

# St. Mary's Cemetery

DUNKIRK, NY

OPERATED BY

## ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON PARISH

DUNKIRK, NY



IN-GROUND  
PLOT/INTERMENT  
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 plot in St. Mary's Cemetery does not acquire the property itself, but only the right to burial.
2. No interment will be permitted in the cemetery, or rights acquired by the purchaser, until such time that full payment has been received for the plot.
3. The interment fee is separate and distinct from the purchase of the "right of burial". This fee must be paid for in full prior to the interment.
4. Grave spaces may be used for the burial of human remains only. A maximum of one interment or two inurnments (cremated remains) is permitted in a single grave; the family may purchase an additional "right of burial" for cremated remains to also be placed in that grave (space permitting). Certain restrictions will apply.
5. Assignment or transfer of any plot will at all times be subject to the guidelines of St. Mary's Cemetery. No burial space 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. Under normal conditions, St. Mary's Cemetery is open for visitation each day of the year from Dawn to Dusk.

## DECORATIONS

1. One approved in-ground vase or non-decorative clay or plastic pot of flowers will be permitted on each grave during the grass cutting season April 1<sup>st</sup> - October 31<sup>st</sup>. The pot should not exceed 10" in diameter or 10" in height.
2. In-ground plantings are not permitted on lawn level memorial graves.
3. Due to the possible hazards they may cause to employees and visitors, the placing of chairs, benches, toys, plastic or metal designs, ornaments, pictures, shells, gravel, settees, trellises, and similar articles will not be permitted.
4. Certain sections of the cemetery may have planting privileges. Please check with the cemetery office for more information.
5. Artificial decorations mounted on upright supports, those constructed on wire, wood, or plastic that stand above ground, are not permitted during the grass cutting season.
6. Decorations will not be permitted during the fall clean up period of October 16<sup>th</sup> – October 31<sup>st</sup>.
7. Winter decorations will be permitted from November 1<sup>st</sup> – March 15<sup>th</sup>. Decorations will not be permitted during the spring clean up period of March 16<sup>th</sup> – April 14<sup>th</sup>.
8. American Flags may be placed on Veterans graves the week before Memorial Day to 1 week following July 4<sup>th</sup>. A family may choose to place the flag in an approved pot for the summer season as long as it's properly maintained.

## **MEMORIALIZATION**

1. Graves must be paid for in full before a marker can be placed.
2. The size, style and number of memorials will be governed according to the section of the Cemetery in which they are to be placed.
3. In keeping with Christian ideals, a Christian character or emblem will be the main feature on all memorials. Prayers and Epitaphs of a positive nature, may be permitted with Cemetery approval, and must be of limited wording.
4. You are entitled to just one etching of a non-religious nature that may not exceed 9 square inches.

## **RETURNS**

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

1. The grave 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.