



WHY CHOOSE A CATHOLIC CEMETERY?

Some people have questioned the relevance of a Catholic Cemetery, or asked why it is necessary to have special cemeteries for Catholics when there are many non-sectarian cemeteries available. So, why choose a Catholic Cemetery?

The Catholic cemetery stands as a holy place where religious ceremonies are celebrated, where people pray for their deceased loved ones, and where the living find consolation in their faith. The Catholic Cemetery is a living and graceful witness to the Christian belief in eternal life and the resurrection of the body. Catholics believe that not only does the soul live on, but the body is destined for immortality. Because of this, a Catholic cemetery serves not merely

as a resting place for those who have died, but is also a reverent, beautiful and tranquil place of preservation for life to be fulfilled.

The Catholic cemetery is a place where human bodies are entrusted until the end of time, when they will be reunited with God and each other.

We encourage you to reflect on where you and your family choose to be laid to rest when the time comes to go home to the Lord. Consider the

sacred resting place of a Catholic cemetery as an expression of faith, an extension of community and a life-affirming response for your loved ones.

The Catholic Cemeteries of Holy Sepulchre and Ascension Garden provide a peaceful environment for prayer, reflection and remembrance for faith to be embraced today, tomorrow and always.

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ASCENSION GARDEN CEMETERY MOMENTS FROM MENDON PONDS PARK

Many people from the Rochester and surrounding areas are very familiar with Holy Sepulchre Cemetery and all that it has to offer. What some may not know is that in 2010, we built our newest cemetery, Ascension Garden. This cemetery is located on the east side of Rochester at 1900 Pinnacle Road in Henrietta New York. Ascension Garden was born out of the history and excellence of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery and the original vision of Bishop McQuaid.

“ We offer a peaceful place to remember the lives of your loved ones, comfortably and close to home. ”

Ascension Garden Mausoleum features a wide range of crypt options in rooms devoted to various Saints, as well as crypts located in the Mausoleum Chapel. Our niche rooms, also devoted to Saints, offer beautiful glass and marble front niche options. Our mausoleum is climate-controlled to allow for comfortable visitation of your loved ones. Our Chapel within the mausoleum gives families the option to hold a memorial service and also serves as a quiet space for personal meditation.

Our **Cremation Gardens** overlook the Ascension Garden Chapel and our beautifully landscaped cemetery grounds. The cremation gardens are centrally located, therefore offering sweeping views of the cemetery. Within these gardens we have several Columbaria, which offer an option for above ground, exterior cremation. We have both wall units and octagonal units in both cremation garden sections of our cemetery.

Our **Garden Sections** are beautifully landscaped with flowering trees and ornamental plantings. Families may choose from sections that offer flat, slant or upright monuments to meet their personal preference for memorialization.

For those seeking an eco-friendly burial, our St. Francis Meadow offers **Green Burial** options on wooded trails and in a natural meadow. There are options for both cremation and full body burials. Within this section is the St. Francis Butterfly Garden, a separate garden option for cremation,

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ASCENSION GARDEN MAUSOLEUM

Consecrated in the Catholic tradition by Bishop Matthew H. Clark, Ascension Garden is located near Mendon Ponds Park, and fits seamlessly into the pastoral beauty of the rolling hills, wooded areas and tranquility that naturally exists. Ascension Garden provides family and friends a peaceful and prayerful environment to remember loved ones and to acknowledge Christ’s promise of new life after death.

While we are similar to Holy Sepulchre in the burial options we offer, Ascension Garden provides the community with a new space to continue family traditions or to begin new ones.



CREMATION GARDEN & COLUMBARIA

Ascension Garden Cemetery

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which is beautifully landscaped with butterfly bushes and several other lush plantings. Within St. Francis Meadow you will also find hand-built stone walls, walking paths, and beautifully crafted benches that offer space for quiet reflection. Natural field stones create lasting memorials for your loved ones.

Our **First Responder's section** features a beautiful memorial to honor police officers, firefighters, EMTs and all other first responders that have faithfully served our community. This section is available for burial of First Responders and their families. We also have a **Veterans' Section**, which offers burial for loved ones and their spouses who have faithfully served our country in the U.S. military.



ST. FRANCIS MEADOW GREEN BURIAL

Each newsletter we will be featuring one of the different burial options at Ascension Garden in the hopes to provide more detailed information, as well highlight the beauty that is found on these sacred grounds. We invite you to come and take a walk or a drive through, sit and pray and spend some quiet time in our mausoleum, or simply enjoy the tranquility in our natural burial area.

If you would like more information or would to schedule an appointment to tour our grounds with one of our staff members, please contact one of our knowledgeable, compassionate Family Services Counselors at (585) 697-1122. We will be happy to help guide you through this process.



