock and stress.

### Significant Financial Savings

Historically, burial and funeral costs increase annually. Because of this and other factors, pre-need arrangements represent significant financial savings. Pre-planned arrangements also afford much-needed peace of mind to family members who can easily implement the wishes of the departed. Ultimately, Pre-Need Arrangements represent the most responsible and effective means of assuring you and your loved ones that your burial requests are fulfilled.

### Reasons for Making Burial Arrangements Before they are Urgently Needed

#### 1. Personal Satisfaction and Peace of Mind

On a pre-arrangement basis, the grave, crypt or niche can be selected by all family members during a period of calm and rational decision making which assures everyone's satisfaction. No one will be guessing or disagreeing about what you really wanted. You guarantee yourself and your family that your funeral will be less stressful and easier on all involved at the time when that is most important. Remember, your family needs to honor your life to help them heal after you are gone.

#### 2. Price Freezing

Based on the last five decades, it is clear that the cost of cemetery and funeral arrangements continue to increase. Prearrangements assure the cost will be frozen at today's prices saving considerable costs to you or your family. The resources saved now will be of even more value to your family in the future. Thinking ahead is smart, saves hard-earned money and is a tangible investment in your family's financial future.

#### 3. Family Togetherness

With pre-need arrangements a husband and wife make mutual choices, saving loved ones heartache, expense and inconvenience at the time of death. Pre-need arrangements represent one of the most gracious and compassionate things you can do for your family. Acting now greatly reduces the decisions they will have to make at the time of death. Pre-need arrangements are a considerate act of love to those you love the most.



#### 4. Conserves Insurance

Pre-need arrangements lower insurance costs. Life insurance is intended to benefit the living, not the deceased. Most life insurance is purchased to allow a family time to adjust to the loss of income that a death causes. If prearrangements are not made, a portion of insurance proceeds may be spent on cemetery and funeral costs.

#### 5. Deferred Payments and Payment Options

Funeral and memorialization costs are expenses every individual will eventually pay. For those who do not pre-plan they often arrive at the least appropriate or affordable times. Pre- planning burial costs allows for interest free budgeted payments, while payment at the time of death is traditionally made on a cash basis. This allows families to allocate burial costs as a nominal budget expense for a predictable period of time rather than withdraw valuable savings or incur expensive credit card costs. Pre-need arrangements simply represent the most cost effective and inexpensive way to plan and pay for your or your family's funeral and burial expenses.

#### 6. Preferred Burial Location

Many people prefer to be buried near other family members and in a location they find attractive and peaceful. The cemetery provides a place of continuity and tradition valued by families through many generations. Catholic Cemeteries offer many varied and beautiful locations.

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## Christmas Ornaments

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The Christmas Holiday season is not a happy one for everyone. If you are in the midst of grief, you may feel overwhelmed not only by your loss, but also by the expectations of others. There is an inherent need to remember those you have loved in a special way and, hopefully, we can provide you with such an opportunity.

At Holy Rood, Holy Sepulchre, and Queen of All Saints Cemeteries, during the Saturday Mass on **December 1st**, family members will be invited to place an ornament on our Christmas trees in memory of their loved ones. You are invited to bring an ornament with you to be placed there during the offertory procession. Please remember that our chapels are public places, so we recommend an ornament that can be easily replaced, if necessary. The ornaments will remain on the trees throughout the Christmas season and can be picked up any day from January 1<sup>st</sup> through January 10<sup>th</sup>.

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## Candle Lighting Service

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funeral filled with sadness and loneliness.

It has been said that a cemetery is for the living. Although it's true that a Catholic Cemetery is the final resting place of the mortal bodies that were temples of the Holy Spirit until the Lord comes in glory, it is also a place where we, the living, come to remember those we love who have gone before us. It is a place where we come soon after the

In time, however, we come to the awareness that the cemetery is a place of comfort; we live in the hope that those we love are safe and secure in the Lord. We are also comforted in the simple act of remembering our loved ones, as the visit to the cemetery renews a bond we know can never be broken.

