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# Catholic Cemeteries Association

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## *CCA Newsletter* *March 2023*

*Lent 2023!*



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

#### ■ Greetings!

As we enter into 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. 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. Please visit our website to learn more.

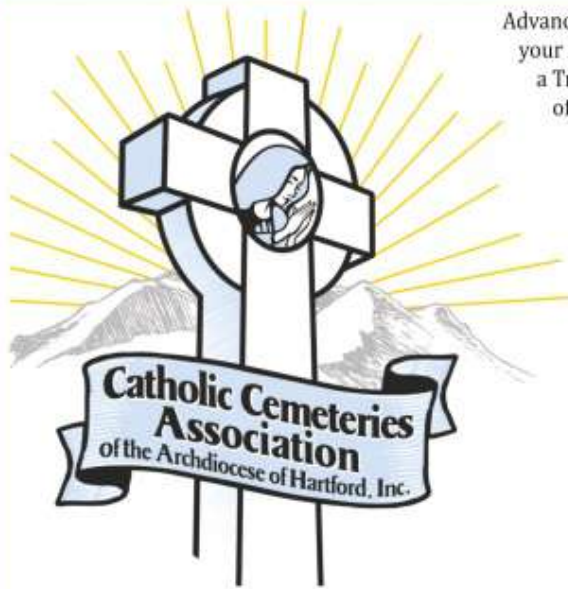
This Season of Lent, we welcome you to pray the Stations of the Cross on the property. This is a perfect way to offer both your prayers and sacrifice up for your family and the world. We look forward to seeing you walking around the cemetery visiting your loved ones throughout Lent and into Holy Week. We can always look forward to Spring time blooms and warmer temperatures. May God bless you always and in every season.

Best regards,

**John Pinone**

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***There is still time to act...***



Advanced Planning of your Cemetery needs is a loving gift that relieves your family of a difficult decision in the midst of their grief. Whether a Traditional Grave, Mausoleum, or Cremation, let our caring team of Family Service Advisors help you choose your cemetery needs.

**From February 15, 2023 through March 31, 2023  
bring this ad to the office and:**

**Purchase Tandem Crypt**

**\$750.00 off**

**Purchase Single Crypt**

**\$500.00 off**

**Purchase Two Graves**

**\$150.00 off**

Visit us at [www.ccacem.org](http://www.ccacem.org) for the location nearest you or call us at 203-239-2557 to speak to a Family Service Advisor to get more information.

For your convenience, we now sell Granite Flush Markers and Monuments at all our locations!

Offer applies to Pre Need Sales only. Cannot be combined with other offers.



30 Catholic Cemeteries to serve your needs | [CCACEM.org](http://CCACEM.org)

***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!***

**Ask us about the**  
**Catholic Funeral Plan<sup>®</sup>**  
**Preserving the Catholic Burial Traditions**  
**of our families**



***A faith based, pre-need plan for***

## *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.

The CFP will oversee the process, ensuring

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 dead, in particular the Mass of Christian

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 to your beneficiary



Click on the blue button above to visit the  
**Catholic Family Services Association website**

## *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.

[www.ccacem.org](http://www.ccacem.org) or (203) 239-2557



*CALL TODAY!*

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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...*

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The Catholic Cemeteries Association  
is happy to announce that **Amy  
Chester** is celebrating 7 years of



service to the families of the Archdiocese of Hartford.

As a Family Service Advisor, Amy treats her job as a ministry. She serves her clients with dedication and patience by not only listening carefully, but also providing the knowledge and spiritual support necessary to help them make good decisions. Her many years of experience allow her to serve a variety of clients and their many needs.



For those wishing to create a family legacy, Amy addresses the many options for burial and memorials available.

For those seeking funding options, Amy is ready to share information on the Catholic Funeral Plan ® a new service for those wishing to Advance Plan.

Amy is a native to Enfield, and is a member of Holy Family Church. In her spare time, she enjoys exploring the outdoors, dining, and vacationing. Amy and her husband enjoy spending time with their family. One of their two adult sons, is married with a family. Amy loves making memories with her granddaughter.

Call Amy today to set up an appointment.

Congratulations Amy!

Amy Chester  
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**Serving Families at:**  
**Mt St Benedict-Bloomfield**  
**St Bernard-Enfield**  
**St James-Manchester**

## *CCA Welcomes...*



### *Karen Sullivan-*

has been serving as a Family Service Advisor with the Catholic Cemeteries Association since June 2022.

