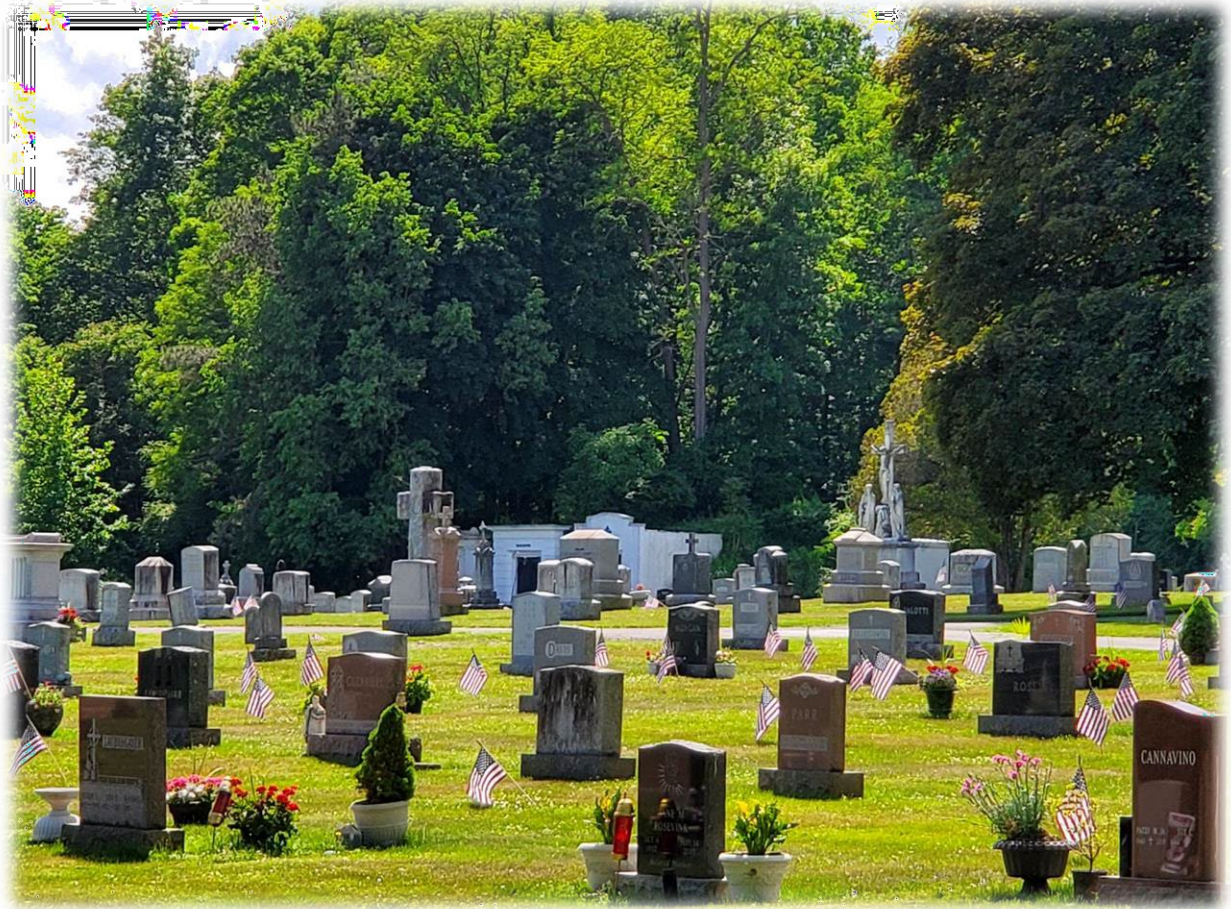


## Calvary Cemetery

## Mt. Olivet Cemetery

*Offering comforting locations in a peaceful setting. A place to remember, honor and celebrate the lives of your loved ones.*

# CEMETERY RULES & REGULATIONS



**Calvary Cemetery is Open Daily from Dawn to Dusk**

### **Cemetery Office Hours**

8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Monday thru Friday

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Please contact the Cemetery Manager for appointments outside of office hours.