On **Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**, we will have an opportunity to remember, in a special way, those we love that are interred in Catholic Cemeteries. **Beginning at 3:00 PM at Holy Rood Cemetery**, the Diocesan Choir will preside over a ceremony of prayer, song and remembrance. All will participate in a candle lighting ceremony at which time those who were interred since **November 1<sup>st</sup> 2011** will be remembered by name as requested.

*We invite all to attend, pray, sing, and remember.*

If you plan to **attend**, please contact the cemetery office at (516) 334-7990 no later than **Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>** with the name of the deceased who was interred after **November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011**, whom you wish to have remembered.

*The Eucharistic bread contains the "medicine of immortality, the antidote for death and the food that makes us live forever in Christ Jesus."- (CC 1405)*

*In the Eucharist we find our hope of heavenly glory (1402).*

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## All Souls Day Masses

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The Catholic Mass is a memorial and [Eucharist means 'thanksgiving'](#). Mass is a re-enactment of the ultimate and supreme sacrifice of Jesus; the only death that offers all souls true security and for which we are eternally grateful. It gives us hope as we honor the one who came to be with us for a season, who left to prepare a place for us and who calls us to be with Him always. Knowing that death does not have the final say, and love does, we are strengthened in the face of our losses.

**Catholic Cemeteries will be celebrating Mass on All Souls Day (Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>) at**

**09:30 am Cemetery of the Holy Rood, Bishop Murphy**  
**11:00 am Queen of All Saints Cemetery, Bishop Dunne**  
**09:30 am Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Bishop Perez**

Our cemeteries have been hosting these masses for more than two decades uniting the solemn ceremony of the Mass with remembrance, love and respect for all who have gone before us.

On All Souls Day, we not only remember the dead, but we apply our efforts, through prayer, almsgiving, and the Mass, to their release from Purgatory. There are two plenary indulgences attached to All Souls Day, one for visiting a church and another for visiting a cemetery. While the actions are performed by the living, the merits of the indulgences are applicable only to the souls in Purgatory. Praying for the dead is a Christian obligation. In the modern world, when many have come to doubt the Church's teaching on Purgatory, the need for such prayers has only increased. The Church devotes the month of November to prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, and **participation in the Mass of All Souls Day is a good way to begin the month.**

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## Saturday Masses at our Chapels

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## Mausoleum Decoration Programs

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Christmas Chapel Plants



Easter Chapel Plants



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## Gravesite Decoration Programs

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Mother's Day Floral



Father's Day Floral



[Know this before](#) you purchase your holiday decorations?

Christmas Blanket and Pillows



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### On Our Website

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[www.holyroodcemetery.org](http://www.holyroodcemetery.org)

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## *Genealogy Information*

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Cemetery records particular to the cemeteries of the Diocese of Rockville Centre are designed to give immediate and specific cemetery associated information to authorized parties. For example, the location of a person's burial place can be provided immediately.

More detailed information, while sometimes retrievable, is time consuming. Cemetery records were never set up with the expectation that they would also provide extensive data for genealogical research. Currently there is no master or comprehensive list of burials and entombment's of all the cemeteries of the Diocese in one central location. Records for each individual cemetery are kept only at the individual cemetery.

While there has always been some passing interest in this type of research, the interest has grown considerably in recent years. Our older cemeteries particularly have seen an increase in requests for genealogical information. It has therefore become necessary to put some limitations on these requests so that the normal service of the cemetery to its lot holders is not impaired. Many genealogical research cases require an hour or more of personnel time.

We are happy to provide this information to you, but because of the volume, we must schedule it in an orderly fashion. To submit a Genealogical Search Request [click here](#).

Under normal circumstances, you can expect a response within thirty days. At certain times of the year, when cemetery visiting is heavy and service to lot holders is considerable, there may be a slightly longer wait.

We believe we can serve you with greater effectiveness in this manner, and we ask your cooperation.

