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CATHOLIC CEMETERIES
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Journey Together - Video



Captioned above is our May 2016 TeleCare TV production.

For the remainder of 2016 and most of 2017 you'll find it on Channel 29/137 on Cablevision or Channel 296 Verizon Fios TV. There's also a link to view this on YouTube at the cemetery's website.

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Locate A Loved One?

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<http://m.holyroodcemetery.org>

At the Cemetery website, type in your web browser SEARCH.HOLYROODCEMETERY.ORG or click on any page where it states: "Locate a Loved One?"

Have a special photo?

Wish to add an image to the on line record?

Additional information on this program has been made available at the cemetery office and our website.



An angel watches over the gravesites covered in snow. (Cemetery of the Holy Rood, Westbury NY)



SECTION 20 – PARTIAL FACE LIFT

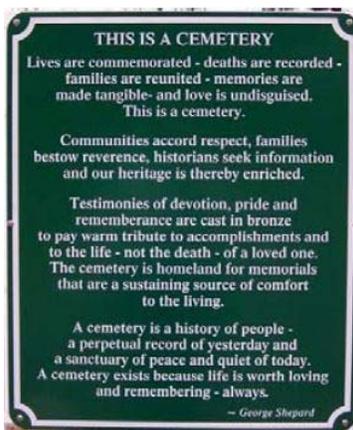
Beginning the first and second weeks of September, we will embark upon a renovation of grounds in Section 20 at Cemetery of the Holy Rood. The ranges and plots that will be affected are:

- Section 20 – P – 167 - 193
- Section 20 – Q – 124 - 134
- Section 20 – T - roadway to 132
- Section 20 – T - roadway to 127
- Section 20 – U – 169 – 179
- Section 20 – V – 162 – 178

The renovation project will improve the overall grading of the range. This will facilitate more even mowing of the lawn area and make walking through the range easier, thereby limiting hazards. It also gives us an opportunity to fix curbs, foundations and the irrigation system.

Unfortunately every renovation creates inconveniences. There will be limited access to visit these gravesites, limited watering during the project, disrupted lawn areas and the like. We are committed to making the disruptions as minimal as possible.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to make the Cemetery the best it can be for you and your dearly departed family members and friends.



April 2016 - Several dozen people gathered at the gravesite of the **Servant of God Msgr. Bernard J. Quinn**, Westbury, L.I., to mark the 76th anniversary of his death. Msgr. Theophilus Joseph, a priest from St. Lucia, West Indies, celebrated Mass in St. Brigid’s Church. In his homily, Msgr. Joseph credited the intercession of Msgr. Quinn for receiving a kidney from a donor at a critical stage of his illness. For prayer cards and other information about Msgr. Quinn, call 718-341-1018



*Immaculate Conception Seminary
The Bishop’s Crypt*



August 2016 - Catholic Cemeteries assisted the Seminary with the task of removal of remains from the bishop’s crypt at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington NY. **More to read at** <http://thetablet.org/bklyns-second-bishop-kept-building-diocese/>

Christmas Ornament Mass



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 3rd 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 1st through January 10th.

Candle Lighting Service



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 funeral filled with sadness and loneliness.

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 6th, 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 Cemetery of the Holy Rood, [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 present will speak the name of those who were interred and remembered.

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

If you are unable to attend, and wish to have the name included in the service, please contact the cemetery office at (516) 334-7990 no later than Monday, October 31st With the name of the deceased who was interred after November 1st, 2015, whom you wish to have remembered.

All Souls Day Masses



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
Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at
09:30 am Cemetery of the Holy Rood
11:00 am Queen of All Saints Cemetery
09:30 am Holy Sepulchre Cemetery**

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.

