

Cemetery Rules & Regulations



To uphold the sacred nature and dignity of a Catholic cemetery, it is required that all adhere to the following:

It is **PERMITTED** to -

- 1) Plant in an approved planting bed up to one foot in front of a headstone/memorial with the area to be maintained free of weeds and grass
- 2) Place artificial flowers: in approved permanent vases; in approved planting beds; on an upright memorial (Please note that all faded, rotten or worn flowers will be removed.)
- 3) Place decorations for:
 - a) *Christmas* from the *First Sunday of Advent* to February 28th
 - b) *Easter* from *First Sunday of Lent* through *Ascension Day*
 - c) Other holidays such as *Mother's Day*, *Memorial Day*, *Father's Day* and *All Souls Day*
- 4) Use approved vigil lights, including solar-powered types

It is **NOT PERMITTED** to -

- 1) Decorate or plant during the general cemetery cleanup time of March 1st to 31st as well as additional times announced in the parish bulletin and/or website
- 2) Plant any shrubs or trees; hostas or rose bushes
- 3) Install anything that represents a safety hazard such as statues, borders, marble chips, fencing, wire, toys, glass, rocks, bottles or cans; hang items on tree branches
- 4) Place flowers or objects that are unsightly or detract from the *spiritual* setting of a *Catholic* cemetery
- 5) Bring pets, bicycles or trail vehicles onto the property; litter or loiter

Vigil/Solar Light Policy:

- 1) The *Catholic Parish Cemeteries Association (CPCA)* permits one, any additional will be removed, vigil/solar light per marker which:
 - a) may not be higher than 18 inches above ground including the post
 - b) must be at the head of the lot, flush with the monument base or marker in a maintained planting bed
- 2) Upkeep and maintenance of the light is the sole responsibility of the person placing it
- 3) No open flames or glass vigil/solar lights are permitted
- 4) The CPCA is not responsible for upkeep nor assumes liability for damage, theft or vandalism of the light
- 5) The CPCA reserves the right to remove any damaged or inappropriately placed light

Floral Placement in Crypt Front Memorial Vases:

- 1) All flowers must be artificial; cannot be over 8 inches in height from top of vase, and 8 inches in total width
- 2) The cemetery is not responsible for arrangements:
 - a) which cannot be placed because they exceed size of the vase hole or maximum size permitted
 - b) once installed in the vase
- 3) No taping objects to crypt front, hanging items from vases, or placing anything in areas surrounding the crypt plate
- 4) No items may be placed on the floor in front of a crypt
- 5) No one except trained cemetery personnel is permitted to place arrangements in vases above the 3rd tier

The cemetery and/or parish cannot be responsible for anything placed and/or left at a grave or crypt site.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

St. John the Baptist Parish Cemetery, Monaca

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St. John the Baptist Parish Cemetery
Founded in 1921 under Fr. John Enright
Located (approx.) at 1270 Chapel Road, Monaca, PA
www.stjbparish.org/About-Us/Cemetery