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The complete Rules and Regulations of Calvary Cemetery are included in this booklet; as well as the following specific brochures referred to in this booklet which are entitled:

- ❖ Regulations for Lot and Grave Plantings and Decorations
- ❖ Regulations for our Queen of Peace Mausoleum
- ❖ Regulations for Calvary Cemetery Columbarium and Cremation Garden

## A Message from Our Pastor

The cemetery guidelines are finally here, thanks to the cemetery committee for their hard work in putting together this booklet. Our cemetery is an important entity of the parish. We know that we will one day return to our loving God who created us and we need a sacred place to be laid to rest when our time comes. When we speak of death we often use light word(s) such as 'passing on', 'departure' or 'bereavement'.

Death is real. It is our life's companion. Death and dying is mentioned quite often in the New Testament Scripture. This is because Christ's victory over death is the fundamental truth to the Christian message. We need to think of it often and pray for the grace to be prepared at all times for the earthly things are transitory.

On Mt. Calvary, the Lord Jesus defeated death by dying and rising to new and glorious life. Christ defeated death and crushed all enemies of life. Christian hope is founded on the resurrection of our Lord. Calvary Cemetery is a sacred ground that has been consecrated and blessed to serve as our resting place after the toils of this life. It is a place of hope of eternal life. Many people we know; family and friends are buried here. This is where we come to pray, keep their memories alive, thank God for them and for all they brought into this world. May the presence of this cemetery remind us of God's love for us.

In this booklet you will find important guidelines that will empower and inspire you. Information is power. It will equip you with all that you may need to participate fully in the care of the cemetery for the common good. The cemetery has limited resources to meet the many needs, especially perpetual care. I appeal to all who have their loved ones buried at Calvary Cemetery to support the cemetery with your prayers and monetary donations. Any dollar amount, however little will help a great deal.

Every year we celebrate Mass on Memorial Day at the cemetery, weather permitting, for all the people buried at our cemetery. All are welcome to join us. This is the best way to remember our loved ones. Visits to the cemetery are highly recommended.

In conclusion, I invite you to to read these guidelines carefully. The cemetery committee and the cemetery manager are always available to help. Reach out to us with ideas and suggestions to help us serve you and our community better. I entrust all our sisters and brothers who have gone before us to the intercessions of Immaculate Mary. May they rest In Eternal Peace in the presence of God. Amen!

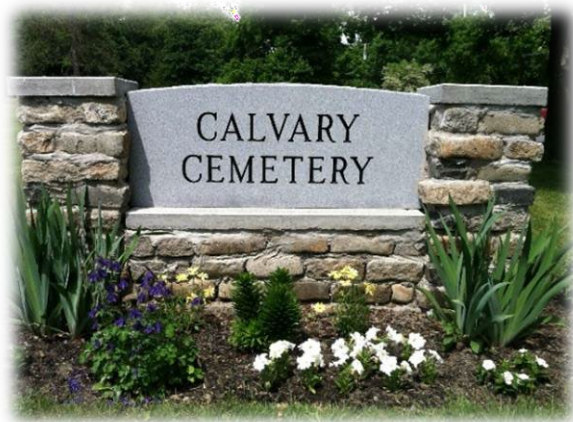


## Our History

The land for our first Catholic cemetery in the area, Mount Olivet, was purchased by the church in the early 1870's and its first burial was about 1873. Mount Olivet is located on State Street (Route 79) about 0.9 miles east of the Ithaca Commons. For about 25 years, Mount Olivet served as the only Catholic Cemetery in the area. While there are no longer plots for sale, Immaculate Conception Church still owns and maintains this cemetery.

Knowing there was only a finite amount of land at Mount Olivet, in January 1894, a farm on Five Mile Drive was purchased and the land was used to open Calvary Cemetery.

