



The Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Columbarium



A beautiful and dignified burial alternative for cremated remains

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***For More Information, or to purchase a niche in the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Columbarium, please call
Parish Administrator Jeff Hunter at 651-437-4254***

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Columbarium?

The word “columbarium” is derived from the Latin word “columbary” which describes a structure for the nesting of doves – the dove being the symbol of The Holy Spirit. “Columbarium” then, refers to a burial vault for the containment of urns which hold cremated remains.

Is cremation accepted by the Catholic Church?

The Catholic Church has allowed for the practice of cremation since 1963. Because the human body has an eternal dignity, the church requires that the cremated remains of a body be buried or entombed immediately after the funeral in the same timely manner as a body.

What are the benefits of using a Columbarium?

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Who may use the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Columbarium?

The Columbarium is reserved exclusively for SEAS parishioners and their families.

How is the property maintained?

The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Columbarium sits within the confines of our cemetery, which is maintained and managed by our Cemetery Caretaker.

When I purchase a niche in the Columbarium, do I actually “own” it?

No. Like our Cemetery burial lot owners, niche owners in our Columbarium are granted only the right of inurnment in their niche. The Cemetery reserves the right to refuse to permit the inurnment of anyone who was not, at the time of death, the owner of the niche, or a relative by blood or marriage who is entitled to a Catholic inurnment according to the Roman Catholic Church. The inurnment of those Catholics who are not members of SEAS parish shall be at the discretion of the Pastor or his designee.

Will an urn of any size or shape fit into the Columbarium niches?

Our Columbarium has two different niche sizes from which you can pick. There is a single depth niche (interior dimensions are about 12”X12”X12”), and this niche will hold up to two cremated remains. There is also a double depth niche (interior dimensions are about 12”X12”X24”), and this niche will hold up to four cremated remains. This assumes that the recommended sized and shaped urn is used for each cremated remain. If you chose to place your cremated remains in say a 9”X10”X22” urn, you would have to purchase a double depth niche to hold only the one set of cremated remains. This is allowable, but an inefficient use of available niche space. SEAS will refer you to the proper sized urn or vessel to use within our Columbarium niche.

Are there plans for perpetual care?

Yes. 20% of each sale is immediately transferred into a fund held by Catholic Community Foundation to be used exclusively for the perpetual care of the cemetery.

