

# Sacred Places

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## REFLECTIONS: *When Someone Is Gone*

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It was one of those rare times at our house when there was only one child around. Stevie's older sisters were off at camps and on mission trips, so it was a good time for a father-son airport outing.

We had just left McDonald's and were on our way to visit the cockpit of a DC-9 when Stevie surprised me. After I said, "This is fun, isn't it?" he replied, almost sadly, "Yeah, but it's not as much fun without Melissa."

I figured his mind would be filled with thoughts of airplanes and burgers, so for him to think about his 8-year-old sister was unexpected.

His sentiment reminded me of how significant our loved ones are to us. When they're away, our activities can't make us stop thinking of them and wishing they were with us. That truth has special significance if we have loved ones who have died. The loss of their companionship is painful. Life is not the same without them.

In our sadness, though, God comforts us with the promise of 1 Thessalonians 4, which tells us that we do not need to "sorrow as others who have no hope" (v.13). We can look forward to the time when Jesus returns and we will be reunited with our believing loved ones. That truth is a big comfort when someone is gone.-JDB

*Think of the thrill we'll have meeting  
Loved ones who've gone on before;  
Think of the joy and the rapture,  
Then think of parting no more.  
- Anon*

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## At the Cemetery

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*He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. —John 11:25*

When a loved one dies and we go to the cemetery, we may join a long processional. We may sit or stand around the gravesite and listen respectfully while the priest commits the body to the earth and reads Bible verses about the resurrection. Then the casket is lowered into the ground. We may return later to leave some flowers and stand with heads bowed in memory and respect. Our loved one is dead, and we know we can never bring him back.

When Jesus went to the cemetery, it was different. His friend Lazarus had died, and when Jesus got to the tomb, He exercised His power and authority. He commanded: "Take away the stone" (John 11:39). "Lazarus, come forth!" (v.43). "Loose him, and let him go" (v.44).

We might wish with all our hearts that we could bring a loved one back, but if we were to give those commands nothing would happen. But Jesus has that ability, for He is "the resurrection and the life" (v.25). His power was demonstrated when Lazarus came out of the tomb—alive!

One day, Jesus will again be "at the cemetery." And when He gives the command, all the dead who believed in Him will "come forth" (John 5:28-29; 1 Thessalonians 4:16). What a day that will be! — Dave Egner

*There'll be no sorrow there, no more burdens to bear,  
No more sickness, no pain, no more parting over there;  
And forever I will be with the One who died for me—  
What a day, glorious day that will be! — @ 1965 Ben L. Speer*

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## From the Director's Desk

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*As summer draws to an end, it seems like the only thing that has not grown weary of the drought and heat are the weeds. Like the inhabitants of the Sunshine State, they just love the hot and humid weather. Lawns that looked so promising in the springtime now have been taken over by so many varieties of weeds that the ryes and the fescues and the bluegrass are lost in a sea of these invaders. The lawns of the cemeteries face the same battle, and we look forward to some cooler weather when we can once again enjoy the upper hand.*

*Recently, a news item flashed across the screen of the news channel I was watching. Usually these are not pleasant items, bombings and deaths in the Middle East, shootings, kidnappings and missing persons at home, plane crashes or natural disasters.*

*Yet the wording of this particular item and the follow-up story caught my attention. The President of Pakistan and the Prime Minister of India, countries divided by decades of war, distrust and religious differences, issued a joint statement that said in part, "conscious of the historic opportunity created by the improved relations and the overwhelming desire of the peoples of the two countries for a durable peace...determined that the peace process was now irreversible." The last part of that statement contained words that one does not usually see or hear in the same sentence. We hear about war being inevitable, but to read that the peace process was now "irreversible" was certainly refreshing, especially considering the years of strife the peoples of these two nations have been through. Though I'm sure that there will continue to be pitfalls in this process, there was public acknowledgement by the leaders of these two nations that the desire for peace was so strong that the barriers to a mutual agreement would be overcome.*

*For those who have suffered the death of a family member, the peace of the spirit may seem as an elusive goal. The feeling of loss, loneliness, anger, guilt and all the other emotions that present themselves at time of death of a loved one may seem so overwhelming that the thought that there could ever again be peace in our lives may seem impossible.*

