



HAVE YOU PRE-PLANNED YOUR LEGACY?

The team at Holy Sepulchre & Ascension Garden Cemeteries is dedicated to the Christian burial of all members of the Catholic Faith Community, and to comfort all those who mourn them. With over 150 years of experience, we are committed to taking the time to ensure your experience with our cemeteries is a positive one – today, tomorrow and forever.

When the time comes to select a final resting place, our compassionate team of non-commissioned family service counselors is focused on helping you select a special place that is meaningful to you and your loved ones. With their deep knowledge and understanding of our grounds, your counselor will take the time to ensure your wishes are met. We proudly provide options to meet every preference and budget. It is our mission to provide comfort to those we serve and to assist you in selecting that special location for celebrating life everlasting.

Planning ahead places the decisions regarding your final resting place in your hands. It gives you time to visit, to view and discuss options, and to select a site that is meaningful to you.

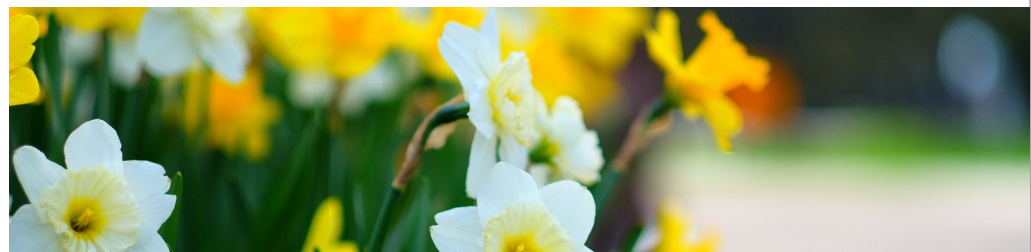
BENEFITS TO PRE-PLANNING

- Continues your faith through your legacy
- Provides your family peace of mind
- Ensures your wishes are met
- Eliminates doubt for your family
- Eases financial hardship for loved ones
- Knowledgeable family service counselors make the process easy
- We offer interest free payment plans

PRE-PLANNING OPTIONS

- In-ground burial
- Above ground options
- Marble & wood front crypts
- Exterior columbaria & niches
- Marble, glass & wood front niches
- Flowering garden sections
- Green, natural burial
- Veterans & First Responders sections

If you are ready to begin the conversation, we welcome you to schedule an appointment. Whether you know exactly what you want, or don't know where to start, the team is happy to walk you through your options.



SUMMER 2021: HONORING AMERICA



“ Summer is a time to celebrate America. ”

In honor of Memorial Day, on Monday, May 31, we hosted our annual flag placement event. With volunteers from Excellus and Boy Scouts of America, nearly 6000 American flags were placed on every grave in our Veterans sections. This special event has taken place every year for the last twenty years and has become a staple in the way our community honors those who have served.

The Fourth of July, or Independence Day, is the holiday observing and celebrating the Declaration of Independence of the United States

which occurred on July 4, 1776. On this date, the Continental Congress declared that the thirteen American colonies were independent states and free from Britain. On this annual holiday, we typically celebrate by wearing red, white and blue, watch fireworks, attend parades, and cookouts.

After more than a year and a half of COVID-19 gathering restrictions, we wish you and your family every blessing as you celebrate this important holiday. May the Lord bring you happiness, hope, thankfulness, family and celebration during this American holiday. **God Bless America!**

OUR 150 YEAR HISTORY BLESSING THE FIRST BURIAL

We would like to cordially invite you to attend our special Mass which will honor our 150 year history. The Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, September 18 at 8:30am in Christ Our Light Mausoleum Chapel with The Most Reverend Salvatore Matano. Immediately following the Mass, visitors and participants will relocate to the eastside of the cemetery. There, we will gather at the burial site of Martin Claude Duffy, the first burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, that took place one hundred and fifty years ago, in 1871.

The ceremony will also take special consideration for those children who were lost during the pandemic. We will honor the children who have gone back to God. All families are welcome to attend. The Mass will also be live-streamed for those who would prefer to attend virtually.



FEAST DAY

JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA

AUGUST 31

Joseph of Arimathea is a Saint by the Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox and some Protestant Churches. Joseph of Arimathea is known as the man who assumed responsibility for the burial of Jesus after his crucifixion. Joseph did not want the body of Jesus to hang from the cross overnight and ensured he had an honourable burial.

Both cemeteries offer a special St. Joseph of Arimathea crypt to families who lack funds to inter their loved ones cremated remains. This special offering will provide families a forever peaceful and sacred place to lay them to rest. Each year, Holy Sepulchre & Ascension Garden Cemeteries host an annual Blessing and Committal Ceremony to honor those interred in the crypts.

At Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, the special crypt is located in the Abbey level of Christ Our Light Mausoleum and a second crypt is offered in Ascension Garden Mausoleum.



Prayer to Saint Joseph of Arimathea

Dear Lord Jesus, we pray for the intercession and guidance of Saint Joseph of Arimathea, that we will see clearly as he did and not be spiritually blind as so many of his brethren were. Amen.



ANGELS OF GOD CREMATION GARDEN



“FOR WITH GOD NOTHING SHALL BE IMPOSSIBLE” ST. GABRIEL (LUKE 1:37)

On the brisk, sun-filled morning of September 19th, 2020, we celebrated the official dedication of the newest location at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Angels of God Cremation Garden was blessed and celebrated by The Most Reverend Bishop Salvatore R. Matano. Such a picture perfect setting was a welcomed change to all who participated in the tireless efforts and formidable conditions involved in bringing the project to fruition.

