



## SACRED PLACES

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### Queen of Peace Cemetery Updates

Queen of Peace Cemetery, the first new Catholic cemetery to open on Long Island in decades, is nearing completion of this phase of its development, with construction crews now focused on minor finishing details for the Garden Mausoleums, Administration building, and Maintenance building. Meanwhile, steady efforts continue on the interior of Queen of Peace Chapel, where repurposed stained glass windows, including those depicting the life of Mary, an altar and pews are being reconfigured and installed.

Once all construction activity is complete, the main entrance, located on Jericho Turnpike between Powells Lane and Hitchcock Lane, will be opened and the temporary entrance on Powells Lane will be permanently closed. As of this writing, Queen of Peace Cemetery remains open seven days a week for in-ground burials, at need and pre-need purchases of grave plots, and visitation of loved ones.

#### LIMITED PLOTS AVAILABLE AT QUEEN OF PEACE

A limited number of **single grave** and **double grave** plots remain available for purchase in Section 1, which is adjacent to the oval featuring the Chapel, Garden Mausoleums, and Administration building. To ensure excellent customer service, all families interested in purchasing in-ground burial space at Queen of Peace should call **(516) 434-2439** to make an appointment. A scheduled appointment will allow our sales representatives the time necessary to show you the available burial options and answer all of your questions.

#### COMING SOON: CRYPT & NICHE SALES!

The Garden Mausoleums at Queen of Peace feature crypts and niches which encircle three sides of the Chapel. Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island expects to open up sales of these crypt and niche spaces within the next few weeks. As is the case with in-ground grave purchases, appointments will be strongly encouraged, as demand for these crypts and niches is expected to be high. We will send out a notification to those on our email list once Mausoleum sales are ready to begin. Updates will also be posted on our website, [CCLongIsland.org](http://CCLongIsland.org).



Queen of Peace Chapel



Garden Mausoleum at Queen of Peace



Queen of Peace Administration Building

## Holiday Decoration Program for 2022-2023

Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island invites all families to participate in our holiday decoration program for 2022-2023 covering the following holidays: **Christmas (December 2022)**, **Easter (April 2023)**, **Mother's Day (May 2022)**, and **Father's Day (June 2023)**.

Decoration options are available for gravesite placement as well as for placement in our chapels. For chapel decorations, the name of your loved one will be listed in a memorial book placed in the chapel. See below for the decoration options available for each holiday. To place an order online, visit [CCLongIsland.org](http://CCLongIsland.org) and click on **Holiday Decoration Program** from the top menu ([or click here](#)). To begin your order, select the cemetery in which your loved one is interred to view the decoration options and add items to your cart. When ordering decorations for gravesites, please make sure to enter the correct plot location (Section-Range-Plot) of your loved one. If you are unsure of the exact grave location, please use our [Locate a Loved One search tool](#) to obtain that information.

### GRAVE DECORATIONS



**Christmas Blanket or Pillow**



**Easter Palm Cross**



**Mother's Day  
Potted Plant**



**Father's Day  
Potted Plant**

### CHAPEL DECORATIONS



**Christmas Poinsettia**



**Easter Lily**



**Mother's Day  
Chapel Plant**



**Father's Day  
Chapel Plant**

***Please note:*** Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island reserves the right to substitute decorations of a similar quality and nature, based on vendor availability. For Mother's Day and Father's Day plants, the floral color and exact mix of flowers and containers may vary.

# CEMETERY MASSES & EVENTS—FALL 2022

## All Souls Day Masses

**All Souls Day Masses** will once again be celebrated at Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island this year. All are welcome to join us as we pray for the souls of all those who have passed, remembering family members and friends. We are pleased that Bishops from the Diocese of Rockville Centre will preside over these special Masses, which will take place simultaneously at three of our cemeteries:

### Date & Time

**Wednesday, November 2nd at 9:30 AM**

### Mass Locations

**Cemetery of the Holy Rood, Westbury**

Celebrant: Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski

**Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Coram**

Celebrant: Bishop Luis Romero

**Queen of All Saints Cemetery, Central Islip**

Celebrant: Bishop Robert Coyle

## Candle Vesper Services

Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island is pleased to announce the return of our **Cemetery Sunday Vesper Service**. Traditionally held at Holy Rood, we are expanding this service in 2022 so that families in Nassau and Suffolk Counties may participate:



### Date & Time

**Sunday, November 6th at 3:00 PM**

### Service Locations

**Cemetery of the Holy Rood, Westbury**

**Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Coram**

Vespers is a traditional and solemn evening prayer service of thanksgiving and praise in the Roman Catholic liturgy. During the services, we will join together to honor the memories of our deceased loved ones who were laid to rest at our cemeteries in the past year. The ceremony will include prayer, song, and a candle lighting service. All attendees will have the opportunity to say aloud the name of their dearly departed family members and friends.

## Christmas Ornament Masses

Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island welcomes all families to attend our traditional **Christmas Ornament Masses** this December. As part of the celebration of the Mass, family members will be invited to bring an ornament to be placed on one of the trees in the Chapel.

