



## SACRED PLACES

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### Stations of the Cross

Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island has a long tradition of hosting Stations of the Cross prayer services during Lent. During these services, Catholic faithful from across Long Island gather to pray together and commemorate our Lord's death.

On March 7, 2025, Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island marked the opening of the 2025 Lenten season with a Stations of the Cross prayer service in the Chapel at Queen of Peace Cemetery. During the service, volunteers alternated carrying a cross to each of the fourteen Stations of the Cross plaques throughout the Chapel, with Deacon Christopher Quinn leading the congregation in prayer. At the conclusion of the service, Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island's President & CEO Richard Bie and CFO John Kennedy delivered a presentation highlighting the unique features of the Chapel, including its

construction and the thoughtful integration of repurposed liturgical items and artwork from various Catholic churches, convents, and other downsized or retired Catholic institutions from across the New York Metro area.

On April 18, 2025, several hundred members of the Catholic community participated in Stations of the Cross at Cemetery of the Holy Rood, continuing our decades-long tradition of hosting the prayer service each Good Friday. Deacon Christopher Quinn and Deacon Chris Daniello led the faithful on a 1.5 mile walking route through Holy Rood to commemorate Christ's redemptive sacrifice. During the journey through the cemetery, the group stopped at fourteen crosses depicting each of the Stations to pray and reflect. The service concluded with Veneration of the Cross in Holy Rood Chapel.



## Holiday Decorations for Mother's Day & Father's Day

Have you placed your decoration orders for Mother's Day and Father's Day? **Save time and receive a discount** by placing your orders online. Online pricing reflects a **\$5 savings** on each item compared to mail or in-person orders. We have improved the online checkout process and are confident you will find the system more user friendly.

To place a decoration order, visit [CCLongIsland.org](http://CCLongIsland.org) and click on **Holiday Decoration Program** from the top menu ([or click here](#)). Then, click the cemetery in which your loved one is interred to view decoration options and add items to your cart. For grave decorations, please enter the correct plot location (Section-Range-Plot) of your loved one. If you are unsure of the exact plot location, please use our [Locate a Loved One search tool](#).

### GRAVE DECORATIONS



**Mother's Day  
Potted Plant**



**Father's Day  
Potted Plant**

### CHAPEL DECORATIONS



**Mother's Day  
Chapel Plant**



**Father's Day  
Chapel Plant**

- Families who order Mother's or Father's Day plants for graves or chapels are **welcome to take these plants home** after the holiday. Plants should be picked up **before** the decoration cleanup dates for each holiday (May 19 for Mother's Day, June 23 for Father's Day).
- 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.
- Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island is only offering an **artificial** grave plant option at **Holy Sepulchre Cemetery** for Mother's Day & Father's Day due to the cemetery's large deer population. This option is available at Holy Sepulchre [only](#).

## Grave Services Offered

### 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.



*Bushes that are not cared for often obstruct monuments and neighboring plots.*

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.

## Memorial Day Masses

Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island welcomes all families to join us on Memorial Day as we pray and remember the faithful departed, honoring those who gave their lives for our freedoms. Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island is honored to welcome Bishops and clergy from the Diocese of Rockville Centre to celebrate Masses at each of our four cemeteries.

### **Mass Date & Time:**

**Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM**

### **Mass Locations**

#### **Cemetery of the Holy Rood, Westbury**

Holy Rood Chapel

Celebrant: **Rev. John Sureau**

#### **Queen of Peace Cemetery, Old Westbury**

Queen of Peace Chapel

Celebrant: **Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski**

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

Queen of All Saints Chapel

Celebrant: **Bishop Robert J. Coyle**

#### **Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Coram**

Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel

Celebrant: **Bishop Luis Romero**



## Memorial Day Remembrance List

We are preparing this year's remembrance list to display at our Memorial Day Masses. If you have a loved one who served in the military and is buried in our cemeteries and you would like to include them on the remembrance list, please [click here](#) and submit the requested information to [Veterans@CCLongIsland.org](mailto:Veterans@CCLongIsland.org) by **Thursday, May 22nd**.