For over 125 years, Calvary Cemetery has been the preferred resting place for Catholic and Christian families from across Tompkins County. It is a perpetual care cemetery, meaning when you purchase a plot and pay for interment, you are not just paying for the land or the work that goes with interment. These fees help make sure the cemetery is maintained today and in the future. A portion of these fees are placed in a Permanent Maintenance Fund to ensure this perpetual care and upkeep.



*Queen of Peace Mausoleum, Calvary Cemetery*



*Calvary Columbarium and Cremation Garden*



*Mt Olivet Cemetery*

# Preface

## **Why do we have rules and regulations?**

New York State has some of the most comprehensive laws in the nation regulating cemeteries. Calvary Cemetery, as well as Mt. Olivet Cemetery, (both owned and managed by Immaculate Conception Church), fully adhere to those laws that govern us. As a member of the Diocese of Rochester, we strictly adhere to the rules and regulations not only outlined by New York State, but the Diocese as well.

1. Once land is dedicated for cemetery purposes or has been used as a burial space, a mutual trust is imposed upon the owner to maintain the land for these purposes.
2. When cemetery burial plot is purchased, the purchaser acquires a 'Right of Burial' which gives the purchaser the right of interment or entombment, which constitutes a limited interest or easement on the property. The cemetery retains title to the property. Therefore, a continuing relationship is established between the cemetery and the purchaser of burial rights and their heirs.

Documenting our rules and regulations is to insure the uniform protection of all who hold the rights and to allow management to efficiently maintain the facilities and grounds and to administer to the affairs of the Cemetery.

We ask your understanding in that rules are necessary for the Cemeteries to be maintained and preserved according to an orderly plan for the common good. They are instituted to avoid misunderstanding and possible litigation among holders of burial rights, their heirs, funeral directors, monument dealers, and all persons who visit the cemeteries.

The rules and regulations are made for the collective good of all lot, crypt and niche holders. With an understanding of the purpose of these rules and regulations; lot, crypt, niche holders and all visitors are requested to respect their enforcement.

## **Calvary Cemetery and Mt. Olivet Cemeteries are Catholic Cemeteries.**

A Bishop has blessed and therefore, consecrated the grounds at both Calvary Cemetery and Mt. Olivet Cemetery. The Columbarium was blessed by Father Augustine Chumo in the Summer of 2023. They are designated as sacred places. Only Catholic churches and Catholic cemeteries have that designation. Therefore, we strictly adhere to all of the precepts of the Catholic Church regarding Catholic burial practices.

Features, memorials and personal conduct must be appropriate to the setting of a sacred place. Calvary Cemetery, Calvary Columbarium and Cremation Garden, and Queen of Peace Mausoleum are to serve as places of beauty and peace where members of the faith community can be buried in the rich traditions of the Catholic Church and where those who mourn them can gather together in prayer and remembrance. Our cemeteries are designed to be places of dignity and repose where methods of remembrance are respectful to both the deceased and their families.

## **Rules and Regulations can change.**

Special cases may arise in which the literal enforcement of a rule may impose unnecessary hardship. The Cemetery reserves the right in such cases, to make exceptions, suspension, or modification. Any such temporary exception, suspension or modification shall in no way be construed as affecting the general application of the rule. The Cemetery may reserve the right at any time to amend, alter, or repeal any rule or regulation for the Cemetery. This right to change or amend any part or all of the above rules and regulations for the Cemetery can be made without prior notice to the lot owners. Questions relative to the Cemetery Rules and Regulations can be addressed to the Cemetery Manager and/or the Pastor.

## Definitions

**Burial:** The disposition of full (as opposed to cremated) human remains under the ground.

**Burial Vault:** The Vault is what is placed in the ground before burial and what the casket is lowered into.

**Casket:** A rigid container designed for the encasement of human remains and customarily constructed of wood or metal, ornamented and lined with fabric.

**Columbarium:** A structure with niches (small spaces) for placing cremated human remains in urns. It is typically outdoors or part of a mausoleum and part of a community setting such as a garden.