*In the Book of Ecclesiastes (and for those of us who grew up in the 1960's from its adaptation into a folk-rock tune) we are reminded that there is a time for every season: "A time to reap, a time to sow, a time for war, a time for peace." I recently heard this reading at a funeral Mass, and what struck me was the inspired words the author used for those in sorrow: "A time to mourn, a time to dance." We aren't told that there is a time to mourn and a time to be glad; the author brings us all the way from mourning to dancing, the ultimate expression of joy and happiness. What a far-reaching journey we have to bring us from that one extreme to the other!*

*Don't be hard on yourself if you're only part way along in this journey. Know that others are there with you, and seek their help and support. Pray that God will give you strength and guidance, and know that our Lord's promise of a peace beyond all understanding awaits you. Peace be with you.*

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### Stainless Steel Portraits

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**On March 16, 2005** – The Diocese of Rockville Centre Office of Catholic Cemeteries announced a new memorial portrait program which will allow stainless steel portraits as a new personalization option for most burial spaces at the three Diocesan Catholic Cemeteries.

Available in color or black and white, the portraits are created by converting an original photograph into a digital format. The digitized image is then "burned" into stainless steel. Catholic Cemeteries in cooperation with its memorial suppliers offers state-of-the-art image transfer technology and the maximum color retention of stainless steel to ensure beautiful and long-lasting results. Examples of color and black and white stainless steel memorial portraits are on display at the cemetery offices.

Digital technology enables a wide variety of choices in the creation of the portrait, including a choice of color backgrounds. Catholic Cemeteries can also combine two individual photographs (such as husband and wife) to create a double-portrait image. Conversely, a double image can be separated to create one or two stainless-steel images. Attire can also be modified to create a more dignified image. Size of the oval portrait is dependent on the memorial on which it is to be installed. The maximum portrait size is 3½" by 4¼".



The memorial portrait program is the latest in a series of customization options available at Catholic Cemeteries. Other personalization options include: memorial kiosk and monument etching.

For nearly fifteen years, located in each Catholic Cemetery, the memorial kiosk is a computerized interment directory that enables the inclusion of an image and biography of the deceased.

Images are also etched into cemetery monuments. A traditional photograph is digitized and then the image is etched into the granite gravesite monument by computerized etching machines. This option offers personalization of a monument without sacrificing generational integrity.

***Comfort one another with these words.***

--1 Thessalonians 4:18

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## Holiday Decoration Program

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Catholic Cemeteries will again offer a holiday decoration program. For those families who have gravesites, the Christmas program affords the opportunity to purchase an evergreen blanket or pillow, while the Easter Program offers a palm cross for placement on individual graves.

We will continue to decorate the chapels in our mausoleums with poinsettias at Christmas and lilies at Easter. All families, especially those who have entombments in our Crypts, are invited to purchase a plant in memory of a loved one. The name of the deceased will be listed in a memorial book placed in each of the chapels.

**If you placed an order last year, or ordered flowers for the Chapels in the past, you will receive notification through the**

### Christmas (2005)

\_\_\_\_ Blankets (Graves) @ \$50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Pillows (Graves) @ \$35 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Poinsettias (Chapels) @ \$20 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Easter (2006)

\_\_\_\_ Palm Crosses (Graves) @ \$20 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Easter Lilies (Chapels) @ \$20 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Enclosed = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_

Section \_\_\_\_\_ Range \_\_\_\_\_ Plot \_\_\_\_\_

or Chapel Mausoleum \_\_\_\_\_

Corridor \_\_\_\_\_ Tier \_\_\_\_\_ Crypt # \_\_\_\_\_

Name of deceased \_\_\_\_\_

**mail.** Otherwise, you may fill out the coupon below and mail it with your check as soon as possible.

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## Christmas Ornaments

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The Christmas Holiday season is not a happy one for everyone. If you are in the midst of grief, you may feel overwhelmed not only by your loss, but also by the expectations of others. There is an inherent need to remember those you have loved in a special way and, hopefully, we can provide you with such an opportunity.

