

**CATHOLIC  
CEMETERIES**  
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## Memorial Day Field Mass

May 29, 2023



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.

*Prayer For Our Beloved Deceased*

*O loving God, grant Your consoling grace to all who mourn the passing of loved ones. Hear my prayers for those I love dearly who have gone before me into the life to come.*

*Look kindly upon my departed family members, relatives and friends who I entrust to Your eternal mercy and goodness.*

*Consider their deeds of caring and charity towards others. Forgive any sins they committed and grant them the everlasting reward of heaven.*

*Welcome all our beloved deceased into the company of the saints, where tears are no more and suffering and pain are ended, where there is great joy, abundant life and peaceful rest in your gracious presence.*

*I pray one day to be united again with my loved ones who have passed away, so that together we may praise You forever and ever.*

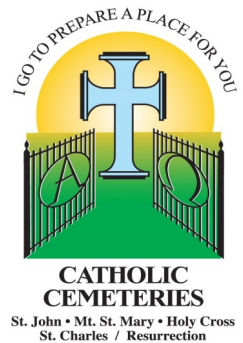
*Amen.*

**Remember**

**That our Catholic faith helps us to understand  
that death is a passage to a new life.  
Through death we go to God to begin a  
whole new life that has no end.  
We are confident in God's love for us  
and in the promise of external life.**



**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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