



Catholic Cemeteries Association

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CCA Newsletter

May 2023

Happy Mother's Day 2023!



From the Desk of the Executive Director...



Greetings!

Traditionally May is heralded as the month of Our Lady. Throughout Church history we venerate Mary for her role as Our Mother, Friend, Benefactress, Mediatrix of all Graces, and of course Mother of our Savior. She is held in high regard in the CCA, as you can see by our logo, since she fully experienced the loss of a cherished relative.

Hail Mary, Full of Grace..... May is also a very special month as we celebrate Memorial Day, May 29th, honoring all those who gave the ultimate sacrifice to

our nation both at home and abroad. It is never fully possible to express the thanks we have for those brave soldiers so we honor them by parades, visits to cemeteries, flag and wreath ceremonies, etc. If you have a loved one who lost their life in service of our nation, or just to pay tribute in your own way, please visit our cemeteries to lay a wreath or US Flag on the grave and say a few prayers for all those who served. And it is always a good practice to remember the brave people who, responded to the call of duty to take care of those of suffering from the pandemic.

Lastly May is the month we honor all Mother's with the celebration of Mother's Day. Held on the second Sunday of the month it is a day we remember the sacrifice, love and gratitude we feel for those wonderful women who cared for us.

Hopefully you can visit your loved ones this important day and find peace and solitude as you pray and reflect on their lives and contributions. Happy Mother's Day! Happy Memorial Day! Mother Mary...pray for us!

Best regards,

John Pinone

May Promo

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In Honor Of Mothers

We celebrate Mother's Day in May,
May 1, 2023 through May 14, 2023 only, any
mausoleum Crypt purchased from the CCA will receive a

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Pre-need purchases only. May not be combined with any other offers.



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Ask us about
The Catholic Funeral Plan®

Guaranteeing the Catholic Burial Traditions of our families



Memorial Day Masses offered at our Cemeteries ...

*Join us for Mass as we welcome
Rev. Michael Santiago pastor of
St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish
our Celebrant*



***Memorial Day Mass
Monday, May 29th at
10:30 AM
in the Mausoleum***

All Saints Cemetery- North Haven

Memorial Day Mass Schedule for Monday, May 29th, 2023:

All Saints Cemetery-
North Haven at 10:30 AM
Corporate Office:
(203) 507-9213

Mt St. Peter Cemetery-
Derby at 10:00 AM
Office Telephone:
(203) 735-8026

Mt. Olivet Cemetery-
Watertown at 8:00 AM
Office Telephone:
(860) 274-4641

Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery-
Bloomfield at 10:00 AM
Office Telephone:
(860) 242-0738

St. James Cemetery-
Naugatuck offered by the
Knight of Columbus, Time: 8:00
AM
if inclement weather, held at St.



Vincent Church, RT 63 in
Naugatuck
Office Telephone:
(203) 754-9105

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Take a Tour...

*We have
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!

**Ask us about the
Catholic Funeral Plan®**
*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

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To learn more about the Catholic Funeral Plan

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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.

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 Family Service Advisors...

Lydia Cassarino

Lydia has proudly served as a Family Service Advisor with the Catholic Cemeteries Association of the Archdiocese of Hartford for many years in many of our locations mainly Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery in Bloomfield and St. Mary Cemetery in New Britain.

She has always had the passion and compassion of helping others and feels she has truly found her calling. Every family Lydia works with is treated as if they were her own. Whether a family who has experienced a loss or are pre-planning their cemetery needs, her dedication



continues with families long after their initial appointment. Each family knows she is always a phone call away and this has brought comfort to countless families.

Lydia understands the importance of support, care, and concern for those going through a loss and always makes it a priority to reach out to those families and feels she has been blessed to build long lasting relationships.

Lydia also offers her families a background of over 20 years of memorial monument & marker designing. You can see her work throughout our cemeteries as her monuments tell a story of the loved ones they were designed for.

