



CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ARCHDIOCESE OF LOUISVILLE

Calvary
1921

St. Louis
1867

St. Michael
1851

St. John
1849

A Guiding Light

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OUR MISSION:

The services of Catholic Cemeteries are a ministry of the Archdiocese of Louisville. We offer the rite of burial to the Catholic Community and all of God's people. We commit ourselves to the Gospel and Catholic tradition. We affirm the sacredness of human life and profess the resurrection of the body and everlasting life.

NEWS & EVENTS

An Introduction by Most Rev. Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D.



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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

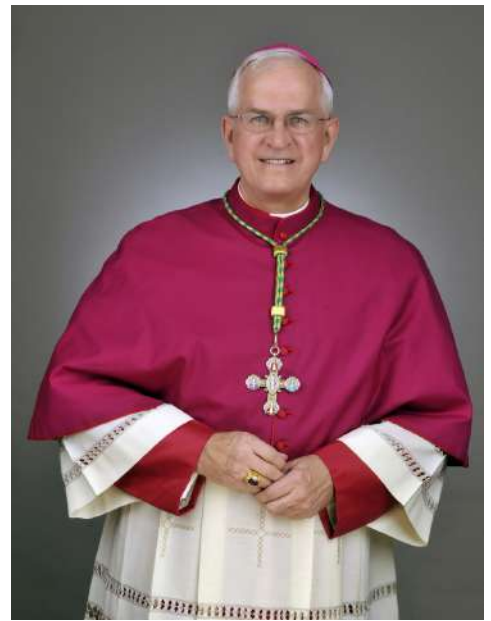
May God's blessings be with you! I am pleased to introduce this e-newsletter prepared by our Catholic Cemeteries Office.

One of the very noble and religious gestures has been the proper remembrance and care of those who have died. Our Catholic Church calendar each November begins with the Feast of All Saints followed by the Feast of All Souls. Our convictions about eternal life and of the dignity of every human being, body and soul, remind us how important it is to care for the remains of our deceased loved ones.

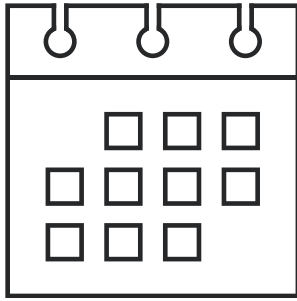
Some have said that we live in an age in which our concern for this life has been so great that we run the risk of forgetting our loved ones and of neglecting our prayers for those who have died and have gone before us. May this newsletter be an occasion to cultivate the proper respect and reverence for those who have died and the proper care for their burial places. May it also acquaint each of us with the Catholic teachings that ensure our deep understanding and embrace of eternal life and our care for the remains of those who have died.

For many decades, these convictions have led the Archdiocese of Louisville to provide for dignified places of burial, and so I join you in saluting our Catholic cemeteries and all who serve each day to provide proper care for our deceased loved one. With this electronic newsletter, we will have the opportunity to benefit from regular communication about the ministry provided by our our Catholic cemeteries. I thank Javier Fajardo, director of the Catholic Cemeteries Office, as well as his staff, for the wonderful care that we too often take for granted.

Most Reverend Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D.
Archbishop of Louisville



Upcoming Events



Infant Monthly Prayer Service
Calvary Cemetery, Holy Innocents
Section (section 20)

August 25th, from 1:30-2:00 PM
September 29th, from 1:30-2:00 PM

OUR MINISTRY

A Catholic Guide To Cremation

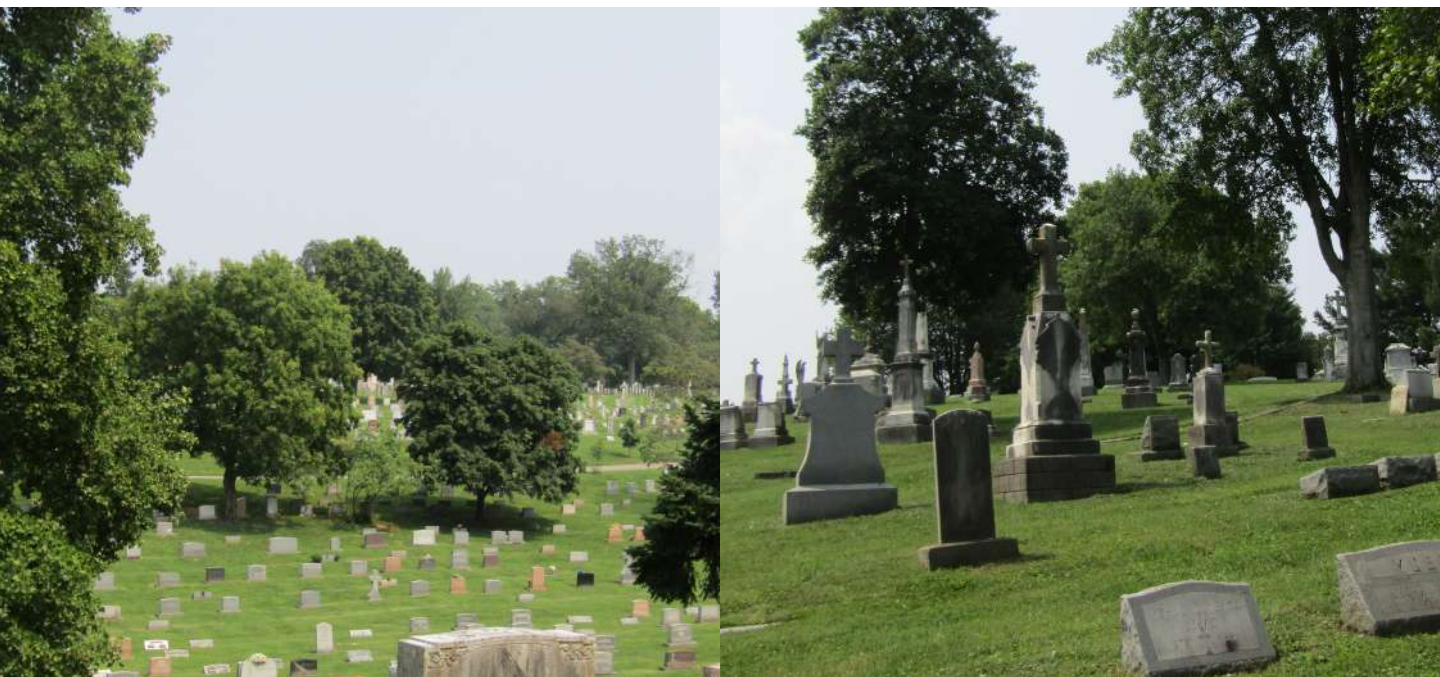
The practice of cremating the body has been allowed for Catholics since 1963, when the Holy See lifted the ban on cremation. The cremated remains of the person should be treated with the same amount of respect that is given to be human body from which they came. The scattering of the cremated remains or keeping the cremated remains in a home are not the reverent disposition that the church requires. The rule of thumb is not to do to the cremated remains of a person what we would not do to the full body of that person.