At Holy Rood, Holy Sepulchre, and Queen of All Saints Cemeteries, during the Saturday Mass on **December 3rd**, family members will be invited to place an ornament on our Christmas trees in memory of their loved ones. You are invited to bring an ornament with you to be placed there during the offertory procession. Please remember that our chapels are public places, so we recommend an ornament that can be easily replaced, if necessary. The ornaments will remain on the trees throughout the Christmas season and can be picked up any day from January 1<sup>st</sup> through January 10<sup>th</sup>.

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## Candle Lighting Service

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It has been said that a *cemetery is for the living*. Although it's true that a Catholic Cemetery is the final resting place of the mortal bodies that were temples of the Holy Spirit until the Lord comes in glory, it is also a place where we, the living, come to remember those we love who have gone before us. It is a place where we come soon after the funeral filled with sadness and loneliness.

In time, however, we come to the awareness that the cemetery is a place of comfort; we live in the hope that those we love are safe and secure in the Lord. We are also comforted in the simple act of remembering our loved ones, as the visit to the cemetery renews a bond we know can never be broken.

On **Sunday, October 30th**, we will have an opportunity to remember, in a special way, those we love that are interred in Catholic Cemeteries. **Beginning at 3:00 PM at Holy Rood Cemetery**, the Diocesan Choir will preside over a ceremony of prayer, song and remembrance. All will participate in a candle lighting ceremony at which time those who were interred since **November 1<sup>st</sup> 2004** will be remembered by name.

***We invite all to attend,  
pray, sing, and remember.***

If you plan to **attend**, please contact the cemetery office at **(516) 334-7990** no later than **Monday, October 24th**, with the name of the deceased who was interred after November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004, whom you wish to have remembered.

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## Queen of Peace Cemetery?

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***Finding new Burial Space for  
Roman Catholics in Nassau County.***

Since 1995, the Diocese has been seeking approval from the Village of Old Westbury for cemetery use of ninety-seven acres of land it owns on Jericho Turnpike. The Diocese pursued the matter in the courts, and the Appellate Division affirmed the Diocese's contention that the use of the property is religious and must be accommodated under the New York State Constitution. In recent months, the Diocese has presented the site plan phase by presenting plans to the Village. The new plan attempts to address the concerns of the residents by reducing the cemetery size and subdividing the remaining acreage into building lots. By doing this, no current property owner will be immediately adjacent to the cemetery and the building lots will remain on the tax roles.

Entrance to the cemetery will be restricted to Jericho Turnpike. Since cemetery traffic does not coincide with peak traffic hours, we are confident that this six lane divided state highway is more than sufficient to handle the additional traffic pattern with little impact.

***Death separates us for a time; Christ will reunite us forever.***

**Saturday Masses in the Chapel at 9:30 AM:**

**Holy Rood Cemetery**  
 111 Old Country Road - PO Box 182  
 Westbury, NY 11590-0182  
 Tel: (516) 334-7990

<u>2005</u>	Oct. 1	<u>2006</u>	Jan. 7	Mar. 18
	Oct. 15		Jan. 21	Apr. 1
	Nov. 5		Feb. 4	Apr. 22
	Nov. 19		Feb. 25	May 6
	Dec. 3		Mar. 4	May 20
	Dec. 17			

**Holy Sepulchre**  
 3442 Route 112  
 Coram, NY 11727  
 Tel: (631) 732-3460

**Queen of All Saints**  
 115 Wheeler Road  
 Central Islip, NY 11722  
 Tel: (631) 234-8297

<u>2005</u>	Oct. 1	<u>2006</u>	Jan. 7	Apr. 1
	Nov. 5		Feb. 4	May 6
	Dec. 3		Mar. 4	

Cemetery gates are open everyday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.  
 Offices are closed at noon Saturday, on Sundays and the following holidays:

Columbus Day	October 10 <sup>th</sup> ----- 2005
Veteran's Day	November 11th
Thanksgiving Day	November 24 <sup>th</sup>
Christmas Eve	December 24 <sup>th</sup> (12 NOON)
Christmas Day (Observed)	December 26 <sup>th</sup>
New Year's Eve	December 31 <sup>st</sup> (12 NOON)
New Year's Day (Observed)	January 2nd ----- 2006
Martin Luther King Day	January 16 <sup>th</sup>
President's Day	February 20th
Holy Thursday	April 13th (12:30 PM)
Good Friday	April 14th (12:30 PM)
Memorial Day	May 29th

**Forms, Maps, Answers to Questions at**  
[www.holyroodcemetery.org](http://www.holyroodcemetery.org)

**Planting Regulations**

As cool weather approaches, we would like to remind you about the planting regulations. Artificial flowers are permitted during the winter months beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>. Holiday decorations in the form of a blanket or wreath may be placed on the gravesites. **Christmas decorations will be removed beginning January 30, 2006 (weather permitting).**

**Dates to Remember:**

**Cemetery Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**Holy Rood Cemetery, Westbury**  
**Candle Lighting Service at 3:00 PM**

**All Souls Day Field Masses – Wednesday, November 2, 2005**

Holy Rood Cemetery, Westbury - 9:30 am  
*Most Reverend William F. Murphy*  
 Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Coram - 11:00 am  
*Most Reverend Emil A. Wcela*  
 Queen of All Saints Cemetery, Central Islip - 11:00 am  
*Most Reverend John C. Dunne*

**Christmas Ornament Placement**  
**December 3<sup>rd</sup> at All Cemeteries – 9:30 AM Mass**

**Change of Address**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

OLD Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

NEW Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Plot Location: Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_

Section \_\_\_\_\_ Range \_\_\_\_\_ Lot \_\_\_\_\_

OR

Mausoleum \_\_\_\_\_ Corridor \_\_\_\_\_ Tier & Crypt (Niche) \_\_\_\_\_

Deceased's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Have You Moved?** It's important to keep your current address on file in case you have to be contacted for any reason, or to keep receiving your copy of **Sacred Places**.



# Sacred Places

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## A Dedication for Remembrance and Healing!

Ever since the tragedy that occurred on September 11, 2001, it has been the intention of the Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Rockville Centre to erect a memorial to call to mind the event that will be forever etched in our memory and will remain a part of our national psyche. Since that day, we have worked to provide a place in one of our local Catholic Cemeteries where the names of those who died would be memorialized and where their families could come for remembrance and meditation. As one people in Christ's body, whose membership does not expire with death, we hope our cemeteries provide a place to renew faith and affirm hope in the resurrection and the eternal mercy of God.

The memorial was erected in the small section of land that had been set aside for the victims in Holy Rood Cemetery in Westbury. The central feature of the memorial is a bronze replica of Michelangelo's Pieta which was blessed on Memorial Day 2004. The firm from which it was purchased owns the plaster copy taken from the mold of the original masterpiece. The replica is cast using the lost wax technology and is as close as you can get to the original masterpiece by Michelangelo. As a background for the statue, there is a large cruciform shape of black granite on which is inscribed the names and occupations of those who died on September 11<sup>th</sup> as requested by their family. (This was done at no cost to the families, but required the permission of the next of kin.) The inscription of the names on a massive piece of black granite is a powerful image of lasting memorialization. The two structures are joined together in a stone-paved plaza, uniting the memory of those who died with the redemptive death of the Savior Lord. It also provides a place of peace, meditation and consolation to all families. Bishop Murphy blessed the memorial on All Souls Day, November 2, 2004, in conjunction with the cemetery field Mass.

Although the memorial is already installed, additional names of the victims of September 11<sup>th</sup> have been and continue to be added and inscribed on site. Also, the cemetery continues to offer memorials in the stone pavers placed within the plaza for those interested in a special memorial. The forms and additional information can be received by telephoning the cemetery office or visiting the cemetery's web site at [www.holyroodcemetery.org](http://www.holyroodcemetery.org).

We received donations from more than 1200 families to help defray the cost.



Additional copies of the Dedication Service brochure may be requested and picked up in person at the Holy Rood office.

