



St. Mary's Catholic Church & School

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Cemetery for Unborn Children at St. Mary's of Piscataway

In 2015, Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, DC, dedicated a section of St. Mary's cemetery for the memorialization and interment of children lost through miscarriage and abortion. In cooperation with Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington, the parish receives requests for memorials and interments. Those making requests do not need to be members of St. Mary's of Piscataway.

To request a memorial or an interment, please call or email the parish office at the address given at the bottom of this page. It is our privilege to assist you in honoring the life of an unborn child who now lives with the Lord.

Memorials

A memorial for a child lost through miscarriage or abortion is offered in the form of a large river rock (approximately 6-8" across) sandblasted with memorial wording. The wording must be simple. Typically this would be the child's first name (last name is optional) and the date or year the child died. Stones are placed within the perimeter of the brick wall, on a field of white pebbles. Those requesting memorials can personally come and place the stone, or may ask the parish to do so if anonymity is desired. Confidentiality in the process of requesting, paying for, and placing the memorial stone will be respected.

Cost: \$100 (sandblasting work is included)

Interments

In the case where the child's remains can be interred, the perimeter grounds adjacent to the brick fence are reserved for burial spaces of children lost to miscarriage or stillbirth. There are approximately twelve plots available on each of the four sides of the wall. Specific plots around the brick wall can be requested. A small (approximately 8-10") flat stone can be placed at the head of the burial site, sandblasted with an appropriate inscription, limited to the small scale of the stone. For more information, or questions on the pricing, please contact the parish office using the contact information below, or the Catholic Cemeteries office at 301-932-1766.

Cost: \$550 (recordation, opening/closing of the plot, small casket for the remains, stone, and sandblasting work)



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