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October/November 2020 Seasons Greetings from Catholic Cemeteries Association!



From the Desk of the Executive Director

■ Greetings!

The Fall is one of my favorite times of year because of the Thanksgiving Holiday. It is a time to gather with



family and friends to share a meal, conversation, fellowship and most importantly to give thanks for the many blessings we all have in our lives. During 2020 it may have seemed difficult to feel blessed with the challenges we all have had to face. I believe that we are surrounded by signs of goodness and grace every day. During this special time of thanksgiving it is my deepest hope that you will find those things in your life to be thankful for.

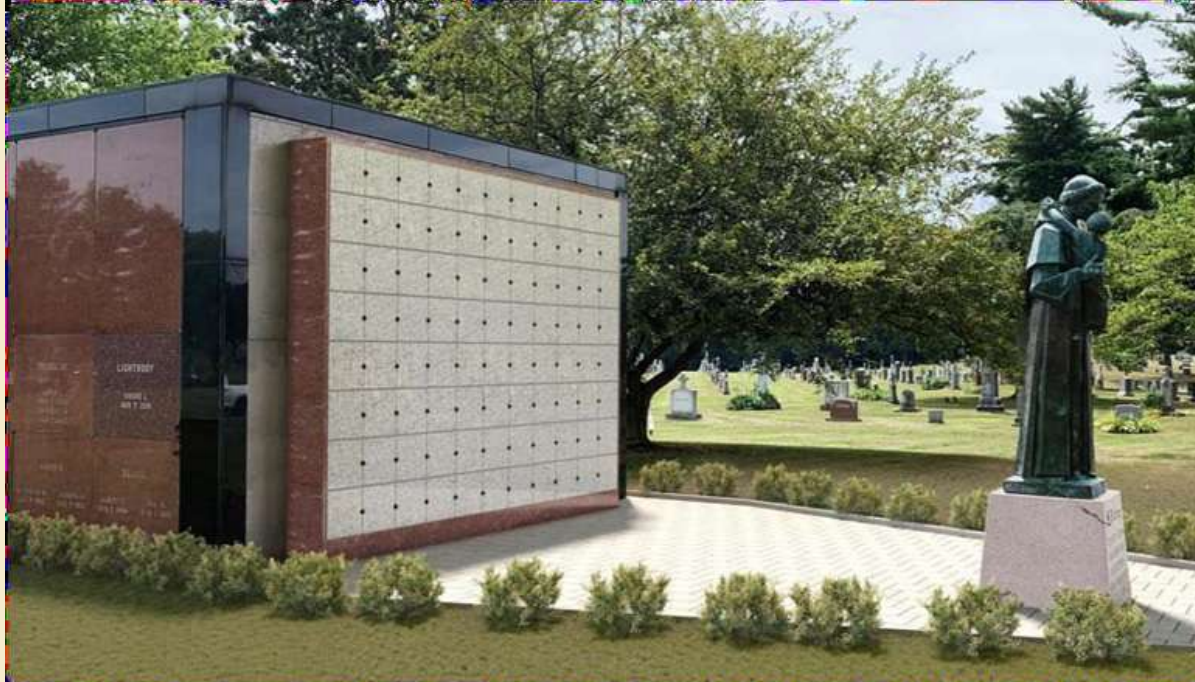
Your CCA has had to make many adjustments during the COVID-19 pandemic in order to continue to provide for the burial needs of the families of the Archdiocese. Throughout this trying time our main concern has been the health and safety of our employees and the families we serve. We will continue to follow these modified guidelines in our daily operations to ensure your safety until such time as they can be lifted.

Some exciting information in this newsletter talks about the new sections we are opening in Mt St Benedict in Bloomfield and Sacred Heart in Meriden. Both have Our Lady of Guadalupe as the central feature. Additionally at Mt St Benedict we have just completed construction of the outdoor St Anthony Columbarium with 88 cremation niches. In the month of October we are returning to our Open House program. Of course all appropriate social distancing and mask protocols will be in place throughout. This is just another small step to a return to a sense of normalcy. As a way to say thank you for attending, each Open House location will offer cost saving specials to those who join us.