Listed below are some additional sources for genealogical information that may provide more details than we have available:

Cemeteries	Information
Cemetery of the Holy Rood 111 Old Country Road PO Box 182 Westbury NY 11590-0182 (516) 334.7990 (516) 334.4383 (fax)	First burial June 13, 1851 Saint Brigid's Cemetery (a section of Cemetery of the Holy Rood)
Holy Sepulchre Cemetery 3442 Route 112 Coram NY 11727 (631) 732.3460 (631) 732.3476 (fax)	First burial November 28, 1942
Queen of All Saints Cemetery 115 Wheeler Road Central Islip NY 11722 (631) 234.8297 (631) 234.8632 (fax)	First burial November 4, 1982
Diocesan Offices	Contact Information
Jean W. Lynch Diocesan Archivist Diocese of Rockville Centre 50 North Park Avenue P.O. Box 9023 Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023 <a href="mailto:archives@drvc.org">archives@drvc.org</a>	Acquires, organizes, preserves and provides access to records of historical, sacramental, legal, fiscal and/or administrative value created by departments and parishes of the Diocese of Rockville Centre in accordance with Canons 486 and 491.
Feedback, tips, and recommendations Please feel free to share your recommendations with us	<a href="mailto:research@holyroodcemetery.org">research@holyroodcemetery.org</a>
<b>THIS APRIL (2012)</b> On April 2, 1940, there were 132,164,569 people living in America. And today, 87 percent of Americans can find a direct family link to one – or more – of them.	When the 1940 U.S. Federal Census is opened to the public this April, you'll have a window into every one of those 132 million lives. Their names, where they lived, who shared their house, even where they were five years earlier.

Regional Source	Information Available
<a href="#">New York State Dept Health</a> Vital Records Section Empire State Plaza Albany, NY 12237 (518) 474-3077 (518) 474-3038 Information Fax: (518) 432-6286	Obtain copies of birth, death, marriage, and divorce records for a fee.
<a href="#">New York State Archives</a> New York Department of Education Cultural Education Center, Room 11D40 Albany, NY 12230 (518) 474-8955	Historical records, also called archival records, are records you keep permanently because of their long-term research use. The State Archives provides services for both government and non-government historical records programs. Historical records, regardless of who creates them, can exist on paper, parchment, magnetic tape, film, or a variety of other media.
<a href="#">Division of Vital Records, NYC Dept of Health</a> 125 Worth Street, Rm #133 New York City, NY 10013 (212) 788-4520 (212) 788-8580 Archives	Obtain copies of New York City County birth, death, and marriage certificates for a fee.
<a href="#">New York City Municipal Archives</a> 31 Chambers Street Room 103 New York, NY 10007 (212) 788-8580	Founded in 1950, the Municipal Archives preserves and makes available the historical records of New York City municipal government. Dating from the early seventeenth century to the present, the Municipal Archives holdings total approximately 160,000 cubic feet. Accessioned from more than one hundred city agencies, the collections comprise office records, manuscript material, still and moving images, ledger volumes, vital records, maps, blueprints, and sound recordings.
<a href="#">National Genealogical Society</a> 4527 17th St. North Arlington, VA 22207	One of the foremost genealogical societies. Offers membership.
<a href="#">New York Public Library</a>  (in Manhattan on 5th Avenue at 42nd Street).	All branches of the Library feature computers that offer access to the Internet, electronic databases, library catalogs, and Microsoft Office. Many locations also offer free wireless access and Wi-Fi in all public areas in the libraries and at all times the libraries are open.
Ethnic Cultural Groups for Long Island  <a href="#">www.Italiangen.org</a>  <a href="#">www.IFHF.org</a>  <a href="#">www.germangenealogygroup.com</a>  <a href="#">www.rootsweb.com/~prhqs</a>  <a href="#">www.aagsinc.net</a>	Italian Genealogical Group  Irish Family History Forum  German Genealogy Group  Puerto Rican / Hispanic  African Atlantic Genealogical Society

