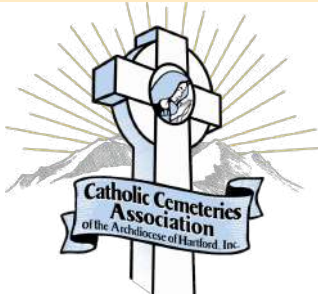


## *February 2025 Newsletter*



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# **Catholic Cemeteries Association**

**of the Archdiocese of Hartford, Inc.**

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### ***The Catholic Cemeteries Association Mission Statement...***

**The Mission of the Catholic Cemeteries Association (CCA) is to provide for the burial needs of the families of the Archdiocese of Hartford that honors the deep religious significance of the Corporal Work of Mercy of burying the dead and with a firm commitment to the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church. We treat all families with the deep compassion and understanding that they have entrusted their loved ones to us for eternity.**

## ***Welcome Winter***



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

Hello Chris,

Happy New Year 2025!

As I look out on the cemetery and see all of the beautiful flowered grave blankets and decorations I am reminded of why we are called to be of service to our Catholic Community. The Rite of Christian Burial is a vital part of our faith. Seeing these outward expressions of love and faith are an ongoing reminder of the duty we have to our families to keep these sacred grounds as welcoming places of remembrance and peace.

As the season of Lent approaches in March, let us

reflect on Christ's sacrifice for all of us.

May God's Peace be yours in abundance throughout the year ahead.

God bless,

*John Pinone*



## ***Monthly Promo***



### **The Catholic Cemeteries Association of the Archdiocese of Hartford, Inc.**

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.

***For the month of February, 2025 bring this ad to the office and:***

<u>Purchase</u>	<u>Save</u>
<b><i>Tandem Crypt</i></b>	<b><i>\$750.00</i></b>
<b><i>Single Crypt</i></b>	<b><i>\$500.00</i></b>
<b><i>Two Graves</i></b>	<b><i>\$150.00</i></b>

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.

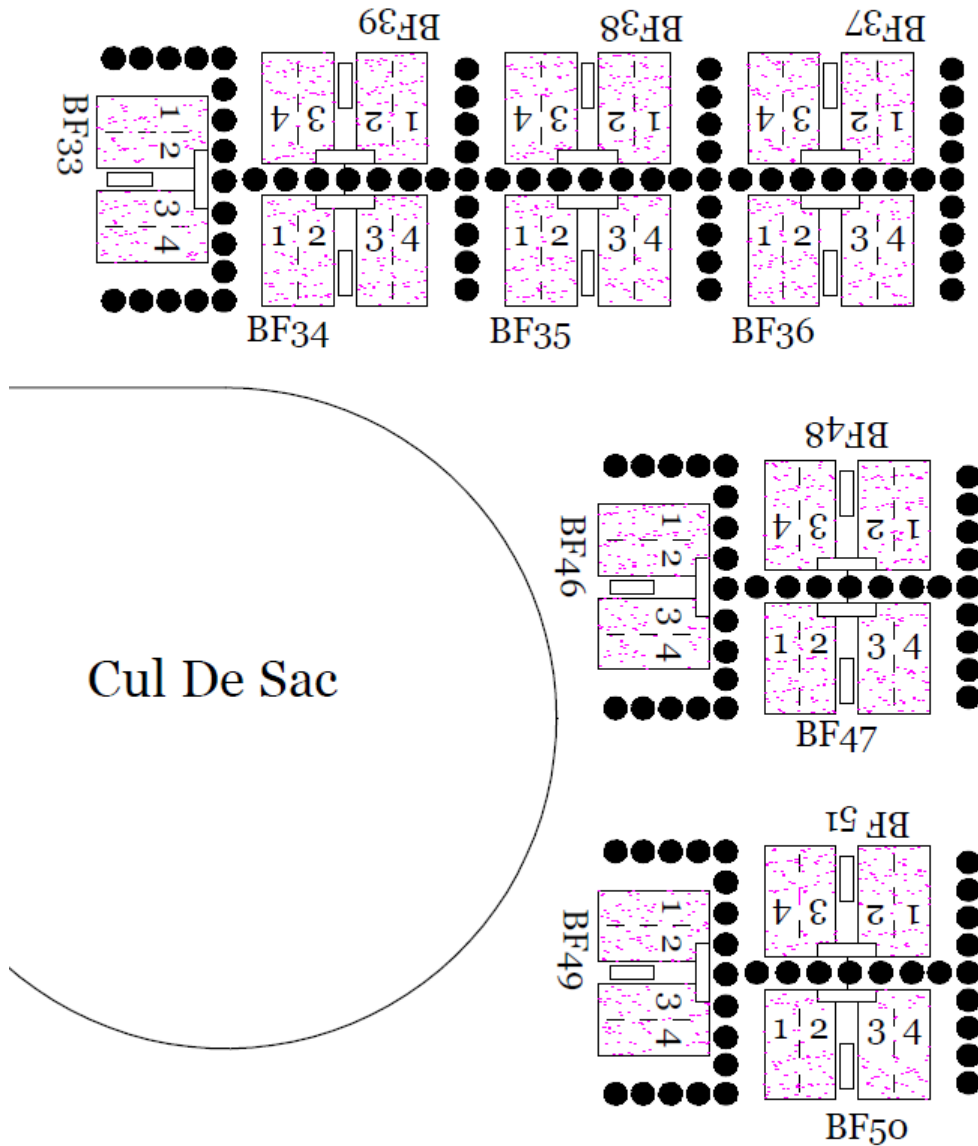
**For your convenience we now sell Granite Flush Markers and Monuments at all our locations!**

