

General Information, Rules and Regulations for Resurrection & Mt. Calvary Cemeteries
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish 404 S. Wood Street Chesaning MI 48616

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Public Acts No. 166 of 1974 provides for a penalty of up to five years imprisonment and/or a fine of up to \$2,500 for anyone who shall willfully destroy, mutilate, deface, injure, or remove any tomb, monument, grave stone or other cemetery structure.

1. All cemetery lots and graves must be purchased at the Parish Offices (989-845-6894)
 - * The cost of each grave is 300.00. Lots (4 graves) are sold for \$1200.00
 - * The cost for a single grave for those not belonging to the Parish is \$500.00
 - * \$100.00 of the cost for each grave is deposited to the cemetery Endowment Care Fund.
 - * See Drawing #1 for Lot and Grave layout.
2. All costs for burial (opening, vault, and closure) will be the responsibility of the owner and shall meet the requirements of the "Rules and Regulations" and be conducted by the Sexton of the Cemetery.
3. Our Lady Parish will not be responsible for any damaged or stolen items at gravesites or cemetery.
4. No cemetery lot shall be transferred to another party without prior notice and approval by the Cemetery Board "Administration".
5. Headstones/ Markers: Footings for markers and headstones are handled through the Sexton. See attached for the contact telephone numbers and addresses of authorized personnel to assist in the placement of Headstones/Markers and Footings. See Drawing #1 for general layout.
6. Decorations allowed: Plants, flowers, perennials, plastic flowers, (biodegradable/recyclable), grave blankets, shepherd hooks, and plant rings.
7. Placement of decorations: All decorations must be placed no wider than the headstone/marker and no more than eighteen inches (18") away from the headstone/marker. If Headstones are not used, a space of eighteen inches (18") by seven inches (7") wide will be allowed for markers. (See Drawing #1)
8. Decorations NOT allowed:
 - * No arbors or fencing of any kind will be allowed around the lots or individual gravesites.
 - * No loose stone or any other type of groundcover will be allowed.
 - * Individual or family shrines are not allowed.
 - * No trees, shrubs, or bushes will be allowed.
 - * No borders or edging.
9. Seasonal Clean-Up: Maintenance and/or clean-up is the responsibility of the owners/heirs of individual grave sites and/or lots
 - Spring: All old decorations must be removed by March 15th of each year. Exceptions will be made when inclement weather makes this impossible. Please look at the parish weekly bulletin for any seasonal date changes. New decorations must not be placed before April 15th. This allows time for inspection by the Cemetery Board and also time for items remaining to be removed.
 - Fall: Any flowers or fall decorations that an owner would like to keep, need to be removed no later than October 31st
 - Winter decorations can be placed on November 1st.Fees will be charged for those individuals not in compliance as expenses for clean-ups are incurred.
10. Arranging for Inurnment of Cremated Remains.
 - * According to the guidelines for Christian Burial, the scattering (commingling at a designated site with provision for memorial) of cremated remains within the designated particular area of the Catholic cemetery is permitted with proper inurnment arrangements at a Cemetery's office and the recording of the location. The use of a "Cremation Vault" will be mandatory for protection of an urn.
 - * Inclusion of cremated remains within the casket of another, without the express knowledge, consent, payment of Burial Rights and Inurnment fees, and recording of said inurnment is forbidden.
11. The Pastor of the parish is the authority of all Cemeteries and will have an advisory board (Administration Commission) to enact all Rules and Regulations. Because of continuing changes in customs, practices, economic conditions, and products, Our Lady of Perpetual Help may, and hereby expressly reserves the right at any time, with or without notice to Owners, to adopt new rules and regulations, or to amend, alter and/or repeal any rule, regulation and/or article, section, paragraph and/or sentence in the Rules and Regulations.
12. Your comments and suggestions are welcome. Address them to: Our Lady Cemetery Board
404 S. Wood Street, Chesaning, MI 48616

Definitions for Rules and Regulations

- a. **Burial** - The disposition of full (as opposed to cremation) human remains under the ground.
- b. **Cremated Remains (Ashes)** - The produce/residue after the cremation process is completed.
- c. **Inurnment of Cremated Remains** - Inclusion of cremated remains within the casket of another, without the express knowledge, consent, payment of Burial Rights and Inurnment Fees, and recording of said Inurnment is forbidden.
- d. **Cremation Vault** - A container or other receptacle made of concrete, metal, fiberglass, or durable plastic used for the outer protection of an urn.
- e. **Interment** - (A) Burial of human remains, or (B) entombment of human remains, or (C) the inurnment of cremated human remains.
- f. **Interment Space** - A grave, crypt, niche, or plot.
- g. **Inurnment** - The place of cremated human remains in a placement of such urn in a grave in a Cemetery.
- h. **Lot** - An individual burial space that would include graves. (See Drawing #1)
- i. **Plot** - Two or more adjoining graves
- j. **Urn** - A container for cremated human remains (ashes).
- k. **Vault** - Any container or enclosure made of concrete, fiber-glass or steel which is placed in a grave around a casket to prevent the collapse of the grave and/or to protect the casket or for burial of an urn.
- l. **Space Utilization Restrictions** - Two cremated remains or one casket and one cremated remains may be placed in one grave. When burring one casket and one cremated remains in one grave, casket burial must take place first and cremated remains second.