



SACRED PLACES

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Stations of the Cross During Lent

Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island has a long tradition of hosting Stations of the Cross prayer services during Lent. This year, in addition to our annual Good Friday prayer service at Cemetery of the Holy Rood, Catholic Cemeteries hosted Stations of the Cross on the first Friday of Lent in our new chapel at Queen of Peace Cemetery.

First Friday in Lent, Queen of Peace Cemetery

On Friday, February 16th, 40 people attended the inaugural Stations of the Cross service in Queen of Peace Chapel. Deacon Christopher Quinn led the congregation in prayer as they walked to each Station along the walls of the Chapel.



Good Friday, Cemetery of the Holy Rood

One of the most heavily-attended events at our cemeteries each year 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 commemorate Our Lord's redemptive death.



We invite all families to join us at Holy Rood this **Good Friday, March 29th at 12:00 Noon**. After opening prayers at Holy Rood Chapel, we will begin our 1.5 mile pilgrimage throughout the cemetery, stopping at each of the 14 Stations to pray and reflect. The service will conclude with final prayers and Veneration of the Cross in the Chapel. If the weather is inclement, the full service will be held in Holy Rood Chapel.

Self-Directed Stations of the Cross

Families unable to join us on Good Friday are invited to participate in a self-directed Stations of the Cross prayer service at **Cemetery of the Holy Rood** or **Queen of Peace Cemetery**. Families may come to either cemetery to complete the self-directed prayer service at a time convenient to them during Lent.

Prayer booklets for Stations of the Cross may be picked up from the Chapels at both cemeteries. Prayer booklets may also be downloaded from our website at cclongisland.org/stations-of-the-cross.

Holiday Decoration Program for 2024

Have you placed your holiday decoration orders for 2024? Families may place holiday decoration orders on our website for the following holidays: **Easter (March 2024)**, **Mother's Day (May 2024)**, and **Father's Day (June 2024)**.

See below for the decoration options available for both gravesites and our mausoleum chapels. For chapel decorations, the name of your loved one will be listed in a memorial book placed in the chapel. To place an order online, visit 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



Easter Palm Cross



**Mother's Day
Potted Plant**



**Father's Day
Potted Plant**

CHAPEL DECORATIONS



Easter Lily



**Mother's Day
Chapel Plant**



**Father's Day
Chapel Plant**

Please note:

- If you placed an order for an annual decoration package or for individual holiday decorations for Easter/Mother's Day/Father's Day when the decoration program opened up in Fall 2023, there is no need to order for those holidays again.
- 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, floral color and exact mix of flowers and containers may vary.

New Columbaria and Available Options for Cremation

Last Fall, Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island announced the addition of "**Cremation Garden of Angels**" sections at **Cemetery of the Holy Rood, Queen of All Saints Cemetery, and Holy Sepulchre Cemetery**. In the first phase of each cremation garden, a new columbarium was installed with niches available for families to consider.

These new niches can accommodate **1 or 2 urns**, depending on the size of the urn. In addition to a bronze crucifix and sandblasted inscription, niche fronts may be memorialized with bronze emblems and stainless steel portraits. Each garden is dedicated to a specific Archangel:

CEMETERY OF THE HOLY ROOD IN WESTBURY

- **Saint Michael the Archangel** Cremation Garden
- Located on the northwest corner of Section 7



QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS CEMETERY IN CENTRAL ISLIP

- **Saint Gabriel the Archangel** Cremation Garden
- Located between Queen of All Saints Garden Chapel Mausoleum and Annunciation Garden Mausoleum



HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY IN CORAM

- **Saint Raphael the Archangel** Cremation Garden
- Located north of Section 11 in close proximity to The Risen Christ Meditation Garden



The Cremation Garden of Angels at each location serves to expand the options for cremated remains to be committed at our Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island. **In addition to these new columbaria, families may choose the following options for cremated remains:**

- **Glass front niches** and **marble/granite niches** inside large community mausoleums
- **Granite front niches** in outdoor garden mausoleums
- Dedicated **cremation graves**
- Option of including cremated remains in all of our traditional **in-ground burial plots**

Families may select a space "**at need**" when a loved one has just passed or "**pre-need**" to lock-in their final resting spot now, relieving their loved ones of the burden to make such decisions at the time of interment. In addition, we welcome you to now bring in loved ones who were previously cremated but not yet committed and laid to rest.