**Crematorium:** A facility where the remains of the deceased are processed by cremation.

**Crypt:** A space in a mausoleum or other building to hold whole human remains.

**Disinterment:** to exhume, to take out of the grave or tomb; to dig up.

**Entombment:** The placement of full (not cremated) human remains in an above ground mausoleum crypt.

**Foundation:** The in-ground base, usually concrete, upon which a monument/headstone is installed.

**Interment:** includes either in-ground burial or the entombment of the human body or cremated remains of a deceased person.

**Mausoleum:** An external free-standing building with enclosed burial chambers of deceased person or people. A mausoleum may sometimes include a chapel.

**Memorial:** Shall include monument, headstone, tombstone grave marker or tablet or inscription for one or more deceased persons.

**Niche:** A space in a columbarium or mausoleum to hold an urn.

**Permanent Maintenance Fund:** A PMF is restricted for the purpose of the maintenance and preservation of a cemetery. This fund cannot be used for any other purpose other than to generate income to maintain/develop the cemetery. Funds are derived from money that is allocated from the sale of each interment, entombment.

**Plot or Family Plot:** The section of property within a Cemetery purchased for a burial or burials.

**Right of Burial Document:** The original document issued to an individual which grants the right of burial, entombment, or interment in a specific grave, plot or crypt. Right of Burial does NOT convey any right, title and interest in and to the land or structures themselves.

**Urn:** a container to hold cremated human remains. It can be placed in a columbarium, mausoleum, or buried in the ground.

# Acquiring Burial Rights in the Cemeteries

## Selection and Purchase of Burial Rights

1. Purchase of a burial site is for the right of burial and not for the land, mausoleum or columbarium space itself. Upon full payment, a certificate is issued, which grants the purchaser perpetual right of burial, subject to the rules and regulations of the Cemetery, the discipline of the Roman Catholic Church and New York State Cemetery Law with respect to burials and funerals. The certificate does not confer the right to speculate for financial gain or to sell, assign or transfer the rights to others except with the approval of Cemetery management.
2. Cemetery lots, mausoleum crypts, columbarium niches, as well as family columbarium(s) locations may be selected and arranged with the Cemetery Manager at the Calvary Cemetery Office. The Cemetery Manager will assist by explaining the many options available as to location, fees, memorialization, decorations, and other cemetery services. It is strongly recommended that the purchaser, the family or responsible person visit the location on the Cemetery property to make the selection.
3. Cash, check, must be used to pay all cemetery fees. Full payment is required if a burial is to be made at the time of purchase. **Credit cards are not accepted.**
4. Burial space rights may not be subdivided and cannot be sold to others by the purchaser. However, multiple purchasers may jointly hold multiple space rights. The original purchaser(s) may return entire lots or mausoleum spaces to the Cemetery for 80% of the original purchase price less and cost of memorial plaque (if applicable), providing all spaces are vacant and any existing memorials are removed.
5. Calvary Cemetery will not reclaim any graves over 75 years old.

## Inheritance or Transfer of Burial Rights

In accordance to Diocese of Rochester (DOR) Policy and Procedures and New York State Division of Cemeteries burial rights are inherited as follows:

1. The purchaser(s)
2. The spouse of the purchaser(s)
3. The children of the purchaser(s) according to the sequence of death.

### Children are all equal

- No matter their age, all siblings have equal shares in the remaining grave of the family lot.
- The siblings will need to determine among themselves who will be buried in the grave.
- A notarized letter, signed by all siblings should be submitted to the Cemetery office.
- Otherwise, the first sibling(s) who dies will be buried in the grave.

Furthermore, burial rights do not pass under residual inheritance rights in a will as is common with material goods. Burial rights however may be bequeathed to specific persons in a will. If there are questions as to the person(s) that have burial rights, you should consult the Cemetery or an attorney.

Rights of burial may be transferred to persons other than the lot and crypt holder or heirs by obtaining a transfer that must have the approval of the Cemetery and all persons who have purchased or inherited the burial rights. The Cemetery Manager can assist in the preparation of transfers of burial rights. If there is a change to the rites of burial, please notify the Cemetery Manager immediately.

