

Catholic Cemeteries Association

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***August 2020
Greetings from Catholic Cemeteries
Association!***



***Picture: St. James Cemetery-
Manchester, CT***





From the Desk of the Executive Director

Greetings!

During the months of August and September we say farewell to Summer and welcome in the Fall. Like this change of seasons you may have noticed a lot of changes and activity in our cemeteries. As with everything we endeavor, the safety and wellness of the families entrusted to our care is of the utmost importance. You will have seen many trees coming down, roads being repaved and resurfaced, water lines being replaced and even wholesale rebuilding to some of our offices. Both St James Cemetery in Naugatuck and Mt ST Benedict Cemetery in Bloomfield have been completely renovated. As we move forward be assured that your CCA is constantly working to enhance the safety, beauty, dignity, and peacefulness of our cemeteries.



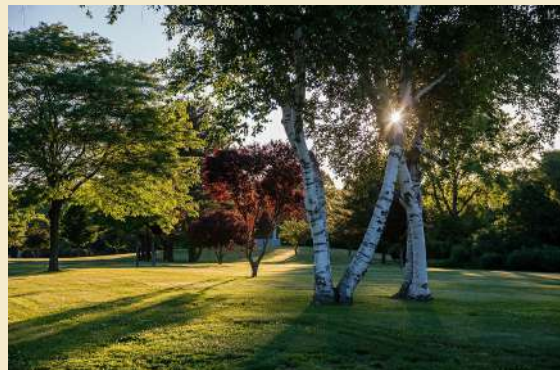
I would like to personally thank the families that we have helped in the last four months for their understanding of our COVID-19 policies in regards to office protocols, appointments and meetings. We have worked diligently to put measures in place to protect the health and safety of our families, as well as employees, during this time and will continue to do so as we follow all the updated CDC and State of CT guidelines. Additionally we have enacted various online tools to help maintain the safety of our families from Virtual Tours at 3 of our cemeteries, to online brochures and document signing software. And as we continue we will be adding more and more tools for families to minimize exposure and keep you safe while working with us. From all of us at the CCA we wish you a happy Labor Day and God's blessings.

John Pinone

NEW at St. Lawrence Cemetery!

New Burial Sections

The Catholic Cemeteries Association is pleased to announce the opening of seven new ground burial sections at the historic St Lawrence Cemetery 280 Derby Avenue in West Haven, CT. If you thought this beautiful Cemetery had no available areas then it's time to visit and see where your loved ones can be laid to rest and carry on the legacy of your family at



St Lawrence Cemetery. Due to COVID-19 restrictions please call in advance of visiting the office for an opportunity to speak with a Family Service Advisor and see the new sections. **203-624-3980**

Featured Cemetery...



St. Mary's Cemetery

New Britain-Established in 1893, **St. Mary Cemetery** has been serving the burial needs of Catholics and their families in the New Britain area for over 100 years. St Mary's offers a variety of in-ground and above ground interment options. Call or visit: Paul Piscitelli, Manager, 860 225-1938.

[Click here to visit St. Mary's Cemetery-New Britain](#)

Listen to us on the Radio!

Join us every Saturday at 11:00 AM on WDRC the Talk of CT

Tune in at 1360 AM, 103.3 FM, 1470 AM (Meriden), and 610 AM (Torrington) to hear Chris Radlicz, our Family Service Director from Catholic Cemeteries Association speak about the importance of Pre-Planning issues facing Catholic Families as well as a host of other timely subjects important to Catholics. Tune in every Saturday at 11:00 AM on WDRC



Returning in September!

Dignity of Life Seminars



This Archdiocesan approved program is successfully assisting parishioners with elder care and end-of-life planning. The goal of the session is to provide educational and resource information in the areas of burial, funeral, and estate planning. Let a panel of experts assist you.

****Announcement****

Due to the COVID 19 directives, all Parish Seminars have been rescheduled through September. Please register on our website.

For more information about our Seminars, please check out our NEW website www.ccacem.org and/or call our Outreach Coordinator, Barbara to ask questions 203 780-8418.

She would love to hear from you!

To register for a seminar...

Visit our

Rosary Walk continues...



Join us on **Tuesday evenings at 6pm at All Saints Cemetery in North Haven**. We will be following all CDC guidelines for safe social interactions. Park and meet by the main Office. Walkers meet rain or shine (if inclement weather, we will meet in front of the Mausoleum).