Further Scope - Source	Information Available
<a href="#">Library of Congress</a> 101 Independence Ave. SE Thomas Jefferson Building, LJ G42 Washington, D.C. 20540-4660 <a href="#">Contact Information</a> <a href="#">Map showing location</a>	The Library of Congress has one of the world's premier collections of U.S. and foreign genealogical and local historical publications. The Library's genealogy collection began as early as 1815 with the purchase of Thomas Jefferson's library
<a href="#">Ancestry.com</a>	Since Ancestry.com launched in 1996, they've added more than 7 billion records to the site. They'll teach you how to find the records you need to fill in your family story. <a href="#">Click here.</a>
<a href="#">www.findagrave.com</a>	<b>What is Find A Grave?</b> Find a Grave's mission is to find, record and present final disposition information from around the world as a virtual cemetery experience.
On line Course  <a href="#">Introduction to Genealogy</a>	This is a self-paced, four-lesson class packed full of new concepts, techniques and ideas which will hopefully get you started on your way to a fulfilling lifetime of tracing your family tree.
<a href="#">Podcasts – Dear Myrtle family History ...</a>	DearMYRTLE's Family History Hour 9 Dec 2008 genealogy podcast is available for listening via computer or transferred to any .mp3 player if you choose to download the file.
<a href="#">Wikis – Familypedia</a>  <a href="#">We Relate</a>  <a href="#">Research Wiki</a>  <a href="#">Public Domain</a>	Wiki Searches are excellent sources of information on family history.  <b>The public domain offers free genealogy records to help you with your information finding.</b>
<a href="#">Videos</a>	The Learning Center at Ancestry.com  Discover more about your ancestry in just a few steps. You can begin your family tree, learn how to use records in your family search, connect with others who are seeking out their ancestors and find the answers to your tough research questions.

**Check back for additional genealogical resources ....**

# CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

## DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
**Good Friday, April 6 th , 12 Noon**  
**Holy Rood Cemetery , Westbury**



**EASTER DECORATION PROGRAM**  
**Palm Crosses on Graves**  
**Easter Lilies for Chapels**



**MEMORIAL DAY MASSES**  
**Celebrated by the Bishops of the Diocese**  
**Monday, May 28 th**

- 11 AM – Cemetery of the Holy Rood, Westbury
- 11 AM – Holy Sepulchre Cemetery , Coram
- 12 Noon – Queen of All Saints Cemetery, Central Islip



**MOTHER'S and FATHER'S**  
**DAY DECORATION PROGRAM**  
**Live Potted Plant for Graves**  
**and Chapels**



**Inquire at Cemetery office for additional information**  
**and to participate in these programs.**

**Why are some things allowed and other items a problem?**  
<http://www.holyroodcemetery.org/decoration.pdf>

## Cremation Services

Catholic Cemeteries encourages cremation burial to follow the same process as a funeral with a casket. Use of a funeral director's services, funeral mass at the parish, and a blessing at the grave-side, crypt or cremation niche is recommended and encouraged.

To help with these arrangements, the following procedures and guidelines are recommended for your review. Cremation Planner and the Catholic Teaching on cremation can be found at:

<http://www.holyroodcemetery.org/cremation.htm>

Before purchasing a cremation urn, families should review the cemetery's rules and regulations regarding the appropriateness of the container and the maximum permitted urn size for the intended burial space.

## On Line Decoration Services

In November of 2011 Catholic Cemeteries introduced Pay Pal to its website as an additional means for families to purchase items with our decoration programs. The Christmas Evergreen (blanket and pillow) program as well as the Poinsettia Chapel plants program was available on line shortly after Thanksgiving Day. At present the Easter Palm Cross and Lilly Chapel Plant are also available on line. The Bereavement Conference offers a discount registration when completed on line. And now our Mother's Day and Father's Plant programs for graves and crypts has been made available.

