

# Sacred Places

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## *Genealogy Information*

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Cemetery records particular to the cemeteries of the Diocese of Rockville Centre are designed to give immediate and specific cemetery associated information to authorized parties. For example, the location of a person's burial place can be provided immediately.

More detailed information, while sometimes retrievable, is time consuming. Cemetery records were never set up with the expectation that they would also provide extensive data for genealogical research. Currently there is no master or comprehensive list of burials and entombment's of all the cemeteries of the Diocese in one central location. Records for each individual cemetery are kept only at the individual cemetery.

While there has always been some passing interest in this type of research, the interest has grown considerably in recent years. Our older cemeteries particularly have seen an increase in requests for genealogical information. It has therefore become necessary to put some limitations on these requests so that the normal service of the cemetery to its lot holders is not impaired. Many genealogical research cases require an hour or more of personnel time.

We are happy to provide this information to you, but because of the volume, we must schedule it in an orderly fashion. To submit a Genealogical Search Request [click here](#).

Under normal circumstances, you can expect a response within thirty days. At certain times of the year, when cemetery visiting is heavy and service to lot holders is considerable, there may be a slightly longer wait.

We believe we can serve you with greater effectiveness in this manner, and we ask your cooperation.

Listed below are some additional sources for genealogical information that may provide more details than we have available:

Cemeteries	Information
Cemetery of the Holy Rood 111 Old Country Road PO Box 182 Westbury NY 11590-0182 (516) 334.7990 (516) 334.4383 (fax)	First burial June 13, 1851 Saint Brigid's Cemetery (a section of Cemetery of the Holy Rood)
Holy Sepulchre Cemetery 3442 Route 112 Coram NY 11727 (631) 732.3460 (631) 732.3476 (fax)	First burial November 28, 1942
Queen of All Saints Cemetery 115 Wheeler Road Central Islip NY 11722 (631) 234.8297 (631) 234.8632 (fax)	First burial November 4, 1982
Diocesan Offices	Contact Information
Jean W. Lynch Diocesan Archivist Diocese of Rockville Centre 50 North Park Avenue P.O. Box 9023 Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023 <a href="mailto:archives@drvc.org">archives@drvc.org</a>	Acquires, organizes, preserves and provides access to records of historical, sacramental, legal, fiscal and/or administrative value created by departments and parishes of the Diocese of Rockville Centre in accordance with Canons 486 and 491.
Feedback, tips, and recommendations Please feel free to share your recommendations with us	<a href="mailto:research@holyroodcemetery.org">research@holyroodcemetery.org</a>
<b>THIS APRIL (2012)</b> On April 2, 1940, there were 132,164,569 people living in America. And today, 87 percent of Americans can find a direct family link to one – or more – of them.	When the 1940 U.S. Federal Census is opened to the public this April, you'll have a window into every one of those 132 million lives. Their names, where they lived, who shared their house, even where they were five years earlier.

Regional Source	Information Available
<a href="#">New York State Dept Health</a> Vital Records Section Empire State Plaza Albany, NY 12237 (518) 474-3077 (518) 474-3038 Information Fax: (518) 432-6286	Obtain copies of birth, death, marriage, and divorce records for a fee.
<a href="#">New York State Archives</a> New York Department of Education Cultural Education Center, Room 11D40 Albany, NY 12230 (518) 474-8955	Historical records, also called archival records, are records you keep permanently because of their long-term research use. The State Archives provides services for both government and non-government historical records programs. Historical records, regardless of who creates them, can exist on paper, parchment, magnetic tape, film, or a variety of other media.
<a href="#">Division of Vital Records, NYC Dept of Health</a> 125 Worth Street, Rm #133 New York City, NY 10013 (212) 788-4520 (212) 788-8580 Archives	Obtain copies of New York City County birth, death, and marriage certificates for a fee.
<a href="#">New York City Municipal Archives</a> 31 Chambers Street Room 103 New York, NY 10007 (212) 788-8580	Founded in 1950, the Municipal Archives preserves and makes available the historical records of New York City municipal government. Dating from the early seventeenth century to the present, the Municipal Archives holdings total approximately 160,000 cubic feet. Accessioned from more than one hundred city agencies, the collections comprise office records, manuscript material, still and moving images, ledger volumes, vital records, maps, blueprints, and sound recordings.
<a href="#">National Genealogical Society</a> 4527 17th St. North Arlington, VA 22207	One of the foremost genealogical societies. Offers membership.
<a href="#">New York Public Library</a>  (in Manhattan on 5th Avenue at 42nd Street).	All branches of the Library feature computers that offer access to the Internet, electronic databases, library catalogs, and Microsoft Office. Many locations also offer free wireless access and Wi-Fi in all public areas in the libraries and at all times the libraries are open.
Ethnic Cultural Groups for Long Island  <a href="#">www.Italiangen.org</a>  <a href="#">www.IFHF.org</a>  <a href="#">www.germangenealogygroup.com</a>  <a href="#">www.rootsweb.com/~prhqs</a>  <a href="#">www.aagsinc.net</a>	Italian Genealogical Group  Irish Family History Forum  German Genealogy Group  Puerto Rican / Hispanic  African Atlantic Genealogical Society

