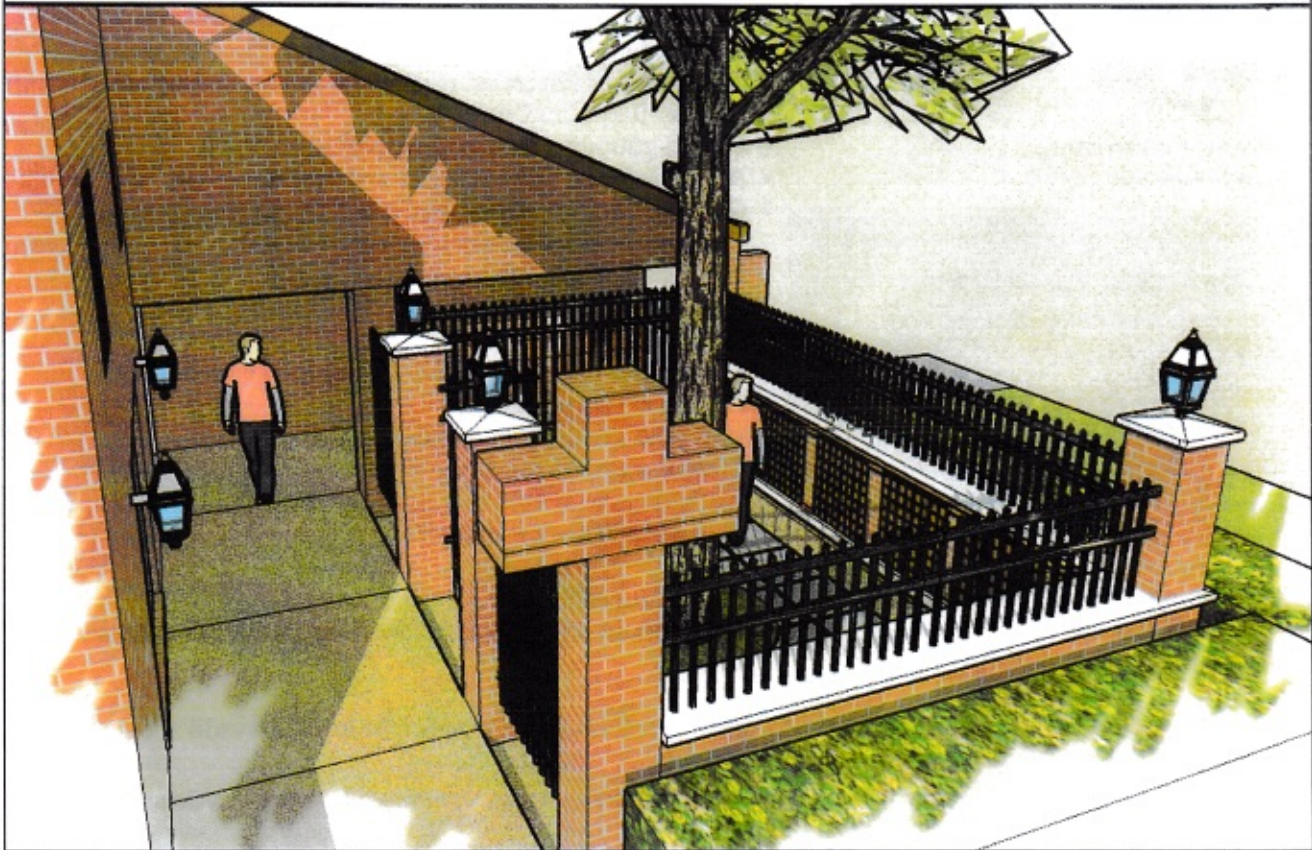


The Raymond & Geraldine Orgler Memorial Columbarium



Our Columbarium

The Raymond & Geraldine Orgler Memorial Columbarium of St. Joseph Church offers our parishioners and their immediate family a peaceful, beautiful setting for the perpetual care of their cremated remains on our church grounds. We provide a secure, safe and clean environment in a courtyard setting of reverence and solitude.

The columbarium contains niches for urns suitable for the cremated remains. Each niche is able to contain one urn. On special occasions, liturgies will be celebrated in the columbarium courtyard in memory of those parishioners who have departed.

