

You Are Invited **BUTTERFLY RELEASE**



“...FOR I, THE LORD YOUR GOD,
WHO GRASP YOUR RIGHT HAND;
IT IS I WHO SAY TO YOU, DO NO
FEAR, I WILL HELP YOU.”

ISAIAH 41:13

Holy Sepulchre & Ascension Garden Cemeteries will honor the lives of First Responders, and those interred in the cemeteries, with a Memorial Butterfly Release on Saturday, September 10, 2022. This special event will be held at each location — Holy Sepulchre Cemetery at 10:00 am and Ascension Garden Cemetery at 2:00 pm. Reverend Peter T. Bayer will provide a special

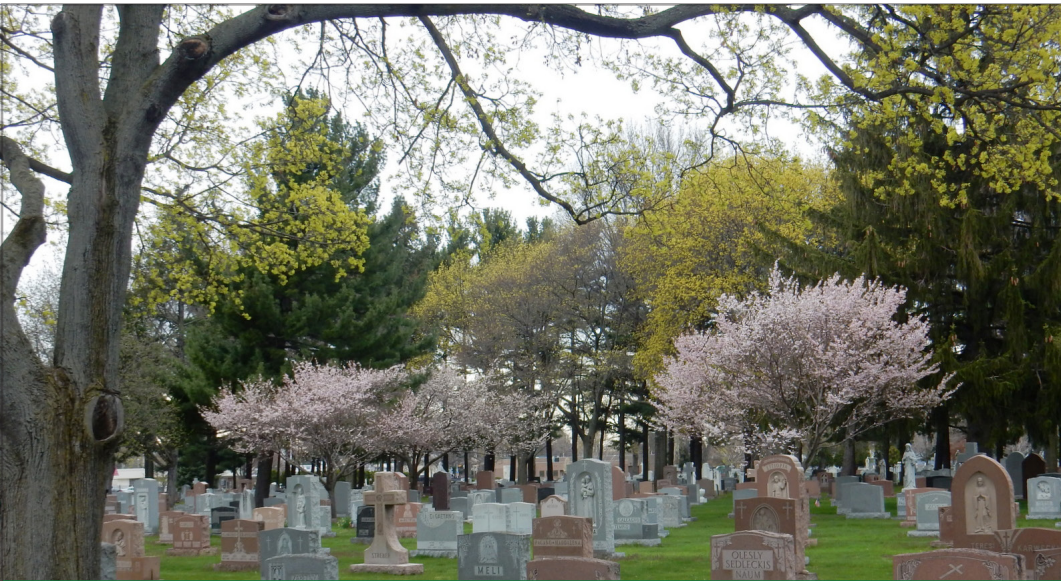
blessing during the ceremony and representatives from Rochester City Council and Henrietta Town Board will be in attendance. Gates Keystone Club Police Pipes and Drums will perform at both events.

At our cemeteries, we prioritize after-care support. Providing families with a variety of special events is one way we offer care to those in the grieving process, as well as those who want to continue their loved ones memory.

In addition to caring for those families, it is important that we honor the men and women who have devoted their lives to serving our local

communities. Every year, we host the Memorial Day Flag Placement event, placing nearly 6,000 American flags in Veteran's sections. Now, we honor the lives of First Responders who dedicate their lives to those in the community. Hundreds of butterflies will be released in honor of their service and for all those who are laid to rest in our cemeteries.

You are invited! To attend, please RSVP by calling (585) 697-1122 by Friday, August 26, 2022. Please include your name, the number of attendees and which location you will be attending. We look forward to celebrating this special event!



SPRING CLEAN-UP

Every year, beginning in March, we begin the annual clean-up time at our cemeteries. With nearly 450 acres of land, the safety of the Rochester community and our employees is our primary focus. Therefore, we must take the utmost care in maintaining the safety on our grounds. If you have decorations that you would like to save, we highly encourage you to pick up these items before the clean-up time begins.

Unlike most cemeteries, our team takes the time to carefully remove each item and if it is intact and unbroken, these items are placed in the pick-up area (located next to our main office). If you were unable to pick up your items before clean-up began, you may visit the pick-up area to locate your items. We cannot guarantee your items to be locatable, but we hope this added step assists those who were unable to pick up their items prior.

We are committed to maintaining the utmost respect and reverence at every place of burial.

A full list of regulations is provided with every purchase and can be found at each of our cemeteries or digitally on our website. These specific brochures govern decorations for graves, mausoleums and columbaria. Please refer to these brochures when planning your annual decorations and if you have any questions, please contact the Cemeteries' offices at (585) 458-4110. We are always here to help.