<http://www.holyroodcemetery.org/MemorialsOnline.html>

## Spring Decoration Program

The spring decoration program will again be offered for Mother's Day and Father's Day. Live floral decorations will be available for placement on gravesites and in the chapels of the community mausoleums. A beautiful, live potted plant will be placed directly in the planting area in front or rear of the monument. For those families who have mausoleum crypts, the flowers will be placed on stands in the respective chapels. The names of those remembered will be placed in a Book of Remembrance at the altar.

The cost for each plant ordered will be \$25.00. They will be placed the week before Mother's and Father's Day, and will remain there through the week of the holiday itself. Families are invited to take their plants home prior to their removal by our staff.

**If you placed an order last year, you will receive notification through the mail.** Otherwise, you may fill out the coupon below and mail it with your check as soon as possible.

2012: Mother's Day: # of Plants \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Day: # of Plants \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \_\_\_\_\_ Plants @ \$25 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_

Section \_\_\_\_\_ Range \_\_\_\_\_ Plot \_\_\_\_\_

Or Chapel Mausoleum:

Corridor \_\_\_\_\_ Tier \_\_\_\_\_ Crypt # \_\_\_\_\_

Name of deceased Mother: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of deceased Father: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: **Catholic Cemeteries**

Mail your order to: **P.O. Box 182, Westbury NY 11590-0182**

Catholics believe in life eternal. Jesus said:

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me will never die." (Jn.11:25-26).  
 Just as Christ rose from the dead, He will raise our mortal remains to be like His in glory.

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## Bereavement Conference

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### Bereavement Conference Saturday, March 17, 2012

"Blessed Are You," sponsored by Catholic Cemeteries and the Office of Faith Formation, Diocese of Rockville Centre, for the bereaved of all faiths and those caring for them, at Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale, from 8:30 to 5:30 pm. Reverend Tony Stanganelli will be the Keynote speaker. In addition, forty workshops will be offered (registrants have a choice of three) by prominent leaders in the bereavement field. Breakfast, lunch and conference folder are included in the registration fee (\$50 on line, \$60 mail in and \$70 walk-in registration). A well-stocked Conference Bookstore will be available and the day will close with a Eucharistic Celebration. The conference brochure and registration form may be downloaded from the cemetery website: <http://www.holyroodcemetery.org/files/47885630.pdf> or you may call (516) 334-7990, x 120 or x 119 for a copy of the brochure.

### **DISCOUNTED ON LINE REGISTRATION**



**"Blessed Are You"**  
**Bereavement Conference**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2012**

**KELLENBERG MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL, UNIONDALE, NY • 8:30 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.**

**For the Bereaved and Those Ministering to Them.**

**WORKSHOPS AND SHARING SESSIONS ARE OFFERED IN THE FOLLOWING**  
Specific Loss · Spirituality & Support for All Losses · General Loss · Professional & Volunteer Facilitators & Caregivers

**Discounted Pricing for Online Registration:** [www.holyroodcemetery.org/Bereavement.html](http://www.holyroodcemetery.org/Bereavement.html)  
**For More Information:** Visit [www.drvc-faith.org/bereavement.html](http://www.drvc-faith.org/bereavement.html) or call 516-334-7990 ext. 120 or 119.  
Sponsored by Catholic Cemeteries and the Office of Faith Formation in the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

**Holy Rood Chapel Mausoleum**  
Holy Rood Cemetery, Westbury

**Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel Mausoleum**  
Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Coram

**Annunciation Garden Mausoleum**  
Queen of All Saints Cemetery, Central Islip

**PRE-NEED PLANNING**

**IT'S RESPONSIBLE...** Spare your loved ones the agonies of making burial arrangements during a time of emotional stress.

**IT'S ECONOMICAL...** Avoid the tendency to overspend in and protect against the ever-increasing costs of burial.

Whether you would prefer in-ground burial or above-ground entombment in one of our beautiful mausoleums, your decision to purchase today will bring a sense of security to you and your family.

