

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

2006	Oct. 14	2007	Jan. 6	Mar. 17
	Oct. 28		Jan. 20	Apr. 14
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	Dec. 16			

Holy Sepulchre

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Coram, NY 11727
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Central Islip, NY 11722
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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 9 th	2006
Thanksgiving Day	November 23 rd	
Christmas Day	December 25 th	
New Year's Day	January 1 st	2007
Martin Luther King Day	January 15 th	
President's Day	February 19 th	
Holy Thursday	April 5 th (12:30 PM)	
Good Friday	April 6 th (12:30 PM)	
Memorial Day	May 28 th	

Forms, Maps, Answers to Questions at
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 1st. Holiday decorations in the form of a blanket or wreath may be placed on the gravesites. **Christmas decorations will be removed beginning January 29, 2007 (weather permitting).**

Dates to Remember:

Cemetery Sunday, October 29th
Holy Rood Cemetery, Westbury
Candle Lighting Service at 3:00 PM

All Souls Day Field Masses – Thursday, November 2, 2006

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

Christmas Ornament Placement
December 2nd at All Cemeteries – 9:30 AM Mass

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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: _____

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Newsletter

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Sacred Places

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What Helps the Most

Since there is no "magic button" to push to take the pain away when we are grieving the loss of a loved one, it's helpful to know that there are some things that might lighten our burden of sorrow as we struggle to cope and survive. I wish someone had passed these ideas on to me when my pain was so raw following the deaths of my two oldest children, 21 year old Denis and 19 year old Peggy, in the same car accident. Peggy died instantly and Denis died four days later, the day after we buried Peggy. We planned and lived through two funerals in one week. Let me share some of the things I later discovered that helped me the most:

Funeral. Sharing stories and memories, receiving comforting hugs, and planning a meaningful liturgy or service that echoes our loved one's spirit, all combine as a loving tribute to the one who touched our life so deeply while also being a beautiful way to show respect for that life. The funeral or memorial service is a way to share our grief with others and is a vital ritual for acknowledging our loss, helping us to resolve our shock and to accept the reality of the loss.

Loving Support. Finding those loving people who would walk the walk with us, not put us on a timetable, let us grieve our own way, and be our loving listeners, is a priority. We might not have had the exact people we were counting on for support, but some dear friends stuck with us and some new faces appeared. We learned we were not alone and that was very comforting.

Talking, Praying, Screaming. Telling our story is the best medicine for us according to the experts. Repeating it over and over again as we talk to others, drives home the point that death doesn't end the relationship, it simply forges a new type of relationship – one based not on physical presence but on memory, spirit and love. Praying is simply talking to God, telling him what is in our heart or on our mind. Screaming, whether in the privacy of our car, in the safety of our shower, or in the refuge of a deserted beach, is talking on another level, emptying the raw sadness that fills our being. We learn quickly that venting our feelings is healthier than stuffing them down inside to erupt at a later time.

Books. Reading saved my life. It was my lifeline, learning the wisdom from all those who had walked the grief journey before me. Anything that spoke to my heart I grabbed onto and held tightly, just as if it were a life preserver saving me from drowning

in my deep sorrow. 155.937 in the public library became my special haven ministering to my broken heart, offering me all those grief support books on its shelves which I could open when I wanted to or close them when I wished.

Space. Finding time and a special spot to just sit and think, ponder, meditate, take deep breaths, practice deep sighs, or just plain cry helps our heart deal with our pain. Every day when I came home from work I sat in my recliner which I fondly referred to as "my thinking chair," and as the tears fell automatically like a broken faucet, I read some inspiring passages from a special book, looked at favorite pictures, pondered sweet memories and created a "sacred" space in my day – my special time for me and my sorrow.

Journaling. Keeping track of our feelings, the ups and downs of the grief journey, is the best way to understand ourselves and how we are managing our grief. Writing a few sentences or paragraphs or just a few key words describing what we feel on a particular day can do wonders to unload negative feelings or to simply record the joys that surprise us on the journey. Rereading what we have written can lead us to know what gives us strength and what knocks us down. Journaling is like a roadmap pointing us in the right direction to healing. And the good part is, we don't even have to stop to ask directions, they're right in our own journal.