Since 1871, more than 250,000 burials have taken place on consecrated ground at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery and Ascension Garden. The cemeteries provide families a place for prayerful reflection and meditation, to remember their loved ones and to celebrate God's promise of life everlasting. Our purpose is to care for those interred in our cemeteries while maintaining the beauty and safety that families have trusted for generations.

Thank you for your support in maintaining a safe place for all to visit.

Saint Padre Pio

Born: May 25, 1887
Died: September 23, 1968
Feast Day: September 23

Saint Padre Pio is known as the patron saint of civil defense workers, adolescents, pain, suffering and healing.



Saint Padre Pio was born Francesco Forgione in Pietrelcina, a small village of in the south of Italy. He joined the Order of Franciscan Capuchins at the age of 15, and took the name Pio. Seven years later Pio was ordained and assigned to the monastery of San Giovanni Rotondo in his village.

On August 5, 1918, Padre Pio received the Stigmata, the five wounds of our Lord's passion appeared on his body, (which he carried for half a century), making him the first stigmatized priest in the history of the Catholic Church. Each day, he was especially afflicted while celebrating Holy Mass. It appears he suffered as Jesus did while He was on the cross, losing much blood from his wounds. He offered his sufferings for salvation to the world.

After more than 50 years of intense suffering and constant apostolic activity in San Giovanni Rotondo, Padre Pio was called to his heavenly reward on September 23, 1968. His body was entombed in the crypt of Our Lady of Grace Church after a funeral attended by over 100,000 mourners. As more and more people visit his tomb from around the world, many testify to the spiritual and temporal blessings they received.

To learn more about St. Padre Pio, there is a section dedicated him located in the Mother of God wing in the Ascension Garden Mausoleum. There you may read about his life and sainthood.



Saint Matthew

Saint Matthew is the patron saint of tax collectors, accountants and bankers.

Saint Matthew offers us some valuable life lessons. He teaches us that God can use anyone to help him with his work. We should not feel unqualified because of our past, lack of education or appearance. The highest calling in life is serving God regardless of what the world says. So, when you are feeling like you cannot do enough, have faith. You are God's beautiful creation.

***O Glorious St. Matthew,
in your Gospel you portray Jesus
as the longed-for Messiah
who fulfilled the Prophets
of the Old Covenant and
as the Lawgiver who founded
a Church of the New Covenant.
Obtain for us the grace to see
Jesus living in His Church and
to follow His teaching in our lives
on Earth so that we may live forever
with Him in heaven.***

The Archangels



ST. GABRIEL IN ANGELS OF GOD CREMATION GARDEN

On September 29th, we celebrate the Feast Day of the three Archangels: St. Michael, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael. Their role in our life is different from the other Saints. We pray to the Saints for their intercession, but we also look to their lives for imitation and role modeling. Angels are different; they are spiritual creatures created by God for a particular purpose.

St. Michael (*Who is like God*) was the Archangel who fought against Satan and all his evil angels, defending all the friends of God. He protects all of humanity from the snares of the devil. St. Michael is also known as “the prince of the heavenly host.” St. Michael appears in Scripture four times. In the battle in heaven, Revelation tells us that St. Michael and his angels combatted Lucifer and the other fallen angels (or devils). St. Michael is invoked to help us in our fight against Satan. He is also invoked to rescue souls from Satan, especially at the hour of death; and to bring souls to judgment. He is usually pictured as a strong warrior, dressed in armor and wearing sandals.

St. Michael is the Patron against temptations; against powers of evil; artists; bakers; bankers; battle; boatmen; cemeteries; coopers; endangered children; dying; EMTs; fencing; grocers; hat makers; holy death; knights; mariners; mountaineers; paramedics; paratroopers; police officers; radiologists; sailors; the sick; security forces; soldiers; against storms at sea; swordsmiths; those in need of protection. Symbols of St. Michael include an Angel with wings dressed in armor; a lance and shield; scales; shown weighing souls; millstone; piercing dragon or devil; banner charged with a dove.

St. Gabriel (*Strength of God*) announced to Zachariah the forthcoming birth of John the Baptist. St. Gabriel also announced the birth of Jesus to Mary. His greeting to the Virgin Mary, “Hail Mary, full of grace,” is one of the most frequent and familiar prayers of Christian people. St. Gabriel appears three times as a messenger in the Bible and was chosen by God to be the messenger of the Annunciation, to announce to mankind the mystery of the Incarnation.

