



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.



A Letter from Archbishop Fabre

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Our Catholic burial grounds have a special place in our hearts and minds as people of faith. These grounds are held as sacred places by the Catholic Church and the faithful. Our burial grounds hold the mortal remains of family and friends awaiting the Resurrection.

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. The Catholic Cemeteries also welcomes family members from other faith traditions; those who were together in life should not be separated in death.

Each visit to a Catholic Cemetery is a reminder of the love, fellowship, and faith that we have shared with our deceased family members and friends. Each cemetery visit is also a reminder of Jesus Christ's promise to everlasting life.

Death as seen through the eyes of a Christian is not the end; it is simply a natural passageway to everlasting life. Burial in a Catholic Cemetery is a statement of continued belief in that everlasting life, even in death.

In today's changing and uncertain world, the Catholic Cemeteries will welcome and serve you and your family. Remember to state your preference for a Catholic Cemetery when planning funeral services.

Devotedly yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shelton J. Fabre". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre
Archbishop of Louisville

Upcoming Events

Aug 31st

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.

About The Pilgrimage of Solidarity

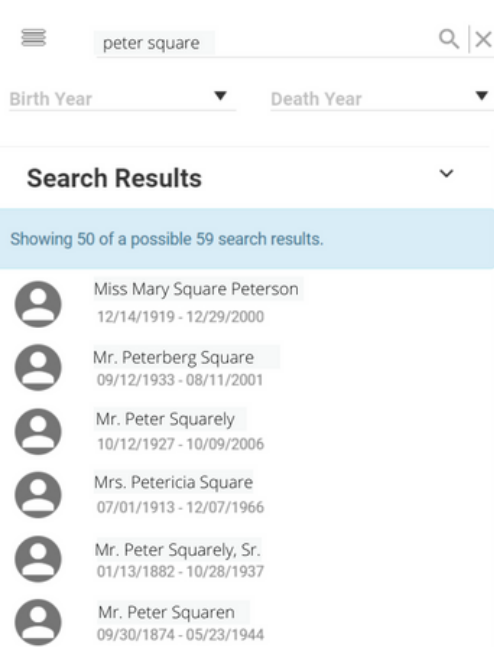


The day-long pilgrimage, sponsored by St. Agnes Church's Sister Thea Bowman Society and lead by Deacon Ned Berghausen, focused on the life of Mary Narcissa Frederick, an enslaved woman who died in 1908. Deacon Berghausen considers Frederick to be one of the mothers of the Archdiocese of Louisville. She is buried in an unmarked grave in Saint Louis Cemetery (pictured above with Deacon Berghausen).

This event took place on July 30th, but throughout and beyond the next month, we will be discussing the findings surrounding the life of Mary Narcissa and other early Black Catholics on our social media. Deacon Berghausen's research on the life of Frederick can be found by visiting the link below if you would like to read it on your own.

How To Locate A Loved One On Our Website

OUR
MINISTRY



Using records from each of our four cemeteries, anyone can search for their loved ones, research family history, and get directions to their location with a burial search on our website.

Using the search bar on the "Locate A Loved One" tool seen above, type the name you are searching for (for example, "Peter Square"), or utilize any of the following keywords for your search:

- first: First Name - Search by first name (One trick we've learned is to try searching different spellings if you cannot find your person by the spelling you know — oftentimes names were recorded wrong in the written record, and so may be spelled differently in our digital system as a result)
- last: Last Name - Search by last name
- middle: Middle Name - Search by middle name
- born: Year - Search by year of birth
- died: Year - Search by year of death
- landmark: Name - Search for landmarks with a given name
- combine keywords: Such as "last: Square born: 1905" which would find all with the last name of Square that were born in 1905

For burials in Calvary Cemetery, the map should show a red pin (as seen above) with the approximate location. We are working on adding this for Saint Louis, Saint Michael, and Saint John as well but at this time they are not available. If you would like more detailed directions, don't hesitate to call our office and we'd be happy to help you find who you're looking for!