Support Groups. Joining a support group offers us a safe haven where we can talk freely about our loved one with people who understand our pain, who offer hope to have a meaningful life again, who listen to our story, who don't try to change the subject, who are not afraid of our tears, and who share suggestions that they have found helpful. It is a place where we learn strategies for coping and surviving and find companions to walk the journey with us. (Check our website, www.holyroodcemetery.org, for Support Group information, by simply clicking on BEREAVEMENT on the bar on top of the home page and then clicking on Support Groups Available Now.)

These are just a few of my favorite suggestions that could help grieving hearts. Do try them and see if you agree.

Elaine E. Stillwell, M.A., M.S.,
Bereavement Coordinator - Diocese of Rockville Centre
author of

The Death of a Child: Reflections for Grieving Parents

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From the Director's Desk

Dear Friends,

I'd like to bring you up to date on events that have occurred since the spring newsletter. For those who visit Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Coram, you will see construction activity along Granny Road. Over the next two years, this will be the site of a number of new projects. First, new entrances and roadways will be constructed, so that the main entrance of the cemetery will be moved from the busy Route 112 to Granny Road.

We have worked closely with the Town of Brookhaven and the Highway Department to develop entrances that will handle traffic for the eventual two hundred fifty acre cemetery. Along with the internal improvements, there will be site improvements along Granny Road to facilitate traffic flow.

Once this site work is completed, a new Chapel-Mausoleum will be constructed. In addition to providing additional crypt space, a chapel with permanent seating will be built to enable us to have a fitting space for the monthly Masses and for committal services.

Finally, a new office building will be constructed. The present building, built "temporarily" more than thirty years ago, will become part of the maintenance staff facilities, while the new office building will provide a more welcoming space for those families in need of our services. We hope to accomplish all this while providing minimal disruption to our ongoing operations, but certainly there will be times when we will need your understanding and patience.

Also new since the last correspondence is that the Office of Cemeteries is now supporting the Bereavement Ministry of the Diocese, under the co-ordination of Elaine Stillwell, whose article is published on the front page. We see this as a wonderful opportunity and a natural progression of the ministry of this Office as we concern ourselves not just for the care of the graves of those who have died but also for the well being of those they have left behind.

For those who are grieving, the pain of grief can oftentimes test our faith, as we try to understand how God could allow such unjustified pain. In his first encyclical *God is Love*, Pope Benedict XVI writes: "Often we cannot understand why God refrains from intervening. Yet he does not prevent us from crying out, like Jesus on the Cross: 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' Our protest is not meant to challenge God, or to suggest that error, weakness or indifference can be found in him. For the believer, it is impossible to imagine that God is powerless or that perhaps 'he is asleep'. Instead, our crying out is, as it was for Jesus on the Cross, the deepest and most radical way of affirming our faith in his sovereign power. Even in their bewilderment and failure to understand the world around them, Christians continue to believe in the 'goodness and loving kindness of God' (*Deus Caritas Est*)."

My prayer for you is that as we approach the season in which the Christian world rejoices in the celebration of the birth of our Lord, that his joy and peace fill the void in your hearts left by the loss of a loved one. We will never forget those who have gone before us, and though the pain of parting is great, so also is our hope in the mercy of God and his promise of eternal life.

Sincerely,

Neal S. Barkin

The Meaning of "Holy Rood"

"The Holy Rood" is a Middle English expression meaning the cross of Christ or, especially, a crucifix. The word "rood" derives from the Old English "rod" meaning a stick or pole and so "holy rood" refers to the wooden beams of the cross itself. In medieval cathedrals and churches the Holy Rood was placed over the entrance to the choir or the chancel on a gallery, screen, or beam that spanned the chancel arch. These "Holy Rood Screens" became works of art that were highly decorated with carved images, painted and gilt. By the 13th century they were a common feature of churches and would often include rood lights, sometimes a rood loft from which the word of God would be proclaimed, and thus rood stairs.

Final Disposition of Cremated Remains

Order of Christian Funerals reflects a theology and a tradition in which burial (interment or entombment) of the body has been the principal manner of the body's final disposition. Although the practice of cremation has become part of Catholic practice in the United States and other parts of the Western world, the cremated remains should be treated with the same respect given to the human body from which they come. Respectful final disposition of cremated remains involves interment or entombment.