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STAY IN THE KNOW

Did you know that we host a large number of special events and monthly Masses at our two locations? These are some of the many ways we offer support through life's journey.

Find us anytime online: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and on our website. We also offer communications via our email database. These are the best ways to stay in the know of special events, promotions, programs.

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If you would like to receive occasional emails, communicating our upcoming events and to access this quarterly newsletter, please email events@holysepulchre.org. We would be happy to add you to our list!

TESTIMONIALS

"I was looking for my father's grave in the military plots. A gardener was very helpful and guided me to the plot. He went the extra mile and used the weed eater to make it more visible. What a sweet gesture. Thank y'all so much."

- Joanne D.

"Thank you for taking such wonderful care of a place that is so important to myself, our family and the memory of our son. It is so very much appreciated."

- Kara H.

"I did my family's (pre-planning) and when my father passed away it was so much easier knowing that he already had a place to rest. Thank you for all the help you give."

- Ivonne M.

If you would like to submit a story, please email events@holysepulchre.org. We welcome your feedback. Thank you!

RICH HISTORY

Memorial Day is a time to remember the men and women who died while in the military service of our country, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle; to memorialize the veterans who made ultimate sacrifice for our country. One such hero is memorialized right here at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Colonel Patrick Henry O'Rorke was the commanding officer of the 140th New York Infantry Regiment during the American Civil War. Just like his regiment, O'Rorke was raised in Rochester though he was born in County Cavan, Ireland. He graduated first in his class at West Point Military Academy in 1861. Originally Patrick served as an officer in the Army Corps of Engineers, but accepted the commission of Colonel of the 140th NY in September of 1862. O'Rorke is best remembered for leading his men in a heroic charge over Little Round Top at the Battle of Gettysburg on July 2, 1863. This action would prove to be his last, as he urged his men forward to support the wavering 16th Michigan Infantry, Col. O'Rorke was then shot and killed. A monument



COLONEL PATRICK H. O'RORKE

to his heroics and to the 140th NY can be found at Gettysburg on the site of where he fell. O'Rorke was buried on the battlefield after his death, and his body was then moved to a hill closer to his family. His grave was later moved to the foot of the hill due to his mother's difficulty to ascend said hill. Later, the remains were moved to Holy Sepulchre in 1887, where they still reside today.

If you would like to read the rich history of those buried here, please visit our website: www.holysepulchre.org, click on the Locate a Loved One/Tour tab, scroll to Tour information and click on the category that interests you.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SPRING MONTHLY MASSES

Our monthly masses are celebrated on the third Saturday of each month beginning at 8:30 AM in Christ Our Light Chapel at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. All are welcome!

Upcoming Dates: April 18 (TBD due to COVID-19 gathering restrictions*), May 16, June 20



ANNUAL FLAG PLACEMENT EVENT

Join us on Thursday, May 21 beginning at 5 PM as we celebrate the lives of those who have served our country. As we move into Memorial Day weekend, thousands of American flags will be placed on every grave in Veteran's sections.



MEET OUR CEO John Caufield

In December 2019, Holy Sepulchre & Ascension Garden Cemeteries proudly welcomed John Caufield as the organization's new CEO.

John Caufield received a number of degrees, including a Bachelor's degree from Robert's Wesleyan College, a Bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland, a Master's degree from the NYS College at Brockport and is a fellow of Harvard University. John served the Rochester community as a firefighter for nearly 27 years, beginning in 1985. He was appointed to Fire Chief in 2007 and served until 2012, acted as the Mid-Atlantic Director

for the National Fire Protection Association from 2012 to 2017 and most recently, as the Fire Chief in Fort Myers, Florida, beginning 2017. Caufield has leadership experience with a career focused on service. Terrence C. Finegan, Executive Vice Chairperson of the Board, expressed confidence in the hiring committee's choice. "John D. Caufield has established a career managing two municipal fire departments. We are fortunate to have attracted him to lead Holy Sepulchre & Ascension Garden Cemeteries as we fulfill our mission of providing peaceful and sacred grounds for Catholic burial on behalf of members of our faith in the Rochester region."

NEXT ISSUE:

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Annual Butterfly Release honoring the lives of First Responders - September 12, 2020

THE BENEFITS OF PRE-PLANNING YOUR LEGACY ASCENSION GARDEN MAUSOLEUM

PROGRESS ON ANGELS OF GOD CREMATION GARDEN
Dedication with Bishop Matano - September 19, 2020



*If the April 18th Mass is postponed due to COVID-19, it will be rescheduled for a later date. You can find all updates on our website and through Facebook, Twitter & Instagram.

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