## **Posted Rules and Regulations**

The Catholic Church gives voice to her belief in Catholic Doctrines of the Resurrection of the Body, the Communion of Saints, and Life Everlasting. In order to insure the holiness and sacredness of the grounds to which is a solemn resting place for her faithful, it is necessary to provide rules and regulations, not to desecrate them and to insure beauty and honor to her dead.

In according with the mind and traditional practices of the Catholic Church and maintain good order, the following rules and regulations have been established.

SPRING and FALL Cemetery cleanup will be published in church bulletins, the Catholic Moment newspaper and will take place April 15-May 1 and October 1-15. All articles and decorations are subject to cleanup. <u>Any personal items or decorations must be removed</u> before cleanup dates. They may be returned to the designated area after cleanup.

Access to the Sacred Grounds of the Cemetery will be from sunrise to sunset. The cemetery may be closed if weather or unsafe conditions make passage through the roads hazardous.

Please only bring objects that are appropriate to place in a Church - Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, or other Saint Statues. Please, no food, alcohol, candy, stuffed animals, money, toys or small trinket items that could blow away and interfere with mowing and trimming.

Vigil plastic lights or candles, plastic solar statuaries are permitted, but must be within 6 to 8 inches area allotted around the headstone/ memorial and not in the mowing areas or walkways of the individual plot/s. Such items beyond the designated area will be removed.

Cut Natural and Artificial flowers are permitted. They must be placed in plastic or permanent mounted metal vases and within 6 to 8 inches of the monument. Any objects that hinder trimming or mowing of the grass will be removed and discarded!

No glass objects are permitted at any time. Monument vases and installation can be purchased at the cemetery office.

Any Ground Planting (flowers, shrubbery, or trees), must be approved by cemetery management for placement within the cemetery property. Concrete urns and planter are permitted for plantings, however may not encroach beyond the plot/s designated to the plot holder and may not interfere with ground maintenance or walkways.

No landscape rocks, coping, curbing, fencing, hedging, borders, or enclosures of any kind shall be allowed around a grave, lot or monument without prior approval from cemetery management. These areas must be maintained by the plot holder/s. The cemetery management is not responsible for any loss or damages of these items and will be removed if deemed inappropriate or hazardous to staff and visitors.

Shepherds hooks are permitted provided they are maintained and are keep with appropriate articles for the cemetery (items that could be considered appropriate for inside the church). Any shepherd hooks unattended, interfering with the upkeep and hinders the maintenance of the grounds, or deemed harmful to safety of staff and visitors will be removed.

American Flags are permitted and encouraged. They need to be in an approved military flag holder and not placed into the ground. Appropriate holders and memorials can be obtained through various VA organizations.

An adult must accompany children under the age of fifteen. The attending adult is responsible for any damages incurred by the minor.

The cemetery management disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage items.

Animals are not allowed on cemetery grounds unless they remain in vehicles.

On Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, and Memorial Day, additional decorations will be allowed for two weeks. If not claimed at that time, items will be removed.

All monuments must have prior approval by cemetery management and require approved foundations. Individual monuments for still-birth infants' (communal) area are not permitted. Individual monuments in infant (baby-land) area may not exceed 20 inch overall length.

Detailed cemetery rules and diocesan regulations are available at the cemetery office.

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