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# Catholic Cemeteries Association

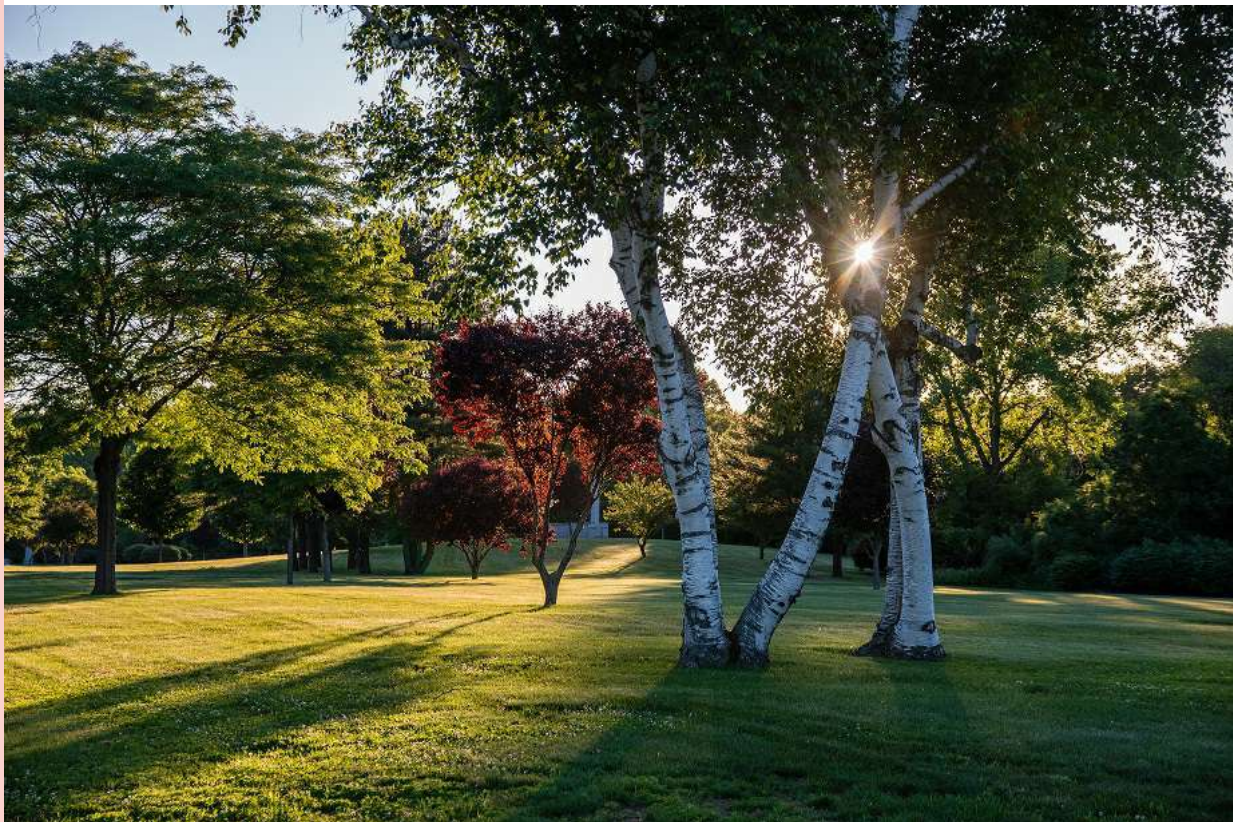
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## *CCA Newsletter* *April 2023*

*Happy Easter 2023!*



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

#### ■ Greetings!

April 7th ends the Lenten period with Good Friday. Of course April 9th is Easter Sunday, the most important Holy Day of the Catholic Faith. Throughout our cemeteries we see the



holy reminders of this day with Palm Crosses on graves and flower displays. It is truly a great day to visit loved ones in the cemeteries. What greater hope do we have than the Resurrection of Lord leading to our own resurrection and those of our families.

As the weather continues to improve you will notice more and more flush markers being raised and trees being trimmed. Your CCA is continuously working to keep our cemeteries looking beautiful. We invite everyone to help us. All pets are welcome with their responsible owners who pick up after them. Our refuse containers are for the families visiting and the refuse from decorating or cleaning their loved ones areas. Thank you for your support.

As you visit your loved ones this holy season, may you find peace and solitude as you pray and reflect on our sacred grounds.

Happy Easter!