The Church's belief in the sacredness of the human body and the resurrection of the dead has traditionally found expression in the care taken to prepare the bodies of the deceased for burial. The Church earnestly recommends that the pious custom of burying the bodies of the dead be observed such as in the tradition of Christ's own burial. (See Code of Canon Law; canon 1176.3 and *Ordo Exsequiarum*, 1969, Introduction, no.15.)

Order of Christian Funerals presents the Church's order of rituals for the celebration of the death of one of its faithful members. When the rites of the Order of Christian Funerals are fully celebrated they ritualize the journey of life through death to the fullness of God, The Order of Christian Funerals makes normative a funeral liturgy in church in the presence of the body of the deceased "since the presence of the human body better expresses the values which the Church affirms in those rites." (*Order of Christian Funerals*, Appendix: Cremation, no.413)

Church's teaching in regard to the human body as well as the Church's preference for burial of the body should be a regular part of catechesis on all levels and pastors should make particular efforts to preserve this important teaching. (*Order of Christian Funerals*, Appendix: Cremation, no.414)

CREMATION IN GENERAL Although the Church earnestly recommends the custom of burying the bodies of the dead it does not forbid cremation. Cremation "does not enjoy the same value as burial of the body." (*Order of Christian Funerals*, Appendix: Cremation, no. 413) In the case of cremation, the *Order of Christian Funerals* is to be celebrated in the same way as if the body were to be interred or entombed. What is different when cremation takes place is only the final disposition of the body. **Cremation takes place following the funeral liturgy. Respectful final disposition of cremated remains involves interment or entombment.**

IMMEDIATE (DIRECT) CREMATION Sometimes, however, extraordinary circumstances make the immediate cremation of a body the only feasible choice. Pastoral sensitivity must be exercised in those circumstances when it is not possible for the body to be present for the Funeral Mass. When circumstances prevent the presence of the body at the funeral liturgy, it is appropriate that the cremated remains be present for the full course of the funeral rites, including the Vigil for the Deceased, the Funeral Liturgy (Funeral Mass, Funeral Liturgy outside Mass), and the Rite of Committal. (*Order of Christian Funerals*, Appendix: Cremation, no.415) The funeral liturgy is always celebrated in a church. **The cremated remains of the body should then be reverently buried or entombed in a cemetery or mausoleum.**

RESPECT FOR THE CREMATED REMAINS OF A BODY

The cremated remains of a body should be treated with the same respect given to the corporeal remains of a human body. This **includes the use of a worthy vessel** to contain the cremated remains, the manner in which they are carried, the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition. **The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium.** The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains in the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires. Whenever possible, appropriate means for memorializing the deceased should be utilized, such as a plaque or stone which records the name of the deceased (*Order of Christian Funerals*, no.131).

Holiday Decoration Program

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

Christmas (2006)

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

Easter (2007)

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

Name _____
 Address _____
 Town _____ State _____ Zip _____
 (Day Time) Telephone _____

Cemetery _____
 Name of deceased _____

Section _____ Range _____ Plot _____
 or

Chapel / Mausoleum _____
 Corridor _____ Tier _____ Crypt # _____

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Holy Sepulchre Cemetery Facilities

In 2006 the Diocese has sought approval from Brookhaven Township in Suffolk County for a new cemetery entrance way, mausoleum building with a chapel and a new office facility. The Diocese has presented the site and building plans to the township. The new plans attempt to address the growing needs in our Coram facility. Construction will continue into the latter part of 2007.

Christmas Ornaments

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 2nd**, 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 1st through January 10th.

Candle Lighting Service

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 29th**, 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 1st 2005** 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 23rd, with the name of the deceased who was interred after November 1st, 2005, whom you wish to have remembered.

ALL SOULS DAY MASS CHANGES

Our **Mass time at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery** is changing to 9:30 AM, to assist the cemeteries with the scheduling of funeral services that take place on that day.

Our **Mass location at Holy Rood Cemetery** has been moved to Assumption Chapel Garden's courtyard.

Saint Anthony the Abbott is known to be the patron saint of gravediggers

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Memorial Day	May 29th
Independence Day	July 4th
Labor Day	September 4th
Columbus Day	October 9th
Thanksgiving Day	November 23rd
Christmas Day	December 25th

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 18" 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, statues 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 deemed unsightly 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.