**Who's Entitled to the Burial Right if there are No Children?**

In accordance with DOR Policy and Procedures and NYS Division of Cemeteries:

*If there are no surviving children, rights should pass to grandchildren, great grandchildren....following the "bloodline"*

Like children, all grandchildren have an equal share in the open grave(s) and the burial right is granted to whoever dies first. A notarized letter signed by all the grandchildren must be provided to the Cemetery Office granting whoever the right of interment.



## Responsibilities of Owners of Burial Rights and of Management

### Memorials and Grave Markers

You may purchase grave stones (headstones) at a reputable monument company approved by cemetery management. Please contact the Cemetery Manager for contact information. Be sure to purchase your cemetery lot prior to contacting the monument company. On line purchases of memorials is strictly prohibited.

- **Headstones:** The Cemetery will locate and prepare a foundation for the headstone. There is a fee for the foundation. Please contact the Cemetery Manager regarding the price. The lot holder(s) are prohibited from construction their own foundation. The monument company will place the headstone on the foundation.
- **Footstones:** The monument company will deliver the footstone (normally about 12"x24") to the cemetery. Cemetery personnel will install it in the proper location on the lot. There is a fee for footstone installation. Please contact the Cemetery Manager regarding this price.
- **Veterans Footstones:** Cemetery personnel will install veteran's footstone provided by the Veteran's Administration (VA). The funeral director may assist the family in this contact with the VA. There is a reduced fee for this service. Please contact the Cemetery Manager regarding this price.
- Monuments on individual or multiple grave lots must be provided by the person(s) who own the burial rights. These memorials remain the property of the lot holder(s) or their heir(s) who are responsible for maintaining them in a safe and proper condition.
- According to NYS Division of Cemeteries, if a monument or marker falls into disrepair and currently creates a dangerous and hazardous condition, the Cemetery may repair or remove the monument not owned by the Cemetery.
- All memorialization and decorations shall be in compliance with and in accord with the doctrine, teaching, and discipline of the Roman Catholic Church...as determined by Parish management at its sole discretion.

#### 1. Memorial Application for placing a monument

- The cemetery lot must be fully paid prior to placing a monument.
- The lot owner(s) must submit an application to the Cemetery Office requesting placement of a monument on their lot.
- The application must contain a sketch with the monument's design, size, inscriptions and disclose the type of material used.
- The application must be signed by the current lot owner upon submission. If there are multiple lot owners, signatures are required from all lot holders.

#### 2. Columbarium Niche Memorialization.

Niche memorialization is in the form of a bronze plaque which contains the names, year of birth and year of death. The purchase of the bronze plaque is the responsibility of the niche owner. For the sake of uniformity, the plaques are standardized. The plaques and the prices can be seen at the Cemetery Office. The plaques can be purchased at the same time as purchase of the niche or at a later date.

#### 3. Mausoleum Crypt Memorialization

Lettering for the crypt face plate is the responsibility of the owner. Lettering can be purchased at the Cemetery office. Lettering must be uniform with existing lettering in the mausoleum. Only cemetery personnel are allowed to install the lettering.

## **Additional rules for Memorialization**

- In the event a memorial, foundation, or other object is placed or constructed in the Cemetery without the authorization of the Cemetery as provided herein, the Cemetery reserves and shall have the right without notice, at the owner's expense, to remove an unauthorized memorial or other object. The Cemetery is not responsible for any damage to any memorial or object if removed.
- If any memorial, structure, or any inscription to be placed on same, or any embellishment whatsoever, shall be determined by the Cemetery to be offensive or improper, the Cemetery reserves the right to (a) refuse to authorize the placement of such memorial or object; or (b) if already in place, the Cemetery shall have the right to remove, change, or correct, at the owner's expense, any such offensive or improper memorial, object or inscription. The Cemetery shall not be responsible for any damage caused to either the memorial or the object due to its removal.