Further Scope - Source	Information Available
<a href="#">Library of Congress</a> 101 Independence Ave. SE Thomas Jefferson Building, LJ G42 Washington, D.C. 20540-4660 <a href="#">Contact Information</a> <a href="#">Map showing location</a>	The Library of Congress has one of the world's premier collections of U.S. and foreign genealogical and local historical publications. The Library's genealogy collection began as early as 1815 with the purchase of Thomas Jefferson's library
<a href="#">Ancestry.com</a>	Since Ancestry.com launched in 1996, they've added more than 7 billion records to the site. They'll teach you how to find the records you need to fill in your family story. <a href="#">Click here.</a>
<a href="#">www.findagrave.com</a>	<b>What is Find A Grave?</b> Find a Grave's mission is to find, record and present final disposition information from around the world as a virtual cemetery experience.
On line Course  <a href="#">Introduction to Genealogy</a>	This is a self-paced, four-lesson class packed full of new concepts, techniques and ideas which will hopefully get you started on your way to a fulfilling lifetime of tracing your family tree.
<a href="#">Podcasts – Dear Myrtle family History ...</a>	DearMYRTLE's Family History Hour 9 Dec 2008 genealogy podcast is available for listening via computer or transferred to any .mp3 player if you choose to download the file.
<a href="#">Wikis – Familypedia</a>  <a href="#">We Relate</a>  <a href="#">Research Wiki</a>  <a href="#">Public Domain</a>	Wiki Searches are excellent sources of information on family history.  The public domain offers free genealogy records to help you with your information finding.
<a href="#">Videos</a>	The Learning Center at Ancestry.com  Discover more about your ancestry in just a few steps. You can begin your family tree, learn how to use records in your family search, connect with others who are seeking out their ancestors and find the answers to your tough research questions.

**Check back for additional genealogical resources ....**

# CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

## DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
**Good Friday, April 6 th , 12 Noon**  
**Holy Rood Cemetery , Westbury**



**EASTER DECORATION PROGRAM**  
**Palm Crosses on Graves**  
**Easter Lilies for Chapels**



**MEMORIAL DAY MASSES**  
**Celebrated by the Bishops of the Diocese**  
**Monday, May 28 th**

- 11 AM – Cemetery of the Holy Rood, Westbury
- 11 AM – Holy Sepulchre Cemetery , Coram
- 12 Noon – Queen of All Saints Cemetery, Central Islip



**MOTHER'S and FATHER'S**  
**DAY DECORATION PROGRAM**  
**Live Potted Plant for Graves**  
**and Chapels**



**Inquire at Cemetery office for additional information**  
**and to participate in these programs.**

**Why are some things allowed and other items a problem?**  
<http://www.holyroodcemetery.org/decoration.pdf>

## Cremation Services

Catholic Cemeteries encourages cremation burial to follow the same process as a funeral with a casket. Use of a funeral director's services, funeral mass at the parish, and a blessing at the grave-side, crypt or cremation niche is recommended and encouraged.

To help with these arrangements, the following procedures and guidelines are recommended for your review. Cremation Planner and the Catholic Teaching on cremation can be found at:

<http://www.holyroodcemetery.org/cremation.htm>

Before purchasing a cremation urn, families should review the cemetery's rules and regulations regarding the appropriateness of the container and the maximum permitted urn size for the intended burial space.

## On Line Decoration Services

In November of 2011 Catholic Cemeteries introduced Pay Pal to its website as an additional means for families to purchase items with our decoration programs. The Christmas Evergreen (blanket and pillow) program as well as the Poinsettia Chapel plants program was available on line shortly after Thanksgiving Day. At present the Easter Palm Cross and Lilly Chapel Plant are also available on line. The Bereavement Conference offers a discount registration when completed on line. And now our Mother's Day and Father's Plant programs for graves and crypts has been made available.

