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# Catholic Cemeteries Association

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## *February 2021-Lent*



### *From the Desk of the Executive Director...*

■ Greetings!

Wednesday, February 17th is Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning the Lenten Season for Catholics. We go to the church to get our ashes as a visible sign of our Christian unity and a symbol of our participation in this



season of Prayer, Fasting, and Alms-giving. This time of sacrifice is a reminder that we are part of something much greater than ourselves. We realize that as individuals we have a responsibility to God, our families and the Church through the graces we receive from self sacrifice. I hope that this Lenten Season is one of renewed faith and hope for the World and for each of us.

We are pleased to announce the opening of the Our Lady of Guadalupe sections at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Meriden and Mt St Benedict Cemetery in Bloomfield. Stop in and see the visage of Our Lady, Mother of the Americas, in full 4 color.

I would like to thank all of those who participated in the food drive over the holidays. Your generosity and desire to help those less fortunate than ourselves was a resounding success and the Food Bank was thrilled!

The CCA is also pleased to announce the Catholic Funeral Plan<sup>®</sup>. This Faith Based approach to Funeral planning will provide the families of the Archdiocese a means of guaranteeing their funeral plans are fully within their desires as well as the liturgical traditions of the Catholic Church. Call us or speak to your Family Service Advisor to find out the details.

We at the CCA wish you and your families a Blessed Lent and look forward to welcoming you into our Cemeteries to visit and pray with your loved ones.

Peace,

*John Pinone*

## *NEW! Our Lady of Guadalupe...*



### ***Behold Thy Mother!*** ***Visit Sacred Heart Cemetery-***

**Meriden**-We are pleased to announce she has arrived! A spectacular 9ft statue of **Our Lady of Guadalupe** is here.

All are welcome to either stop by or call our Family Service Advisor, Jackie Pence for more information and spacing availability. You may reach her at 203 507-8615.

An honorary blessing ceremony will take place in the Spring. Please keep checking our website for updates.

Our Lady of Guadalupe...pray for us!

## *With sincere gratitude...*

*to all those who participated in our*

## Annual Food Drive in December !



Pictured above: Tricia from All Saints Cemetery-North Haven

Many thanks to all those who participated in this years Food Drive that benefited the local communities. With your help, we have already donated hundreds of pounds of non-perishable food items.

Together, we are making an impact.

May God bless your heart! Happy New Year!

*"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done."-Proverbs 19:17*

## Keeping it clean!...



### Winter Decorations

#### A Gentle Reminder!

If you would like to keep your beautiful decorations, please be sure to pick them up by **March 1st**.

Thank you for helping to keep our cemeteries looking beautiful!

Read more about our **Winter Rules and guidelines** by clicking on the link below.

[Text Link](#)

## Listen to us on the Radio!

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



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 WDRG the Talk of CT

## *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. Please register on our website.**

For more information about our Seminars, please check out our NEW website [www.ccacem.org](http://www.ccacem.org) and/or call our Outreach

*To register for a seminar...*

Visit our  
website

## Introducing The Catholic Funeral Plan ®



*Catholic Family Services Association Inc.  
is now offering...*

### **Catholic Funeral Plan ®**

Catholic Funeral Plan ® is a faith-based, pre-need plan for those age 50 and over. The plan allows Catholics to make their funeral arrangements in advance.

This plan guarantees that, at the time of your passing, the funeral arrangement's you've selected will be executed in accordance with your wishes and the liturgical traditions of the Church.

The plan provides a practical planning tool to ensure that the faithful will receive the funeral they desire, in the fullest Tradition of the Church.

For more information, please visit our website to contact the Cemetery office nearest you. A Family Service Advisor is ready to answer your questions. Call today at (475) 227-0211

[Contact Link](#)

## *Prayer as you begin the Way of the Cross this Lent...*

Mary, my Mother,

you were the first to live the Way of the Cross. You felt every pain and every humiliation. You were unafraid of the ridicule heaped upon you by the crowds. Your eyes were ever on Jesus and His Pain. Is that the secret of your miraculous strength? How did your loving heart bear such a burden and such a weight? As you watched Him stumble and

fall, were you tortured by the memory of all the yesterdays- His birth, His hidden life and His ministry?

You were so desirous of everyone loving Him. What a heartache it was to see so many hate Him - hate with a diabolical fury. Take my hand as I make this Way of the Cross. Inspire me with those thoughts that will make me realize how much He loves me. Give me light to apply each station to my daily life and to remember my neighbor's needs in this Way of the Pain.

Obtain for me the grace to understand the mystery, the wisdom and the Divine love as I go from scene to scene. Grant that my heart, like yours, may be pierced through by the sight of His sorrow and the misery and that I may determine never to offend Him again. What a price He paid to cover my sins, to open the gates of heaven for me and to fill my soul with His own Spirit . Sweet Mother, let us travel this way together and grant that the love in my poor heart may give you some slight consolation. Amen.

O, Mother of Sorrows, My Mother...pray for us!

resource: <https://www.ewtn.com/lent/stations/opening.aspx>

## *Mark your calendar! Join us as we embark on a NEW Lenten Journey...*

### *The Way of the Cross*

Join us as we pray, reflect and walk the **Way of the Cross** during Lent.

Our Lenten Walk will begin at **3:00 pm** (the hour of Mercy) and will take place **every other Tuesday**:

**February 16th** (Tuesday the week Lent begins)

**March 2nd**

**March 16th**

**March 30th**

All are welcome to meet by the Mausoleum main entrance at **All Saints Cemetery** in North Haven located at 700 Middletown Ave. Weather permitting, we will be walking outside. Please dress



accordingly for this event.

Programs with prayers and meditations will be provided.

We will follow CDC guidelines to ensure a safe environment for all. We encourage proper distancing as we walk. Our Coordinator, will be using an amplifier for your convenience. Masks are encouraged, but not necessary outdoors. Masks will not be provided.

Call us with questions, Barbara Gode, Outreach Coordinator, 203 780-8418 office, email: [bgode@ccacem.org](mailto:bgode@ccacem.org)

**NOTE: Be sure to check our website often for any changes to this event schedule.** Click on link below for access...

[Website Link](#)



## ***SAVE THE DATE!*** ***Bereavement Support 2021***



For our next **Bereavement Support Group** is scheduled to begin on Tuesday evenings **beginning April 6th, 2021** at 6:00 pm until 8:00 PM. This is a 10 week commitment which will continue until June.

All interested **MUST** register. Here's how: visit our website and go to the **EVENTS** calendar or call the Outreach Coordinator, Barbara Gode for more information at 203 780-8418 office. You may also email her: [bgode@ccacem.org](mailto:bgode@ccacem.org)

All programs are sponsored by Catholic Cemeteries Association.

It is an honor to serve you and your family!

Take and receive all that is offered to you!-  
John 16:24

## *Enjoy a blessed Lent!*



*Pray, hope  
and don't  
worry!*

*Have a question?*

[Contact us](#)