Often asked "How do you do what you do?" Lydia will have the same response..."I love what I do because I have been blessed and given the opportunity to help others with care and concern through difficult decisions at a difficult time while ensuring each family is given the best education and information to make the most

permanent decisions one can make in life.”

Congratulations Lydia for your many years of service to our families!

Lydia serves at:

Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery - Bloomfield

St. Mary Cemetery - New Britain

St. Mary Cemetery – East Hartford

Holy Cross Cemetery – Glastonbury

St. James Cemetery – Manchester

St. Bernard Cemetery – Enfield

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Jackie Pence



Jackie is a proud member of the Family Service Advisor team with the Catholic Cemeteries Association of the Archdiocese of Hartford.

Her years of dedication and service to her families brings her tremendous joy and satisfaction.

Jackie is a life long resident of Wallingford and a parishioner at The Church of The Resurrection. Her knowledge and experience brings a sense of peace to her families knowing they are in good hands during their time of need especially to those who are pre-planning.

"Sometimes a familiar face can make all the difference in the world."

Jackie takes great pride in her work and has built many lasting relationships over the years and continues to support her Catholic families in the Wallingford and Meriden communities. Jackie comes to us from the natural products industry with a focus in Chinese herbal supplements hence her love of Asian markets, cuisine, cooking and gardening.

Congratulations Jackie for your many years of service to our families!

Jacqueline Pence

serves at:

St. John Cemetery-Wallingford

Sacred Heart Cemetery-Meriden

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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, May 11th
St. Louis Church
West Haven, CT
Time: 6:00 PM**

**Thursday, May 18th
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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Most Holy Trinity Church
Wallingford, CT
Time: 2:00 PM**

For more information about our Seminars and to register,
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our website www.ccacem.org or call
our Outreach Coordinator,

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

Catch us on the Radio....



***Tune in every Saturday
at 11:00 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, at CCA and President of Catholic Family Services Association speak about the importance of Pre-Planning issues facing Catholic Families as well as a host of other timely subjects important to Catholics.

Words to Ponder...

Christian Community Must Visit the Elderly, Help Them to Serve

by Pope Francis

DESCRIPTIVE TITLE

Pope Francis General Audience Address June 15, 2022

DESCRIPTION

Continuing his catechesis on the value of old age at the General Audience on June 15, 2022, Pope Francis invites the elderly to overcome the temptation to stand aside, because the Lord never discards them, but rather restores their strength to serve.

PUBLISHER & DATE

Vatican, June 15, 2022

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

We have listened to the simple and touching account of the healing of the mother-in-law of Simon – who is not yet called Peter – in Mark’s version of the Gospel. The brief episode is related, with slight yet evocative variations, also in the other two synoptic Gospels. “Simon’s mother-in-law lay sick with a fever”, writes Mark. We do not know if it is a mild ailment, but in old age even a simple fever can be dangerous. When you are old, you are no longer in control of your body. One has to learn to choose what to do and what not to do. The vigour of the body fails and abandons us, even though our heart does not stop yearning. One must then learn to purify desire: be patient, choose what to ask of the body and of life. When we are old, we cannot do the same things we did when we were young: the body has another pace, and we must listen to the body and accept its limits. We all have them. I too have to use a walking stick now.

Illness weighs on the elderly in a new and different way compared to when one is young or an adult. It is like a hard blow that falls in an already difficult time. In the elderly, illness seems to hasten death and, in any case, diminish that time we have to live, which we already consider short. The doubt lurks that we will not recover, that “this time it will be the last time I get sick...”, and so on: these ideas come. One cannot dream of hope in a future that now appears non-existent. A renowned Italian writer, Italo Calvino, noted the bitterness of the old who suffer the loss of the things of the past, more than they enjoy the coming of the new. But the Gospel scene we have heard helps us to hope and already offers us a first lesson: Jesus does not visit that sick old woman by himself: he goes there together with the disciples. And this makes us think a bit.