<http://www.holyroodcemetery.org/MemorialsOnline.html>

## 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 names of those remembered will be placed in a Book of Remembrance at the altar.

The cost for each plant ordered will be \$25.00. 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, 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.

2012: Mother's Day: # of Plants \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Day: # of Plants \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \_\_\_\_\_ Plants @ \$25 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_

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

Or Chapel Mausoleum:

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

Name of deceased Mother: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of deceased Father: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: **Catholic Cemeteries**

Mail your order to: **P.O. Box 182, Westbury NY 11590-0182**

Catholics believe in life eternal. Jesus said:

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me will never die." (Jn.11:25-26).  
 Just as Christ rose from the dead, He will raise our mortal remains to be like His in glory.

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## Bereavement Conference

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### Bereavement Conference Saturday, March 17, 2012

"Blessed Are You," sponsored by Catholic Cemeteries and the Office of Faith Formation, Diocese of Rockville Centre, for the bereaved of all faiths and those caring for them, at Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale, from 8:30 to 5:30 pm. Reverend Tony Stanganelli will be the Keynote speaker. In addition, forty workshops will be offered (registrants have a choice of three) by prominent leaders in the bereavement field. Breakfast, lunch and conference folder are included in the registration fee (\$50 on line, \$60 mail in and \$70 walk-in registration). A well-stocked Conference Bookstore will be available and the day will close with a Eucharistic Celebration. The conference brochure and registration form may be downloaded from the cemetery website: <http://www.holyroodcemetery.org/files/47885630.pdf> or you may call (516) 334-7990, x 120 or x 119 for a copy of the brochure.

### **DISCOUNTED ON LINE REGISTRATION**



**"Blessed Are You"**  
**Bereavement Conference**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2012**

**KELLENBERG MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL, UNIONDALE, NY • 8:30 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.**

**For the Bereaved and Those Ministering to Them.**

**WORKSHOPS AND SHARING SESSIONS ARE OFFERED IN THE FOLLOWING**  
Specific Loss · Spirituality & Support for All Losses · General Loss · Professional & Volunteer Facilitators & Caregivers

**Discounted Pricing for Online Registration:** [www.holyroodcemetery.org/Bereavement.html](http://www.holyroodcemetery.org/Bereavement.html)  
**For More Information:** Visit [www.drvc-faith.org/bereavement.html](http://www.drvc-faith.org/bereavement.html) or call 516-334-7990 ext. 120 or 119.  
Sponsored by Catholic Cemeteries and the Office of Faith Formation in the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

**Holy Rood Chapel Mausoleum**  
Holy Rood Cemetery, Westbury

**Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel Mausoleum**  
Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Coram

**Annunciation Garden Mausoleum**  
Queen of All Saints Cemetery, Central Islip

**PRE-NEED PLANNING**

**IT'S RESPONSIBLE...** Spare your loved ones the agonies of making burial arrangements during a time of emotional stress.

**IT'S ECONOMICAL...** Avoid the tendency to overspend in and protect against the ever-increasing costs of burial.

Whether you would prefer in-ground burial or above-ground entombment in one of our beautiful mausoleums, your decision to purchase today will bring a sense of security to you and your family.

For more information about Catholic Cemeteries, please call the office at:  
Holy Rood Cemetery 516-334-7990  
Holy Sepulchre Cemetery 631-732-3460  
Queen of All Saints Cemetery 631-234-8297

Or visit [www.holyroodcemetery.org](http://www.holyroodcemetery.org)



**"...Blessed are they who mourn  
for they shall be comforted." Mt 5:4**

The Office of Faith Formation's Bereavement Ministry assists individuals and families through the death of a family member.

**Online List of Support Groups.** Includes parish programs, hospital and hospice support groups, and widow and widowers groups.

**Bereavement Facilitator Training.** For parish volunteers and staff members in the areas of Bereavement and Ministry of Consolation.

**Referral List for Bereavement Counseling.** A list of professional therapists and counselors is maintained to provide referrals that would benefit individuals and families.

**Ongoing Support & Mentoring Groups.** Ongoing opportunities are provided for bereavement facilitators to gather together for prayer, enrichment and ongoing training and formation.

Visit [www.drvc-faith.org/bereavement.html](http://www.drvc-faith.org/bereavement.html)  
Or contact Kathleen Logan at 516 678-5800 Ext 236 for more information.

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## Stations of the Cross

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We invite you to join us on **Good Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

*The Catholic Cemetery is established to carry out the sacred religious function of the burial of the dead and the care for their resting places, recognizing the deep spiritual significance of this Corporal Work of Mercy.*

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## Why Choose a Catholic Cemetery?

