St. Joseph's Cemetery

When The Time Is Right We Are Here

Welcome to St. Joseph's National Catholic Church cemetery, a sacred space consecrated by the church for burial as well as a place for prayer, reflection, hope and remembrance. Respect for this hallowed ground is mandatory at all times.

Visitors must respect the sanctity of the cemetery grounds. St. Joseph's maintains a zero-tolerance policy on large gatherings, disruptive behavior, excessive noise or any other actions that - in the opinion of the St. Joseph's parish board - may have a negative impact or be deemed inappropriate.

Burial plots are now available in designated areas on our beautiful grounds for purchase by non-members of St. Joseph's parish. Here are some frequently asked questions and answers to consider before you get started:

Q: DO I NEED TO BE A MEMBER OF ST. JOSEPH'S IN ORDER TO MAKE A PURCHASE?

A: No. A prospective buyer does not need to be affiliated with a particular denomination.

Q: WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR SELECTING AND PURCHASING A PLOT?

A: Non-members may purchase burial plots only in areas designated for sale by the St. Joseph's parish board.

O: HOW MUCH DOES A BURIAL PLOT COST?

Single burial plot with single-stone pre-poured foundation* --- \$3,250 + \$350 = \$3,600Double burial plot with double-stone pre-poured foundation* --- \$6,500 + \$700 = \$7,200Burial interment fees (payable at time of burial) -- \$2,000Cremains interment fee (payable at time of burial) -- \$1,200

*St. Joseph's cemetery uses a pre-poured foundation that is included in the above cost. Our pre-poured foundation method means that there is no danger of a monument tilting, sinking or otherwise shifting over time. It also provides the added convenience of giving the buyer one less detail to be concerned with at the time of interment.

A minimum down payment of 50 percent is required upon purchase, with the balance to be paid within six months. A deed to the plot(s) will be issued only when the account is paid in full.

Q: ARE THERE RULES GOVERNING MONUMENTS THAT ARE PLACED ON GRAVESITES?

A: Yes. St. Joseph's cemetery has specific size and adornment requirements that must be adhered to in the non-parishioner section.

Monuments must not exceed 48 inches in height or 10 inches in depth. These measurements include the height and depth of the foundation. A single grave monument may not exceed 20 inches in width. A double grave monument may not exceed 30 inches in width.

Any and all language, engravings or adornments carved into a monument that go beyond the standard (name, title, dates of birth and death) must be approved by the pastor of St. Joseph's church. Buyers shall obtain approval of such adornment from the pastor prior to purchase as St. Joseph's parish is not responsible for any cost incurred should an engraving be deemed unacceptable after the fact.

Q: ARE THERE RULES GOVERNING THE ADORNING/DECORATING OF GRAVESITES?

A: Yes. Burial plots are subject to specific rules and regulations regarding site enhancements. Potential buyers must review the rules and regulations <u>HERE</u> for a complete list of what is permissible.

If items are placed on a burial site that do not meet the criteria stated in the rules and regulations, the owner will be notified with a request for removal and be given 14 days to comply. Failure to comply will result in removal by St. Joseph's and a fee may be incurred.

Q: WHAT ELSE SHOULD I DO?

A: Prospective buyers must read the entire rules and regulations adopted by St. Joseph's church and applied to the cemetery. They can be found <u>HERE</u>. Prospective buyers will be asked to signify that they have read and understand the rules and regulations at the time of purchase.

Q: HOW DO I GET STARTED?

A: Simple. Contact the parish office at 203-377-9901 or by email at sjosparishpncc@outlook.com. Prospective buyers should know that all prices, rules and regulations are subject to change.

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