Saturday Masses at our Chapels

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[Mass Schedule](#)

[Decoration – Placement and Removal Schedule](#)

[Holiday Schedule](#)

Mausoleum Decoration Programs

Christmas Chapel Plants



Easter Chapel Plants



Gravesite Decoration Programs

Mother's Day Floral



Father's Day Floral



Christmas Blanket and Pillows



On Our Website

holyroodcemetery.org

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Memorial Programs
are now available on line.

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28th Annual Mass for Deceased Children

Let the children come to me, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to these. Matthew 19:14

The Annual Mass for Deceased Children will be on Saturday, October 1, 2016 at 12:30 p.m. at St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre.

Presider: Fr. Anthony Stanganelli

All are welcome.

Come early to inscribe your child's name in the "Book of Families."

Refreshments following Mass in the Parish Centre.

For more information contact: Deacon Darrell Buono
516 678-5800 Ext 200

Visitor Safety Warnings - Alerts -Tips

August 2016 - Catholic Cemeteries provided a notice to the public at its offices and website entitled – WARNING - Visitor Safety Issues. The information contains ... [Click here for more ...](#)



Sinking Hazards – Rain can create muddy conditions around gravesites that will not support a person's weight. Avoid puddled areas or ground depressions to prevent injury from sinking.

Exercise Caution – Uneven ground and settling soil around gravesites can create walking hazards throughout the cemetery.

Concealed Hazards – Snow or grass clippings can conceal walking hazards such as: raised markers, uneven surfaces, ground depressions, and decorations.

For your safety please walk on established grass only!
We are not responsible for injuries, and you assume the risk caused by a failure to comply with these regulations.

Slippery Surfaces – This cemetery contains polished granite and bronze markers that are flush with the ground. Granite and bronze surfaces are slippery when exposed to rain, frost, snow, and grass clippings.

Roadside Visitation – To avoid potential injury when ground is snow covered, visits are limited to roadside only.

Walk the Range or Row – Avoid walking between the headstones and markers. Walk the center of the range or row to prevent injury.

Avoid Damages – Avoid u turns on the cemetery roadways. Cemeteries have narrow driveways unlike public streets, u turns can lead to damage to your vehicle, a tree, a sign, a trash pail, or water faucet located alongside the driveways.

Secure Vehicle and items – Cemetery grounds are open to the public each day for visitation, during moments of prayer and planting at the gravesite there's less attention to our surroundings. Even in grief, we can help prevent theft by securing our vehicle and personal belongings when out in public.

Turn off Faucets – Saving water resources is commendable. Helping to prevent WEST NILE or the ZIKA virus from breeding mosquitos is helping us all. Please assist with turning off water faucets.

Have all four tires on the pavement – Cemetery curbs and lawn surfaces can get damaged from improperly parked vehicles. Tires can be damaged as well from mounting or rubbing alongside curb surfaces. A well parked car arrives and leaves safely! Help protect the cemetery lawns and curbs from damage. Thank you.

Choose a flat bottom vase – Cone shaped vases are prohibited under the cemetery rules. When making a vase purchase always select a vase with a flat bottom. Inverted pin style vases are a puncture hazard and a dangerous condition to be avoided.

Before Planting, Before Decorating – Review the cemetery rules and regulations for planting, decorating, visiting, as well as understand the cemetery expectations - Resources are available at the office or at www.holyroodcemetery.org



[Click here for more](#)

Our Catholic Cemeteries are places of prayer and meditation, monuments to our Faith and witness to life everlasting. Catholic burial is a unique ritual, characterized by rites that express profound spiritual truths. A Catholic funeral acknowledges the dignity of human beings, created in the image and likeness of God, and the inestimable value of each individual soul.

Christian burial is an honor, a privilege and an opportunity for Catholics to be part of a meaningful and dignified observance of the passage of a human life.

Bereavement Information

Bereavement Support Groups: Many parishes, hospitals and community organizations offer support groups for you to participate in where you can gather together in community and gain strength and find solace from members of the group. These groups, special events and workshops with specific contact information are on our weekly listings below

At holyroodcemetery.org one can find a listing of these topics.