Although new to this business, she feels she is doing what she was always meant to be doing. She has always displayed a way of connecting with people and making them feel at ease and taken care of.

Originally from Long Island, Karen lived in the Tampa area of Florida for more than 30 years before moving back to the Northeast or “home” as she refers to it in 2014. Karen is the single mother of two school aged children, an avid photographer, and a baseball mom.

Karen services:

All Saints Cemetery in North Haven and Holy Cross Cemetery in Glastonbury

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## *Lenten Reflection to ponder...*



Matthew 6:21: “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”



*How are you spending your free time?*





## *Palm Sunday Crosses*

*Catholic Cemeteries Association welcomes the placement of Palm Crosses throughout our Cemetery grounds on Palm Sunday.*

*Please be reminded that all palm crosses will be removed by May 1st.*



### **Palm Crosses:**

**The Bible speaks to the significance of palms laid at Jesus feet during his entrance to Jerusalem. "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in Heaven and glory in the highest."-LK 19.**

**The Cross symbolizes Christ's victory over death through His ultimate sacrifice to save sinners. Our Catholic Tradition speaks of families working together to create beautiful palm crosses to place on graves of their loved ones.**

**Palm branches symbolize peace and promote reconciliation with others.**

## *Good St. Joseph...*



*pray for all Fathers and their families!*

## *Friendly Reminder!*



*All Winter Decorations will be  
removed as of March 1st  
Thank you!*

**Winter Rules**

***Dignity of Life Seminars!  
Register TODAY for a FREE  
Educational Seminar offered in your***



■ 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 the experts assist you.

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

**2023 Schedule:**

**Wednesday, March 1st  
St. Margaret Mary Parish  
So. Windsor, CT  
Time: 2:00 PM**

**Wednesday, March 15th  
St. Mary's Church**



**Simsbury, CT  
Faith Center  
Time: 2:00PM**

**Thursday, March 30th  
St. John Church  
300 Captain Thomas Blvd.  
West Haven, CT  
Time: 2:00PM**

**Thursday, April 13th TENTATIVE  
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 25th  
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 22nd  
Church of the Incarnation  
Wethersfield, CT  
Time: 2:00 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**

**Wednesday, August 23rd TENTATIVE  
St. Teresa of Avila  
Woodbury, CT  
Time: 6:00PM**

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

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

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

**Wednesday, September 13th TENTATIVE  
St. Francis 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. Paul's Church Hall  
Glastonbury, CT  
Time: 2:00 PM**

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

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

**Wednesday, October 4th  
St. Augustine Church  
North Branford, CT  
Time: 9:30 AM (after daily mass)**

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

For more information about our Seminars and to register,  
please visit

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

our Outreach Coordinator,

Barbara Gode (203) 780-8418 or  
email her at [bgode@ccacem.org](mailto:bgode@ccacem.org)

**If you are interested in offering a seminar in your area,  
please ask your pastor to reach out to us.**

***To register for a seminar...***

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## Words to Ponder...

# ***St. Joseph, a Persecuted and Courageous Migrant***

by [Pope Francis](#)

### *DESCRIPTIVE TITLE*

*Pope Francis General Audience Address December 29, 2021*

### *DESCRIPTION*

*Pope Francis continued his catechesis series on St. Joseph at the weekly General Audience of December 29, 2021, focusing on his role as “a persecuted and courageous migrant.” Following the depiction of Jesus’ foster father in the Gospel of Matthew (2:13-23), the Pope explored the massacre of all children under the age of 2 in Bethlehem, ordered by King Herod after the visit of the Magi.*

### *PUBLISHER & DATE*

*Vatican, December 29, 2021*

***Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!***

***Today I would like to present Saint Joseph to you as a persecuted and courageous migrant. This is how the Evangelist Matthew describes him. This particular event in the life of Jesus, which also involves Joseph and Mary, is traditionally known as “the flight into Egypt” (cf. Mt 2:13-23). The family of Nazareth suffered such humiliation and experienced first-hand the precariousness, fear and pain of having to leave their homeland. Today so many of our brothers and sisters are still forced to experience the same injustice and suffering. The cause is almost always the arrogance and violence of the powerful. This was also the case for Jesus. King Herod learns from the Magi of the birth of the “King of the Jews”, and the news shocks him. He feels insecure, he feels that his power is threatened. So, he gathers together all the leaders of Jerusalem to find out the place of His birth, and begs the Magi to inform him of the precise details, so that - he says falsely - he too can go and worship him. But when he realised that the Magi had set out in another direction, he conceived a wicked plan: to kill all the children in Bethlehem under the***