Guidelines for Dogs on Our Grounds

Our cemetery grounds, while parklike with many trees, flowers, and shrubbery, are first and foremost sacred ground. This means that although our cemeteries may look in some respects like a park, we run on a different set of rules than one.

One issue that tends to come up a lot is the issue of dogs. Dogs are allowed on our grounds, but with some limitations. First and foremost, it is of utmost importance that *dogs remain leashed at all times while within the cemetery*. Not only is leashing dogs a city ordinance, but it is one of our rules of conduct as well.

We have heard of people walking dogs on the grass, between and over graves. We ask that *dogs remain on the paved roads* and not be allowed on burial areas. Please be courteous of others and remember that this is a solemn place of remembrance and solitude.

This shouldn't need to be said, but we will do so anyway: *Please remember to pick up after your dog*. Be respectful that this is a holy space.

Lastly, we cannot control how many people, cars, wild animals, and other dogs are on our grounds at any given time. We do not have a size or breed restriction, and as long as the rules are followed, any friendly dog is welcome here. Thank you for your understanding!



Evan Massey, Foreman

OUR STAFF

Evan has been a part of the grounds team here at Catholic Cemeteries since 2017. He applied on a friend's recommendation, as a part-time position, but quickly jumped to full-time. Since then, he has been on a full-tilt upward trajectory: this year he was named Foreman at Calvary, the largest of our 4 cemeteries. His new position officially started a few weeks ago.

His primary responsibilities, prior to the promotion, included all facets of monument care: digging and pouring foundations; setting stones; installing plaques, medallions, vases; repairing and cleaning stones, and more. He typically works in tandem with Harry Straney, a seasoned veteran with over 30 years of experience at Catholic Cemeteries.



"My favorite part of what I do here is that everything we do on a daily basis makes a difference for somebody. Even small things like cutting the grass, which may not seem like a big deal, may bring peace to someone to see that the cemetery is well-kept."

His new position opened up when our longtime Director of Operations retired, and the previous Foreman, Harold Collins, moved into the vacant role. Evan is embracing his new managerial duties, which include more administrative tasks like overseeing payroll, managing fuel for our equipment, tracking inventory, and overseeing the cemetery. He likes to start his day by driving through Calvary, observing each section to make sure things are in order, and to find areas of improvement to delegate to the rest of the team. However he is modest about how he operates: "I take stock of things and go from there."

Evan is a Louisville native and a graduate of Atherton High School.

Birds of The Catholic Cemeteries



Due to our abundant variety of trees, shrubs, and other plants, our grounds — especially Calvary Cemetery's — have become known as a haven for birdwatching.

Over the years we have spotted many types of common and unique species of birds.

The bald eagle, pictured to the left, is of course one of the most memorable! This particular eagle was photographed in March of 2017. This one does look quite ferocious.



The red-tailed hawk (left) is another notable species, one that we actually see quite frequently. They must enjoy our grounds as they come back season after season. Just recently, one was spotted sitting atop an old marble headstone and a family thought it was a bronze statue until it suddenly flew away!

If you have a photo or video of a unique bird sighting on our grounds, please send it to us and we'll feature it on our social media.

Bonus: Our Executive Director sent in his own birdwatching video — this one of several wild turkeys he spotted at Calvary!