- Bereavement Support Groups with specific beginning and ending dates
- Monthly Bereavement Support Groups
- Weekly Bereavement Support Groups
- Support Groups/Programs for Children
- Programs Available as Needed
- Memorial Programs
- Special Programs, Conferences, Masses, and Retreats for the Bereaved

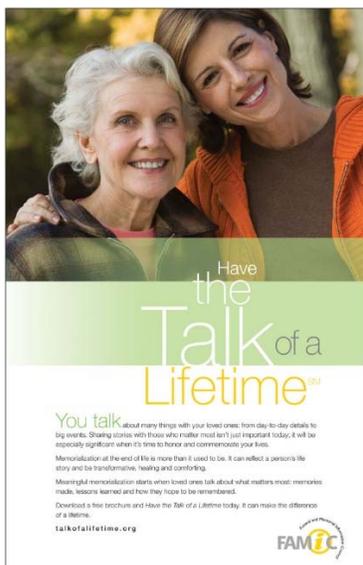
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Have The Talk!

Life... There's a Lot to Talk About

There's so much we experience in our lives. There are the big moments that shape us – graduation, a first job, falling in love and getting married, having children, seeing children grow into adulthood. When we reflect on our lives, it's these memories and milestones that may come to mind first.

But a life story is so much more than that. The small moments and people we meet along life's journey are a part of us and helped shape who we are and what we value.



A Special Thank you!



We wish to thank all of you who have been donating non-perishable food items to the St. Brigid Food Pantry. The winter is a critical time when donations are down and often most needed. A collection box is conveniently located in the Holy Rood Chapel Mausoleum by the Blessed Mother Statute. Consider bringing some food items with you the next time you come in to visit at Cemetery of the Holy Rood.

The St. Brigid Food Pantry staff expresses their sincere gratitude and appreciation for any food donations we are able to bring them. Thank you for your continued support!

The Committal Service a Source of Strength!

For Catholics and members of the Christian faith Community ...

The Rite of Committal is the final liturgy in the *Order of Christian Funerals*. Like the Vigil Service, the Rite of Committal makes use of Scripture, a few words of hope by the presider, intercessions and prayers.

At the time of burial, prayer shows honor and respect for those who have died. It is a memorial to all who are interred. The cemetery is a place where many Christians come to express their grief and hope for their loved ones who have preceded them in death.



To have a representative of the Church present at this final moment is a great source of consolation to those who will now have to continue their journey in life without their beloved. While a priest may be unable to preside at the Committal Service, a deacon or a trained bereavement minister may represent the Church at this final moment.

We are pleased to inform you of our continued program provided by the Diocese of Rockville Centre. The Offices of the Deaconate and Catholic Cemeteries have arranged for a clergy staff member to attend and pray with families at our cemetery.



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*Spring time –
Renewed Life & the Resurrection*

As the cold and gray skies yield to warmer weather and the bright sunshine springtime offers, we all breathe a collective sigh of relief, that we will again see life abound in its splendor. We again feel invigorated and hopeful for all that the new season may bring. The waxing and waning of the seasons here on Long Island is not new to us. We expect them, as they are our norm, what we are accustomed to and we relish the “known” in our lives.

Springtime also brings forth the most momentous season in our faith: the Easter Triduum, “the Paschal Mystery of his blessed passion, resurrection from the dead and glorious ascension.” (SC 5) Those who truly bathe themselves in the journey through Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil, more intuitively understand the mystery of life, death, and resurrection: both Jesus’ and our own. “In the face of death, the Church confidently proclaims that God has created each person for eternal life and that Jesus, the Son of God, by his death and resurrection has broken the chains of sin and death that bound humanity.” (OCF 1)