## **Care and Beautification of the Cemeteries**

1. The Cemeteries grounds, mausoleum, columbarium and other structures are the property of Calvary Cemetery and Mt. Olivet Cemetery, which are solely responsible for their design, maintenance and upkeep. The Cemeteries reserve the right to make improvements to the grounds and to maintain the lawns, trees, shrubs, flower beds, fences, roads and walks. This care will be controlled exclusively by the Cemeteries either by workers employed by the Cemeteries or by contractors under the direction of the Cemeteries management.

In order to provide funds to maintain the Cemeteries, a portion of the purchase price of burial rights is set-aside in a Permanent Maintenance Fund. The income from this fund will be used for the perpetual care and upkeep of the Cemeteries. The responsibility for the fund and the portion of sales set aside is under the authority of Diocese of Rochester and the management of Calvary Cemetery in accordance with applicable New York State laws relevant to religious cemeteries.

2. We encourage lot holders to provide their own care to the grave(s) of their loved one(s). Winter decorations are also allowed in the form of wreaths. Because of the size and very large number of burials in the Cemetery and the need to maintain the grounds in a reasonably efficient manner, there are rules in regards to planting and decorations that need to be followed. **The Cemetery has specific brochures that govern decorations for graves, mausoleums and columbaria. Please refer to these brochures when planning decorations and if you have questions contact the Cemetery Manager.**

## **Management Rights and Responsibilities**

Calvary Cemetery, through its Management, reserves the right at any time to change, amend, alter, repeal, rescind or add to these rules and regulations and any part thereof, or to adopt any new rule or regulation with respect to the Cemeteries or anything pertaining thereto.

Management will also have the right to correct any errors that may be made by the Cemeteries. If an error is made in the location of an interment, the Management will have the right to remove and inter the remains in another lot or grave of equal value and similar location. If an error is made in the description, transfer or conveyance of burial rights or lot(s), the Management will have the right to substitute other interment rights or lot(s) of equal value and similar location or to refund the full cost of the burial rights.

For further information or interpretation regarding the Rules and Regulations of the Cemetery, contact the Cemetery Manager.

## **Loss or Damage**

Cemetery Management disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage beyond its reasonable control, and especially from damage by an act of God, the elements, earthquakes, war, common enemy, air raids, invasions, insurrections, riots, an order of a military or civil authority, thieves, vandals, strikers, malicious mischief makers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, or any cause similar or dissimilar beyond the control of the Management.

In the event it becomes necessary to reconstruct or repair any section of the Cemeteries, including burial space, which has been damaged by such causes, management will make the necessary repairs to the burial lots and grave space. If memorials that are the property of the lot holders are damaged, repair or replacement is the responsibility of the lot owner. Management will attempt to notify the lot holder(s) of record by telephone, email or mail. In the event the lot holder fails to repair the damage to a memorial, management will direct that the repairs are made and may charge the expense against the lot and to the lot holder of record. In any case management will make any necessary repairs that are necessary to correct a condition that constitutes a hazard to the public.

The Cemetery also reserves the right to take necessary steps that, in its sole discretion, it deems appropriate and necessary to maintain any individual crypt, family columbaria, and the mausoleums generally in a respectful, safe and dignified condition.

We urge all burial rights holder(s) to notify the Cemetery Manager of any change of address in order to be able to contact them, if necessary. We recommend that you provide an email address, telephone, and if able, a fax number, as they can speed the process of contacting lot, crypt and niche holders.