This project, almost two years in the making, began shortly after completion of two other major sections were completed, Holy Rosary Cremation Garden and Section South 54. Both were beautiful new additions to the cemetery, however Angels of God provided an exciting

element, as it is located on the historic and very sought after east section of the cemetery. Trinity Lake, a stunning water feature lays directly across from the section. Instead of removing the authentic medina stone bridge the team reconstructed it to provide access to the walkway made up of hand placed, Cambridge pavers. Logistically, Angels of God provides up to 373 in ground and 784 above ground spaces. In this section, the Archangels, St. Michael, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael, are celebrated providing serenity and peace to those who come to celebrate life everlasting. Their presence provide a visual reminder that our angels are always there.

We would like to again thank the field staff for their dedication to this project; their pride and hardwork is evident by the beautiful end result. With reduced staffing, challenging weather, including storms, heat and humidity, the team pulled together and the end result is exceptional.

From July 1, 2021 through July 31, 2021, we are offering a special promotion for purchases at Angels of God Cremation Garden at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. All prior sales excluded. One discount per purchase.

ANGELS OF GOD

SAVE UP TO

\$500 OFF

RECEIVE A TIERED DISCOUNT FOR PURCHASES AT ANGELS OF GOD CREMATION GARDEN FROM JULY 1, 2021 UNTIL JULY 31, 2021. ALL PRIOR SALES EXCLUDED. LIMIT ONE DISCOUNT PER PURCHASE.

MEMORIAL HOLIDAY WREATHS 2021

Remember your loved ones this upcoming Holiday Season.

We offer Fresh & Artificial wreaths (stands included) and will begin taking orders mid-September 2021.

When the program begins, you may place your order by phone or via our website (click “Memorialization Options”, then “Flowers & Wreaths”).

Quantities are very limited.



ON THIS DAY

20TH ANNIVERSARY

SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

On September 11, 2001, the nation paused in disbelief. Americans knew not how much this day's events would change their lives forever.

Now, as we look back twenty years later, we once again remember New York, the Pentagon and Flight 93. The nation will forever honor those lost in the terrorist attacks. It's a day of notoriety that remains all too clear and recent in the minds of those who observed it. We honor those lost.

We grieved that day; it was a catastrophe. For the weeks, months and years that followed, Americans continue to mourn the victims of the attacks and we promise to never forget.

Everyday, but on this 20th year anniversary in particular, we wish to remember and honor all of those who have served and sacrificed for our freedom.

At both locations, we honor, thank and care for our first responders that have served our country and community with designated areas that pay tribute to those who serve. Holy Sepulchre & Ascension Garden Cemeteries both proudly offer special sections for First Responders and Veterans. More information can be found under the Our Cemeteries tab on our homepage or directly at holysepulchre.org/our-cemeteries/.





CHOOSING OUR PLOT THE TOLAND'S PRE-PLANNING JOURNEY

With approval, this story and images were taken and edited from Janice Toland's Facebook post. Janice is married to Chuck, who works at Holy Sepulchre & Ascension Garden Cemeteries. She has graciously allowed up to share her story about choosing their plot at Ascension Garden Cemetery.

My husband and I recently choose our resting place. We opted to go for Green Burial in an area called the Butterfly Garden at Ascension Garden Cemetery. My husband, who works for the cemeteries, worked very diligently and hard on this section, so ultimately it was a beautiful tribute to him to make this our final resting spot. The area is beautiful and peaceful.

As part of a cremation option in the Natural Burial Butterfly Garden, we were able to choose our own natural stone that would ultimately be engraved with our names. We spent many, many days searching for the perfect rock and after about 2 years, we found it...the perfect rock which would memorialize us after we are gone. It sat on our site for quite some time, as we just never got around to having it engraved. Well, unfortunately for us, someone thought our rock was perfect for them... alas, we lost our rock. We were heartbroken but started a

new search and my dear sweet husband, again, found a perfect rock. This time, he loaded it in his Subaru and brought it home for my approval. My husband knows me so well; I loved it! He picked the most beautiful rock, so we immediately had it engraved. Now, here it sits on our site. I am so happy!

Pre-planning your legacy has a number of benefits, including reducing stress on your family. If you are interested in learning more, please contact a compassionate family service counselor. We are happy to help.



UPCOMING DATES:

MONTHLY MEMORIAL MASSES

Beginning on July 17, 2021, we will begin hosting both in-person and live-streamed monthly Masses of Remembrance. The Mass will occur on the third Saturday of every month beginning at 8:30am at Christ Our Light Mausoleum. If you prefer to participate virtually, the Mass will be available to watch live on our Facebook page.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Sunday, July 4: Gates open from 8am to 7pm.
Monday, July 5: Offices closed.

LABOR DAY

Monday, September 6: Offices closed.

9/11 REMEMBRANCE DAY

Saturday, September 11: Gates open from 8am to 7pm as we honor those lost on 9/11/2001.

150th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday, September 18: Blessing of the first burial by Bishop Matano immediately following the Mass of Remembrance.

For the most up-to-date information, please visit our calendar of events on our website, or follow us on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram.

FEAST DAYS:

JULY 3: St. Thomas, locations at Holy Sepulchre

JULY 22: St. Mary Magdalene, Ascension Garden

JULY 25: St. James, locations at Holy Sepulchre

JULY 26: St. Anne, locations at Holy Sepulchre & Ascension Garden Cemeteries

AUGUST 20: St. Bernard, locations at Holy Sepulchre

AUGUST 21: St. Pius X, locations at Holy Sepulchre

AUGUST 31: St. Joseph of Arimathea, locations at Holy Sepulchre & Ascension Garden Cemeteries

SEPTEMBER 3: St. Gregory, locations at Holy Sepulchre

SEPTEMBER 21: St. Matthew, Ascension Garden

SEPTEMBER 23: Padre Pio, Ascension Garden

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