



## SACRED PLACES

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### Stations of the Cross

In years past, one of the most heavily-attended events for Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island is the walking of the Stations of the Cross at Cemetery of the Holy Rood. Annually, hundreds of family members gather on Good Friday to follow a 1.5 mile route throughout Holy Rood to commemorate Our Lord's redemptive death.

While we were unable to hold such a large gathering this year due to the pandemic, Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island was able to provide families with two options to prayerfully experience the Stations of the Cross at a time convenient to them.

Families wishing to walk the grounds of Holy Rood were welcomed to participate in a **Self-Directed Stations of the Cross** prayer service. Prayer booklets and cemetery maps with the location of each of the fourteen stations were available at the cemetery office, at Holy Rood Chapel, and on our website so visitors could complete the pilgrimage on their own or with their families.



Deacon Christopher Quinn leads prayers at the Fifth Station in our Virtual Stations of the Cross video.

In addition, Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island produced a **Virtual Stations of the Cross**. This video version of the Stations of the Cross allowed families to participate in the prayer service from the comfort of their own home. In the video, President/CEO Richard Bie delivered opening and closing remarks, while eleven of our committal deacons delivered prayers from Holy Rood Chapel and from each of the fourteen stations at Cemetery of the Holy Rood. Families could access the video through our website, with the option of downloading the prayer booklet in order to pray along with our deacons. The video can be accessed on our website by [clicking here](#).

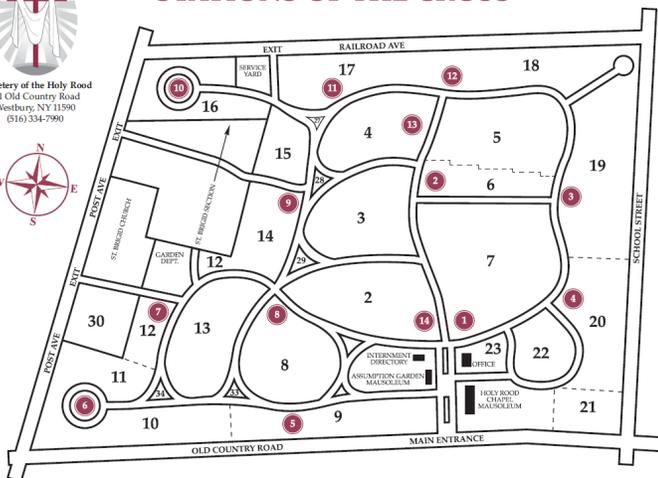
Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island is grateful to our committal deacons for offering their time to participate in our Virtual Stations of the Cross, and to Corbett Public Relations for producing this video for us. While we hope that we will be able to resume our Stations of the Cross gathering in person next Good Friday, virtual prayer service will remain available for families to experience for years to come.



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### STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Map of Holy Rood which includes the locations of each of the fourteen Stations of the Cross throughout the cemetery

## Queen of Peace Updates

### CHAPEL

The towers of the chapel have been erected, and exterior stonework is in progress. We recently secured stained glass windows which will adorn the chapel once complete.



*Current construction photo of the Chapel*



*Latest rendering of what the Chapel will look like once construction is complete*

### GARDEN MAUSOLEUMS

Precast crypts and niches are in place for the 10 garden mausoleum buildings which will be part of Phase 1. The construction team is currently working on the masonry work for each structure.



### ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

Offices have been framed out, and contractors are working on the infrastructure inside the building (mechanical, electrical, and plumbing). The full roof is in place, with exterior stonework currently in progress.



### PLOTS NOW AVAILABLE!

While construction on the site is expected to continue throughout 2021, **graves are currently available for both at-need and pre-need purchases.**

**Single grave** and **double grave** plots are available for immediate purchase in Section 1, which is adjacent to the oval which will feature Chapel and other structures once construction is completed.