# Burial Arrangements

## General Rules

1. Selection of burial location and arrangements for burial must be made directly with the Cemetery Manager or your Funeral Director. Ample time must be provided for completion of arrangements and preparation of the burial space. Burials will not be made on Sundays or holidays. Saturday burials will require an additional fee.
2. If a funeral director or other agent is representing the person who has burial rights to the space, the arrangements made by the funeral director or agent with the Cemeteries will be binding on the person holding the burial rights.
3. Full payment for the interment, entombment or inurnment (grave/ crypt/ niche opening) must be made or arranged prior to the burial.
4. A Burial Transit Permit, issued by the New York State Department of Health, must be presented to the Cemetery before burial can be made. If the burial is of cremated remains, a cremation certificate issued by the crematory must be presented. In addition, New York State law requires that the cemetery prepare a Body Delivery Receipt that the attending funeral director must sign verifying the identity of the deceased person.
5. Adult burials in traditional burial spaces and mausoleum crypts must be made with a casket. Caskets must be firm enough to be properly carried to the gravesite and rigid enough to be handled on a standard lowering device.
6. All funerals will be subject to and comply with the directions of management while they are within the Cemetery and in accordance with laws of the Roman Catholic Church.
7. Due to the large quantities of flowers brought to the Cemeteries, Cemetery Management will remove funeral flowers on the day of the funeral. Should members of the family wish to retain some of these flowers, Cemetery Management respectfully requests that this be done at the time of the burial service.
8. Management will not be liable for errors occurring as a result of improper information as to the size of a casket, vault or urn as to the particular grave, crypt or niche locations. Management will also not be liable for any delay in interment where rules and regulations have not been followed, or where proper burial rights have not been determined. Management further reserves the right under such circumstances to place the body in a receiving vault until errors have been corrected or rights have been determined.
9. The casket may not be opened at any time within the Cemeteries without the express permission and in the presence of the Management and funeral directors. The Management reserves the right to refuse permission to anyone to open the casket or to touch the body without the written consent or physical presence of the legal representative of the deceased, or a Court order.
10. Only persons employed by Calvary Cemetery and only equipment owned by the Cemeteries will be used in making burials or removals unless the Management makes other arrangements.

## **In-Ground Burials**

1. The person who has the burial rights to the grave space or their representative must approve the location for the interment on multiple grave lots.
2. Concrete or metal outer cases or vaults must be used for in-ground interments. The dimensions of these vaults must comply with the Cemetery's standard grave dimensions and of sufficient strength to protect the casket from the natural forces placed upon it when in the grave. Your Funeral Director or the Cemetery Manager can assist you in selecting the correct vault.
3. In accordance with Catholic law and tradition, embalming is required for in-ground burial. Cremated remains for in-ground burial must be placed in a rigid outer container of concrete or other material, approved by the Cemetery, which will withstand the natural forces of in-ground burial. Again, your Funeral Director, Crematorium, or Cemetery Manager can assist you.
4. Only one adult full casket burial is allowed in a full-size grave. Human cremated remains are interred in smaller graves specifically intended for this purpose. However, only one cremated human remains are permitted in a full-size grave. Memorialization on a grave with more than one burial must be on a common marker and in keeping with the style, type and location of other markers in the section.

## **Entombments in a Mausoleum (Full Body)**

1. Caskets are placed directly in crypts without a rigid outer container. The size of the casket must be such that it will fit the interior dimensions of the crypt.
2. A body must be embalmed for entombment in a mausoleum crypt.
3. Because of the need to handle caskets with mechanical lifting devices during the entombment, family member and other visitors are not allowed to view the entombment. However, the funeral director must be present as your representative to view and possibly assist with the entombment.

## **Interments in a Mausoleum or Columbarium (Cremated Remains)**

Cremated remains to be placed in a niche must be in an urn or container that fits in the space allowed in the columbarium niche. Contact the Cemetery Manager for correct size(s).

Only Cemetery personnel can open the niche and place cremated remains inside the niche and close the niche shutters. Family members may be present, if they choose, to witness the placing of the urn into the columbarium niche and the closing of the niche shutter.