Learn more about burial options
at any of our cemeteries

Call (502) 451-7710

or visit

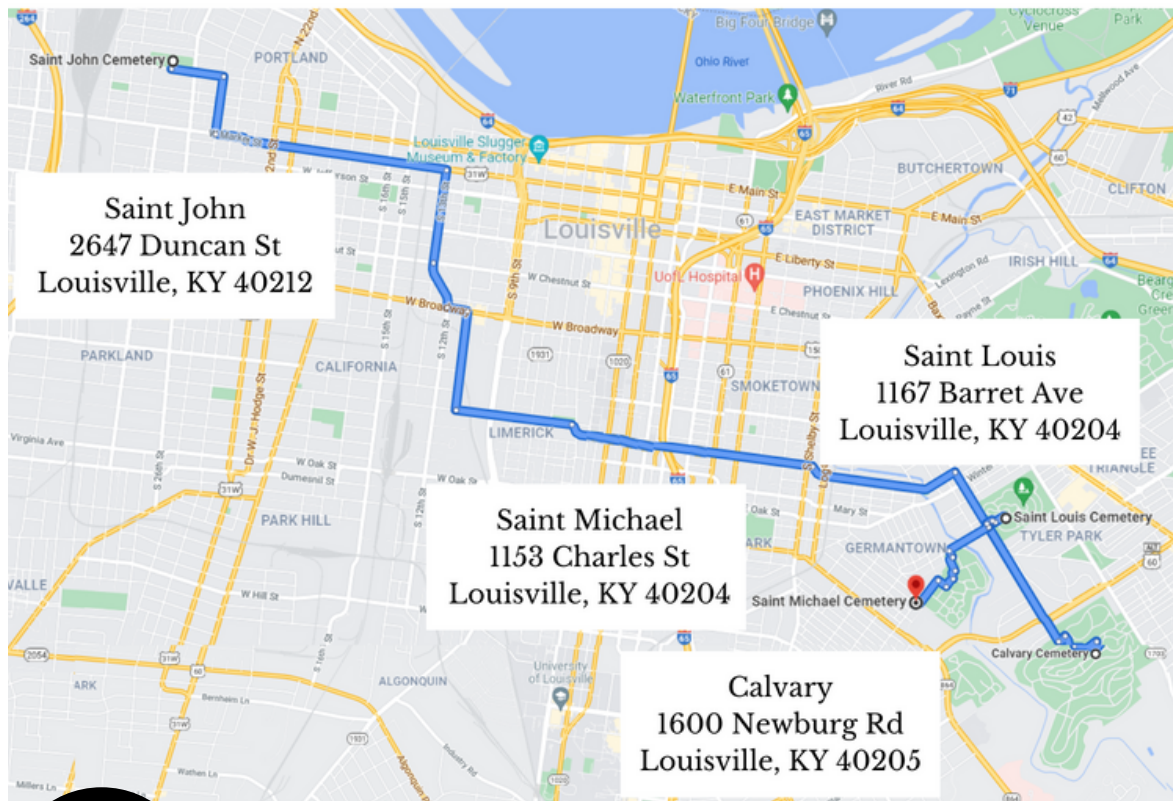
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*God of the living and
the dead accept our
prayers for those who
have died in Christ and
are buried with him in
the hope of rising again.
In your mercy grant
them eternal rest.*

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Visit Our Grounds



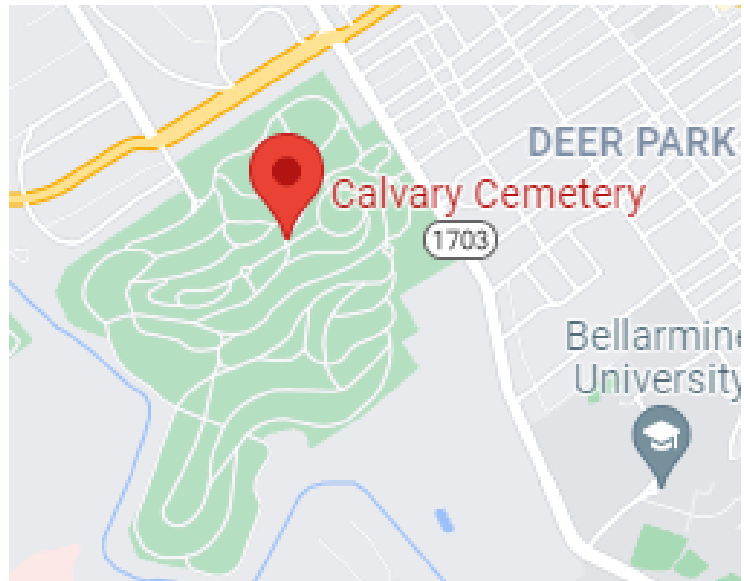
Open April-September: 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM
October-March: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

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

