



ST. MARY'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH
 God First. Loving Others.
 Making Disciples.

St. Alphonsus and St. Mary's Cemetery Rules and Regulations

-A Tradition of Faith-

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CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Rules and regulations play an important part in the beautification and preservation of the sacred resting place of the faithful departed. They are intended not as restraining, but rather as defining an orderly plan of operation, care and permanent maintenance.

These rules and regulations have been implemented for the safety of our contractors, as well as our visitors.

Every Certificate of Exclusive Interment Rights issued for an interment space purchased from St. Mary's contains a provision that the grantee takes title subject to the rules and regulations then in force and which may be enacted in the future. No rule or regulation will be adopted which is not designed to benefit lot owners collectively.

- All cemetery business must be transacted through the Rectory.
- Rectory hours are Monday through Friday, from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. (closed 12 P.M. to 1 P.M. for lunch).
- The cemeteries are open daily during daylight hours.
- The word cemetery is used to identify both St. Mary's and St. Alphonsus Cemetery unless otherwise noted.



GENERAL RULES:

The following items are not permitted in the Cemetery and will be removed and stored for a brief period of time: flower boxes, wooden or plastic crosses, benches, toys, stuffed animals, crushed stone, wood chips, fraternal symbols, flags other than the American flag, votive candles, solar lights, trellises, pumpkins (they attract varmints), balloons, pictures, metal items,

bird feeders, fencing, glass, ceramic or plastic figurines and flamingos. Items not permitted will be so identified by way of stickers. Lot holders will be given a ten day period to remove those items. Items not removed will be stored carefully for a period of 30 days.



DECORATION REGULATIONS:

- The cemetery allows the use of concrete, granite, or durable plastic planters in front or beside the monuments as long as the upkeep is maintained by lot owner. Disposable planters are not allowed.
- The use of planters is permitted between May 1 and October 1. It is the lot owner's responsibility to fill them with dirt and to empty and turn over the planters at the end of each season. Covering or capping the planters is prohibited.
- Flowers are allowed in planters and in the ground provided they do not exceed the length of the head stone and a width of two feet in front of the monument. In ground planting must be edged with plastic or metal 1 ½ to 2 inches above the ground.
- Shrubs, trees and bushy perennials such as Hostas, and yews are prohibited. Overgrown or dead shrubs, trees, bushes, and plants will be removed or trimmed at the discretion of the cemetery committee.
- One standard floral saddle may be placed on a monument.
- An American flag may be placed in a bronze holder next to the monument a few days prior to Memorial Day and must be removed shortly after Veteran's Day. Torn or tattered flags will be removed when warranted.

INTERMENT SPACES:

- Interment spaces can be purchased only with the written approval of the Rectory and subject to the rules and regulations now or hereafter adopted by the cemetery committee.
- Interment spaces are intended for the use of Catholics and their families.
- Any interment space must be paid for before use.
- Pre-need interment spaces may be purchased in full, or with a minimum down payment of 10%, with the balance financed for up to 12 months.
- The lot owner is the person or persons: (a) to whom St. Mary's Rectory has conveyed the exclusive right of interment; or (b) who have acquired such right by transfer in accordance with the rules and regulations; or (c) who hold such right by inheritance.
- A certificate may be issued to an individual, or to family members with right of survivorship.
- Owners are not allowed to sell their interment right, in whole or in part, except to the Rectory and then only under limited circumstances. No permitted transfer or assignment of any interment space may take place without authorization by the Rectory.

Perpetual Care is used for maintenance of the cemetery, grounds, roads, and buildings. Such income may not be used for special care of graves, memorials or other private property.

INTERMENTS

- No interment shall take place without the authorization of the lot owner or the person authorized by law.
- An Authorization to Inter form may be required prior to the interment.
- An order for interment must be accepted by the Rectory at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled interment.
- Interments that require cemetery contractors to complete the interment after working hours are subject to surcharge.
- All interments, entombments, or inurnments will be performed in private by the contractor of the cemetery.
- One casket and/or four cremated remains may be placed in any one grave.
- An infant may be buried in the same grave as a parent, grandparent or sibling in a burial case less than 24" long and 12" high at no charge.
- Scattering cremated remains within the cemetery is prohibited.
- A disinterment will be conducted in accordance with diocesan guidelines and in accordance with the New York State Religious Corporation Law.



MEMORIALS:

- Authorization is required for the location, kind, design, size, symbolism, crafting, quality and material of all memorials or inscriptions placed in the cemetery. Anyone ordering any memorial or inscription must secure written approval from the Rectory.
- Portraits or any other material may not be attached to the memorial.
- Foundations are required for stabilization of memorials. St. Mary's contractor shall install all foundations. Application for the installation of a memorial shall be made in writing by the monument company and approved by the Rectory.
- Lots must be paid for in full before memorial work is installed.
- The only temporary markers allowed are those placed by the funeral homes after a burial.
- No memorials of wood or composition are allowed.
- Installation of veterans markers in the ground or on the back of a memorial must conform to current cemetery and VA regulations. Fees applicable. All VA marker applications must be authorized by the Rectory.
- Memorials remain the private property of the lot owner. St. Mary's Rectory is not liable for the damage, maintenance or repair of private property.