



# 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.

# Upcoming Events

**June 29th**

## **Infant Prayer Service**

Calvary Cemetery  
Holy Innocents Section  
(Section 20)  
1:30-2:30 PM

Each month, Catholic Cemeteries holds a brief prayer service to remember those infants who were stillborn or who lived any length of time. The names of all of the infants buried during the month in any of the archdiocesan Catholic cemeteries will be honored during the service. Any who have lost an infant are invited to attend and pray with us for their baby and all others.

If you would like a name to be included on the prayer list, please give us a call at (502) 451-7710.

**June 30th**

## **Kenny Popp's Last Day**



After 39 years of dedicated service to Catholic Cemeteries of Louisville, Kenny Popp is retiring!

He started with us as a horticulturalist in 1983 and was named Director of Operations in 1996. Wearer of many hats, he is also the go-to person in the office for information about the history of each cemetery, anecdotes about notable local figures & events of the past, the geography & geology of the area around the cemeteries, and much more. He has mapped much of the cemeteries, and familiarized himself with seemingly every nook and cranny.

Kenny has been an invaluable colleague to everyone, both grounds crew and office staff, and has always been willing to offer a helping hand when needed.

His knowledge, experience, and dedication will be greatly missed.

Best wishes to you, Kenny, on your well-deserved retirement!



# All About Grave Markers

OUR  
MINISTRY

Every grave sold by the Catholic Cemeteries allows for a specific type of memorial for aesthetic, operational and maintenance reasons. When a family purchases a grave or lot, the only type of memorial that can be erected is the one reflected in the burial rights agreement.

Our non-commissioned family service counselors can custom design a meaningful, lasting monument or grave marker based upon your wishes and the specifications of your grave or lot utilizing a variety of different mediums such as granite, marble, sculpture, bronze and stained glass. We will assist you through the entire process from the design phase to the installation of your memorial.

Based upon the grave or lot restrictions, you can place one of potentially four different types of headstones. These include a **Monument**, **Slant Marker**, **Bevel Marker** or **Level Marker**. Monuments are typically the most expensive, as they require the most stone material. Slant markers are sometimes compared to a wedge of cheese: straight in the back but slanted in the front. Bevels are also called pillow markers, as they are boxy and small, but raised several inches off the ground. Level markers are similar to a bevel but are flush with the ground.

Veteran markers and bronze medallions issued by the government are permitted in the Catholic Cemeteries as well. Our family service counselors can assist you in the application process and choosing the type of veteran marker permitted. While there is no charge for the marker, there is a cemetery fee for the concrete foundation and setting of the marker. The military separation or discharge papers (DD-214) will be needed to apply for these veteran's benefits.

Our memorial department can also assist you with inscriptions, artwork, permanent vases, professional cleaning, repair, and maintenance work to an existing monument or marker. Please call our office at (502) 451-7710 for more information.



Monument



Slant



Bevel



Level

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# Upcoming Availability at Calvary

We have been working on quite a bit behind the scenes! For the past several years, new sections have been in the works. You may have seen them if you've visited Calvary in that time — large undeveloped areas past Section 37. They look park-like with gently sloping hills, trees, and beautiful views of Bellarmine's tower and the rest of Calvary Cemetery. These areas are just part of the dozens of acres we are planning to incorporate for burials, with an emphasis on new cremation spaces as the popularity of cremation is expected to continue rising.

As of right now, we have Section 40 completely open for burials, with parts of Sections 38 and 39 soon to be available as well. We will be developing more of that area with time.

We also have our new columbarium complex, Our Lady of Peace, opening in Section 7. The 4 new structures offer hundreds of single and double niches, and are located in one of the most scenic parts of Calvary Cemetery. While the area is still under construction and not yet available for purchase, we are anticipating being able to make that area available in the coming months.

Watch the video below to see both the columbaria and the new sections, and stay in touch with us via this publication, Facebook, or Instagram for updates on when these areas will go on sale.





# Marilyn Bennett, Benefits Coordinator & Administrative Assistant

OUR  
STAFF

As the Burial Coordinator for 11 years prior to her current role as the Benefits Coordinator, Marilyn has seen the Catholic Cemeteries office change dramatically in her 12 years here. As the needs of families have changed over time, operations and staff had to adapt to keep up. "And what we do will just keep changing," she notes.

In her new position, she embraces that change; no two days are quite the same for her. One day she may be working with Kathy, the Director of Administration, to onboard a new employee, and the next she may be working on accounts/payable, entering check requests and cutting checks, maintaining annual and endowed care records, creating memorial cleaning requests, or recording general ledger deposits to the appropriate accounts.

***"I like that my position here allows me to keep busy and always be doing different things."***

She has a background of 30+ years in customer service and claims at AEGON and UPS prior to joining the team at Catholic Cemeteries. She says her experience in these previous positions "definitely" come in handy, both in her current role and as Burial Coordinator. Still, Marilyn acknowledges that there will always be more to learn. She takes on each day with a cheerful attitude, a smile, and a colorful outfit — her signature around the office.

Marilyn enjoys spending time with her son Brian and her husband Mark, of whom she says, "I am thankful God allowed him to cross my path." She relaxes by reading and playing solitaire on the computer, and currently spends much of her time renovating her mother's house in preparation for sale.



# **What To Know About Coyotes at Calvary**



Every spring and summer we see an influx of wildlife on our grounds, and so far this year we have already had multiple reports of coyote sightings on our grounds. The undeveloped areas on the outskirts of Calvary, which are wooded and run next to Beargrass Creek, are the primary places they are spotted, however that does not mean they won't roam.