At the time of death of someone, we loved and cherished during our life, the very real feelings of grief, loss, and bewilderment rock us to our core despite our most ardent faith. Yet the words at the Invitation to prayer during the beginning of the Vigil for the Deceased states, “My brothers and sisters, we believe that all the ties of friendship and affection which knit us as one throughout our lives do not unravel with death. Confident that God

always remembers the good we have done and forgives our sins, let us pray, asking God to gather our loved one to himself.” (OCF 71)

If we truly believe in our resurrection, like Jesus’ after our own death, why are we mournful at someone else’s death? The reality of death is a separation from the physical world where we all experience our reality. The life beyond remains pure mystery to us, where continued life seems impossible. The physical world tells us that when someone dies, they remain dead forever. We are all too fleshy my friends. Yet Jesus tells us that there are many rooms in my Father’s house. If it were not so, would I have gone there to prepare a place for you?” (Jn 14:2) As people rooted in a physical world, the mystery of other side, the spiritual realm, is just too vague of a concept for us. We want proof. We want to be sure. We want our little world to remain the same forever. We choose to remain in the winter of life. Yet we all understand at the deepest part of our being that everything must die, so that new life can begin. “Truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.” (Jn 12:24) God says, “My life for yours.”

Reflecting on my own life and filled with gratitude, I remain in absolute awe with the life God has created. Imagine, two people met, fell in love, and together created loving children. Today, forty years later, the two that started, have added four children and by the time you read this, eight grandchildren, a daughter-in-law, and sons-in law continue to add to the circle of our life. Praise be to God and praise be to his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Contemplating the deaths of loved ones in my own life, God has moved me from a sense of

anger and loss, to an immense gratitude for the privilege for the time my loved ones spent with me. They have all shaped me into the person I am today and on the day when it is my turn to die; I will anticipate the sheer joy of reunion with all the saints who have gone before me. Yes, I love my life and my family. Nor would I willingly choose to have any of them die. However, over the years, my relationship has also deepened dramatically with Jesus. I pray your relationship with Jesus brings you to overcome the doubts we all experience and brings you to a newness of life.

May this Easter season; draw you ever deeper into the mystery of God's love and unceasing relationship with all of humanity. May God continue to gift you with his presence, understanding, and complete joy with the continued rhythm of life until the day we join as one body in his Kingdom.

Deacon Al Pickford, Customer Service Manager –
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Join us for Mass

Westbury NY - Cemetery of the Holy Rood,
Holy Rood Chapel Mausoleum
Central Islip NY – Queen of All Saints Cemetery,
Garden & Chapel Mausoleum
Coram NY – Holy Sepulchre Cemetery,
Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel & Garden Mausoleum

[Mass times & dates](#) are listed at holyroodcemetery.org



Spring Cleaning

Soon we will be able to shout, "Hooray, spring is here" We will see & feel the new life and warmth that we all find so inviting. Our field crews at all our cemeteries will be out and about taking care of the grounds in many ways that the winter months have prevented due to cold weather. One of the first items on the agenda will be to prepare, add topsoil, & grass seed to all the sites where burials have taken place during the winter months. Due to the large number of sites needing this preparation, it may take time to get to every site. Please be patient as we clear this backlog. The colder months also cause twigs to fall from our trees, and other debris scattered about our properties. All these items require removal as well. In addition to this, the grass, and shrubbery need to have insecticide applied, fertilized, and lawn sprinklers turned back on and any winter damage repaired. A very busy time of the year and all this must be done while we fulfill our primary task of burying our deceased.

If, after a reasonable passage of time, we may have not prepared your loved one's site, kindly call your cemeteries Customer Service team. They will take your information, prepare a maintenance work order, and the needed repairs will be made. You also have the ability to prepare the work order yourself by logging on to our cemetery website, www.holyroodcemetery.org. Please click on the "interment-search" tab, and then select "maintenance request." You can then fill out your request and even request a call back when your issue is complete.

Finally, Catholic Cemeteries – DRVC is in the process of revamping our existing website. Please look forward to this in the coming months.

