

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF TRENTON

Jesus, Bread of Life Catholic Cemetery



Provided Services

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Our Services

Jesus, Bread of Life Catholic Cemetery offers graves for ground burial, garden and chapel crypts for mausoleum entombment, and niches for the inurnment of cremated remains. When an interment site is purchased, a certificate of interment rights is issued. When more than one space is purchased, it is advised that a separate cemetery document be completed to assign the spaces so that intended use is recorded.

The purchase of the certificate of interment rights grants use, not ownership, of the space for a specific purpose and this distinction is important. The disciplines of the Catholic Church and specific rules and regulations, whether now in place, or adopted in the future, accompany and are integral to the certificate. Perpetual care is included in the cost of the easement.

Additional products that **Jesus, Bread of Life Catholic Cemetery** offers include enhancements (cameo pictures and devotional/patriotic emblems) for community mausoleum crypts and cremation niches.

Jesus, Bread of Life Catholic Cemetery services include the opening/closing of the grave, crypt or niche, the installation of foundations for upright monuments, and the general upkeep of the grounds.

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Pre-Need Cemetery Planning

The Catholic Church recognizes the many emotions that family members experience when facing the death of a loved one. Surrounded by family and friends, accompanied by the prayers and sacraments of the Church, the time of death can be a graced moment when faith and family bonds are strengthened.

With this foundational understanding, the church encourages communication among family members well in advance of the need to make funeral and cemetery arrangements.

Those with responsibility for Catholic cemeteries uniformly encourage all families to consider the purchase of grave, crypt or niche spaces well in advance of need.

This pre-planning will assure that the time surrounding death is able to be devoted to family members supporting one another and proper planning of the liturgical rites that will celebrate the deceased's movement to eternal life.

Contact with the cemetery office will begin the flow of information about burial alternatives, associated costs, and payment options that may not be available in an immediate need situation.

Religious Celebrations

The Catholic Church teaches the value of prayer and good works on behalf of our deceased family and friends. Catholics have been sustained throughout the ages in the knowledge that, as they have joined their prayers with those of the church, one day others will continue this practice and they can truly rest in peace with the sure knowledge that the church's prayer on their behalf will continue until the day the Lord comes to gather all to Himself and present His people to the Father as the Kingdom accomplished.

In a special way, during the month of November, beginning with the celebrations of All Saints and All Souls, the Church continues to remind us of the importance of prayer for the dead and our need to always be prepared for the time when we too will be called home to the Lord.

After a family member's death, on-going cemetery visits are encouraged. Additionally, families are accustomed to praying at the burial sites of their beloved dead to observe birth and death dates, wedding anniversaries, other religious holidays, including Easter, All Saints and All Souls, and civic holidays such as Veterans Day, Mother's Day, Memorial Day and Father's Day.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at Jesus, Bread of Life Catholic Cemetery on Memorial Day and All Souls Day in our mausoleum when it is completed.

Cemetery Maintenance

Jesus, Bread of Life Catholic Cemetery is maintained in a uniform fashion that reflects Church teachings about the dignity of every human person. Staff responsibilities include the regular mowing of grass, trimming around monuments and memorials, fertilization and weed control. The care fund enables the cemetery to seed new graves, repair older graves, level flush memorials, and repair monument foundations as required. For reasons of uniform beauty as well as safety and insurance concerns, only employees or licensed contractors with permits from cemetery management may plant, cut, fertilize, and add chemicals to the landscape.

Mausoleum Grounds

- The turf and landscape surrounding community mausoleums are landscaped and maintained by the cemetery. Disturbing the turf or landscape areas is not permitted. Any unauthorized trees, shrubbery, bushes, flowers or other decorations placed on the common landscape will be removed without notice.

Shrubbery

- No cemetery landscape items may be used for individual grave decoration. Management cannot control growth and assure pruning or removal when shrubbery grows too large. Therefore, new shrubbery is permitted only in carefully controlled situations. When shrubbery overshadows names on monuments, infringes on adjoining graves, or interferes with cemetery operations, it will be immediately removed without notice. Typically, overgrown items will be identified for removal each year prior to Memorial Day. Time will be allowed for families to contact the cemetery office to claim shrubbery; if responsible parties have not responded by August 1st, overgrown items will be discarded.

