

# St. Mary's Cemetery

DUNKIRK, NY

OPERATED BY

## ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON PARISH

DUNKIRK, NY



CRYPT/ENTOMBMENT  
PROVISIONS

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# INTRODUCTION

Catholic cemeteries, regardless of size, location or length of time in operation, share the primary goal of providing dignified burial places for faithful departed. They must offer services and facilities in harmony with the teaching of the church, and show a degree of care that reflects the spiritual values inherent in the tradition of Catholic burial.

Guidelines are designed for the express purpose of governing the activities in the Catholic Cemetery for the mutual protection and benefit of the lot holders and cemetery as a whole. They are established with certain restrictions to ensure uniformity and control within the cemetery grounds.

These guidelines are not intended to be restraining, or all inclusive, but rather to define an orderly plan of operation, care and permanent maintenance. A complete set of our guidelines is kept on file at the cemetery office and are available for your inspection during regular business hours. With this understanding in mind, the lot holder is requested to honor the following provisions.

Thank you,

## SPECIFIC GUIDELINES

1. The purchaser of a crypt/niche in St. Mary's Cemetery does not acquire the property itself, but only the right to burial.
2. No entombment/inurnment will be permitted in the mausoleum, or rights acquired by the purchaser, until such time that full payment has been received for the crypt/niche.
3. The entombment fee is separate and distinct from the purchase of the "right of burial". This fee must be paid for in full prior to the entombment.
4. Crypts and niches may be used for the burial of human remains only. A maximum of one entombment or two inurnments (cremated remains) is permitted in a single crypt space. Where there is only one entombment in a crypt space, the family may purchase an additional "right of burial" for cremated remains to also be placed in that crypt (space permitting). Certain restriction will apply. Only one inurnment can be made in a single niche.
5. Assignment or transfer of any crypt space will at all times be subject to the guidelines of St. Mary's Cemetery. No crypt or interest therein will be transferred or assigned without the consent of St. Mary's Cemetery. A notarized statement indicating permission of the original purchaser and/or his/her heir(s) is required. A recording fee may be charged to provide this service.
6. Since St. Mary's Cemetery is operated by St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, it is customary that interments are provided for Catholics. As a sign of the bonds of family unity, non-Catholics may be buried alongside the Catholic members of their family.
7. Ground spaces in St. Mary's Cemetery may be exchanged as partial payment on mausoleum crypts with the approval of St. Mary's Cemetery. A release form for the graves exchanged must be signed by the purchaser (plot holder) and the easement to the ground property must be returned to the cemetery.

8. If a person wishes to purchase crypts for the entombment of a family member already buried, he or she can do so, once the proper forms have been completed. A separate fee will be charged for the disinterment and entombment. In addition, a special cemetery approved liner must be purchased. Other expenses, not directly assessed by St. Mary's Cemetery, may also be incurred at the time of transfer.

9. After full payment has been received for the crypt or niche, the plaque may be placed on the granite memorial.

## **RETURNS**

If, in the sole discretion of the Cemetery, a crypt can be utilized by the Cemetery, it may be returned under the following conditions.

1. The crypt to be returned is not marked with a family memorial or individual memorial. Any existing memorialization must be removed at the family expense.
2. Proper notarized statements to show proof of ownership must be submitted to the Cemetery office.
3. Refunds will be based on the original purchase price less the recording fee in effect at the time of return.

# DECORATIONS

1. Nothing may be affixed in any way to the mausoleum or columbarium walls or frontals.
2. Veteran's flags may be placed only in the adjacent flower beds.
3. Flowers and shrubbery are planted and maintained by the Cemetery. No other flowers, plants or shrubs may be planted in these areas around the perimeter of mausoleums or columbarium. One exception is allowed- The week prior to Memorial Day and one week following, a small pot of plants or flowers may be placed in adjacent areas.
4. All crypt and niche markers shall match and be ordered solely by the Cemetery.
5. Military plaques for niches and crypts are not provided by the V.A. and must be purchased from the Cemetery. All mounting of said plaques will be done by Cemetery Staff only.
6. Metal wires or adhesives that affix decorations, pictures or Mass cards, to crypt or niche faces are not permitted. They can cause permanent damage and present safety hazards to visitors.
7. Birthdays and Anniversaries may also be observed by notifying the cemetery office and receiving a tag to place on the flower arrangement identifying the special occasion. Floral arrangements may be placed three (3) days prior to and one (1) day after the holiday or special occasion, five (5) days in succession. All floral arrangements will be removed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day after the holiday. If it is your intention to retain plants and /or vases, it is most important that you are aware of the time of their removal.