Deacon Al Pickford
Customer Service Manager
Catholic Cemeteries
631-732-3460 X 1127

Choose Annual Plants Wisely



If you're thinking of an annual that will thrive in intense sun, heat and is very drought resistant, once established, vinca may be your best bet. Vinca is often mistaken for impatiens.

It's important to know your planting area. Certain annuals do better than others in shade, southern exposures and amount of waterfall. Once you're familiar with the conditions affecting your plot or home garden, you'll be able to pick plants that will adorn an area with minimal effort on your part. Of course, if you are a frequent visitor at the cemetery and can devote the time and care to water, your options for planting and plant survival are greater. To become more familiar with annuals that may work best for you, consult a salesperson at your local nursery, or visit the web [click here](#)

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Order Easter Lilies, Mother's Day and Father's Day Plants

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.



- Orders are placed and then delivered to the family gravesite 1 week before holiday.
- Families plant at lot or remove their flowers. If they are to be kept by 1 week after the holiday.
- The cemetery staff then collects the remaining potted plants from the lots
- The removed flowers are planted around the grounds for all to enjoy throughout the summer time.
- Provides a holiday gravesite decoration for our loved ones
- Provides the cemetery grounds with common area floral beautification
- Recycles the plant and saves money
- Revenue supports Catholic Cemeteries missions

2016: Mother's Day # of Plants ____

2016: 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**
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Why are some things allowed and other items a problem?

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Order Palm Crosses, Mother's Day
and Father's Day Plants

Why Choose a Catholic Cemetery?

A cemetery is a history of people, a perpetual record of yesterday, and a sanctuary of peace and quiet today. A cemetery exists because every life is worth loving and remembering — always.

To remember and be remembered are natural human needs. Throughout history, we have memorialized our dead. It has been an important tradition in every culture. The Washington Monument, Tomb of the Unknowns, and Vietnam Wall in Washington, D.C. are examples that demonstrate our need to honor our dead.

Recently, society's view of death, dying and the process of bereavement has been changing. The rise in cremation and alternate forms of ritual surrounding our deceased has presented many more options than before. Sometimes, practical factors such as cost have overridden the inherent need to have a physical place for surviving loved ones to grieve.

There is no wrong choice in deciding how you or a loved one would like to be remembered. Consider the following reasons why our Catholic cemetery may be the right choice for you or a loved one.



Photo – *Cemetery of the Holy Rood, Westbury NY*
Photographer - *Gregory A Shemitz*

A peaceful place for families & friends

We often think of cemeteries as a place that holds the remains of our community's deceased. But cemeteries, more than anything, function as places for the living. They are a place where both families and friends can go to grieve or just spend a few moments remembering someone special. Psychologists say that ritual and remembrance practices, including having a place for permanent memorialization, help survivors find closure and allow the healing process to begin. Because of the natural beauty of a cemetery with its grass, trees and flowers, it serves as a sanctuary where people can go to reflect, contemplate, and sit with nature.

Sacred, protected grounds

Cemeteries are considered sacred grounds and they are protected by the law. A cemetery cannot be sold or built upon without careful consideration. When a deceased person is placed in a cemetery, their remains are protected. Communities afford respect to cemeteries and to the memorialization which cemeteries provide. In order to protect interment rights holders, strict rules govern the use of cemetery lands. Graves are normally considered to be sold in perpetuity which restricts possible re-development.

Ongoing maintenance and care

When a cemetery runs out of land, it continues to operate and serve the community. Since more and more individuals and families are purchasing their graves in advance, graves which have been sold will be opened when a death occurs, markers will be placed and other services will be provided. Most states, including New York, have laws that require funds to be set aside from each sale for the long-term care and maintenance of the cemetery.

Why a Catholic cemetery?