### Ornament Mass Date & Time

**Saturday, December 3rd at 9:30 AM**

### Ornament Mass Locations

**Cemetery of the Holy Rood, Westbury**

**Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Coram**

**Queen of All Saints Cemetery, Central Islip**

Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island will also hold **prayer services** blessing the Christmas trees in our chapels **between Thursday, December 1st and Wednesday, December 7th**. If you are unable to attend the Ornament Mass, we welcome you to attend one of these prayer services and place your ornament on a tree at this time. The full schedule for these prayer services will be posted at [CCLongIsland.org](http://CCLongIsland.org).



Ornaments will remain on the trees throughout the Christmas season. Families are asked to pick up their ornaments **prior to January 10, 2023** as the trees will be taken down at this time.

## 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 laid to rest in our cemeteries during the previous month or during the one year anniversary month. Masses at Holy Rood are also celebrated in remembrance of those interred at Queen of Peace Cemetery.

Masses are open to all who would like to attend and pray with us. Please visit [CCLongIsland.org](http://CCLongIsland.org) to view the current Mass schedule at each of our cemeteries.

## A Final Resting Place After Cremation

Are you considering cremation? Do you have the cremated remains of your loved one in your home? Consider a final resting place that reflects the Catholic beliefs and values from life's personal journey.



The Catholic Church teaches that deceased's cremated remains are due the same respect as the body, including burial or entombment under the rights provided by the Order of Christian Funerals. Scattering or dividing cremated remains or keeping cremated remains at home are not reverent dispositions that the Church requires.

In addition to the Church's teaching, there are many benefits to choosing a permanent burial site:

- Provides family and friends with a special place to visit and remember their loved one.
- Memorialization at the cemetery provides a permanent record of your loved one's life.
- Cemeteries will always be there, open to visitations by all for generations to come.

Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island offers families a variety of burial options to best meet your family's needs:

- **Cremation niches**, which can accommodate up to two urns, are available in indoor and garden settings, with marble, granite and glass front options to choose from.
- **Traditional gravesites** can accommodate both caskets and urns in the same plot, providing a good option when not all family members wish to be cremated.
- **Cremation graves** accommodate up to six urns in a single plot. These graves allow upright monuments and are available at **Holy Rood** and **Holy Sepulchre**.

## Planting & Decoration Guidelines

It is important to be mindful of our cemeteries' rules and regulations for planting and decorations. Below are links to some important resources to help you determine what items are permitted at each grave or mausoleum location:

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

[Cemetery Rules & Regulations - Overview](#)

[Seasonal Planting & Decoration Schedule \(2022\)](#)

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	Take away BEFORE
All Saints Day	10/22/2022	11/7/2022
Thanksgiving Day	11/14/2022	11/30/2022
Christmas	11/26/2022	1/16/2023

**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.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in following the cemetery rules and regulations.

## Cemetery New Hires

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

### Holy Rood

- **Samantha Cardalena**, Customer Sales & Service Rep (July)
- **Silvia Polizzi**, Part-Time Receptionist (July)

### Holy Sepulchre

- **Christine Hahn**, Assistant Customer Sales & Service Manager (April)
- **Catherine Horgan**, Customer Sales & Service Rep (June)
- **William Kolasinski**, Mechanic (June)
- **Jaime Martinez**, Semi-Skilled Field Worker (Sept)

### Queen of Peace

- **Anthony Pascarella**, Semi-Skilled Field Worker (January)
- **Jason Sullivan**, Semi-Skilled Field Worker (January)

## 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

- **Ann Andersen**, Associate Director, Administration and Customer Sales and Service
- **William Sturm**, Field Operations Supervisor, Holy Rood
- **Philip Vetter**, Mechanic, Holy Rood\*

### 25 Years of Service

- **Donna Knight**, Customer Sales & Service Manager, Holy Sepulchre
- **Robert Peterkin**, Field Operations Supervisor, Holy Rood
- **Anthony Gadaleta**, Mechanic, Holy Rood\*

### 20 Years of Service

- **Ann Marie Barone**, Senior Customer Sales & Service Representative, Holy Rood

### 15 Years of Service

- **Alcides (Alex) Guevara**, Foreman, Holy Rood

\* Philip Vetter retired in July, while Anthony Gadaleta resigned in May. We are grateful for their years of dedicated service and wish them nothing but the best!

## Career Opportunities at CCLI

Looking for a stable, rewarding work environment and a generous employee benefits package? Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island provides a career path where you can use your talents and skills to benefit others in their time of need and thereafter. We are seeking detail oriented and caring individuals to contribute to our mission serving the Catholic faithful on Long Island. Benefits include but are not limited to health/medical, dental, paid time off, life insurance, and 403(b) retirement plan with employer matching contribution.

Current positions available include Customer Sales & Service, Receptionist, Field Worker, and Mechanic. To review current openings at Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island, please visit [CCLongIsland.org/career-opportunities](https://CCLongIsland.org/career-opportunities).

## Stay Connected With Us!

In addition to visiting [CCLongIsland.org](https://CCLongIsland.org), we invite you to stay connected with Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island by joining our email list and following us on social media. See below for details.

### EMAIL LIST

Emails are sent each month in order to keep our families up to date with what is happening at Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island. To join our email list, [click here](#) and complete the sign up form on our website. Families may also contact our cemetery office and provide their email address in order to be added to our list.

### SOCIAL MEDIA

You can find Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island on **Facebook** ([@CCLongIsland](#)), **Instagram** ([@cclongisland](#)) and **Twitter** ([@CathCemLI](#)). 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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