For more information about Catholic Cemeteries, please call the office at:  
Holy Rood Cemetery 516-334-7990  
Holy Sepulchre Cemetery 631-732-3460  
Queen of All Saints Cemetery 631-234-8297

Or visit [www.holyroodcemetery.org](http://www.holyroodcemetery.org)



**"...Blessed are they who mourn  
for they shall be comforted." Mt 5:4**

The Office of Faith Formation's Bereavement Ministry assists individuals and families through the death of a family member.

**Online List of Support Groups.** Includes parish programs, hospital and hospice support groups, and widow and widowers groups.

**Bereavement Facilitator Training.** For parish volunteers and staff members in the areas of Bereavement and Ministry of Consolation.

**Referral List for Bereavement Counseling.** A list of professional therapists and counselors is maintained to provide referrals that would benefit individuals and families.

**Ongoing Support & Mentoring Groups.** Ongoing opportunities are provided for bereavement facilitators to gather together for prayer, enrichment and ongoing training and formation.

Visit [www.drvc-faith.org/bereavement.html](http://www.drvc-faith.org/bereavement.html)  
Or contact Kathleen Logan at 516 678-5800 Ext 236 for more information.

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## Stations of the Cross

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We invite you to join us on **Good Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**, at **12:00 noon in the Holy Rood Chapel** for the opening prayers. Weather permitting, we will follow the mile-and-a-half route throughout Holy Rood Cemetery as we commemorate Our Lord's redemptive death. If the weather is inclement, the ceremony will be held in the chapel. The service will conclude with final prayers and Veneration of the Cross in the Chapel.

*The Catholic Cemetery is established to carry out the sacred religious function of the burial of the dead and the care for their resting places, recognizing the deep spiritual significance of this Corporal Work of Mercy.*

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## Why Choose a Catholic Cemetery?

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Burying the dead has been considered a sacred duty since Old Testament times. Our Christian belief in the resurrection of the body raises this obligation to a new level. "...now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life,.." *1 Corinthians 15*

In keeping with those words of St. Paul, the Church sets aside cemeteries as sacred ground, the resting-place of the faithful until they rise to new life on the last day. The Church does not see Catholic cemeteries as a business operation but as an essential part of its ministry. Catholics believe our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. In his earthly life, Christ honored the human body, curing the sick, raising the dead, feeding the multitudes. He left us with sacraments to continue his work through the ages. In the sacramental life of the Church, our bodies are baptized with water, anointed with oil in confirmation and ordination, nourished with the Body and Blood of the Lord and finally anointed with the oil of the Sacrament of the Sick

In the incarnation, God became flesh. The son of God assumed a mortal body, felt our joys and our sorrows and finally shared in our certain sad sentence of death. At his death, his body was treated with sacred respect by Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus who reverently laid him in the tomb. On the third day, Christ rose from that tomb, sealing our faith in the resurrection of the dead.

This faith inspires the work of Catholic cemeteries. They are more than burial grounds. They are places of worship, where Masses are offered for the living as well as the dead. Works of art fill Catholic cemeteries with visible reminders of our faith. They are places where the living come not only to mourn their dead but to find hope and peace.

Catholic cemeteries fulfill not only our obligation to bury the dead but to console the sorrowing and to pray for all God's children, living and dead.

**Cemetery grounds open everyday (weather permitting) 8 AM to 5 PM ~ Mausoleum Buildings open from 8 AM to 4:30 PM**  
**Office open 9 AM to 4:30 PM (Monday thru Friday) ~ 9 AM to 12:00 noon on Saturdays**  
**For further information please visit the website of the Office of Catholic Cemeteries [www.holyroodcemetery.org](http://www.holyroodcemetery.org)**

[Saturday Masses in the Chapel at 9:30 AM:](#)

<b>Cemetery of the Holy Rood</b> 111 Old Country Rd-PO Box 182 Westbury, NY 11590-0182 Tel: (516) 334-7990		<b>Holy Sepulchre Cemetery</b> 3442 Route 112 Coram, NY 11727 Tel: (631) 732-3460	
Mar. 3	Jun. 2	Aug. 18	Nov. 3
Mar. 17	Jun. 16	Sept. 1	Nov. 17
Apr. 21	Jul. 7	Sept. 15	Dec. 1
May 5	Jul. 21	Oct. 6	Dec. 15
May 19	Aug. 4	Oct. 20	