For more information, check out website or contact our Outreach Coordinator, Barbara at 203 507-9213

You asked for it...



NEW! Introducing a Rosary Walk at St. Lawrence Cemetery- West Haven

Join us on the following Thursdays at **6:00 PM**:

**August 6th
August 24th
September 24th**

meeting Address:

**280 Derby Ave.
West Haven, CT**

We will follow CDC guidelines keeping 6ft distance between walkers. Mask are encouraged for those with suppressed immune systems, although they are not required outdoors. Please be respectful of others and keep within these guidelines.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace...pray for us!

A Prayer for Peace

Blessed Mother, today I pray for peace and reconciliation. I pray for an end to prejudice, hatred, fear, and ignorance. I pray that all nations be reconciled and that all people believe in peace, not war. Help me to overcome my own fears and prejudices which keep me from reaching out to others in need of the gifts your Son has given to me.



I also ask that through your intercession God bless my family with peace and harmony. May He protect us from violence and guide us to do His will. May we learn to appreciate each other for both our strengths and our weaknesses so we might grow as a family.

May your Son's love strengthen me each day so I might be an instrument of peace in the world. Amen.

-Anonymous

Rescheduled CT Catholic Men's Conference for September!



Join your event sponsor, CCA at this year's **CT Catholic Men's Conference on September 19h outdoors in Waterbury ATOP the HOLY LAND.** Our Family Service Advisors are available to help you! To

Happy Birthday, Holy Mother, Mary!!

Happy Birthday, Dear Mother Mary!

Mary was, is, and always be "the" woman, chosen from among all women for all time, to become the Mother of the Redeemer and his Co-Redemptrix.

Marge Fenelon

I only recently was introduced to the "gender reveal" custom, even though it's a trend that's been around for a few years already. With the new ultrasound technology, medical professionals can ascertain whether a child in the womb is a boy or girl with some degree of accuracy. Knowing a child's gender ahead of the birth has its advantages in terms of name choosing and gift giving. I'm told that lots of parents hold gender reveal parties as a way of celebrating the new life. I think that's a beautiful tribute to the child about to be born.

Ultrasounds didn't exist in Biblical times. Nonetheless, the Blessed Virgin Mary did have a gender reveal of significant magnitude. It appears in the Book of Genesis as God speaks to the snake (Satan) after he's discovered that Eve and Adam ate of the forbidden fruit.

Then the LORD God said to the snake:
Because you have done this,
cursed are you
among all the animals, tame or wild;
On your belly you shall crawl,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
They will strike at your head,
while you strike at their heel. (Gen 3: 14-15)
The woman to whom God refers is none other than Mary – a woman who would not be born until centuries later. Indeed, she wasn't simply "a" woman, but she was and is "the" woman. The child whose gender God reveals in the Garden of Eden would become the mother of Christ and the woman who would be victorious against Satan and all his



minions.

How's that for a gender reveal party?

September 8 is the day that the Catholic Church observes as the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As I celebrate Mary's birthday, I can't help but think about Sts. Joachim and Anne as expectant parents, awaiting the birth of their beautiful baby. I can imagine them wondering what their baby would look like, act like, who their baby would resemble and, of course, what gender the child would be. I also can imagine that, if they lived in the present age, Mary's dad and mom quite possibly would have a gender reveal party to celebrate their baby girl's God-given identity. In a sense, God took care of that himself, didn't he?

Mary was, is, and always be "the" woman, chosen from among all women for all time, to become the Mother of the Redeemer and his Co-Redemptrix. Her message and mission is vital to all of humanity for all eternity. Without her "yes," Jesus would not have become the Incarnate Word and salvation history would have been quite different. In that respect, her gender is of the utmost importance. What better reason to celebrate the birthday of "the" woman – Mary – who so willingly became instrument of our salvation? Not only do we have reason to be grateful that she was born, but we have great reason to be grateful that she was born a woman.

That is a gender reveal like none other.
Happy Birthday, dear Mother Mary!

Resource: National Catholic Register

<http://www.ncregister.com/blog/mfenelon/happy-birthday-dear-mother-mary>



*All Cemetery Offices will
be open from 8AM to 12
PM on Friday August 14th
and be closed on August
15th, in honor of the
Assumption of Mary!
Our Lady of Perpetual Help...*

Pray for us!

*Have a question?
Please reach out
to us...*

Contact us