Please note that appointments are **required** for all sales at Queen of Peace. To set up an appointment at Queen of Peace, families should call **(516) 434-2439**.

### VISITATION HOURS

Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island recently expanded the hours of visitation at Queen of Peace. Currently, families may visit the cemetery during the following times:

Monday to Friday: **10:00 AM until 3:00 PM**

Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays: **8:00 AM to 5:00 PM**

### GET THE LATEST UPDATES

If you would like to receive email updates with the latest information on Queen of Peace, [click here](#). Information will also be posted on our website [www.CCLongIsland.org](http://www.CCLongIsland.org) as updates become available.

If you have any questions, please call us at **(516) 434-2439** or send an email to [info@cclongisland.org](mailto:info@cclongisland.org).

## 20th Anniversary of 9/11

Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island will be celebrating a **Mass of Remembrance** at Cemetery of the Holy Rood on **Saturday, September 11, 2021** to mark the 20th anniversary of 9/11/2001. Specific details on this Mass will be released as we get closer to this date. Please check [www.CCLongIsland.org](http://www.CCLongIsland.org) for updates.



Section 29 at Cemetery of the Holy Rood features a **September 11th Memorial** which includes the names of over 400 men and women who lost their lives due to the events of 9/11/2001. If you have a loved one who passed away on September 11, 2001 or due to a 9/11-related illness, their name may be added to the memorial at no cost to the family. Your loved one does not need to be buried in one of our cemeteries in order to have their name added. In order to have a name added to the memorial by this September 11th, families must contact Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island by **July 31st**. Please contact the cemetery office for additional information.

## Saturday Masses

Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island celebrates Masses on select Saturdays each month at Cemetery of the Holy Rood, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, and Queen of All Saints Cemetery. Each Mass is celebrated in remembrance of those interred in our cemeteries during a previous month/year. However, these Masses are open to all who would like to attend and pray with us.

Please visit [www.CCLongIsland.org](http://www.CCLongIsland.org) to view the current Mass schedule at each of our cemeteries.

## Planting & Decoration Guidelines

It is important to be mindful of our cemeteries' rules and regulations for planting and decorations.

Below are links to a few important resources to help you determine what items are permitted at each gravesite and mausoleum location:

[Planting & Decoration Guidelines - Reference Guide](#)

[Cemetery Rules & Regulations - Overview](#)

[Seasonal Planting & Decoration Schedule](#)

Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island publishes a schedule each year to guide families on the placement of holiday decorations. Here are the placement dates for the upcoming holidays:

Holiday	Place ON or AFTER this date	Take away BEFORE this date
Father's Day	6/12/2021	6/28/2021
Independence Day	6/26/2021	7/12/2021
All Saints Day	10/23/2021	11/8/2021

**Please note the following important reminders on decorations:**

- No placed item, whether floral or otherwise, is considered permanent to the site. The cemetery makes every effort to enforce rules and regulations uniformly and with compassion.
- Because the cemetery is open to the public, with thousands of visitors each year, **the cemetery cannot guarantee plants and decorations from DAMAGE, THEFT, or DISAPPEARANCE**. The cemetery will not be responsible for plant or shrub damage caused by wildlife.
- The cemetery reserves the right to remove and dispose of any decoration/planting **WITHOUT NOTICE OR COMPENSATION** when deemed as unsightly, out of season, or otherwise not permitted in accordance with the cemetery's rules and regulations.