<http://www.holyroodcemetery.org/massschedule.htm>

<b>Queen of All Saints Cemetery</b> 115 Wheeler Road Central Islip, NY 11722 Tel: (631) 234-8297			
Mar. 3	Jul. 7	Oct. 6	
May 5	Aug. 4	Nov. 3	
Jun. 2	Sep. 1	Dec. 1	

*Cemetery gates are open everyday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.  
Offices closed noon Saturdays, on Sundays and the following holidays:*

<http://www.holyroodcemetery.org/hours.htm>

President's Day	February 20 <sup>th</sup>
Holy Thursday	April 5 <sup>th</sup> (12:30 PM)
Good Friday	April 6 <sup>th</sup> (12:30 PM)
Memorial Day	May 28 <sup>th</sup>
Independence Day	July 4 <sup>th</sup>
Labor Day	September 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Columbus Day	October 8 <sup>th</sup>
Veterans Day	November 12 <sup>th</sup>
Thanksgiving Day	November 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Christmas Day	December 25 <sup>th</sup>

[Have You Moved?](#)

It's important to keep your current address on file in case you have to be contacted for any reason <http://www.holyroodcemetery.org/changeofaddressform.pdf>

[Planting Regulations](#)

<http://www.holyroodcemetery.org/rulesandreg.htm>

As warm weather approaches, we would like to remind you about the planting regulations. In monument sections, annual flowers such as geraniums, begonias, impatiens and marigolds may be planted in a bed that can extend 18" in front of the monument. Bouquets of fresh flowers are permitted in monument sections in vases that are ground level, and in shrine sections in the vase that is part of the bronze memorial. No glass vases, statues or other breakable items are permitted as they could cause injuries to employees as they are maintaining the grounds. As a reminder - Items placed in violation of the planting and decorating rules and items deemed unsightly or out of season are removed and disposed of in accordance with stated policies. Potted plants are permitted for holidays. All holiday decorations will be picked up on the following Monday dates:

**Easter (4/8)** Monday - April 16<sup>th</sup>     **Mother's Day (5/13)** Monday - May 21<sup>st</sup>     **Father's Day (6/17)** Monday - June 25<sup>th</sup>

When does the cemetery pick up and remove items from the gravesites? <http://www.holyroodcemetery.org/info.pdf>

**Dates to Remember:**

**Stations of the Cross - Friday, April 6, 2012**  
Holy Rood Cemetery, Westbury  
MEET IN THE CHAPEL AT 12:00 NOON

**Memorial Day Masses Monday, May 28, 2012**  
Holy Rood Cemetery, Westbury - 11:00 AM  
Holy Rood Mausoleum - Chapel Mass  
Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Coram - 11:00 AM  
Our Lady of the Rosary Mausoleum - Chapel Mass  
Queen of All Saints Cemetery, Central Islip - 12:00 NOON  
Field Mass

[Change of Address](#)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Old Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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New Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Plot Location: Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_

Section \_\_\_\_\_ Range \_\_\_\_\_ Plot \_\_\_\_\_



**EASTER DECORATION PROGRAM**  
Palm Crosses on Graves  
Easter Lilies for Chapels



**MEMORIAL DAY MASSES**  
Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>  
Celebrated by the Bishops of the Diocese  
• 11 AM - Cemetery of the Holy Rood-Westbury  
• 11 AM - Holy Sepulchre Cemetery-Coram  
• 12 Noon - Queen of All Saints Cemetery-Central Islip



**MOTHER'S and FATHER'S DAY**  
DECORATION PROGRAM  
Live Potted Plants for



**CATHOLIC CEMETERIES**  
**DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE**



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
Good Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 12 Noon  
Holy Rood Cemetery, Westbury