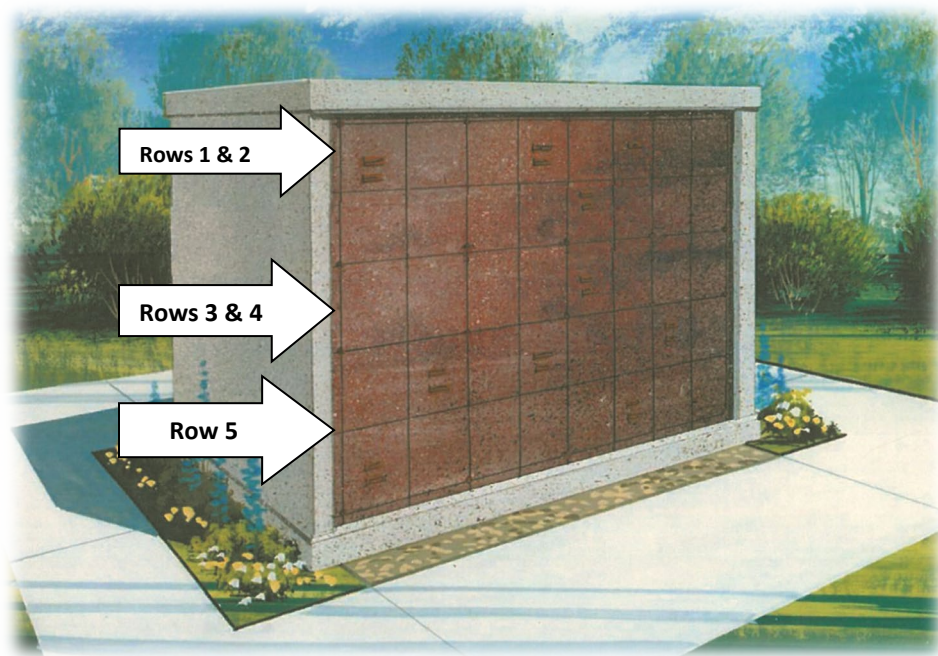
General Rules

- 1** Payment for niches must be received at time and day of sale. If niche is purchased after death, payment must be received in full within 30 days. Please make checks payable to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Cemetery.
- 2** All niches may be sold back to the church minus 20% administration fee.
- 3** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Cemetery is owned and operated in accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota and the rules and discipline of the Roman Catholic Church. It reserves the right to refuse admission to the Cemetery, and to refuse the use of any of the Cemetery's facilities – at any time – to any person or persons Management may deem objectionable to the best interests of the Cemetery.
- 4** The Cemetery is intended for the burial of Catholics who are entitled to a Christian burial or inurnment according to the rules and discipline of the Roman Catholic Church. Any exceptions shall be decided by the Pastor.
- 5** Religious ceremonies, other than those of the Roman Catholic Church, are not permitted within the Cemetery unless the Pastor consents.
- 6** No niches will be sold in common ownership or joint ownership. Title must stand in one name.
- 7** No niche shall be used for any purpose other than the inurnment of human cremated remains.
- 8** The Cemetery disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage from causes beyond its reasonable control, and especially from damage caused by the elements, acts of God, common enemy, thieves, vandals, strikers, explosions, insurrections, or order of any military or civil authority, whether the damage be direct or collateral other than as provided herein.
- 9** Niche owners are granted only the right of inurnment in their niche. The Cemetery reserves the right to refuse to permit the inurnment of anyone who was not, at the time of death, the owner of the niche or a relative of the owner by blood or marriage
- 10** Inurnments of up to two (2) cremated remains will be allowed in either the single depth niches or the double depth niches assuming the appropriately sized and shaped urns are used. Inurnments of up to four (4) cremated remains will be allowed in the double depth niches only, assuming the appropriately sized and shaped urns are used.
- 11** The Cemetery reserves, and shall have, the right to correct any errors that may be made by it either in making inurnments, disinurnments, or removals, or in the description, transfer, or conveyance of any inurnment property.
- 12** The Cemetery will give such care as it can, provided there are sufficient Cemetery funds for that purpose, or where care has been provided for, in a Permanent Care and Improvement Fund, or Annual Care Agreement. The care is to consist of cutting the grass, and the general preservation of the Columbarium area.
- 13** No memorial engraving may be performed on any Columbarium niche before it is paid for.
- 14** No memorial engraving may be performed on any Columbarium niche by anyone other than the engraving vendor specified by SEAS.

15 All niches will be engraved with the same non-serif typeface, and centered in the niche panel for consistency. Type size may change to reflect the number of individual cremated remains held within.

16 All niches will be engraved with birthdate, name of deceased, and death date only.

Columbarium Pricing



The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Columbarium has two different sizes of compartments, or “niches” available for purchase. Depending on the size and style of urn selected, the **Single Depth Niche** will hold up to two cremated remains, while the **Double Depth Niche** will hold up to four cremated remains.

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LOCATION OF NICHE	SINGLE DEPTH NICHE	DOUBLE DEPTH NICHE
Rows 1 & 2 (Top two rows)	\$ 2650.00	\$ 4900.00
Rows 3 & 4 (Middle two rows)	\$ 2550.00	\$ 4690.00
Row 5 (Bottom row)	\$ 2270.00	\$ 4275.00

**Prices include the initial engraving on the Carnelian granite front and all opening & closing costs.*

*The names of the deceased with their year of birth and year of death may be engraved directly upon the surface of the Carnelian granite niche panel. The term “initial engraving”, as it is used here, is considered to be the lettering engraved on the niche panel *at one time*. If additional engraving, like adding a death date, is required at a later time - additional costs will be incurred.

*In addition, there is a \$200.00 charge for any inurnments after 4 PM, or Saturday opening and closings. ***Please note - there are no inurnments after 5:00 PM.***