We live our lives following Catholic traditions, conducting our lives as Catholic Christians. We come together weekly as a worship community with our families and friends. We are asked to intern our loved ones within a Catholic cemetery, within the worship community where they have spent their lives. Hence, the Catholic cemetery symbolizes the extended community of believers unbroken by death. The Catholic cemetery serves the faithful and witnesses to the entire world the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Catholic Beliefs & Funeral Rites

The long-standing funeral and cemetery tradition of the Catholic church flows from fundamental tenets of the Catholic faith, i.e. the reality of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the dignity of each human person, the importance of baptism into the faith, the promise of Jesus that one day we will also share eternal life, the value and need to pray for the dead, and the celebration of the Eucharist as the great act of memory and thanksgiving for redemption.

Death is rightly celebrated within a parish community where the bereaved find comfort, community, and strength in the Eucharist that is celebrated for them on behalf of their deceased relative or friend. The church provides the Order of Christian Funerals as the proper and fitting way for the death of a Catholic to be observed.

The church offers the Vigil, usually observed as a wake for the deceased in the funeral home. The Mass of Christian Burial is celebrated for the deceased in the company of family, friends, and the parish community at the parish church. Following the celebration of the funeral liturgy, it is proper that the Committal Rite and Farewell take place in a Catholic cemetery.

The Catholic Cemeteries program is committed to helping families at the time of the death of a loved one and that commitment continues long after the committal prayers conclude.

A Place of Prayer, Hope and Consolation

A cemetery is a place of prayer, of hope and of consolation.

By calling it a place of prayer, we say that it is a holy place: a place where we can reflect, ponder, be in silence with the Lord, and share with God our deepest thoughts and feelings. It is a place of individual and communal prayer: we often come together in such places to pray with others. When the mortal remains of someone are committed here, people unite and pray together. A Catholic cemetery always beckons us to prayer.

A cemetery is also a place of hope. It expresses our belief in eternal life won for us by Jesus. Paul says that just as we have been baptized into the death of Jesus, so we will be joined to him in his resurrection. In a Catholic cemetery we affirm that we are a people of hope and that our hopes rest on what Jesus did for us in his death and resurrection. So even as we tend with care the graves of our loved ones, we know that the grave is not the end.

A cemetery is a place of consolation. When we come here we may be grief stricken; we may be burdened by the weight of sorrow – and that is actually a good thing, because grief is the flip side of love. No wonder Jesus told us blessed are those who mourn: for to mourn is a sign of having loved and having been loved. If we believe in God and the life of eternity then even when we mourn, we do so secure in the knowledge of God's goodness and love. Grief is lightened when we can share it with others; whether that happens informally or formally, we are stronger when we pull together. So when our faith in the Lord is strong, we will be ready to turn our grief over to him. He doesn't promise to remove it but he does promise that he can lighten our load.

A cemetery is not simply a lovely park or a manicured garden. For us, **it is always a place of prayer, hope and consolation.** It is holy ground. It is a place of blessing and of God's presence.



"Experiencing Merciful Love in Times of Pain"
Bereavement Conference
For the Bereaved and those Ministering to Them

Saturday, April 23, 2016
Kellenberg Memorial High School
Uniondale, NY 11553

| Conference Schedule | | Keynote Address | |
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| 8:30 | Registration <i>Coffee and Continental Breakfast</i> | Msgr. J. Brian Bransfield <i>Author of <i>Life Everlasting, the Mystery and the Promise</i></i> |  |
| 9:00 | Welcome – Introductions Opening Prayer Deacon Darrell Bruno, M.A. <i>Associate Director, Marriage and Family Office of Faith Formation, DAVC</i> | Serves as the General Secretary of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. He has served as a professor of moral theology at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. | |
| 9:30 | Keynote Presentation Msgr. J. Brian Bransfield <i>General Secretary, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops</i> | He serves as an adjunct professor of moral theology on the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception at the Dominican House of Studies and at the Canon Law School of the Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. | |
| 11:00 | Workshop I <i>(choose one workshop)</i> | Cost: \$35.00 per person <i>(includes breakfast and lunch)</i> | |
| 12:00 | Lunch | Workshops will include topics on | |
| 1:00 | Workshop II <i>(choose one workshop)</i> | Finding Forgiveness in Times of Grief Finding Comfort in Scripture Management of Practical Loss Anticipatory Grief Bereavement Group Facilitation Dealing with Loss Due to Suicide and more. | |

