

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

MEMORIAL DAY FIELD MASS

MAY 30, 2022



Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Brooklyn
join all people in the family of faith as we joyfully welcome

Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan

as the eighth Bishop of Brooklyn.

May the Lord's blessing be upon you as you begin many jubilant
and fruitful years of Episcopal Ministry in the Diocese.

Why a Catholic Cemetery?

Our Catholic faith teaches us that our bodies are a sacred part of God's Creation, and therefore the human body is worthy of great reverence. The Church has always taught that the living human body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. In keeping with this belief, the Church has directed that sacred and blessed places be provided for the burial of the faithful departed, including the cremated body. Our choice of a final resting place should reflect our life and devotions, our journey toward eternal salvation.

Two sacred places are set aside in Canon Law, those destined for divine worship and those set apart for the burial of the faithful. The Catholic Cemetery is an outward sign to all that here is a religious place, unique and sacred, protected and cared for, and designated especially for those who recognize they will have eternal life. Our cemeteries reflect the deep religious significance of the corporal work of mercy involved in the burial and our reverence for the deceased. Even more than a work of mercy, the care we give to the final resting place recognizes that the Catholic Cemetery lets us live, die and rest in Christ together in a shared community, no matter how varied and diverse our lives may be. Our cemeteries provide reverence for the dignity of the body by serving all Catholics in our family of faith.

Mass intentions are offered on weekdays for all those resting in our Catholic Cemeteries, and within these sacred grounds the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered on Memorial Day, when we pay particular tribute to those heroes who served God and

country, and on All Souls Day, the commemoration of all the faithful departed. These special Field Masses allow relatives and friends who are present to unite their intentions for the souls of their beloved, and gives them the opportunity as the faithful to gather in prayer and loving support.

The statuary, shrines and symbolism about our beautiful grounds serve as constant reminders of the sacredness of this holy place, providing faith, hope and comfort. The preference of the Church is that every Catholic be buried in a Catholic Cemetery characterized by these evident signs of faith. A Catholic Cemetery reflects the doctrine and liturgy of the Church and is forever a consolation and inspiration to the bereaved and the living.



Memorial Day Prayer

Heavenly Father,

On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the example of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Bless the families of our fallen troops and fill their homes and their lives with Your strength and peace.

Guide us to answer the call to work for peace and justice, and thus, seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe.

We pray through Christ, Our Lord. Amen

Did You Know?

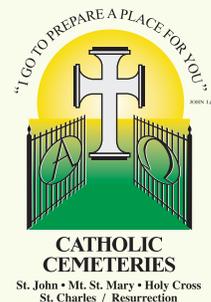
Sequence of inheritance

The question of inheritance often comes up and the following should be helpful -

When the registered owner to the right of burial (the individual named on the certificate) is deceased, the ownership remains registered in his/her name, and the right of burial to the grave(s) reverts to the owner's direct line survivors, that is, their spouse, children, and children of deceased children. If there are no direct line survivors of the owner, then the right of burial reverts to the owner's collateral line survivors, which include brothers, sisters, and children of deceased brothers and sisters. All survivors share equally and jointly in the ownership and control to the right of burial. Also, the spouse of an heir has the right to be interred with his/her spouse. Individual right is determined by the order of death.



We are taught that death
is not the end
but a rite of passage
to eternal life



St. John Cemetery
80-01 Metropolitan Avenue
Middle Village, NY 11379
718-894-4888

Mt. St. Mary Cemetery
172-00 Booth Memorial Avenue
Flushing, NY 11365
718-353-1560



St. Charles/Resurrection Cemeteries
2015 Wellwood Avenue
Farmingdale, NY 11735
631-249-8700

Holy Cross Cemetery
3620 Tilden Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11203
718-284-4520

Catholic Cemeteries, by its work and example, proclaims the sacredness of human life, belief in the Resurrection and is a Christian symbol of faith, hope and comfort.

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