## Saturday Masses

Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island celebrates Masses on select Saturdays each month at **Cemetery of the Holy Rood, Queen of Peace Cemetery, 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 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.

## Crypt & Niche Programs

Catholic Cemeteries offers several memorialization programs for families with loved ones entombed or inurned in our community mausoleums.

### **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. This stainless steel portrait will be installed on the crypt or niche front. For glass front niches, the portrait is placed within the 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.

### **FLORAL VASE PROGRAM**

When subscribing to the **floral vase program**, the cemetery will supply and install a vase on a crypt or niche front with an artificial floral arrangement. New seasonal arrangements will be installed every 3 months for those subscribed to the program. We offer multi-year options **up to five years** for families wishing to ensure long-term remembrances. [Click here](#) for full details on the floral vase program.

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



## Cremation Options at Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island

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 cremated remains must be given the same respect as the body, including the manner in which they are carried, and the attention given to their appropriate transport and placement. The following are not considered to be reverent dispositions that the Church requires: scattering cremated remains, dividing cremated remains and keeping cremated remains in the home. The cremated remains of a body are to be **buried or entombed, preferably in a Catholic cemetery**, using the rites provided by the Order of Christian Funerals.

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

- Provides a special and appropriate place for families and friends 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 in Community Mausoleums

- Niches can accommodate up to two urns, with availability in indoor and garden settings.
- **Glass front niches** available at **Holy Rood** and **Holy Sepulchre**; stone front niches available at **all sites**.

### Cremation Niches in Outdoor Columbaria

- Niches in our new outdoor "Garden of Angels" areas at **Holy Rood, Holy Sepulchre & Queen of All Saints**.
- Granite front niches accommodate up to two urns.

### Traditional Burial Plots

- Single graves can accommodate three urns and up to three caskets in the same plot.
- This option allows families to be buried together when not all family members wish to be cremated.

### Cremation Graves

- Accommodate six urns in a plot, with upright monuments for memorialization.
- Graves available at **Holy Rood, Holy Sepulchre & Queen of All Saints**.

Please visit [CCLongIsland.org](http://CCLongIsland.org) or contact the cemetery office for more information on cremation and available options for your family.



*Glass front niches allow families to see the urn of their loved one*



*Columbaria niches offer a final resting place in beautiful outdoor settings*

## Cemetery Cleanups

The cemetery's rules and regulations play an important part in the beautification and preservation of the sacred resting place of the faithful departed. They are intended not as restraining, but rather as defining an orderly plan of operation, care, and permanent maintenance.



Thank you for entrusting Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island with the care of your loved ones. Please click the links below to review additional details on the cemetery's rules and regulations. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in following these guidelines. Should you have any questions, please contact the cemetery office.

[Cemetery Planting & Decoration Guidelines](#)

[Overview of Cemetery Rules & Regulations](#)

[Planting & Decoration Guidelines – FAQ](#)

[2025 Holiday Decoration Placement Schedule](#)

### UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

#### DECORATION PLACEMENT & CLEANUP DATES

Holiday	Placement Date Place ON or AFTER	Cleanup Date Take away BEFORE
Mother's Day	5/3/2025	5/19/2025
Memorial Day	5/17/2025	6/2/2025
Father's Day	6/7/2025	6/23/2025
Independence Day	6/28/2025	7/14/2025

## Cemetery Irrigation

Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island maintains irrigation systems for our burial lawn grounds at our cemeteries which ensure a healthy lawn throughout most seasons of the year. Our irrigation systems utilize on-site wells that account for 99% of the water used. This promotes growth and beautiful lawns at our cemeteries, since no chlorine or chemicals are added to the well water. Backflow devices at each cemetery prevent fertilizer and chemicals from seeping into the main pipe and water supply. These devices undergo yearly tests by licensed inspectors.

Below are answers to some questions frequently asked by cemetery visitors, particularly during the summer months. It is important to note that irrigation is **not** part of Permanent Maintenance, but rather an added benefit at the discretion of management to enhance the appearance of our cemeteries.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### Why are my plants dry in front of the monument?

