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# Catholic Cemeteries Association

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*March 2021-  
Our Lenten Journey continues...*



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



**Greetings!**

As we enter into 3rd week of Lent I hope you have had an opportunity to increase your prayer, fasting and alms giving. These three actions are the hallmark of what Lent is all about, helping us grow in our faith and closer to God.

March 17th is St Patrick's Day. This 5th Century Bishop is the patron Saint of Ireland, Archdiocese of New York and Newark NJ as well as many others. Be safe celebrating.

March 19th marks the anniversary of St Joseph as protector of the Americas, patron saint of the Church in America and of the Archdiocese of Hartford. Pope Francis declared 2021 as the year of St Joseph on Dec 8th of 2020. What a wonderful example of family, hard work, and love we have in St Joseph, the earthly stepfather of Jesus. I hope you take time to ask for his intercession in all areas of your life where needed. St Joseph pray for us!

The month of March also is a time for the CCA to give back to families. During this month we will be running a special in our cemeteries to help people with their advanced planning efforts. I also urge you to speak to a Family Service Advisor about the Catholic Funeral Plan which we launched last month. Read more about it further down in this newsletter.

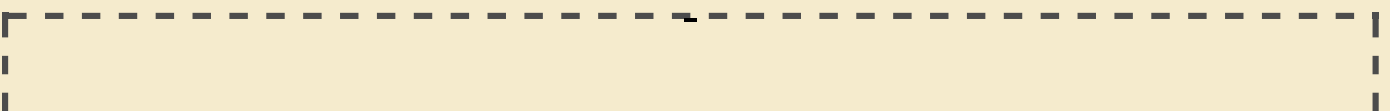
The Lenten Walk is off to a great start. On February 16th, we had about 18 people participate in the Stations of the Cross. Be sure to mark your calendar for the walks scheduled throughout the season. This is a perfect way to offer both your prayers and sacrifice up for your family and the world.

I know that the snow during February may have affected your ability to visit with us. We look forward to welcoming you back into our parks as the weather gets better and better.

Peace,

*John Pinone*

## *A March Special offer for you!*



***During the month of March we are offering  
the following special\* at all of our  
cemeteries:***

**\$500.00 off the purchase of a Mausoleum Crypt**

**\$750.00 off the purchase of a Tandem  
Mausoleum Crypt**

**\$150.00 off the purchase of two Graves**

**Call a Cemetery office nearest you!**

\*Applies to Pre Need purchases only. Cannot be combined with other offers.

***St. Patrick...pray for us!***





# *Old Irish Blessing*



May the road rise to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your  
back.

May the sun shine warm upon your  
face,

The rains fall soft upon your fields.

And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of his  
hand.

May God be with you and bless you:  
May you see your children's  
children.

May you be poor in misfortune,  
Rich in blessings.

May you know nothing but  
happiness

From this day forward.

May the road rise up to meet you  
May the wind be always at your  
back

May the warm rays of sun fall upon  
your home  
And may the hand of a friend always  
be near.

May green be the grass you walk  
on,

May blue be the skies above you,  
May pure be the joys that surround  
you,

May true be the hearts that love you.  
Amen.

*March is a great time to  
Memorialize your family...*



**Beautiful Memorial Benches are becoming very popular. Benches are the perfect way to memorialize a loved one. Placing a bench near a loved ones grave, provides that perfect setting for visiting, praying and reflecting. Visiting the cemetery helps those who mourn by providing that sacred space to honor them. It is always the perfect time to remember...**

**Our design team can help you create a unique memorial in honor of your loved one. Benches are available in a variety of colors. Inscriptions, cameos, and picture designs can be added to provide that special touch. Each bench tells its own story...why not tell yours?**

**Ask about our NEW full-color glass art designs that never fade.**

**Call one of our cemetery offices for more information. A Family Service Advisor is standing**

by to assist you.

## *A Gentle Reminder...*

### *Palm Cross Removal*



Catholic Cemeteries Association welcomes the placing of Palm Crosses throughout our Cemetery grounds on Palm Sunday. All palm crosses and Easter decorations will be removed starting **April 14th**. If you would like to keep your items, please be sure to remove on for before the scheduled date of removal.

Thank you for helping to keep the cemetery looking so beautiful. It is our honor to serve you and your family. Peace and all good things-

## *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 the Talk of CT

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## *Dignity of Life Seminars! Going Virtual in April!!!*



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 postponed.**

**Stay tuned for our NEW virtual Seminars coming soon!!!**

**Please check our website for more information.**

For more information about our Seminars, please check out our NEW website [www.ccacem.org](http://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**

***Concerned about how to pay for your Funeral?  
Here's an option to consider...  
The Catholic Funeral Plan ®***



**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](#)

## *Honoring Saint Joseph...March 19th!*



**ST. JOSEPH,  
ADVOCATE OF THE DYING AND THE SINNER,  
PRAY FOR US WHO HAVE RECOURSE TO THEE. AMEN.**

Resource: <http://www.catholictradition.org/Joseph/joseph7.htm>

*Our Journey Continues...all are  
welcome!*

# *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**:

**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*

## *Stay connected...*



*We are here to help...*

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*Have a question?*

**Contact us**