**age of two years, which was the period of time, according to the calculations of the Magi, in which Jesus was born.**

**In the meantime, an angel orders Joseph: “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him” (Mt 2:13). Think today of the many people who feel this impulse within: “Let’s flee, let’s flee, because there is danger here”. Herod’s plan calls to mind that of Pharaoh to throw all the male children of the people of Israel into the Nile (cf. Ex 1:22). The flight into Egypt evokes the whole history of Israel beginning with Abraham, who also sojourned there (cf. Gen 12:10); to Joseph, son of Jacob, sold by his brothers (cf. Gen 37:36) before becoming “ruler of the land” (cf. Gen 41:37-57); and to Moses, who freed his people from the slavery of the Egyptians (cf. Ex 1:18).**

**The flight of the Holy Family into Egypt saves Jesus, but unfortunately it does not prevent Herod from carrying out his massacre. We are thus faced with two opposing personalities: on the one hand, Herod with his ferocity, and on the other hand, Joseph with his care and courage. Herod wants to defend his power, his own skin, with ruthless cruelty, as attested to by the execution of one of his wives, some of his children and hundreds of opponents. He was a cruel man: to solve problems, he had just one answer: to kill. He is the symbol of many tyrants of yesteryear and of today. And for them, for these tyrants, people do not count; power is what counts, and if they need space for power, they do away with people. And this happens today: we do not need to look at ancient history, it happens today. He is the man who becomes a “wolf” for other men. History is full of figures who, living at the mercy of their fears, try to conquer them by exercising power despotically and carrying out inhuman acts of violence. But we must not think that we live according to Herod's outlook only if we become tyrants, no; in fact, it is an attitude to which we can all fall prey, every time we try to dispel our fears with arrogance, even if only verbal, or made up of small abuses intended to mortify those close to us. We too have in our heart the possibility of becoming little Herods.**

**Joseph is the opposite of Herod: first of all, he is “a just man” (Mt 1:19), and Herod is a dictator. Furthermore, he proves he is courageous in following the Angel’s command. One can imagine the vicissitudes he had to face during the long and dangerous journey and the difficulties involved in staying in a foreign country, with another language: many difficulties. His courage emerges also at the moment of his return, when, reassured by the Angel, he overcomes his understandable fears and settles with Mary and Jesus in Nazareth (cf. Mt 2:19-23). Herod and Joseph are two opposing characters, reflecting the two ever-present**

**faces of humanity. It is a common misconception to consider courage as the exclusive virtue of the hero. In reality, the daily life of every person requires courage. Our way of living – yours, mine, everyone's: one cannot live without courage, the courage to face each day's difficulties. In all times and cultures, we find courageous men and women who, in order to be consistent with their beliefs, have overcome all kinds of difficulties, and have endured injustice, condemnation and even death. Courage is synonymous with fortitude, which together with justice, prudence and temperance is part of the group of human virtues known as "cardinal virtues".**

**The lesson Joseph leaves us with today is this: life always holds adversities in store for us, this is true, in the face of which we may also feel threatened and afraid. But it is not by bringing out the worst in ourselves, as Herod does, that we can overcome certain moments, but rather by acting like Joseph, who reacts to fear with the courage to trust in God's Providence. Today I think we need a prayer for all migrants; migrants and all the persecuted, and all those who are victims of adverse circumstances: be they political, historical or personal circumstances. But, let us think of the many people who are victims of wars, who want to flee from their homeland but cannot; let us think of the migrants who set out on that road to be free, so many of whom end up on the street or in the sea; let us think of Jesus in the arms of Joseph and Mary, fleeing, and let us see in him each one of the migrants of today. Migration today is a reality to which we cannot close our eyes. It is a social scandal of humanity.**

**Saint Joseph,  
you who have experienced the suffering of those who must flee  
you who were forced to flee  
to save the lives of those dearest to you,  
protect all those who flee because of war,  
hatred, hunger.  
Support them in their difficulties,  
Strengthen them in hope, and let them find welcome and solidarity.  
Guide their steps and open the hearts of those who can help them. Amen.  
Saviour who has come to dwell among us. May God bless you!**

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