If you are on our grounds and spot a coyote, don't panic. They are more afraid of you than you are of them. This time of the year, adult female coyotes are protecting their cubs. Getting you to leave the area is what they want.

That said, we encourage caution — especially if you have a dog with you. Remember to keep your dog on a leash at all times, and don't allow them to wander out of sight. We want to keep our families & their pets safe while also recognizing that wild animals, such as coyotes, are an inescapable part of our environment and should be respected as such.



**Learn more about burial options  
at any of our cemeteries**

**Call (502) 451-7710**

**or visit**

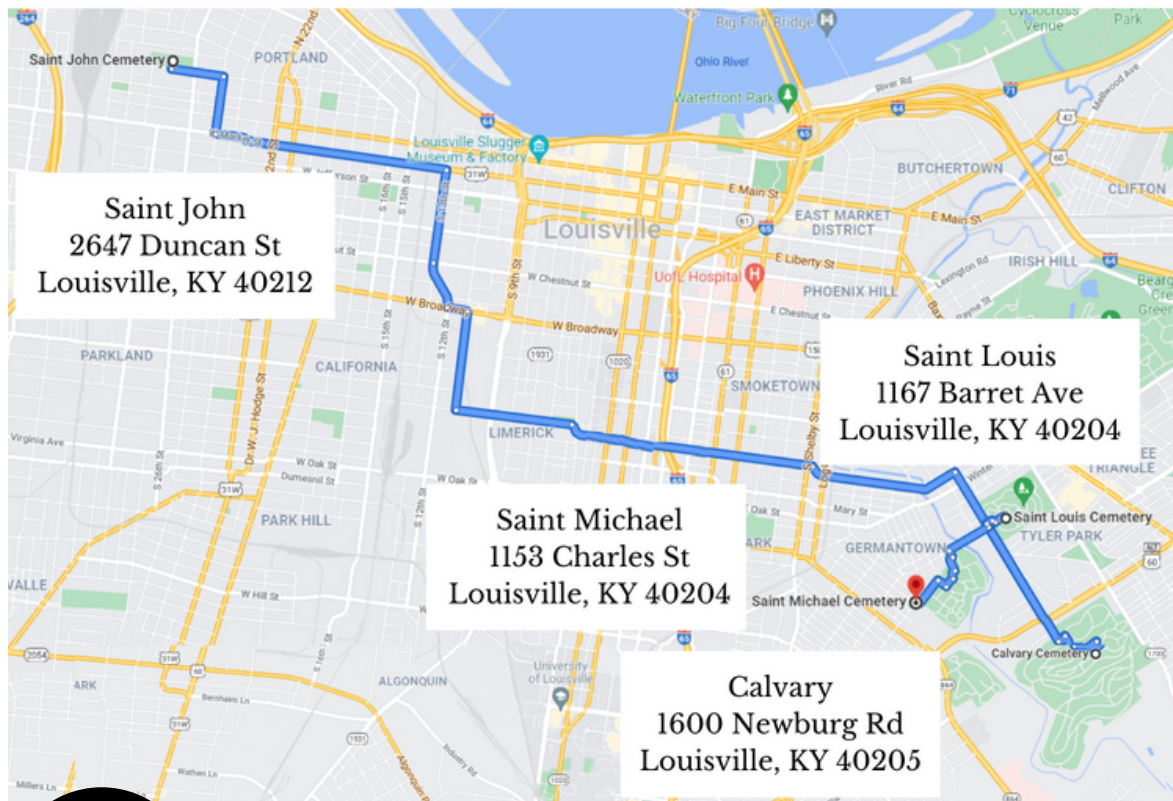
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*God of the living and  
the dead accept our  
prayers for those who  
have died in Christ and  
are buried with him in  
the hope of rising again.  
In your mercy grant  
them eternal rest.*

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# Visit Our Grounds



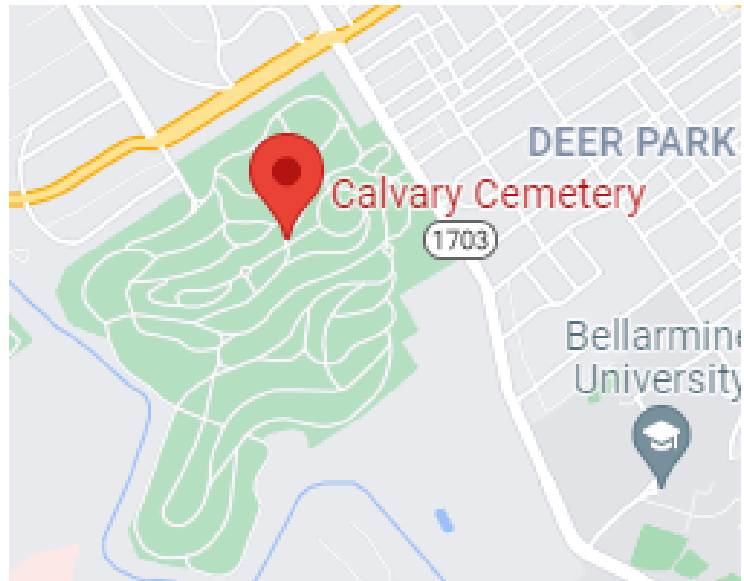
**Open April-September: 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM**  
**October-March: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM**

# Visit Our Office

Located inside  
Calvary Cemetery

1600 Newburg Rd  
Louisville, KY 40205

There is a blue line  
on the road from  
the gates leading to  
the office



Questions? Call us  
(502) 451-7710

Open Monday-Friday:  
8:00 AM to 4:30 PM  
Saturday:  
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