Sprinkler heads are designed to place the maximum water in the lawn areas of the cemetery. They are not intended to water the area in front of the family monument at the gravesite. Any planting done within the allowable space in front of the monument needs to be maintained (watered and cared for) by the family.

#### Why is the grass brown in some areas?

**Brown grass is not dead, merely dormant.** Excessive sun, shade, fertilization, heat, and rain all contribute to lawn appearance. Brown grass is often due to summer heat followed by periods of deficit natural rain fall. The sprinkler systems are designed to establish new grass growth and maintain lawn appearance during normal weather, not to replace nature's watering.



#### Why was the lawn sprinkler on during the day at my last gravesite visit?

Lawn sprinklers are tested weekly during irrigation season. The staff isolates a particular zone or zones and tests system components. Frequent inspections are necessary for many reasons.



For more information, click the link below:

[Cemetery Irrigation Overview](#)

## Celebrating 40 Years with Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island

On Wednesday, March 26th, Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island hosted an employee appreciation lunch at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Coram for the field and office employees of Holy Sepulchre and Queen of All Saints. After lunch, Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island's President & CEO Richard Bie and CFO John Kennedy addressed the staff to thank them for their hard work and dedication. Rich and John then recognized two employees who were celebrating **40 years of service** with Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island: **Ron Gregory**, Field Operations Supervisor at Holy Sepulchre, and **Bob Duplessis**, Field Operations Supervisor at Queen of All Saints. Rich and John thanked Ron and Bob for their hard work, loyalty, and countless contributions to the organization during their tenures. Each employee was presented with a certificate to honor their achievements.

### Congratulations and Thank You Ron and Bob!



*Pictured left to right: John Kennedy, Ron Gregory, Bob Duplessis, and Richard Bie*

### Cemetery New Hires

**Welcome to our New Hires!** Please welcome the following employees who have joined Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island since December 2024:

#### Cemetery of the Holy Rood

- **Roberto Fernandez**, Field Worker (Dec 2024)
- **Michael Posniak**, Customer Sales & Service Manager (Jan 2025)

#### Queen of Peace Cemetery

- **Eric Guzman**, Business & Data Analyst (Jan 2025)

#### Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

- **Michael McGarr**, Field Worker (Dec 2024)
- **Joseph Ruisi**, Field Worker (Feb 2025)

### Career Opportunities at CCLI

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

With four locations across Long Island, opportunity exists in several areas at any given time, including: **Cemetery Field Staff, Customer Sales & Service, Finance, and Management.** Visit [CCLongIsland.org/career-opportunities](https://CCLongIsland.org/career-opportunities) or **scan the QR code** on the right to review current openings.



## A Gift from the Leitgeb Family

If you visited Holy Sepulchre Cemetery recently, you may have noticed a new addition to our main office. Several months ago, the cemetery received a request from the daughters of Florence and Edward Leitgeb. Many years ago, their parents had handcrafted a beautiful cathedral clock. With several generations of the Leitgeb family buried at Holy Sepulchre, Florence wished to donate the clock to the cemetery in order to share this spectacular piece with the public. Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island graciously accepted this donation, which is prominently displayed in the lobby with the following plaque:

ROMAN CATHOLIC CLOCK HANDCRAFTED  
BY FLORENCE AND EDWARD LEITGEB

DONATED TO CATHOLIC CEMETERIES  
OF LONG ISLAND IN LOVING MEMORY  
OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS

DONATED 2025



Thank you to the Leitgeb family for this generous donation!

### 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](http://CCLongIsland.org).

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

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

[Cemetery Visitors Guide](#)

[Cemetery Office 2025 Holiday Schedule](#)

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

[Cemetery Rules & Regulations](#)

[Cemetery Planting and Decoration Guidelines](#)

[Grave Decorations – Frequently Asked Questions](#)

For more information or to schedule a sales appointment, please call or email the cemetery office:

Phone: (516) 393-8777

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