Refuse

- Because of recycle and disposal challenges, we are a “carry-in/carry-out” facilities. One large receptacle for extenuating circumstances is located on the cemetery property. Please ask the office if you need assistance. Trash, however, should never be abandoned along cemetery roadways.

The American Flag

- The American Flag is flown daily to honor the military service of all veterans. Smaller (8" x 12" maximum) national and public service flags are permitted on individual graves. All flags must be presentable and will be removed and disposed of according to established flag protocols at the discretion of the cemetery. Flags can become unsightly due to weather conditions and will be removed as deemed necessary without prior notice.

Interment Arrangements

For Catholics, burial in a Catholic cemetery is a baptismal right; for those who do not possess this right, it is a privilege. Catholic cemeteries are intended for the interment of Catholics, catechumens, and members of their families who have this right to Christian burial according to the rules of the Roman Catholic Church. Questions concerning the burial of a family member of another religious tradition should first be referred to the cemetery authority. Burial arrangements are typically facilitated through the funeral home selected by the family. The right of interment certificate is the governing cemetery document. When an ownership certificate is not already held, it's best if selections are made by the family at the cemetery.

When space on an existing lot is available, but a [*Burial Right Assignment form*](#) has not been filed with the cemetery, and the certificate-holder is deceased and has not specifically passed the certificate rights through a will, a legal order of succession is followed. The succession begins with the surviving spouse and the owner's children; in the absence of both, then to the owner's parents. If no parents are living, then the succession passes to the owner's brothers and sisters equally, then to the owner's closest next of kin. Further detail is found in the official cemetery ***Rules & Regulations***.

An interment space is used for ground burial, crypt entombment or niche inurnment. When a family wishes to include cremated remains in a full ground burial or mausoleum crypt interment space, the number of available certificate rights in the particular space is determined by space availability, memorialization capability, and the discretion of cemetery management. It is expected that all Catholic committals in Catholic cemeteries will be celebrated by a priest, deacon, or pastoral minister from the parish of the deceased.

At the time of interment, management reserves the right to limit the number of floral tributes to two [2] pieces. Flowers must be delivered to the ground interment site prior to the movement of the deceased to the grave. Flowers are not permitted inside any mausoleum. Flowers placed on a grave at the time of burial will remain, at the discretion of management, up to 72 hours, but the cemetery cannot ensure that these items will remain in place.

Order of Christian Funerals

The long-standing funeral and cemetery tradition of the Catholic church flows logically out of fundamental tenets of the Catholic faith such as:

1. The dignity of each human person;
2. The importance of baptism into the faith;
3. The reality of the resurrection of Jesus Christ;
4. The promise of Jesus that one day we will also share eternal life;
5. The value and need to pray for the dead;
6. The celebration of the Eucharist as the great act of memory and thanksgiving for redemption.

Death is rightly celebrated at the parish church, the place of Baptism and Eucharist, the place where the bereaved must find comfort in the believing community and strength in the Eucharist that is celebrated for them on behalf of their deceased relative or friend.

In the context of these faith realities, death and burial are experienced and must be celebrated. The church provides the ***Order of Christian Funerals*** with three distinct elements as the proper and fitting way for the death of a Catholic to be observed.

1. The church offers the ***Vigil***, usually observed as a wake for the deceased in the funeral home, with the body present.
2. Also with the body present, the Catholic Church offers the ***Mass of Christian Burial*** which is typically celebrated for the deceased in the company of family, friends, and the parish community at the parish church.
3. Following the celebration of the funeral liturgy, it is proper that the deceased be interred among members of the same faith tradition to prefigure the communion of saints. The church provides a ***Committal Rite and Farewell*** to fittingly bring our deceased to their places of rest while awaiting their reunion with family and the Risen Lord.