Easter	Mother's Day	Father's Day
Monday, April 24th	Monday, May 22nd	Monday, June 26th

Dates To Remember

Stations of the Cross - Friday, April 14, 2006
Holy Rood Cemetery, Westbury
MEET IN THE CHAPEL AT 12:00 NOON

Memorial Day Field Masses
Monday, May 29, 2006

Holy Rood Cemetery, Westbury - 11:00 AM
Most Reverend William F. Murphy, S.T.D., L.H.D.
Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Coram - 11:00 AM
Most Reverend Emil A. Wcela, D.D.
Queen of All Saints Cemetery, Central Islip - 12:00 NOON
Most Reverend John C Dunne, D.D.

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When a Parent Dies

By Kenneth J. Doka, PhD, MDiv



"Everyone says it is a blessing. She was old and ill for so long. I am 62 years old myself, but she was still my mother." If Mona were 12 years old, no one would believe it odd that she would grieve the loss of her mom. Why, do we assume it is easier 50 years later? Those 50 additional years carry even more shared memories.

When I started counseling, I held those sentiments. I expected to see spouses grieving the loss of their mates or parents mourning the death of a child. I was surprised to see so many adult children grieving the loss of their older parent.

They taught me that I should not be so surprised. There are many reasons why the loss of a parent is difficult, even for an adult. For many of us, the loss of a parent is our first major loss. We are unprepared. We may be astounded by the intensity of our reactions, the times when we feel the absence of our parents' presence, and the moments we seek their advice only to realize we can no longer receive their counsel.

The death of a parent may bring other losses in its wake. We may have to sell the family home. Holidays once spent there are now redistributed or shared by other family members.

Perhaps without the centering presence of a parent, other family traditions seem less significant. Families may no longer seem as close, or come together as often. This heightens the experience of loss.

In some cases the stress of care-giving or conflicts over the estate can create tensions with siblings. This can cause an additional sense of loss even as it further diminishes support. In other cases, we may take comfort of a renewed closeness with brothers and sisters or a new appreciation of family.

We may experience a "developmental push." Now, without a parent we may have to carry on tasks without the assistance of someone we have long counted upon to help. The death of a parent brings not only grief but also profound changes in our lives, personal, social, familial, and even financial.

Acknowledging grief and change is critical. This deep sense of loss is a natural response to the death of parents, whatever their age or however old we are. Our grief is a manifestation of our attachment and our love.

We may want to join support groups or seek counseling. Since this may be our first major loss, we should consider whether we need additional support.

When the time comes, we may need to find appropriate ways to honor their memories. Each of us has our own traditions and rituals. We may want to put together a collage of photographs or to light a candle on occasions. We may even want to create a new tradition.

My mother, for example, was very concerned that the family would drift apart once she died. Now, on the Saturday closest to her birthday all surviving generations reunite in her honor.



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From the Director's Desk

Spring will soon be upon us! It's always important to keep this thought in my mind, since this letter, written well in advance of publication, is being penned while the weather outside is far from spring-like. The bright lights of the holidays are behind us, and we look forward to the annual renewal of life that those who reside in the four-season climate zones witness each year. Though many (myself included) grow tired of the harshness of winter, the change of seasons bears witness each year to the grand cycle of life and afterlife: birth, growth, fruition, death, and re-birth. How close these cyclic changes are a symbol of our lives, especially those who are grieving the loss of someone whom they loved.

Springtime brings us to the celebration of the principal feast of the Church. We celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord at the Easter feast. St. Paul says: "If Christ is not risen, our faith is in vain, and we are still in our sins." Yet it is also the ultimate act of faith on our part, for the idea that someone who was dead was now alive simply boggles the mind. As Jesus told St. Thomas (and now He says to us): "Blessed are they who have not seen and still believe."

When the disciples saw the resurrected Christ, they did not just see a resuscitated corpse. They saw a "glorified body" that could appear at will. Yet it was not just a spirit, as He shared meals with the disciples. What was important to the early believers and to we who believe centuries later was that the pain and suffering of His death now had some meaning and purpose. Because He rose from the dead, He conquered death for us.

Before there can be Easter, there has to be a Good Friday. For those who have suffered the loss of someone they loved, you have experienced your Good Friday. The ultimate effect of original sin is the death of our mortal body. The physical presence of those whom we have loved is removed from us, and there is no getting over the fact that there is pain in this loss. We rejoice for the time we had together, we mourn for the moments that will no longer be shared. When we celebrate Easter, we celebrate with the hope of sharing in the Resurrection, when one day we will reunite with those who have gone before us. Until that day, we are in the spiritual presence, the "communion of the saints" with those we have lost. We pray for them, and we ask for their prayers.