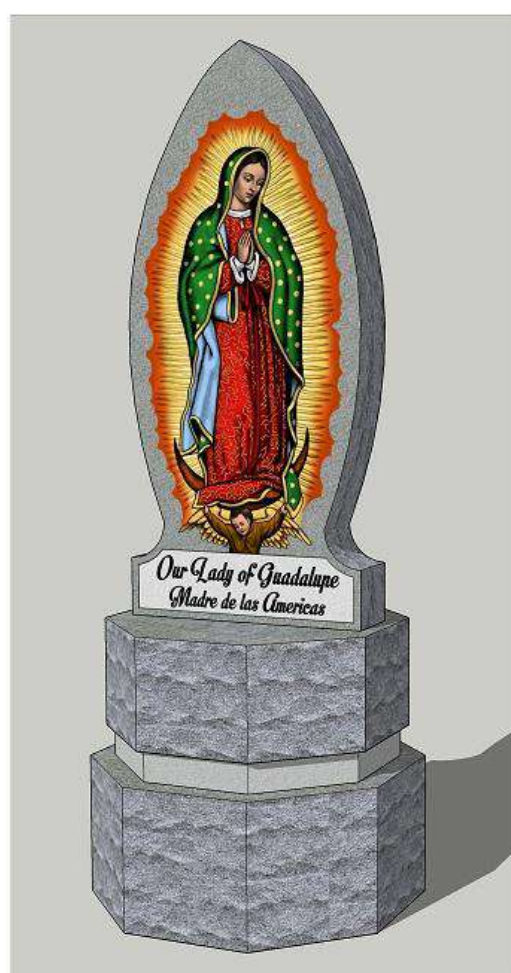
Our programs of tree removal, road resurfacing, grounds beautification and maintenance continue in an ongoing effort to provide the families of the Archdiocese a serene and welcoming place of rest for your loved ones and visiting family. In closing I would like to thank you for your understanding and support during these difficult times and wish you and yours a joyful Thanksgiving.

John Pinone

Coming this Fall...



Bloomfield-A stunning Cremation Niche Wall in Honor of St. Anthony just opened at Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery



New in Bloomfield and Meriden-
CCA offers two NEW Sections in Honor of
Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Call us today or stop by for a visit to see this 9 ft.
spectacular work of art!

A Family Service Advisor is available to serve you!



Mt St Benedict Cemetery
Our Lady of Guadalupe Section

One Cottage Grove Road
Bloomfield, CT
(860) 242-0738



**Sacred Heart Cemetery
Our Lady of Guadalupe Section**

250 Gypsy Lane
Meriden, CT
(203) 237-3226

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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
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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 year-end. 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 Gode to ask questions 203 780-8418.

To register for a seminar...

**Visit our
website**

*Join us this **October...**
for one of our many **Open Houses!**
Stop by anytime between
9:00 am - 2:00 pm! Receive valuable
cost saving specials for stopping in!*



Naugatuck-

St. James Cemetery will offer an **Open House** on **October 10th**. Join us for our first open house of the season. Call today for information or to schedule a tour for more convenient time.

Phone: 203 754-9105

Manager: Stephen Komar



Glastonbury-Holy Cross Cemetery offers a variety of burial options. Come to our **Open House** scheduled for **October 17th**, and one of our Family Service Advisors will be available to assist you. We are located at 171 Wickham Road. Can't make it that day? Call our office and we will arrange the best time for you! Office: 860 646-3772.



Calvary Cemetery

Waterbury-Join us for an **Open House** at 2324 East Main Street

October 17th, 2020
Office: 203 754-9105

Sacred Heart Cemetery

Meriden-Join us for an **Open House** at 250 Gypsy Lane
Our **Open House** will take place on **October 17th, 2020**
Office: 203 237-3226



St. Mary's Cemetery

New Britain-Take a Tour at
St. Mary's Cemetery
located at
1141 Stanley Street
Our **Open House** will take place
on **October 24th, 2020**



Office: 860 225-1938
Manager: Paul Piscitelli

All Saints Cemetery

North Haven-

Located at: 700 Middletown
Avenue

Our **Open House** will take place
on **October 24th, 2020**

Office: 203 239-2557
Manager: Chuck Grzywacz



Mt. Olivet Cemetery

Watertown-

Located at: 669 Platt Rd.

Our **Open House** will take place
on **October 24th, 2020**

Office: 860 274-4641
Manager: Robert Gambardella

Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery

Bloomfield-

Located at:
One Cottage Grove Road

Our **Open House** will take place
on **October 31st, 2020**

Office: 860 242-0738
Manager: Robert Maher





Mt. St. Peter Cemetery

Derby-Mt. St. Peter Cemetery

219 New Haven Ave.

Our **Open House** will take place
on **October 31st, 2020**

Phone: 203 735-8026

Manager: Scott Verespie

St. Francis Cemetery

Torrington-Our **Open House**
will take place on **October 31st**
at 863 South Main Street.

You may call the office to
schedule a tour or stop by
between 10 and 2PM

Office: 860 482-4670

Manager: Michael Frey



St. Lawrence Cemetery



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Haven-Visit Our
Historic Cemetery
located at 280
Derby Avenue for
their **Open House**
on **October 31st**.