## Pre-Planning with Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island

There are many benefits of pre-planning cemetery arrangements with Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island:

- Ensure a final resting place that reflects our shared **core Catholic beliefs**
- **Release the stress and financial burden** of making arrangements from your family
- Secure a **preferred burial location** that best meets your family's needs. Available spaces include **graves, crypts, and cremation niches**.
- **Easy payment plans** are available: 10% down payment with no interest or finance charges

Our beautiful and well-maintained cemeteries are conveniently located for families across Long Island. After choosing one of our cemeteries, you will need to determine which burial option is best for your family. Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island offers various alternatives designed to meet the preferences and budgets of families, including those to address the desire for in-ground burial, above-ground entombment, and cremation inurnment options. Options include:

### In-Ground Full Casket Burial Options:

- **Traditional Graves:** Each cemetery offers graves of varying sizes to best meet a family's needs – from single grave lots, which can accommodate up to **three caskets plus three urns**, to larger family plots. Depending on the burial section within the cemetery, loved ones are memorialized by varying height upright monuments or lawn-level bronze markers.
- **Lawn Crypts** provide burial space for two in a pre-installed, double depth concrete chamber. Lawn crypts provide families with the majority of their cemetery needs (burial space and outer container) at an affordable price. Lawn crypts are available exclusively at **Holy Sepulchre** and **Queen of All Saints**.
- **Private Family Mausoleums** offer a family legacy. Due to the uniqueness of this option, interested families are urged to call the office at the cemetery they are interested in for details.

### Mausoleum Full Casket Entombment Options:

- **Interior Community Mausoleums**, available currently at **Holy Rood, Queen of All Saints** and **Holy Sepulchre**, offer interior single crypts as well as double crypts, including the popular “companion” style crypts. Our buildings incorporate artwork reflective of our Catholic faith and traditions.
- **Garden Community Mausoleums**, available currently at **Holy Sepulchre** and **Queen of All Saints** (and, beginning in late 2021 or early 2022, at **Queen of Peace**) are crypts in outdoor, garden settings. Our mausoleum buildings are surrounded by beautifully landscaped garden areas and artwork.



### Cremation Inurnment Options:

- **Niches in either Indoor or Garden Mausoleums** are designed for families choosing cremation. A variety of cremation niche space memorialization (marble, granite, mosaic, or glass front) are available within the community mausoleums of each cemetery.
- **Cremation Graves** are specific dedicated plots for the in-ground burial of cremated remains. Cremation graves can accommodate up to six urns in a single plot. Cremation graves are currently available at **Holy Rood** and **Holy Sepulchre**.



For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call the cemetery office or send an email to [info@cclongisland.org](mailto:info@cclongisland.org).

## Available Cemetery Services

### MONUMENT CLEANING SERVICES

A clean monument enhances the natural qualities of the granite and adds to the overall beauty of a well-kept cemetery. Our staff is knowledgeable on the cleaning products necessary to remove different types of stains.



Pricing for this service is determined by monument size. Please note that monument cleaning services are only available during the months of May through October. To request cleaning service on your monument, please contact the cemetery office or complete the [Maintenance Request Form](#) on our website.

### GRAVESITE BOUQUET HOLDERS

Aluminum bouquet holders are the perfect place for floral arrangements and are a lasting and beautiful memorial tribute. Available for use at most in-ground burial sites, these bouquet holders come in two parts: the holder and the insert. The holder can easily be inverted when not in use.



Bouquet holders are **\$65** and can be [purchased online](#) or at the cemetery office.

### SHRUB AND BUSH MAINTENANCE

A well-maintained, balanced shrub or bush enhances the natural qualities of the plant, adds to the overall beauty of the family plot and compliments the monument. With regular maintenance throughout the growing season, early detection of growth-related problems are possible. A treated bush can be saved when early detection occurs.



Pricing starts at **\$60** per shrub/bush trimmed or removed. To request service, please contact the cemetery office or complete the [Maintenance Request Form](#) on our website.

### PORTRAITS

Your photograph or digital image can be turned into a protected memorial to capture the memory of your loved one for generations to come. Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island, in conjunction with our memorial suppliers, offers state-of-the-art image transfer technology and the maximum color retention of stainless steel to ensure beautiful, long lasting results. These portraits are covered by a generous, limited manufacturer warranty.



Portraits are priced at **\$405** and may be purchased for most crypts, niches, monuments, and flush markers. For more information on this program, please contact the cemetery office or email [portraits@cclongisland.org](mailto:portraits@cclongisland.org).