What the Resurrection teaches is that the triumph of evil is short-lived. Though we could easily fall into despair and discouragement, as did the early followers who hid for their lives, we can be transformed by the experience of the Risen Lord. May you find peace this Easter time.

Sincerely,

Neale S. Benkin

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.

(2006) Mother's Day # of Plants _____	(2006) Father's Day # of Plants _____
Total: _____ Plants @ \$20 each = \$ _____	
Name _____	
Address _____	
Town _____	State _____ Zip _____
Cemetery _____	
Section _____	Range _____ Plot _____
Or Chapel Mausoleum _____	
Corridor _____	Tier _____ Crypt # _____
Name of deceased mother _____	
Name of deceased father _____	
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"John is buried to the left of Carol ... Is that your left or their left as they lay there ... It's near the tree .. which one the big one .. no closer to the fence .."

As you can imagine a cemeterian, a funeral director, and a monument inscription service company hears a story similar to this many times over. It can be difficult to know and understand lot burial locations and the related terminology. It becomes extremely important for burial and monument work in the cemetery.

Knowledge can be a powerful tool when put to use correctly.

Did you know the cemetery certificate (often referred to as a deed) has a record of the burials in the lot recorded on the rear of the document?

Did you know the cemetery office has lot graphs or plot layouts available to you to record all the burials in a lot. This is especially helpful for larger family plots.

Our Products and Services

Catholic Cemeteries have continued to modernize the Cemeteries since their inception. As changes in burial customs took place so did the development of the Cemeteries. The fruits of careful planning and wise building are evident in the Catholic Cemeteries of the Rockville Centre Diocese. These facilities are integral to the life and mission of the Catholic Church and significantly contribute to the ministries of comfort, catechesis, and evangelization as delineated in the Mission Statement for Catholic Cemeteries.

Catholic Cemeteries recognize three entities involved in the area of funeral service, the parish, the cemetery and the funeral home. Catholic Cemeteries are committed to offering only those products and services that are indigenous to the cemetery itself.

Catholic Cemeteries offer a full range of services and products, including but not limited to:

- Single and Double grave spaces with Flush Memorials
- Single and Double grave spaces with Upright Memorials
- Larger grave spaces with Family Estate Memorials
- Lawn Crypt Sections
- Chapel and Garden Mausoleums
- Private Family Mausoleums
- Columbarium Niches for the Inurnment of Cremated Remains

Cemetery grounds open everyday (weather permitting) 8 AM to 5 PM
Mausoleum Buildings open from 8 AM to 4:30 PM
Office open 9 AM to 4:30 PM (Monday thru Friday)
9 AM to 12:00 noon on Saturdays

- Opening/Closing of Graves, Crypts, Niches
- Memorial Foundations
- Installation of Bronze Markers
- Religious & Military Crypt and Niche Front Emblems
- Urns and Floral vase holders
- Crypt and Niche Floral Vase Program
- Monument Cleaning Services
- Seasonal placement of selective decorations (eg.-grave blankets)
- Votive Light Candle memorials at our chapel mausoleums
- Stainless Steel Portraits for most Crypts, Niches, and Cemetery Monuments
- Personal visual computerized memorials at cemetery Kiosk stations.

The purchase of these products and services through Catholic Cemeteries supports the ministry and mission of Catholic Cemeteries and the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

Because of the variety and complexities involved in the selection of appropriate goods and services, Catholic Cemeteries retain the services of carefully trained and competent personnel to explain the implications of the various alternatives.

Counselors and office staff members are able to assist individuals with both their immediate need environment arrangements as well as with Pre-Need arrangements. Contact the cemetery office for more details.

A complete staff of Operations & Maintenance personnel are employed by Catholic Cemeteries to prepare graves, crypts and niches for burial services, to maintain the grounds and buildings of the Catholic Cemeteries, to do the installations of certain memorials and various plantings and to offer a variety of other services that care for the interment spaces in the cemeteries and those who either have custody of them or come to visit and pray at the cemeteries. This work is performed at reasonable and competitive prices, and owners of Burial Rights are invited to obtain an estimate on any work they may require.

Stations of the Cross

We invite you to join us on Good Friday, April 14th, 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.