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Burying the dead has been considered a sacred duty since Old Testament times. Our Christian belief in the resurrection of the body raises this obligation to a new level. "...now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life,.." *1 Corinthians 15*

In keeping with those words of St. Paul, the Church sets aside cemeteries as sacred ground, the resting-place of the faithful until they rise to new life on the last day. The Church does not see Catholic cemeteries as a business operation but as an essential part of its ministry. Catholics believe our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. In his earthly life, Christ honored the human body, curing the sick, raising the dead, feeding the multitudes. He left us with sacraments to continue his work through the ages. In the sacramental life of the Church, our bodies are baptized with water, anointed with oil in confirmation and ordination, nourished with the Body and Blood of the Lord and finally anointed with the oil of the Sacrament of the Sick

In the incarnation, God became flesh. The son of God assumed a mortal body, felt our joys and our sorrows and finally shared in our certain sad sentence of death. At his death, his body was treated with sacred respect by Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus who reverently laid him in the tomb. On the third day, Christ rose from that tomb, sealing our faith in the resurrection of the dead.

This faith inspires the work of Catholic cemeteries. They are more than burial grounds. They are places of worship, where Masses are offered for the living as well as the dead. Works of art fill Catholic cemeteries with visible reminders of our faith. They are places where the living come not only to mourn their dead but to find hope and peace.

Catholic cemeteries fulfill not only our obligation to bury the dead but to console the sorrowing and to pray for all God's children, living and dead.

**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**  
**For further information please visit the website of the Office of Catholic Cemeteries [www.holyroodcemetery.org](http://www.holyroodcemetery.org)**

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

<b>Cemetery of the Holy Rood</b> 111 Old Country Rd-PO Box 182 Westbury, NY 11590-0182 Tel: (516) 334-7990		<b>Holy Sepulchre Cemetery</b> 3442 Route 112 Coram, NY 11727 Tel: (631) 732-3460	
Mar. 3	Jun. 2	Aug. 18	Nov. 3
Mar. 17	Jun. 16	Sept. 1	Nov. 17
Apr. 21	Jul. 7	Sept. 15	Dec. 1
May 5	Jul. 21	Oct. 6	Dec. 15
May 19	Aug. 4	Oct. 20	

<http://www.holyroodcemetery.org/massschedule.htm>

<b>Queen of All Saints Cemetery</b> 115 Wheeler Road Central Islip, NY 11722 Tel: (631) 234-8297			
Mar. 3	Jul. 7	Oct. 6	
May 5	Aug. 4	Nov. 3	
Jun. 2	Sep. 1	Dec. 1	

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

<http://www.holyroodcemetery.org/hours.htm>

President's Day	February 20 <sup>th</sup>
Holy Thursday	April 5 <sup>th</sup> (12:30 PM)
Good Friday	April 6 <sup>th</sup> (12:30 PM)
Memorial Day	May 28 <sup>th</sup>
Independence Day	July 4 <sup>th</sup>
Labor Day	September 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Columbus Day	October 8 <sup>th</sup>
Veterans Day	November 12 <sup>th</sup>
Thanksgiving Day	November 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Christmas Day	December 25 <sup>th</sup>

**Have You Moved?**

It's important to keep your current address on file in case you have to be contacted for any reason <http://www.holyroodcemetery.org/changeofaddressform.pdf>

**Planting Regulations**

<http://www.holyroodcemetery.org/rulesandreg.htm>

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 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 Monday dates:

**Easter (4/8)** Monday - April 16<sup>th</sup>      **Mother's Day (5/13)** Monday - May 21<sup>st</sup>      **Father's Day (6/17)** Monday - June 25<sup>th</sup>

When does the cemetery pick up and remove items from the gravesites? <http://www.holyroodcemetery.org/info.pdf>

**Dates to Remember:**

**Stations of the Cross - Friday, April 6, 2012**  
Holy Rood Cemetery, Westbury  
MEET IN THE CHAPEL AT 12:00 NOON

**Memorial Day Masses Monday, May 28, 2012**  
Holy Rood Cemetery, Westbury - 11:00 AM  
Holy Rood Mausoleum - Chapel Mass  
Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Coram - 11:00 AM  
Our Lady of the Rosary Mausoleum - Chapel Mass  
Queen of All Saints Cemetery, Central Islip - 12:00 NOON  
Field Mass

**Change of Address**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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



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DECORATION PROGRAM  
Live Potted Plants for



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**DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE**



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