For more info and to register, visit www.livesfaith.org/bereavement
Or call 914-678-8800 ext. 200 or 204

Sponsored by the Diocese of Rockville Centre, Office of Faith Formation and Catholic Charities

"Stand on the edge, for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:12

[Bereavement Conference 2016](#)

An Afternoon of Prayer & Enrichment

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For all involved in Ministry of Consolation come renew, refresh, learn, share, & pray.

An Afternoon of Prayer & Enrichment, Coram

Tuesday, May 10, 2016, 1:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M. at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, 3442 Route 112, Coram, NY 11727.

Presenters: Sr. Mary Alice Piil, CSJ, Director of Faith Formation, Peter Ryan, Director of Catholic Cemeteries and Christopher Ferraro, MA Music Director, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish..

An Afternoon of Prayer & Enrichment, Westbury

Tuesday, May 3, 2016, 1:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M. at Cemetery of the Holy Rood, 111 Old Country Road, Westbury, NY 11590. Presenters: Sr. Mary Alice Piil, CSJ, Director of Faith Formation, Peter Ryan, Director of Catholic Cemeteries and Christopher Ferraro, MA Music Director, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish.



**The Ministry of Consolation meets at
Cemetery of the Holy Rood in Westbury NY.**

Join the ministry <http://www.drvc-faith.org/>

Stations of the Cross

We invite you to join us on **Good Friday, March 25th**, 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.



*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*

Saturday Masses at our Chapels

In time, 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. Please join us for the monthly masses at Catholic Cemeteries
Click here for the [Schedule](#)

Brochures and Literature

[Cremation Planner Guide](#)

[Overview Guide for Lot Owners and Visitors](#)

[How Do I Purchase a Monument ?](#)

[How Do I Inscribe a Family Monument ?](#)

[Can I Get the Cemetery Monument Cleaned ?](#)

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

Forms and Documents

[Do you Have an Aging Plan?](#)

[Bouquet holders for Gravesite flowers?](#)

[Cemetery Donation Programs?](#)

Organization – Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Rockville Centre (“Catholic Cemeteries”) include the accounts of The Cemetery of the Holy Rood, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, and Queen of All Saints Cemetery. Catholic Cemeteries is a part of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre (The “Diocese”) which is under the control of the Diocesan Ordinary.

Catholic Cemeteries is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code and a similar provision of the New York State Income tax laws.

Transparency - [The Financial Statements](#)

Schedules

[Cemetery Chapel Masses](#)

[Holidays for Office Closings – Days of no burials](#)

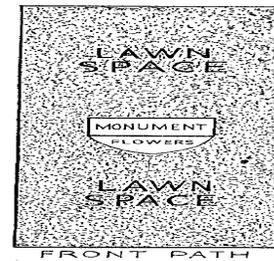
[Seasonal Decorations and Planting](#)

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

[Rules and regulations – Read more ...](#)



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.

When does the cemetery pick up and remove items from the gravesites?

<http://www.holyroodcemetery.org/files/50749943.pdf>

For a more in-depth explanation of grave decorations and planting rules and regulations, please visit the following link:
[Decorations FAQs](#)

Memorial Day Masses

Memorial Day Mass celebration on **Monday, May 30, 2016**

11:00 AM Cemetery of the Holy Rood (Holy Rood Chapel)

11:00 AM Holy Sepulchre Cemetery (Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel)

12 noon Queen of All Saints Cemetery and Saint John of God Cemetery - Field Mass