It is precisely the Christian community that must take care of the elderly: relatives and friends, but the community. Visiting the elderly must be done by many, together and often. We should never forget these three lines of the Gospel, especially now that the number of elderly people has grown considerably, also in relation to the young, since we are in this demographic winter, we have fewer children, and there are many old people and few young ones. We must feel a responsibility to visit the elderly who are often alone, and present them to the Lord with our prayers. Jesus himself will teach us how to love them. “A society truly welcomes life when it recognizes that it is also precious in old age, in disability, in serious illness and even when it is fading” (Message to the Pontifical Academy for Life, 19 February 2014). Life is always precious. Jesus, when he sees the sick elderly woman, takes her by the hand and

heals her. The same gesture that he uses to revive that young girl who was dead: he takes her by the hand and heals her, putting her back on her feet. Jesus, with this tender gesture of love, gives the first lesson to the disciples: namely, salvation is announced or, better, communicated through attention to that sick person; and the woman's faith shines in gratitude for the tenderness of God who stooped to her. I return to a theme I have repeated in these catecheses: this throwaway culture seems to cancel out the elderly. Yes, it does not kill them, but socially it eliminates them, as if they were a burden to carry: it is better to conceal them. This is a betrayal of our own humanity, this is the worst thing, this is choosing life according to utility, according to young and not with life as it is, with the wisdom of the elderly, with the limits of the elderly. The elderly have much to give us: there is the wisdom of life. There is much to teach us: this is why we must teach children that their grandparents are to be cared for and visited. The dialogue between young people and grandparents, children and grandparents, is fundamental for society, it is fundamental for the Church, it is fundamental for the health of life. Where there is no dialogue between the young and the old, something is lacking and a generation grows up without past, that is, without roots.

If the first lesson was given by Jesus, the second is given to us by the elderly woman, who arose and "served them". Even in old age one can, or rather one must serve the community. It is good for the elderly to cultivate the responsibility to serve, overcoming the temptation to stand aside. The Lord does not reject them; on the contrary, he restores to them the strength to serve. And I like to note that there is no special emphasis in the account on the part of the evangelists: it is the normality of following, that the disciples will learn, in its fullness, along the path of formation they will experience in the school of Jesus. The elderly who retain the disposition for healing, consolation, intercession for their brothers and sisters – be they disciples, centurions, people disturbed by evil spirits, those who are rejected – are perhaps the highest testimony to the purity of this gratitude that accompanies faith. If the elderly, instead of being rejected and dismissed from the scene of the events that mark the life of the community, were placed at the centre of collective attention, they would be encouraged to exercise the valuable ministry of gratitude towards God, who forgets no-one. The gratitude of elderly people for the gifts received from God during their life, as Peter's mother-in-law teaches us, restores to the community the joy of living together, and confers to the faith of the disciples the essential feature of its destination.

But we must learn well that the spirit of intercession and service, which Jesus prescribes to all his disciples, is not simply a matter for women:

there is no trace of this limitation in Jesus' words and gestures. The evangelical service of gratitude for God's tenderness is not in any way written according to the grammar of the man who is master and the woman who serves. However, this does not detract from the fact that women, in the gratitude and tenderness of faith, can teach men things they find more difficult to understand. Peter's mother-in-law, before the Apostles arrived, along the path of following Jesus, showed the way to them too. And the special gentleness of Jesus, who "took her by the hand" and "lifted her up", clearly shows, from the very beginning, his special sensibility towards the weak and the sick, which the Son of God had certainly learned from his Mother. Please, let us make sure that the elderly, grandparents, are close to children, to the young, to hand down this memory of life, to pass on this experience of life, this wisdom of life. To the extent to which we ensure that the young and the old are connected, to this extent there will be more hope for the future of our society.

Greeting in English

I greet the English-speaking visitors taking part in today's Audience, especially the various pilgrimage groups from the United States of America. Upon you and your families I invoke the joy and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ. God bless you!

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Featured Cemetery of the Month... St. Lawrence in West Haven



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click here...*

St. Lawrence Cemetery

***Rosary Walk begins the 1st Tuesday
in June...***











*Visit our website to get day-to-day
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Learn why we walk rain or shine!

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