### Some interesting facts about our memorial:

- How many names have been inscribed: 404
- What do the inscriptions say: The deceased's name and occupation where requested
- Where are these burial sites: Some are several feet away from this memorial; others are throughout Holy Rood, Holy Sepulchre and Queen of All Saints' cemeteries, and in parish and other cemeteries in our area. Many names are inscribed in memory of those whose remains have not yet been recovered.
- The statue is an exact replica in bronze of Michelangelo's famous statue.
- The black granite wall is 10 1/2 feet tall and 8 feet wide. It is cut from one piece of black granite in a cruciform shape that stands on the base totaling 12-feet in height.
- The stone paver memorials placed have been etched IN MEMORY OF deceased or DONATED BY families and friends who wish to contribute to the memorial.

## From the Director's Desk

*Tsunami:* It's a word that many had never heard before, and certainly one that was not used in ordinary every-day conversation. All that changed in the events of December 26<sup>th</sup>, when in a matter of moments, over 200,000 lives were lost in the earthquake and resulting displacement of trillions of tons of water. A wall of water rushed outward at a speed of 500 miles an hour, spending its energy only when it reached land. Once it did, its force destroyed homes, hotels, trains, anything in its path, which in this case reached South Asia, Indonesia, India and even parts of Africa. Whole villages, communities, vacation resorts and maybe even cultures were destroyed in the blink of an eye.

Seeing the sorrow, the pain and the suffering, the question that immediately makes us wonder: How can God let this happen... entire families lost, children swept from their parent's arms, a trinity of people killed in an instant?

Yet that is not unlike the question asked at the death of anyone we love, especially if it was sudden and unexpected. What have I done to deserve this, why have I been left alone, why do bad things happen to good people?

Some religious commentators talked about the sinfulness of the world and God punishing it. Quite frankly, the stark video of the young child playing on the beach and being swept away by the force of the wave makes me wonder how anyone could believe that God, in His infinite wisdom and mercy, chose to take the life of that child as punishment for sin.

We are human, and subject to all human frailties. As Christians, our belief is that God became human in the Incarnation, and that our Lord chose to suffer and die to bring us to new life. His death did not protect us from suffering, for if there were no suffering, we would not be human. But we also believe that the pain of this world is temporary, and that the love of Christ conquers even death itself.

This belief, as sure and certain as we are in the hope of the resurrection and the ceaseless joy that awaits those who die, does not lessen the pain we feel at the loss of someone we have loved. Just as Jesus wept upon learning of the death of his friend Lazarus, our tears are our human reaction to pain and loss.

In the prayers that are said at the Rite of Committal, the minister prays: "Grant that our brother/sister may sleep here in peace until you beckon him/her to glory, for you are the resurrection and the life. Then he/she will see you face to face and in your light will see light and know the splendor of God." And at the time of Final Commendation, we pray: "May the love of God and the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ bless and console us and gently wipe every tear from our eyes."

At the Catholic Cemeteries, we offer a place to remember and to mourn, while at the same time ever mindful of the promise of our Lord. Whether by a quiet visit to the gravesite, a time of quiet meditation in the chapel, or participation in the monthly Masses or other religious services throughout the year, we live the hope of the resurrection and pray for the peace of God which is beyond all understanding.

Sincerely,

Neal S. Barkin

## Spring Decoration Program

The spring decoration program will again be offered for Mother's Day and Father's Day. Live floral decorations will be available for placement on gravesites and in the chapels of the community mausoleums. A beautiful, live potted plant will be placed directly in the planting area in front or rear of the monument. For those families who have mausoleum crypts, the flowers will be placed on stands in the respective chapels. The name of those remembered will be placed in a Book of Remembrance at the altar.

The cost for each plant ordered will be \$20.00. They will be placed the week before Mother's and Father's Day, and will remain there through the week of the holiday itself. Families are invited to take their plants home prior to their removal by our staff.

If you placed an order last year, or ordered flowers for the Chapels in the past, you will receive notification through the mail. Otherwise, you may fill out the coupon below and mail it with your check as soon as possible.

