

Catholic Cemeteries

Issue 18 SPRING 2010

www.rockfordcemeteries.org

Diocese of Rockford

In case you misplace this newsletter, please note that it can be found online at our website: www.rockfordcemeteries.org. You can also find our current inventory of flowers, wreaths and vases. We also publish our current prices online also for your information.

MONDAY, MARCH 1st, weather permitting, Spring cleanup will begin in all of our diocesan cemeteries. Please come out before then and gather up any winter decorations that you wish to take home. Also, during the winter, when we do burials, when we plow and remove snow, we sometimes do not see the wreaths and decorations on the graves. We apologize if we disturb or damage any of them, however, we do our best in the worst of times. Thank you for your understanding.



Memorial Day, 2010 is actually May 31, 2010.

We work very hard each year to prepare for this special day. Long hours each day are spent mowing grass, trimming bushes, mulching flower beds, planting new flowers, along with our usual and most important task of burying the dead and caring for grieving families. We thank you for all you do when you decorate the graves of your loved ones: some plant flowers, some bring silk arrangements, some ask us to place arrangements for them. All this effort is done by all of us to remember those we love, and who have gone before us, especially those who died while serving in the Armed Forces. Masses will be celebrated at our Diocesan Cemeteries on May 31st to remember our deceased. The schedule is as follows:

CALVARY: 9:00 am MAUSOLEUM
MT. HOPE: 9:00 am Outdoors (weather permitting)
RESURRECTION: 8:00am Outdoors (weather permitting)
MT. OLIVET: 10:00 am Outdoors (weather permitting)

For Mt. Hope, Resurrection and Mt. Olivet services, we request that you bring your own lawn chairs. Thank you.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR CALVARY CEMETERY

March 6, 2010 11:00 am
April 3, 2010 NO MASS
May 1, 2010 11:00 am
May 31, 2010 9:00 am
June 5, 2010 NO MASS
July 3, 2010 11:00 am
August 7, 2010 11:00 am
September 4, 2010 11:00 am
October 2, 2010 11:00 am
November 6, 2010 11:00 am
December 4, 2010 11:00 am

CEMETERY OVERSIGHT ACT

PASSED BY THE Illinois House and Senate in January of 2010, and signed by Governor Quinn, will be effective March 1, 2010. Although Catholic Cemeteries is partially exempt from this Act, we are required to follow certain sections of the Act. Most specifically is the Consumer Rights and privileges Section #35. Consumers have the right to purchase merchandise or services from the cemetery directly, or from a third party; Consumers have the right to complain to the cemetery authority or to the Department regarding cemetery products and services as well as issues with customer service, maintenance, or other cemetery activities; Cemeteries must disclose their prices in writing on a standardized price list. A contract for the interment, inurnment, or entombment of human remains must be signed by both the consumer and the cemetery at the time of need, with the price for the purchased services and merchandise disclosed in plain language. The burial plot's location must be disclosed, based on the cemetery map that is on file in the cemetery office. This Act is available for reading in full at the Illinois website under HB 1188.

Because of this new Act, all families making interment, inurnment, or entombment arrangements at Catholic Cemeteries in the Rockford Diocese must come to the office to sign the necessary and required documents. We thank you for your understanding. If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to call.

Office of Catholic Cemeteries; 8616 W. State Road; Winnebago, IL 61088; (815) 965-1450
Calvary Catholic Cemetery & St. Mary/St. James Cemeteries; 8616 W. State Road; Winnebago, IL; 61088 (815) 965-1450
Mount Olivet Cemetery & Resurrection Cemetery; 278 Ashland Avenue; Aurora, IL 60505; (630) 897-9250
Mount Hope Cemetery; 1001 Villa Street; Elgin, IL 60123; (847) 468-6910