

OUR LADY OF THE FIELDS CEMETERY

Rules and Regulations

1. An individual must be a registered and a regular contributing member of Our Lady of the Fields to be eligible to purchase a burial lot or niche in the Church cemetery. A niche may be obtained by a former parishioner who had to become a member of an established missionary parish from Our Lady of the Fields. All internments/inurnments must be approved by the Cemetery Committee (herein known as the Committee). Any exceptions must be approved by the pastor.
2. A Cemetery Endowment Fund has been established to provide perpetual care of the grounds within the Cemetery boundaries. The income generated by the Fund can only be utilized for the care and improvements of the grounds of the Cemetery.
3. A lot or niche must be paid in full prior to being used. A Cemetery easement will be issued when paid in full. Lots or niches not intended for immediate use may be paid by an installment plan for a term of one year or as arranged with the Committee.
4. All sites in the Cemetery will be located by the Committee. Parishioners may express their preference. The sites can only be reassigned by the Committee when requested by the Grantee or when a situation required such action.
5. The expense to open and close for an internment or inurnment is the responsibility of the Easement Holder, the Grantee. This is arranged by the Cemetery Committee with Contractor and/or the Funeral Director. After a burial, flower arrangements only may be left on the burial site. Metal flower stands, breakable containers (glass, clay pots, etc.), or any safety hazards are to be removed and discarded immediately.
6. Railings, fences, gravel, stones, vases, glass, ornaments, metal items, anything that can cause a safety hazard, unauthorized markers, potted and permanent plants of any kind are prohibited in the Cemetery. Fresh flowers only are allowed in the Cemetery during the spring and summer. Artificial flowers may be used in the fall and winter. Decorations placed in the Cemetery for special occasions, feast days, or memorial days are to be removed within 30 days of the event. After that time, they will be removed by the Committee. A quarterly clean-up of the Cemetery will be done in March, June, September, and December.
7. It is the responsibility of the Easement Holder to keep all memorial markers in a safe and proper state of repair. Any fees incurred by the Committee after due notice to maintain the upkeep of a memorial will be the responsibility of the Easement Holder, heirs, or assigns.
8. Before having a memorial made, approval of its design and size must be obtained from the Committee. Upright memorial markers are allowed in the cemetery whose sections are identified by a single alphabetical letter. The cemetery whose sections are identified by double alphabetical letters must have only flush ground-level memorial markers.
 - A single upright memorial dimensions are: base maximum, 32" L x 12" W x 8" H; die maximum of 30" L x 8" W x 36" H. The dimensions of a double upright memorial base maximum are 0" L x 18" W x 8" W and the die maximum dimensions are: 48" L x 8" W x 36" H. Slant face memorial bases and dies shall not exceed 28" in length, 16" in width and 24" in height.
 - Single grave dimensions for flush memorials will not exceed 30" L x 28" W with a minimum of 4" thick. The double grave flush memorial maximums are: 48" L x 28" W with a minimum of 4" thick.
9. Contractors engaged in setting or maintaining memorials must first obtain permission from the Committee before commencing any work and will be subject to the Committee's control. Memorial locations will be identified and marked by the Committee so that the memorial is placed properly on the grave.
10. If the easement holder decides not to use a cemetery lot or niche, they have the right to sell back only to the Grantor (Committee) the said easement for the same price paid at the time of the original purchase. This request must be submitted in writing to the Committee accompanied by the original easement.

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