Mother's Day # of Plants _____	Father's Day # of Plants _____
Title _____	Plants \$20 each * _____
Name _____	_____
Address _____	_____
City _____	State _____ Zip _____
Cemetery _____	
Section _____	Range _____ Plot _____
Or Chapel/Mausoleum _____	_____
Crypt # _____	Tier _____ Crypt # _____
Name of deceased mother _____	_____
Name of deceased father _____	_____
Please make checks payable to Catholic Cemeteries P.O. Box 182 Westbury, NY 11590-0182	

Please visit the updated website of the Office of Catholic Cemeteries [www.holyroodcemetery.org](http://www.holyroodcemetery.org)

## "Light My Darkness"

The 2005 Diocesan Bereavement Conference, "Light My Darkness," for the bereaved and those ministering to the bereaved, sponsored by the Office of Laity and Family, will be held on **Sat. April 16<sup>th</sup>** at Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Catherine Seeley and Dr. Ray Shelton will be morning and afternoon Keynote Speakers and participants may choose two other workshops from the 20 offered. Some of the topics offered are:

- Loss of Spouse: How Can All These Feelings Be Normal?
- Widowed Too Soon: The Young Widowed
- Grieving the Death of a Parent
- Loss of Child: Will I Ever Smile Again?
- Loss of Sibling: Who Am I?
- A Breed Apart: Men and Their Grief
- Good Grief: Loss, Grief and Growth
- Hope for the Newly Bereaved
- I Found Hope at IHOP (International House of Pancakes)
- Anger and Creative Healing
- Survival Is a Family and Community Event
- So You Want to Build a Strong Parish Support Program

There will also be a Conference Bookstore and closing Eucharistic Celebration will be additional highlights of the day. \$45 Registration Fee includes breakfast, lunch, and conference folder. Advance registration is requested. For brochures or further information, please contact Office of Laity and Family, (516) 678-5800, x 508 or visit [www.holyroodcemetery.org](http://www.holyroodcemetery.org) for additional information.

## Memorial Day

By Rev. Robert M. Canessa, Past President, National Catholic Cemetery Conference

Our national holidays, with their attendant celebrations, are part of the very fabric of historical tradition. Who is not stirred by the strains of a Sousa march when performed by a uniformed marching band with Old Glory waving proudly?

Memorial Day is extraordinarily unique. On this national holiday we celebrate by remembering our heroes, veterans who have made the supreme sacrifice – "No greater love..." Probably since childhood we recall poppies being offered by the V.F.W. and worn with gratitude on Memorial Day. And how moving that touching scene of miniature flags, lined up in military-like formation, marking the graves of veterans whose memorials may note their branch of service, name, rank and religious symbol. They no longer await the bugle call of reveille, but the *Angels'* trumpet blast announcing the Lord's invitation: "Come blessed of my Father. Enter the Kingdom prepared for you."

On Memorial Day we honor our heroes by visiting and decorating their graves, whispering sincere prayers of appreciation for their sacrifices, defending our country, protecting and preserving our inalienable rights of LIFE, LIBERTY and the PURSUIT of HAPPINESS. How indebted we are!

## Stainless Steel Portraits

Remembering Loved Ones ...  
for generations to come.

Your Photograph can be converted to a Digital Image and placed on Stainless Steel as a protected memorial to capture the memory of your loved one for generations to come.

A Beautiful Memorial Picture reproduction on Stainless Steel Protective Finish that should not fade is now available from Catholic Cemeteries for most Crypts and Niches and for most Cemetery Monuments.

### A Fast and Simple Process:

- Step #1 – Locate your Original photo.
- Step #2 – Discuss and Learn the Options and Cemetery requirements then Complete the Appropriate Order Form.
- Step #3 – Bring the Form, Cemetery Certificate, Photo, and Payment to the Cemetery Office.
- Step #4 – In approximately 6 to 8 weeks (weather permitting) the cemetery will install your stainless steel image.
- Step #5 – Receive your original photo returned to you in the mail.

Catholic Cemeteries in conjunction with our memorial supplies and our local monument dealers offer state-of-the-art image transfer technology and the maximum color retention of stainless steel to ensure beautiful, long lasting results.