No personal mementos are to be placed in a niche or crypt. **No pet remains are allowed in the niche.**



## Disinterments

1. Application for disinterment of a body must be made at the Cemeteries' offices. Permission for disinterment must be based upon application of the spouse, child or children, parent or parents or next of kin of the deceased person or an order by a Court of Law. All disinterment's require prior approval of Cemetery Management.
2. All costs associated with the disinterment should be paid by the family prior to the actual disinterment.
3. The Cemetery will determine the person(s) who must agree, in writing, to permit the disinterment, according to New York State law and the rules of Calvary Cemetery and Mt. Olivet Cemetery. The Cemetery will prepare the documents for signature by the person(s) who must agree to the disinterment. The signature(s) will require notarization.
4. Arrangements for removal from an in-ground location to a mausoleum must be reviewed and approved by Cemetery management. A funeral director must be involved in order to remove the casket from the grave and before placing in a mausoleum crypt.
5. Upon proper application, the Cemetery will schedule the removal, either for movement from one part of the Cemetery to another or removal to another Cemetery.
6. During a disinterment, the casket will not be opened for the purpose of viewing the remains. Family members or representatives are not allowed to be present at the disinterment.
7. At the time of disinterment, any and all monuments, headstones and footstones pertaining to the body removed from the Cemetery must be taken from the Cemetery. If the disinterment is within the Cemetery, and the memorial meets the monument regulations of the new location, the family must make arrangements to have the monument reset at the time the disinterment arrangements are made.

## Conduct Within the Cemetery

Calvary Cemetery and Mt. Olivet Cemetery are places of burial for our deceased loved ones and is to remain a place of beauty and peace for all who come to remember them. We thank you for your conscientious observance of these rules regarding conduct while visiting the Cemeteries.

**Calvary Cemetery is open daily from dawn to dusk, and is under 24-hour surveillance. The Cemetery Office is open Monday through Friday 8:00 am – 3:00 pm. Meetings with the Cemetery Manager outside of office hours require an appointment.**

Motor vehicles should enter and exit at the main Calvary Cemetery entrance and should remain on designated roads and parking lots at all times. Please do not drive on grass or planted areas. Please drive cautiously and be aware of pedestrians and other visitors at all times. Only licensed vehicles are allowed on Cemetery property.

1. Children should be accompanied by an adult and should not play on lots or lawns. Do not allow children to climb upon or handle headstones or monuments. Persons visiting the Cemeteries do so at their own risk as to damage or injury from falling monuments and headstones.
2. Visitors are welcome to walk on Cemetery roads for relaxation and reflection. Please refrain from jogging and bicycle riding on Cemetery grounds.
3. Pets are prohibited from cemetery grounds unless they remain in a motor vehicle.
4. Shrubs, trees and plants are there to enhance the beauty of the Cemeteries. Please do not pick flowers, remove plants, trim or injure trees or shrubs. Approved plants, flowers and winter decorations are welcome. **Please refer to the various brochures outlining the *Regulations for (1) Lot and Grave Plantings & (2) Columbarium and Cremation Garden decorations and (3) Mausoleum decorations*. These brochures are available at the Cemetery Office or online at [www.immconch.org/ourcemeteries](http://www.immconch.org/ourcemeteries).**
5. The Cemeteries are private property for the benefit of the lot and crypt holders and their loved ones. Any defacing of monuments, landmarks or the grounds may be considered a criminal act.
6. Management will refuse admittance to persons known to have caused disturbances or to persons not willing to abide by the rules and regulations of the Cemeteries.
7. Please take any rubbish with you to ensure that the grounds are free of trash.
8. Picnicking, gatherings and other assemblages deemed improper by Cemetery Management are prohibited.
9. The use of alcohol and any mood-altering substances and other drugs are strictly prohibited.
10. Excessive noise and disruptive actions on Cemetery grounds is strictly prohibited. Disruption or disturbance of a religious service, funeral, burial or memorial service is a class A misdemeanor.

## Contact Information

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## Our Mission

*With Faith-inspired guidance, respect and love, we provide personalized interment for burials and cremations in an inspiring, beautiful environment to commemorate the lives of people in our community, serving all Christian faiths.*

*We strive to provide a welcoming, enduring place of inspiration, comfort, respect and love where people can join together to honor and remember their loved ones.*

## Our Values

- We serve people of all Christian faiths and are guided by the principles and beliefs of our Catholic faith.
- We treat everyone with empathy and respect.
- We honor the people we serve and one another.
- We adhere to the highest standards of integrity.
- We are an organization of caring, loving individuals.
- We are a member of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester

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