### CRYPT & NICHE FRONT MEMORIALIZATION

Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island offers a wide range of **bronze emblems** that may be purchased for placement on a crypt or niche front. Available options include religious emblems, professional symbols, and scrolls. [Click here](#) to review the full catalog of available emblems.



*Example of crypt front featuring bronze emblems, portrait, and floral vase.*

When subscribing to the **floral vase program**, Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island will supply and install an artificial floral arrangement in a vase for a crypt or niche front. New seasonal arrangements will be installed every 3 months for those subscribed to the program. Full details on the floral vase program can be found by [clicking here](#).

### CANDLE MEMORIALS

Families may choose to purchase a candle memorial in one of our community mausoleums. Red candles may be purchased for 1 or 2 years, while white candle memorials last 2 years. [Click here](#) for information on our candle memorial program or to purchase a candle memorial online.



## Cemetery Employee Updates

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW HIRES!** Please welcome the following employees who have recently joined Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island:

### Main Office

- **Kwame Ampeh**, Assistant Accounting Manager
- **Deborah Pascucci**, Accounts Receivable Analyst

### Holy Rood

- **Tim Joyce**, Semi-Skilled Field Worker

### Holy Sepulchre

- **Margie Scianno**, Customer Sales & Service Rep

### Queen of All Saints

- **Philip Rapaglia**, Semi-Skilled Field Worker

**HAPPY RETIREMENT!** Congratulations to the following employees on their retirement. We thank them for all they have done for Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island:

- **Deacon Al Pickford**, Associate Director of Operations (see right for more information)
- **Kathy Nieves**, Customer Sales & Service Representative
- **Catherine Rotkowitz**, Accounts Receivable
- **Maureen Mauri**, Senior Customer Sales & Service Rep

## Employee Anniversaries

The following employees are celebrating significant milestones with Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island. We thank them for their many years of service!

### 40 Years of Service

- **Russell Webb**, Interim Accounting Manager and Payroll Manager (Main Office)
- **John Bravo**, Field Worker at Holy Sepulchre

### 20 Years of Service

- **Daniel Martinez**, Field Worker at Holy Sepulchre

### 15 Years of Service

- **Francisco (Jose) Polanco**, Field Worker at Holy Rood
- **Frank Posillico**, Foreman at Holy Rood/Queen of Peace
- **Maureen Mauri**, Senior Customer Sales & Service Representative at Holy Sepulchre

### 10 Years of Service

- **Antonio Benenati**, Field Worker at Holy Sepulchre
- **Andreas Zielinski**, Customer Sales & Service Manager

## Congratulations Deacon Al!

Effective January 1, 2021, **Deacon Al Pickford** retired from his role as Associate Director of Operations. Over his seven and a half years at Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island, Deacon Al managed aspects of customer service, field operations, and parish cemetery support. Prior to being promoted to Associate Director of Operations on January 1, 2020, Deacon Al served as Assistant Director and was responsible for field operations across all of our cemeteries.



Richard Bie, President/CEO of Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island, noted that Deacon Al “not only fulfilled his role in directing the activities of the field operations, he provided important counsel on all major decisions for Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island, including our decision to pursue new software for our cemeteries management, insights to consider with our development of Queen of Peace, and theological input into how certain events and activities could move forward.”

While we miss his daily presence and input significantly, we are grateful that Deacon Al remains involved with Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island, serving as a committal deacon for our Suffolk cemeteries. Congratulations Deacon Al on your well-deserved retirement!

## Follow us on Social Media

Do you follow Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island on social media? You can find us on **Facebook** (@CCLongIsland), **Instagram** (@cclongisland) and **Twitter** (@CathCemLI).

Be sure to follow us to stay connected and receive the latest news and updates, receive notifications on upcoming events, and view photos of our cemeteries. **Click on the icons below** to access our social media pages.



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