

## ST MARY'S – ST. PATRICK'S CEMETERY GUIDELINES

April 1, 2020

The following guidelines are in effect as of the date above and must be observed.

1. When an occasion arises that "***burial privileges***" must be used, the Pastor is to be notified. In the event that the Pastor cannot be reached Richard Cochran should be contacted directly. In the event that Richard Cochran cannot be reached then Jim Larkin should be contacted.
2. All grave spaces in the new section of the cemetery are to be sold in rotation. (A grave space size is 4' x 10')
3. Effective April 1, 2020 the cost of a grave space in the cemeteries shall be as follows:

Parishioners – \$400.00 per grave space

Non-parishioners – \$600.00 per grave space

**The sale of a grave space to another person or persons is strictly prohibited.**

There is a **one-time** fee of \$300.00, per individual, for on-going maintenance of the cemetery at the time of a grave opening, **whether it is cremated remains or a traditional burial. Cremated remains must be buried. The scattering of cremated remains on a grave or in the cemetery is strictly prohibited.**

**Prices are subject to change without notice.**

4. ALL PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS of grave spaces by the erection of monuments, other than ordinary stones and military markers, must be submitted to the proper authority (the Cemetery Board) before being carried into effect.
5. NO planting of any kind is allowed in the cemeteries. For example: planting trees, flowers, shrubs, as well as embedding flowerpots, containers, statues, etc., "on" graves are prohibited.
6. **There are to be no flowers etc. on the ground during mowing season, (April through September) except for Memorial Day. All flowers, natural or artificial, must be removed two weeks after Memorial Day if they are on the ground and NOT in permanent vases that are attached to the base of the headstone. If left on the ground in the way of mowers and weed eaters they will be removed. This includes all figurines, flowers and any decorative items such as shepherd hooks, solar lights etc. .**

**All items such as glass jars and vases are prohibited due to the fact that if they are broken they could possibly cause injury.**

**Veteran and Knights of Columbus flag holders are allowed and can remain.**

7. **Every new grave should be marked with a permanent headstone if at all possible.** All stones must be in line, and must meet the Cemetery Board's specifications. Headstone footings must be 16 to 18 inches deep and the same size as the base of the headstone or concrete pad (apron). Footings for Military or V.A. and infant marker footings can be a little less. **The width of the monument or stone must not exceed the grave space size.** If you are unsure about the grave space size, please contact the Cemetery Board. **Monuments or markers must not exceed a maximum height of 42". (The base of the stone is included in the 42".)**

- A. All V.A. markers shall be flush with the ground and located at the foot of the grave, so that mowers will pass over the marker without damaging it. This does not pertain to V.A. markers that are attached to an upright marker or used as the main headstone.
- B. Infant markers should be at least 13 inches wide by 6 inches deep minimum.
- C. Prior to setting any stone or monument Richard Cochran must be notified. In the event that Richard cannot be reached then Jim Larkin should be contacted. One or the other or a member of the Cemetery Board must be present at the time the stone or monument is set in place.
- D. **Benches in the cemetery are prohibited.**  
**Long ledgers that cover the entire length of the grave are also prohibited.**
- E. All monuments and markers are to be maintained by the family.

8. ***The Cemetery Board reserves the right to make any additional changes as required or as needed.***