St. Gabriel is the Patron of ambassadors, broadcasting, childbirth, clergy, communications, diplomats, messengers, philatelists, postal workers, public relations; radio workers; secular clergy; stamp collectors and telecommunications. Symbols of St. Gabriel include an Archangel; with a sceptre and lily; MR or AM shield; lantern; mirror; olive branch; scroll with words Ave Maria Gratia Plena; Resurrection trumpet; shield; spear; lily.

St. Raphael* (*Medicine of God*) is the Archangel who took care of Tobias on his journey. We learn about Archangel Raphael from the book of Tobit. St. Raphael is invoked for journeys and at critical moments in life after his mission as wonderful healer and fellow traveler with the youthful Tobias. Tradition also holds that Raphael is the angel that stirred the waters at the healing sheep pool in Bethesda. His name means “God has healed”.

He is the patron Saint of the blind; those with bodily ills or eye problems; counselors; druggists; guardian angels; happy meetings; healers; health inspectors; health technicians; love; lovers; mental illness; nurses; pharmacists; physicians;

shepherds; against sickness; therapists; travelers; young people; young people leaving home for the first time. Symbols: Staff; wallet and fish; staff and gourd; archangel; young man carrying a staff; young man carrying a fish; walking with Tobias; holding a bottle or flask.

At Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Angels of God Cremation Garden, a section dedicated to the Archangels, is located on the east side of the cemetery. This beautiful, and recently developed garden, overlooks Trinity Lake, and showcases each of the Archangels with St. Michael as the center feature. If you would like to learn more, please contact one of our knowledgeable Family Service Counselors at (585) 458-4110.



ST. MICHAEL



Saint Joseph of Arimathea

Born: 41 B.C.
Died: 46 A.D.
Feast Day: August 31

Saint Joseph of Arimathea is known as the patron saint of undertakers, morticians and funeral directors.

According to all four canonical gospels, he was the man who assumed responsibility for the burial of Jesus after his crucifixion. The historical location of Arimathea is uncertain, although it has been identified with several towns.

Saint Joseph of Arimathea asked Pontius Pilate if he could remove Christ's body after the Crucifixion and laid it to rest in his own newly made tomb (Matthew 27:57-60). Because he provided a proper burial for Jesus he has become the patron saint of undertakers.

After the death of Jesus, Joseph of Arimathea became a missionary and was sent to England to preach the gospel. Along with him was the Holy

Grail and his pilgrim's staff. He landed in England and made his way to Glastonbury.

Annually, Holy Sepulchre & Ascension Garden Cemeteries host a special blessing and committal ceremony at the Joseph of Arimathea crypts (located at each cemetery). As Joseph of Arimathea gave his crypt for the burial of Jesus, these special crypts are provided for those who lack funds to inter their loved one's cremated remains. We provide this as a service to the Rochester Catholic community.



UPCOMING DATES

MONDAY, JULY 4: Independence Day
Offices closed. Our offices will reopen on Tuesday, July 5 at 9:00 am.

SATURDAY, JULY 16: July Mass (8:30 am)
Join us, in-person or virtually, to celebrate our July Mass of Remembrance.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20: August Mass (8:30 am)
Join us, in-person or virtually, to celebrate our August Mass of Remembrance.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5: Labor Day
Offices closed. Our offices will reopen on Tuesday, September 6 at 9:00 am.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10: Butterfly Releases
Two events to honor First Responders (Holy Sepulchre 10:00 am, Ascension Garden 2:00 pm)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17: September Mass (8:30 am)
Join us, in-person or virtually, to celebrate our September Mass of Remembrance.

FEAST DAYS

JULY 3: St. Thomas the Apostle - *Patron Saint of India and the protector of artists, carpenters, engineers, among many more.*

JULY 22: St. Mary Magdalene - *Patron Saint of converts, women and those who repent.*

JULY 25: St. James the Greater - *Patron Saint of Spain and Galicia.*

JULY 26: St. Anne - *Patron Saint of Brittany, Canada and women in labor.*

AUGUST 20: St. Bernard - *Patron Saint of the Alps.*

AUGUST 21: St. Pius X - *Bishop of Rome.*

AUGUST 31: St. Joseph of Arimathea - *Patron Saint of undertakers, morticians and funeral directors.*

SEPTEMBER 3: St. Gregory the Great - *Patron Saint of musicians, singers, students and teachers.*

SEPTEMBER 21: St. Matthew - *Patron Saint of tax collectors, accountants and bankers.*

SEPTEMBER 23: St. Padre Pio - *Patron Saint of civil defense workers and adolescents.*

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