Contact the cemetery office for additional information. For faster service visit our website at [www.holyroodcemetery.org](http://www.holyroodcemetery.org)

## Information to look for elsewhere

Please stop by the office or visit our website for information about these important matters:

- Details on the New - Stainless Steel Portrait Program.
- Crypt, Niche Floral Vase Program and renewal information.
- Recent revisions to Shrub Regulations/Maintenance.
- Recent revisions to Monument Rules and Regulations.
- Tips on making your visit a safe one.

## Stations of the Cross

We invite you to join us on Good Friday, March 29th, at 12:00 noon in the Holy Rood Chapel for the opening prayers. Weather permitting, we will follow the mile-and-a-half route throughout Holy Rood Cemetery as we commemorate Our Lord's redemptive death. If the weather is inclement, the ceremony will be held in the chapel. The service will conclude with final prayers and Veneration of the Cross in the Chapel.

*You are sad for a time, but I shall see you again, then your hearts will rejoice with a joy no one can take from you. (John 16:22)*

**Saturday Masses in the Chapel at 9:30 AM:**

**Holy Rood Cemetery**  
111 Old Country Road  
P.O. Box 182  
Westbury, NY 11590-0182  
Tel: (516) 334-7990

Mar. 5	May 21	Aug. 5	Oct. 15
Mar. 15	Jan. 4	Aug. 20	Nov. 5
Apr. 2	Jan. 18	Sept. 10	Nov. 19
Apr. 16	Jul. 9	Sept. 24	Dec. 3
May 7	Jul. 23	Oct. 1	Dec. 17

<b>Holy Sepulchre</b> 3442 Route 112 Coram, NY 11727 Tel: (531) 732-3460	<b>Queen of All Saints</b> 115 Wheeler Road Central Islip, NY 11722 Tel: (531) 234-8297		
Mar. 5	Jan. 4	Sep. 10	Dec. 3
Apr. 2	Jul. 9	Oct. 1	
May 7	Aug. 6	Nov. 5	

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Offices closed at noon Saturday, on Sundays and the following holidays:

President's Day	February 21st
Holy Thursday	March 24th (12:30 PM)
Good Friday	March 25th (12:30 PM)
Memorial Day	May 30th
Independence Day	July 4th
Labor Day	September 5th
Columbus Day	October 10th
Veteran's Day	November 11th
Thanksgiving Day	November 24th
Christmas Day	December 25th (observed)

**Have You Moved?**

It's important to keep your current address on file in case you have to be contacted for any reason, or to keep receiving your copy of Sacred Places.

**Planting Regulations**

As warm weather approaches, we would like to remind you about the planting regulations. In monument sections, annual flowers such as geraniums, begonias, impatiens and marigolds may be planted in a bed that can extend 1' in front of the monument. Bouquets of fresh flowers are permitted in monument sections in vases that are ground level, and in shrine sections in the vase that is part of the bronze memorial. No glass vases, staties or other breakable items are permitted as they could cause injuries to employees as they are maintaining the grounds. **As a reminder - items placed in violation of the planting and decorating rules and items damaged unrightly or out of season are often removed and disposed of in accordance with stated policies.** Potted plants are permitted for holidays. All holiday decorations will be picked up on the following dates:

<b>Easter</b>	<b>Mother's Day</b>	<b>Father's Day</b>
Monday - April 4th	Monday - May 16th	Monday - June 27th

**Dates to Remember:**

**Stations of the Cross - Friday, March 25, 2005**  
Holy Rood Cemetery, Westbury  
**MEET IN THE CHAPEL AT 12:00 NOON**

**Memorial Day Field Service**  
Monday, May 30, 2005

Holy Rood Cemetery, Westbury - 11:00 AM  
West Reverend William F. Marzly, S.T.D., L.H.D.  
Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Coram - 11:00 AM  
West Reverend Erik A. Wicks, D.D.  
Queen of All Saints Cemetery, Central Islip - 12:00 NOON  
West Reverend Paul H. Walsh, D.D.

**Change of Address**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Old Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

New Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Plot Location:  
Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_

Section \_\_\_\_\_ Range \_\_\_\_\_ Plot \_\_\_\_\_

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