Best regards,

**John Pinone**

***Tour our Cemeteries with NEW...  
Semi-Private Estates at  
Mt. St. Benedict,  
All Saints and  
Calvary Cemeteries...***



*Catholic Cemeteries Association of the Archdiocese of Hartford is pleased to announce the new Semi-Private Family Estates located around the St Benedict statue in our historic Mt St Benedict Cemetery. These exclusive shrub lined individual Semi-Private Family Estate offers two or four grave lots with a complementary granite memorial bench.*

*A Semi-Private Family Estate provides the opportunity to choose an exceptional resting place with special memorials. It allows your family to maintain a perpetual family bond among multiple generations.*

*To learn more please call (860) 242-0738 and speak with a Family Service Advisor.*

*The better educated you are the better choices you can make!*



*Call for your tour today!*

***Wondering how to pay for your Funeral?***

*Ask us about the*  
**Catholic Funeral Plan®**  
*Preserving the Catholic Burial Traditions  
of our families*



## *A faith-based, pre-need plan for you and your loved ones*

The Catholic Funeral Plan allows Catholics to make their funeral and cemetery arrangements in advance. The Plan guarantees that, upon your death, the arrangements you've selected will be executed as stated in your Plan, outline and in accordance with the Traditions of the Catholic Faith.

By enrolling in the Catholic Funeral Plan® (CFP), you will be developing a program outline for your funeral service that best suits you. You can choose a funeral home, and select specific arrangements at a cost that meets your budget. At the time of need, your funeral home will make and execute the arrangements.

that your wishes are carried out as you directed and within the guidelines of the Catholic Faith Tradition.

Dramatic changes are taking place today in the way we buy goods and services. Locally-owned banks, grocery stores and drugstores are giving way to regional or national chains. The funeral industry is no exception. Large, publicly held corporations and regional consolidators are beginning to dominate the industry, driving up prices and changing how funerals are delivered. One of the negative results for Catholic families has been a decrease in the observance of our Church's traditional liturgical rites for the

Burial at the parish.

The Catholic Funeral Plan has been developed to safeguard the Church's sacred burial traditions against the forces of change and to guarantee Catholic families the right to be buried in accordance with these traditions at an affordable cost.

*What will the CFP offer me and my family?*

- An affordable way to preserve the Traditions of the Catholic Faith
- Assurance that your wishes will be executed according to the plan
- Inflation protection with any excess accumulated paid

The CFP will oversee the process, ensuring the dead, in particular the Mass of Christian

to your beneficiary

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*To learn more about the Catholic Funeral Plan  
click on the button below...*

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## *New at All Saints Cemetery in North Haven*



# Queen of the Universe Cremation Garden

ALL SAINTS CEMETERY IN NORTH HAVEN

Our cremation garden is a tranquil area where your loved ones remains are laid to rest surrounding the Queen of the Universe. The Queen of the Universe cremation garden is beautifully landscaped section devoted entirely only to 20 double interment spaces. The focal point is a twelve foot statue of our Blessed Mother offering a unique place for gathering, reflection, and prayer. Each of the 20 spaces is \$3900 and includes

- † 18" x 24" granite marker engraved with one of your loved ones name and date of passing
- † double urn vault
- † perpetual care
- † second rights

Please meet with one of our professional Family Service Advisors to be part of this exclusive final resting garden.

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## *Our Care Team of*

### *Family Service Advisors (FSAs)...*

*serve families with care and compassion, educating and guiding them through the process of making informed decisions for Cemetery Advanced Planning, At-Need Cemetery Planning, and Memorialization products and services.*

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*Our team of experts are available to assist you with all your cemetery needs like: burials, cremation gardens, mausoleum crypts, niches and much more.*

## *Seasoned Advisor...Katrina Johnson*

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Katrina is a proud member of the Family Service Advisor team with the Catholic Cemeteries Association of the Archdiocese of Hartford. She serves families at Mt St Benedicts Cemetery in Bloomfield and St Mary's Cemetery in new Britain.



Katrina comes to us after a 20-year career in Occupational Therapy working in the skilled nursing facilities throughout central Connecticut. She feels that her history of working with people in various stages of life and death can bring a sense of peace and contentment to the families she works with now. Katrina takes great pride in knowing she continues to make a difference in the lives of those she is serving within the CCA.

Due to Katrina's experience with aging she is quite excited to help educate families with our newest offering: The Catholic Funeral Plan (CFP). The CFP spares your loved ones from having to make decisions in such a difficult time (because you already made them). It is an affordable way to preserve the traditions of the Catholic faith as well as removing the financial burden from your loved ones.

When Katrina isn't at work, you can find her enjoying the sunshine at the beach or crafting at home.