Call for more
information,
Manager: Scott
Verespie
Phone: 203 624-
3980

All Souls Mass-Monday, Nov. 2nd

Bloomfield- Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery

We are pleased to announce that
Bishop Juan Miguel Bettaincourt
will be celebrating All Souls Day



Mass with us at Mt St Benedict Cemetery. Due to the current environment please check our website at www.ccacem.org for updates.

Bereavement Support- Pre-Holiday Service

Remembrance Service- We Remember and Give Thanks-

North Haven-All Saints Cemetery on Tuesday (for one night only), **November 10th at 6-8pm.**

Grief is a normal result of loss, but sometimes it can become complicated.

We are here to help!

Seating is limited, please register by contacting our program Facilitator, Barbara Gode at 203 780-8418 or email her at: bgode@ccacem.org



Rosary Walk continues... until Nov. 3rd



NOTE: TIME CHANGE!

Beginning in **October on Tuesday the 6th**, our weekly **Rosary Walk will meet at 3pm** (instead of 6pm) **at All Saints Cemetery in North Haven**. This will continue until Nov. 3rd (our last Rosary Walk of 2020).

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). Rosary Walk will end November 3rd for the season! I hope to see you praying and walking throughout the Cemetery on those nice days. Take good care.

Keep checking the website for updates, or call the Outreach Coordinator, Barbara Gode at 203 507-9213

Salve Regina!

***Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will
for you in Christ Jesus-1 Thessalonians 5:18***

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. Ave Maria!!!

-Anonymous

Words to Ponder...

Turning to God in Times of Tragedy

by James Campbell, D Min

Times of disaster or great sadness are trying for us all. Yet these times present opportunities to teach your children lasting spiritual lessons and the importance of trusting God.

Faith Themes

Jesus calls us to eternal life with our Father in heaven. The church recognizes corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

Natural Teachable Moments

- After the sudden death of a friend or family member
- When a natural disaster strikes a community or another country, leaving pain, destruction, famine, disease, orphans, or homelessness
- When political oppression, social injustice, or genocide create a refugee crisis

In the days after September 11, 2001, churches, synagogues, and mosques were filled with people. Around the world candles were lit. Impromptu shrines were filled with flowers and prayer intentions. Prayers were offered for the dead and their suffering families. In tragic times our children naturally have questions about God and heaven. Treat their questions with respect. Be patient, knowing that you do not have all the answers. Pray with your children for all those caught up in tragedy.

Starting the Conversation

Think of concrete ways that you as a family can be a source of help and comfort for those who suffer, especially those faced with tragic situations.

To Help You Connect

One practical and easy first step after a tragedy has struck a community, group, or country—the earthquake in Haiti, the floods in New Orleans, the famines in Africa, or the tsunami in Asia—is to check the website of organizations such as Catholic Charities, the Campaign for Human Development, Red Cross, Amnesty International, Jesuit Refugee Service, and Catholic Relief Services. Or perhaps you can get on their mailing list beforehand. These organizations often distribute information about various ways people can immediately help after a disaster, such as donations of urgently needed goods and services. Also, check with your local parish to see what it might be organizing. Then help your child to appreciate the many good things that people of faith are doing in the world and to see how she might become part of this effort.

To Support You

Suggested Bible Reading

Jesus' parable of the Last Judgment tells us that we will be judged according to our faith and how we treat others: Matthew 25:31–46



What the Church Says about This Topic

In Catholic Church teaching, the corporal and spiritual works of mercy are actions we can perform that extend God's mercy and compassion to those in need. In order to better understand this, it is helpful to clarify what we mean by God's mercy. At Mass, during the penitential act, we pray, "Lord, have mercy!"

Sometimes, when we think of the word mercy, we picture someone throwing himself on his knees before a cruel villain, pleading to be spared some punishment. This is not our understanding of God's mercy. We do not ask for God's mercy because we are afraid of incurring God's wrath as punishment for our sins. Rather, when we call on God to have mercy, we are calling on God in the only way we know him—as one who responds with infinite compassion to those in need. When we show mercy to others, we are responding as God responds: with compassion. Works of mercy are opportunities to extend God's compassion to those in need.

There are two kinds of works of mercy: corporal and spiritual. Corporal works of mercy are the kind of acts by which we help our neighbors with their everyday material and physical needs. These include things like feeding the hungry, finding a home for the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and those in prison, giving alms to the poor, and burying the dead. Spiritual works of mercy are the kind of acts through which we help our neighbors meet the needs that are emotional and spiritual, including instructing, advising, consoling, comforting, forgiving, and bearing wrongs with patience.

Resource: <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/family/praying-as-a-family/turning-to-god-in-times-of-tragedy/>

Abba, Father Thy Will be done!



*A blessed
Thanksgiving
to you and
yours.*

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

Contact us