**Offer applies to Pre-need Sales only. Cannot be combined with other offers**



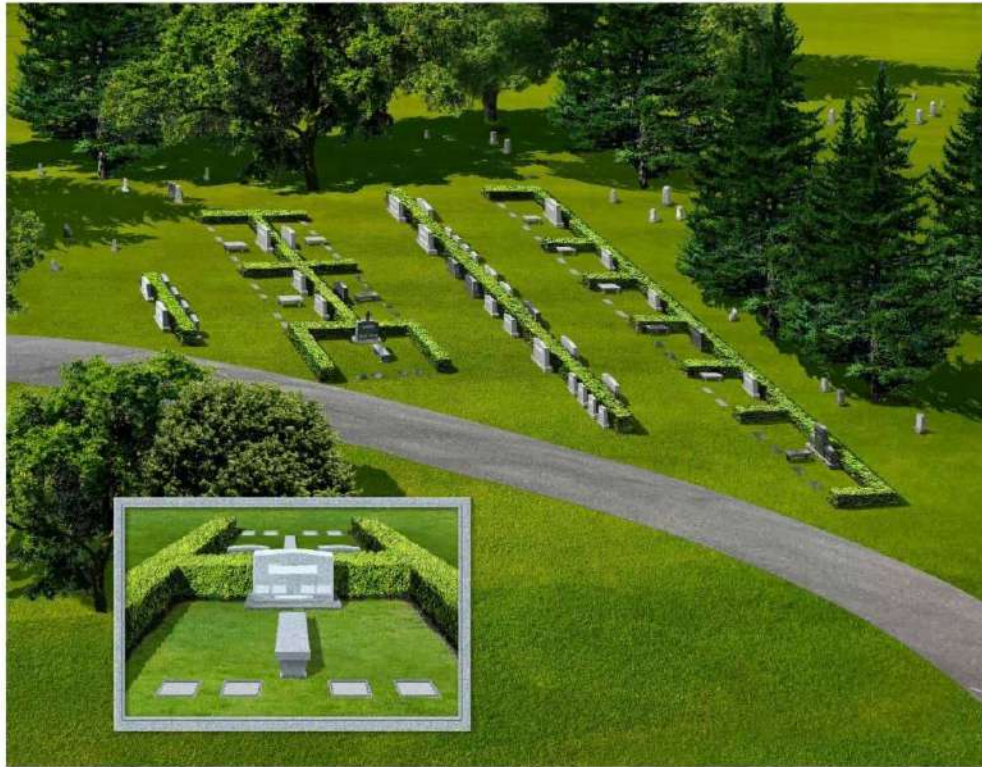
***Look What's New...***

## ***Holy Cross Cemetery-Glastonbury***



Contact us in  
Glastonbury

***Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery...  
in Bloomfield***



**Announcing a new section at Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery in Bloomfield CT, one of 30 cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Hartford. This beautiful new section offers 2 and 4 grave Semi-Private Estates, Monument graves and Flush Marker graves. Newly established in historic Section D of the Cemetery it is a must see for families contemplating Advanced Planning of their cemetery needs. Call and speak with a Family Service Advisor at (860) 242-0738 or contact us directly.**

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***A New Columbarium***





Contact  
Bloomfield

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***Visit Historic Calvary Cemetery-  
Waterbury (below)***



## ***New Columbaria***

[Contact Waterbury](#)



## ***Gentle Reminder!!***

### ***Removal of Winter Decorations***



All decorations are removed and disposed of beginning **MARCH 1st**. Decorations will not be retained by the cemetery. If you wish to retain any of these decorations, you must remove them prior to this date. Evergreens become

dried out and lose color after two months of exposure to wind, sun, and snow. Removal at this time allows clean up of the cemetery prior to the Easter Season. If weather conditions do not permit removal on MARCH 1st, they will be removed as soon as practical after this date. It can take weeks to remove all winter decorations.

**Thank you for your help.**

Other Rules to  
review...