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*New to the Team of  
Family Service Advisors...*

## ***Nikki Fulton***

Nikki has been serving as a Family Service Advisor with the Catholic Cemeteries Association at Calvary Cemetery in Waterbury and St James Cemetery in Naugatuck. She found her calling in working with families preplanning, immediate needs and through our Catholic Funeral Plan. With over 15 years of previous experience working with people she understands the importance of supporting families and taking care of their needs.



The two things she would like you to know is: First, “I am here by grace”. “Most people ask me why I chose to work at a cemetery. The answer is, I cannot think of a better way to serve God than by helping people in the most meaningful way.

The second is her favorite scripture. “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also be.” ([Matthew 6:19–21](#)). This scripture reminds us that whatever we focus on, dictates our actions. “ If we focus on earthly success and wealth, we will extend our energies on earthly matters. According to Jesus, determining where our treasure also determines where our heart is. “

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***Dignity of Life Seminars!  
Register TODAY for a FREE  
Educational Seminar on the  
importance of Pre-planning***





■ 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, estate planning and information about the Catholic Funeral Plan. Let us help.

**For your convenience and safety, we will be offering small-sized in-person seminars on the following days or evenings:**

**2023 Schedule:**

**Thursday, April 13th  
North Haven Library  
Community Room  
North Haven, CT  
Time: 2:00 PM**

**Thursday, April 20th  
St. Francis of Assisi Church  
Naugatuck, CT  
Time: 6:00 PM**

**Thursday, May 11th**

**St. Louis Church  
West Haven, CT  
Time: 6:00 PM**

**Thursday, May 18th TENTATIVE  
St. Leo the Great Hall  
Waterbury, CT  
Time: 2:00 PM**

**Thursday, June 8th  
Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church  
Meriden, CT  
Time: 6:00PM**

**Thursday, June 15th  
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church  
Hamden, CT  
Time: 6:00 PM**

**Wednesday, June 21st  
St. Bartholomew Church Hall  
Manchester, CT  
Time: 6:00 PM**

**Thursday, June 22nd  
Church of the Incarnation  
Wethersfield, CT  
Time: 2:00 PM**

**Wednesday, July 5th  
St. Anthony Church Hall  
Bristol, CT  
Time: 2:00 PM**

**Thursday, July 6th  
St. Anthony Church Hall  
Bristol, CT  
Time: 6:00 PM**

**Wednesday, July 12th  
Holy Rosary Church  
Ansonia, CT  
Time: 2:00 PM**

**Wednesday, July 26th**

**Basilica of the Immaculate  
Waterbury, CT  
Time: 2:00 PM**

**Thursday, July 27th  
Basilica of the Immaculate  
Waterbury, CT  
Time: 6:00 PM**

**Friday, August 18th  
St. Augustine Church  
Hartford, CT  
Time: 2:00 PM**

**Thursday, August 24th  
St. Teresa of Avila Church  
Woodbury, CT  
Time: 2:00 PM**

**Thursday, August 31st  
St. Mary's Church Hall  
New Britain, CT  
Time: 6:00 PM**

**Wednesday, September 6th  
St. Peter's Hall  
Torrington, CT  
Time: 2:00 PM**

**Thursday, September 7th  
St. Peter's Hall  
Torrington, CT  
Time: 6:00 PM**

**Wednesday, September 13th TENTATIVE  
St. Frances Cabrini Church Hall  
North Haven, CT  
Time: 2:00 PM**

**Thursday, September 14th TENTATIVE  
St. Francis Cabrini Church Hall  
North Haven, CT  
Time: 6:00 PM**

**Thursday, September 21st**

**St Pauls Church  
Glastonbury, CT  
Time: 2:00 PM**

**Wednesday, September 27th  
St. George Church Hall  
Guilford, CT  
Time: 2:00 PM**

**Thursday, September 28th  
St. George Church Hall  
Guilford, CT  
Time: 6:00 PM**

**Wednesday, October 4th  
St. Augustine Church  
North Branford, CT  
Time: 9:30 AM**

**Wednesday, October 18th TENTATIVE  
St. Margaret Church Hall  
Madison, CT  
Time: 2:00 PM**

**Thursday, October 19th TENTATIVE  
St. Margaret Church Hall  
Madison, CT  
Time: 6:00 PM**

**Wednesday, October 25th  
Most Holy Trinity Church Hall  
Wallingford, CT  
Time: 2:00 PM**

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Wallingford, CT  
Time: 2:00 PM**

For more information about our Seminars and to register,

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our website [www.ccacem.org](http://www.ccacem.org) or call

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Barbara Gode (203) 780-8418 or  
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website**

