

# CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

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## ALL SOULS DAY FIELD MASS

NOVEMBER 2, 2022

### *When Cremation is Chosen as a Pastoral Alternative to Traditional Burial*

Recent statistics indicate that there is a steady increase in the number of Catholics choosing cremation as a pastoral alternative to traditional burial. In 1963, the ban on cremation among Catholics was lifted, providing the reasons for choosing cremation were not contrary to Christian belief and the practice of proper care would be kept as well as proper disposition by the reverent interment or entombment of the cremated remains in a cemetery.

In addition, when cremation is chosen, the full course of the Order of Christian Funerals should still be celebrated, including the Vigil Service (wake), the Funeral Liturgy (Mass), and the Rite of Committal (burial). The preservation of this order allows for the greater expression of our beliefs and values, especially, the sacredness of human life, the dignity of the individual person and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Through its funeral rites, the Church commends the dead to the merciful love of God and asks for the forgiveness of their sins. It likewise asks that the Christian faithful continue to offer prayer for deceased family members and friends. The annual commemoration of all the faithful departed, All Souls Day, on November 2, attests to this salutary practice. Masses celebrated for the deceased on the anniversaries of death or other significant times continue the Church's prayer and remembrance. For Catholic Christians, cemeteries, especially Catholic cemeteries, are "prepared" in the sure hope of the resurrection and never cease to remind us of the life we are to share in Christ, who will transform our bodies to be like His in glory.

The remains of the cremated body should be treated with the same respect given to the corporeal remains of the human body. This includes the manner in which they are carried and the attention given to their appropriate transport and placement.

*"This is the Body once washed in baptism, anointed with the oil of salvation, and fed with the bread of life. Our identity and self-consciousness as a human person are expressed in and through the body... Thus, the Church's reverence and care for the body grows out of a reverence and concern for the person whom the Church now commends to the care of God."*

Excerpts taken from 'Reflections on the Body, Cremation, and Catholic Funeral Rites Publication No. 5-033



*Gallery of the Holy Spirit, Glass Niche Columbaria Room  
located in St. John Cloister*

The remains of a cremated body are to be buried or entombed, preferably, in a Catholic cemetery. The acts of scattering, dividing, separating or retaining the cremated remains at home 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 memorial stone that records the name of the deceased.

Our Catholic cemeteries provide families with many options for burial or entombment of the cremated body by offering a wide array of cremation plots and cremation niche sites.

For those considering cremation, it is advised that you discuss your choice with your family, parish priest, funeral director and our Catholic Cemeteries' offices, so that you have a full and comprehensive understanding of all the facts and options available to you before making this most important decision.

## VETERANS DAY –NOVEMBER 11TH

*Home of the free...Because of the brave*



Veterans Day is the official United States holiday observed on November 11th to honor those who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

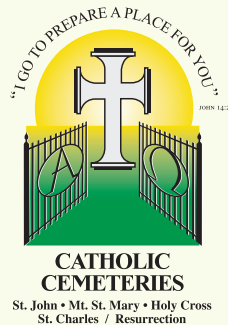
Veterans Day coincides with other holidays such as Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, which are celebrated in other parts of the world, and which also mark the anniversary of the end of World War I. Major hostilities of World War I ended at the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month in 1918. President Woodrow Wilson first proclaimed Armistice Day for November 11, 1919.

## A Prayer for All Souls Day

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
in Your compassion and Your love,  
we entrust to Your merciful Heart  
the souls of our beloved departed  
who have gone before us in faith.

We have in Your promise  
that all who seek You  
will find eternal life —  
a place of refreshment,  
light and peace,  
forever and ever.

Amen



## Why A Catholic Cemetery?

Two sacred places are set aside in Canon Law - those for divine worship and those for burial of the faithful.

A Catholic Cemetery is a sign to all that here is a religious place, unique, sacred, and cared for - set aside for those promised eternal life.

**Catholic traditions have guided your faith throughout your life.**

**Be sure to ask for a Catholic Cemetery.**

St. John Cemetery, Middle Village, NY 11379 (718) 894-4888

St. Charles/ Resurrection Cemeteries, Farmingdale, NY 11735 (631) 249-8700

Mt. St. Mary Cemetery, Flushing, NY 11365 (718) 353-1560

Holy Cross Cemetery, Brooklyn, NY 11203 (718) 284-4520

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