Please call any of our four sites today and make an appointment to come in and explore the options to determine the one right for you and your family.

IMPORTANT DATES: UPCOMING EVENTS, HOLIDAYS, AND CLEANUPS

- ◆ **Monday, March 25, 2024:** Cleanup of St. Patrick's Day Decorations Begins
- ◆ **Thursday, March 28, 2024 (Holy Thursday):** Offices Close at 12:30 PM, Cemeteries Open for Visitation
- ◆ **Friday, March 29, 2024 (Good Friday):** Offices Close at 12:30 PM, Cemeteries Open for Visitation
- ◆ **Friday, March 29, 2024 (Good Friday):** Stations of the Cross at Holy Rood at 12:00 PM
- ◆ **Monday, April 8, 2024:** Cemetery Grave Cleanup Begins – Removal of Easter Decorations and Any Violations
- ◆ **Monday, May 20, 2024:** Cleanup of Mother's Day Decorations Begins

Available Cemetery Services

PORTRAITS

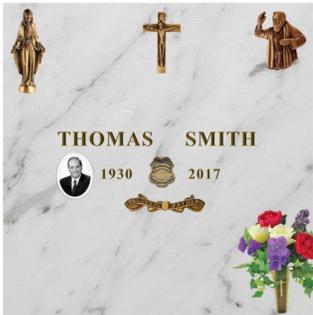
Your photograph or digital image can be turned into a protected memorial to capture the memory of your loved one for generations to come. Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island, in conjunction with our memorial suppliers, offers state-of-the-art image transfer technology and the maximum color retention of 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, and monuments. For more information on this program, please contact the cemetery office or email portraits@cclongisland.org.

CRYPT & NICHE BRONZE EMBLEMS

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



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

CRYPT & NICHE FLORAL VASE PROGRAM

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 program can be found by [clicking here](#).

CANDLE MEMORIALS

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



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.

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 is 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.

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 insert should be inverted when not in use to prevent filling with water, which attracts breeding mosquitoes.



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

Cemetery New Hires

WELCOME TO OUR NEW HIRES! Please welcome the following employees who have joined Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island since November 2023:

Cemetery of the Holy Rood

- **James Lusk, Jr**, Customer Sales & Service (Dec 2023)
- **Sylvia Wierzbicki**, Part-Time Receptionist (Dec 2023)

Queen of Peace Cemetery

- **Brenda Flower**, Part-Time Receptionist (Dec 2023)
- **Noel Ratner**, Accounting Manager (Jan 2024)

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

- **Craig Bostick, Jr**, Semi-Skilled Field Worker (Dec 2023)

Employee Anniversaries

Please join us in congratulating the following employee who is celebrating a significant milestone with Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island in April 2024:

35 Years of Service

- **Michael Toscano**, Skilled Field Worker at Holy Rood

We thank Michael for his dedicated years of service!

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.



For more information or to review current openings at Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island, please visit [CCLongIsland.org/career-opportunities](https://www.cclongisland.org/career-opportunities).

Stay Connected With Us!

Families are encouraged to visit [CCLongIsland.org](https://www.cclongisland.org) for the latest updates on our cemeteries. In addition, we invite families to stay connected with us by joining our email list and following us on social media.

JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST

Emails are sent monthly to keep 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.

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow us on social media for cemetery updates, details on upcoming events, and photos of our cemeteries. Families are invited to follow Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island on **Facebook** ([@CCLongIsland](#)), **Instagram** ([@cclongisland](#)) and **X (Twitter)** ([@CathCemLI](#)). Click on the links above to access our social media pages.

Helpful Cemetery Resources

Not sure how to plan a family inurnment? Looking for more information on cemetery rules and regulations? Below are links to several helpful brochures and documents for families. Additional resources are available at [CCLongIsland.org](https://www.cclongisland.org).

[Cemetery Directory – Locate a Loved One](#)

[Planning Guide – Inurnment of Cremated Remains](#)

[Cemetery Rules & Regulations](#)

[Cemetery Planting and Decoration Guidelines](#)

[Grave Decorations – Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Seasonal Decoration Placement/Pick Up Schedule](#)

[Cemetery Visitors Guide](#)

[Cemetery Office 2024 Holiday Schedule](#)