Regardless of the form of the remains, the Church expects those who have been baptized as Catholics to take full advantage of the Order of Christian Funerals. These rites include prayers at the time of death and thereafter, a wake service allowing time for prayers and support, a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated for both the living and the dead, and burial in a Catholic Cemetery as the final resting place for those who have fallen asleep in Christ.

Other signs of respect are the use of a worthy vessel to contain the cremated remains of the person, the proper care in transporting them, and their final disposition in consecrated ground, that is buried in a grave or inurned in a columbarium. Appropriate memorialization is recommended as well.

Catholic Cemeteries offers different options to accommodate cremated remains. Please call the office or click the button below for more details.





OUR ARCHDIOCESAN CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

Celebrating 100 Years of Calvary

Calvary Cemetery was established in 1921 after the older cemeteries began to run low on space. With over 200 acres, it became the largest of the Archdiocesan Catholic Cemeteries, as well as home to the Catholic Cemeteries office.

Did you know...

- Approximately 60,000 people have been laid to rest in Calvary
- Archbishops Kelly, McDonough and Floersh as well as Bishop Maloney are buried in the section for diocesan priests
- The Sisters of Mercy, Resurrectionist Priests, Order of Carmelite Friars, Carmelite Sisters and Xaverian Brothers also have graves here
- Calvary has space to support burials for at least the next 50 years

Various graves, lots, community mausoleums and columbariums, family mausoleums, and a special Holy Innocents Section for infant and stillborn burials are offered at Calvary.

Calvary also hosts many events throughout the year including the monthly Infant Prayer Service, Stations of the Cross during Lent, All Souls Day Mass and the Lighting of the Tree of Remembrance Ceremony.



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God of the living and the dead accept our prayers for those who have died in Christ and are buried with him in the hope of rising again. In your mercy grant them eternal rest.

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OUR STAFF

Meet Us!

The Catholic Cemeteries have a central office located in Calvary Cemetery. In this office are kept all the records for the four archdiocesan Catholic cemeteries. Purchases of burial rights for graves, niches, and crypts for all archdiocesan Catholic cemeteries are made at this central office as well. Our family counselors offer you their knowledge and expertise to help you make an educated burial selection.

The Catholic Cemeteries has a memorial department with skilled designers that can help guide you in the custom design of a meaningful, lasting monument or grave marker based upon your wishes and specifications of your grave or lot.

Our grounds personnel performs the daily burials for the four archdiocesan Catholic cemeteries, provides the maintenance of lawns, trees, roads, fences, etc., and contributes with their hard work (in all weather conditions) towards the beautification of the grounds and facilities of our cemeteries.

Together we have many decades of experience with Catholic Cemeteries - some of our staff have been here for 40 years.

Regardless of how long we have been part of Catholic Cemeteries, we are each here to serve you and your family with all of your cemetery needs.



NATURE & WILDLIFE

Seen On Our Grounds

Coyotes have been spotted in Calvary Cemetery recently, including one we recently posted to our Facebook page who alerted our Executive Director to his presence with lots of barking. Other wildlife including red tailed hawks, deer, owls, and more have been seen in the surrounding area & on our grounds. Animals are God's creatures, and as such we feel we have a duty to be good neighbors to them as much as possible. While they are typically more afraid of us than we are of them, please be aware of the presence of native wildlife and take appropriate caution when necessary.

Click below for the video!



LEARN MORE

Visit Our Office

1600 Newburg Rd, Louisville, KY 40205
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Open Monday-Friday: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM
Saturday: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Visit Our Grounds

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Louisville, KY 40204

St. John
2647 Duncan St
Louisville, KY 40212

St. Louis
1167 Barret Ave
Louisville, KY 40204

Calvary
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Open April-September: 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM
March-October: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM



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