

## **St. John the Evangelist Cemetery Rules and Regulations**

To facilitate upkeep of St. John's Cemetery by our maintenance staff, please read and abide by these rules and regulations, based on the guidelines of the Diocese of Metuchen:

- No mulch, topsoil, grass seed may be applied to graves. Please notify staff if maintenance is needed.
- No fencing of any kind is allowed around graves
- No pebbles, rocks or stones should be placed on the headstones or graves, as they could damage mowing equipment
- No flags are permitted on graves, except for the period of time between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Flags should be placed close to the headstone to facilitate mowing.
- No wooden crosses or stakes are allowed.
- No temporary grave markers are permitted.
- No glass, votive candles or open flames are permitted on graves.
- No loose items should be placed on graves, including statues, cards, knick-knacks, or ornaments.
- Nothing is to be taped, glued, or otherwise affixed to the headstone.
- No balloons may be left in the cemetery.
- Military medallion on a rod should be placed close to the headstone, to facilitate mowing and upkeep of graves.
- Only annuals may be planted on graves. Flowers should be placed close to the headstone and within the border of the width of the headstone.
- All decorations and planters need to be removed from graves by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Anything left after that date will be removed.
- Grave blankets may be placed beginning the week of Thanksgiving and may be left in place until January 15<sup>th</sup>. They must be kept within the width of the border of the headstone.
- Lenten flowers and palm crosses may be placed during Lent and must be removed the week after Easter.

- Fresh or artificial flowers may be placed on graves. The maintenance staff will remove them when they become unsightly.
- No pets are allowed on consecrated grounds.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to keep St. John's Cemetery a sacred resting place for our parishioners.