***Words to Ponder...***

# ***The Resurrection of the Body***

***Author: Rev. William G. Most***

***Death entered into this world by sin (Romans 5:12). So all will die, with the exception that those who are alive at the return of Christ at the end, will never die (First Thessalonians 4:13-17). In verse 17: "Then [at His return, and after the resurrection of the dead] we the living, will be taken together with them [the risen dead] in the clouds to meet the Lord" (Cf. 1 Cor 15:51).***

***There will be a resurrection of all, as St. Paul explains in First Corinthians chapter 15. Those who have been faithful to Christ will rise glorious, their bodies transformed on the model of the risen body of Christ, who could travel instantly at will, could ignore closed doors and come through anyway, but yet had real flesh. St. Paul says the risen body is "spiritual " (15:44). It is still flesh, but such that the flesh is completely dominated by the soul, so that it can no longer suffer or die.***

***St. Paul insists that because Christ our Head rose, those who are members of Him must also rise. So, to deny the general resurrection would imply a denial of Christ's resurrection (1 Cor***

15:13).

***After the resurrection, each of person will have the same body (except for imperfections) that he had in this life. If this involves having the same matter, this is surely within God's power. No matter what happens to the body after death, He can recall and rebuild the material of the body. In fact, we now know that because of metabolism--in which every cell is constantly being torn down and rebuilt--in a normal life span a person has the material for many bodies.***

***We will, of course be the same persons after the resurrection as we were before death.***

***Taken from The Basic Catholic Catechism***

***PART FIVE: The Apostles' Creed IX - XII***

***Eleventh Article of the Creed: "The resurrection of the body."***

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## ***RELATED Q AND A***

***176. What is meant by "the resurrection of the body?"***

***By "the resurrection of the body" is meant that at the end of the world the bodies of all men will rise from the earth and be united again to their souls, nevermore to be separated.***

***(a) No man knows when the world will end. The signs preceding the destruction of the world, as given in Scripture, are: wars, famine, pestilence, the coming of Antichrist, the darkening of the sun and moon, and the appearance of the cross in heaven.***

***177. Why will the bodies of the just rise?***

***The bodies of the just will rise to share forever in the glory of their souls.***

***(a) During their earthly life the bodies of the just were the temples of the Holy Ghost, they were the instruments of the good acts by which the souls of the just merited eternal life. Respect should be shown for the bodies of the faithful departed; special burial places should be set aside for them, and their graves should be blessed.***

***(b) After the resurrection the bodies of the just will be in a glorified state. There will then be no need for food and drink to preserve the body, which will be endowed with qualities it did not***

**possess in this life.**

**179. Why will the bodies of the damned also rise?**

**The bodies of the damned will also rise to share in the eternal punishment of their souls.**

**(a) Since the body is the instrument of the soul in committing sin, it is just that the body also share in eternal punishment.**

**178. Has the body of any human person ever been glorified and taken into heaven?**

**By the special privilege of her Assumption, the body of the Blessed Virgin Mary, united to her immaculate soul, was glorified and taken into heaven.**

**(a) This question emphasizes human person because the Divine Person Jesus Christ, in His human nature has risen from the dead, glorious and immortal, and ascended into heaven (question 98).**

**(b) Since she was free from all sin, both original and actual, it was most fitting that the Blessed Virgin Mary should be preserved from the consequences of sin; the corruption of death and the deferment of glory until the last day. Moreover, since the Son of God took His flesh and blood from the chaste body of Mary, it was most appropriate that her body shall be glorified as soon as her earthly life was ended. From the early centuries, the doctrine of Mary's bodily glorification and assumption was accepted by the Church as contained in Christian Tradition. It was declared a doctrine of divine-catholic faith by Pope Pius XII on November 1, 1950. The Feast of the Assumption is celebrated on August 15.**

**(c) It is not certain whether the Blessed Virgin Mary first died and was shortly afterward taken into heaven, in body and soul, or was preserved from death and taken immediately to heavenly glory when her life on earth was ended. Pope Pius XII refrained from making a decision on this question when he issued his solemn definition of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin. The Baltimore Catechism, no. 3, Lesson 14.**

**Resource:** <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/teachings/resurrection-of-the-body-233>

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Our Lady of Guadalupe  
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*many Masses offered for  
our dearly departed  
loved ones.*

***Memorial Day  
Masses Scheduled  
for the following  
Cemeteries:***

**All Saints Cemetery Mausoleum  
North Haven**

**Mt. St. Benedict Mausoleum  
Bloomfield**

**Mt. St. Peter Mausoleum  
Derby**

**Mt. Olivet Mausoleum  
Watertown**

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