The full liturgy of the funeral Mass, with a procession to the columbarium courtyard followed by the Rite of Committal, signifies that even in death our members remain with us. Death may alter our relationship with our community, but it does not end the relationship.

Our columbarium is named in memory of the late Dr. Raymond Orgler and his wife Geraldine, who served as Director of Religious Education and as Office Manager of St. Joseph Church for 26 years. It was their wish to see this

columbarium established. Through the generous donations of individuals following "Doc's" death, their wish has become a reality.

Who can be buried in our Columbarium?

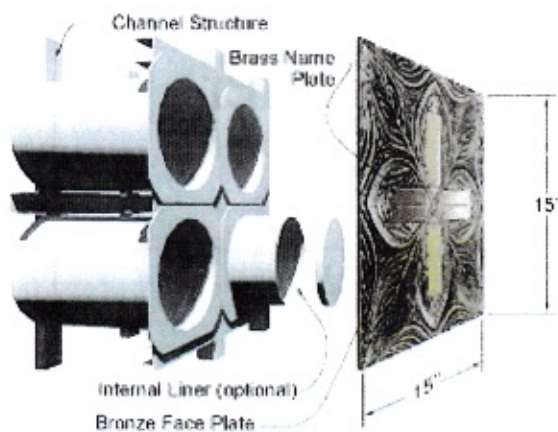
The columbarium is reserved for the use of members of our parish and their families as defined by the Church Rules and Regulations.

Who will assist me in arranging for burial?

Our parish has established a Columbarium Committee, and they have been trained to assist you in planning for your or your family member's inurnment. They will be able to answer any of your questions.

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Shown above is the structure of the niches. Each niche holds one urn and is securely sealed. A weather-resistant bronze faceplate is then placed over each niche with the deceased's name, date-of-birth and date-of-death engraved on it.

What is the size of the niche?

The niches are 6" x 8.625" and can accommodate one urn. Our information packet offers more specifics on location. Niches will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

Is Cremation more expensive than Traditional Burial?

Cremation is actually less expensive for the equivalent funeral arrangements than burial in a Cemetery. Why? There are several items and services that are not required for a Cremation that are required for Burial in a Cemetery.

- Caskets generally cost between \$1,000 and \$10,000
- Burial Vault cost between \$1,500 and \$2,000
- Grave opening and closing, tent, transportation chairs setup at grave site cost between \$1,200 and \$2,000
- Grave markers cost between \$500 and \$2,000
- Embalming cost may not be necessary depending on the situation
- The plot cost and the Niche cost are similar in most locations
- Additional Cremation costs
- Urns generally cost from \$50 to \$1,000
- Cremation caskets cost \$75 to \$500
- Addition costs for Burial in caskets can range from a high of \$12,500 to a low of \$4,075

Is Cremation against the teachings of the Catholic Church?

No. Today, the Catholic Church recognizes and supports Cremation for Catholics by extending it's liturgies and rites to all Catholics regardless of Burial or Cremation

Does choosing Cremation restrict in any way your preferred choices for how you would like your Visitation and Funeral services to be handled?

No. Visitation and Funeral services can be handled in the same manner regardless of final placement in a Columbarium or Burial in a cemetery

Why has St. Joseph Church chosen to offer a Columbarium to its parishioners and their families?

More and more people today are choosing cremation over burial. Likewise, more people are desiring to be laid to rest in a space that is familiar and intimate to them. Many people feel that family members and friends are more apt to visit a church columbarium rather than a cemetery to pay their respects to deceased loved ones. Therefore, we at St. Joseph Church are pleased to provide perpetual care within the confines of our church to our members and their families, *after life as during life*, in a peaceful, beautiful courtyard environment that is safe and secure

Facts about our Columbarium

Our columbarium resides in the existing courtyard of our Parish Center, which was constructed in 1981. The columbarium's concept was created by Mr. Brian Templeton of Mississippi State University's Extension Office. Mr. Tommy Stewart of Architectonics designed the architectural plans, and Mr. Gene Merkl of Phillips Design Group was the general contractor. The niches were manufactured by Armento Columbariums out of Buffalo, NY. Armento has supplied niches for columbariums nationwide, even for the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection here in Starkville.