## ***Roman Catholic Funeral Music- Where do I begin?***



### ***Songs and Hymns-***

#### **About Music At A Catholic Funeral Mass-**

Some parishes insist that all funerals must use the traditional chants associated with each part of the Mass - and they usually have a music director, organist, choir or cantor who can play



and sing these for you. They may allow one or two favorite hymns to be included too. Other priests or parishes are happy to have alternative settings of the official texts, or alternative hymns. You need to ask...

[read more here...](#)

Source:

<https://www.liturgytools.net/2020/03/catholic-funeral-mass-hymn-suggestions.html>

***Picking out your music for your  
Funeral is part of the planning process.  
Yes, you can get that detailed.***

**The Catholic Funeral Plan (CFP) might be  
the answer you've been hoping for.**

We are here to help.

more on  
CFP...



***Listen in...***

***Join us every Saturday***

**at 11:00 AM on WDRC  
the Talk of CT and our  
Director of Family  
Services...**



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. Tune in every Saturday at 11:00 AM on WDRC the Talk of CT

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**Listen on Talk of  
CT**

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***The Catholic Family Services Association is  
now offering the  
Catholic Funeral Plan  
to individuals and families of the  
Archdiocese of Hartford***

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***Have you heard of it?***



**We have all the answers.**

**The Catholic Funeral  
Plan...**



***When is the right time to reserve  
your spot in the Cemetery?***



Where you spend your forever is precious. Your final resting place will be a location where your loved ones will gather for years to come. They may even join you, laying beside you for all time, one day. When you choose your final resting place, there's a lot to think about.

Whether you plan to be buried above or below ground, it's a good idea to...

[Read more here...](#)



## ***Our Caring Team of Family Service Advisors***

### **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.**

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***Joan McMahon***



***Meet Joan-***

Joan McMahon is a passionate and committed Family Service Advisor who is delighted to have joined Catholic Cemeteries Association's team at Mt St Benedict in Bloomfield, Holy Cross in Glastonbury and St James in Manchester. She has a wealth of experience with providing education and compassion to our families to make informed decisions that reflect their own individuality. Family satisfaction is extremely important to her.

**Contact her:**

**(203) 338-1632  
Jmcmahon@ccacem.org**

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***Looking for Someone who's buried in  
one of these Cemeteries?***

**All Saints-North Haven**

**Mt. St. Peter-Derby**

**Mt. Olivet-Watertown**

**Holy Cross-Glastonbury**

***Instructions here...***

- 1) Scan the QR code to go to website**
- 2) Enter their last name**
- 3) Pick your cemetery**
- 4) Search**
- 5) Click on Loved One's Name**
- 6) Get walking directions, or see the grounds**



# ***Are Eulogies allowed?***



## ***Can You Give a Eulogy at a Catholic Funeral Mass?***

Eulogies are one of the many ways that people choose to remember a loved one who has passed away. Speaking at a funeral and telling the story of the deceased — recounting their accomplishments in life, their favorite activities, noteworthy stories that illustrate the kind of person they were — is common and often cherished. Doing so in remembrance of a deceased loved one can help celebrate that life and provide comfort for the bereaved. Yet there is a time and a place for the eulogy. In fact, in some situations, it may even be inappropriate to eulogize someone due to the circumstances surrounding their funeral. If the deceased was a member of the Roman Catholic church, for example, the practice of a eulogy during a Catholic funeral Mass is...

Source:

<https://www.philadelphiacatholiccemeteries.com/blog/eulogies-at-catholic-funeral>

**[Read more here](#)**



## ***After Care Corner...***



## ***What helps you Cope with Grief?***

Grief is a normal response to any loss. Each person's grief journey is unique, yet the process of grief is similar regardless of what was lost:

**Read more  
here...**





# ***Food Drive Success!***



***Thank you!***

God wants people to give cheerfully, not out of obligation, and that he will bless those who do.

**2 Corinthians 9:6-8**



***Ash Wednesday is March 5th...  
how will you prepare for  
Lent this year?***



“And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites...But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ***(Matthew 6:16-18)***”

***SAVE THE DATES!***

***Returning this Season***

***the Lenten Walk***



**North Haven-**Back by popular demand, we will offer the Lenten Walk this Season.

Join us as we gather for the **Stations of the Cross** beginning on **Tuesday, March 25th, 5:00pm** at the All Saints Cemetery Mausoleum. The Walk will continue for 4 weeks ending on April 15th the Tuesday of Holy week.

**Tuesdays, April 1st, 8th, and 15th.**

Please mark your calendar to SAVE THE DATES.

There is no registration required. Please wear "weather-appropriate" clothes. This event will take place outdoors.

Walking is of **moderate intensity**. Leaders have

an amplifier. This allows for everyone to hear and pray along regardless of how slow/fast you walk. We will be walking up and down hills and stopping to stand at each Station to pray. Those interested in taking on a more responsible role, please reach out to Barbara at (203) 780-8418 or email her at [bgode@ccacem.org](mailto:bgode@ccacem.org)

Don't forget: Please visit our website often for more information and scheduling updates.

Let's offer it up!

**Website info click here...**



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