



St. Joseph Cemetery & Holyhood Cemetery

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The above picture was taken on Memorial Day last year. Though minus the tent and large crowds the grounds of the Cemetery were pristine. The work crews worked tirelessly getting the cemetery ready for the crowds this weekend usually attracts. New entrance signs were installed at both St. Joseph Cemetery and Holyhood Cemetery. The signs include maps of each section of the cemetery and will help visitors trying to locate a specific section. The Veterans Services and a limited number of volunteers placed thousands of flags on veterans graves throughout the Cemeteries. Last Memorial Day, with the country in the grips of another wave of coronavirus cases, the cemetery cancelled the Annual Memorial Day Mass. With the number of new cases dropping and the number of vaccinated people climbing in the United States we are looking forward to continuing this long standing tradition for 2022. We would like to announce our Annual Memo-

rial Day Service schedule on Monday, May 30, 2022 as follows:

HOLYHOOD CEMETERY

587 HEATH STREET

BROOKLINE, MA

MASS WILL BEGIN AT 9:00 AM

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY

990 LAGRANGE STREET

WEST ROXBURY, MA

MASS WILL BEGIN AT 10:00 AM



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Letter from the President

The year 2022 has started with a strong hope we can all begin the process of getting life back to normal. The past 2 years have been extremely challenging for our families and loved ones. The Board of Directors welcomes everyone back and is very appreciative for the efforts of staff and our work crews who continued to provide compassionate and quality daily service to families as needed.

The Association continues to be financially strong and is

scheduling a number of upgrades to the property and Chapel for 2022. St. Joseph Cemetery is being evaluated for the expansion of graves in various areas. St. James the Apostle section has expanded the crypt grave area and will continue the expansion in 2022. The roof of the Maguire Chapel has been repaired and the interior painted. This has enhanced the glass niches within the building. Road repair and tree planting in our capital program will continue in

2022. This is our 13th edition newsletter and is meant to convey a message of hope and faith in 2022. The Board thanks everyone for their support and look forward to a healthy new year.

Sincerely,



George A. McLaughlin, III
President

Web Site

Information regarding our history, services, regulations, hours of operation, lot sales, genealogy, and directions, is available at

www.holyhood.com

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Cemetery Decoration Guidelines

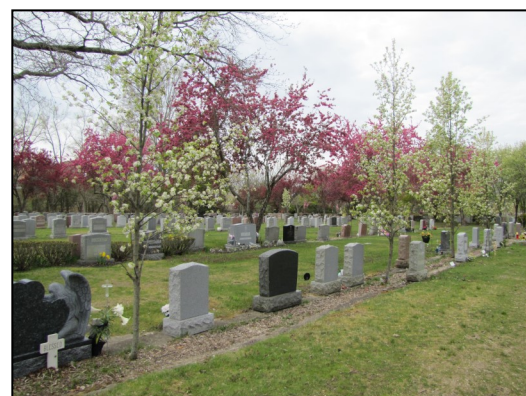
Decorating a loved one's gravesite is part of personalizing their memorial and remembering them. It provides many families comfort and makes the grieving process easier for them. Christmas and Holiday decorations placed on graves shall be removed beginning January 15th. Veterans flags placed on the grave for Memorial Day will be removed after July 4th weekend. The Cemetery cannot assume any liability for damage due to weather or items that interfere with the



cemetery's lawn care or other maintenance procedures.

St. James Restoration Section 2A

The landscape restoration in St. James the Apostle, Sec 2A has been completed. We installed new foundations and graded and reseeded the area. The larger overgrown trees were removed and replaced with smaller trees. This was necessary as the overgrown trees were pressing on a number of monuments and impacting the foundations. This upgrade greatly improved the appearance in this section of St. James.



Good Shepherd Statue

The statue of the Good Shepherd located in the Field of Good Shepherd across from the Maguire Chapel was damaged by a nearby tree during a storm in July of 2021. The statue was damaged beyond repair. The statue has been standing at this location since the late 1960's or early 1970's. The Association is looking into replacing this statue sometime in the future.



Cremation Burial Requirements

How do I schedule a Cremation Interment?

Please call the office by 10:00 am one day prior to the burial. Our staff will take the required information over the phone including legal name of deceased, address, age, date of death, location of grave to be opened for burial, family member requesting burial, address, telephone number and relationship to deceased. Cremation burials are scheduled Monday thru Friday 8:00 am to 2:00 pm and for an additional fee Saturday 8:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Do I need to purchase an urn or vault?

Yes, the cemetery requires a permanent container which can be purchased from your funeral director. Cremations are released from the crematory in a temporary container which is not suitable for burial. A cremation liner can be purchased from the cemetery. This container is a basic white container which can be sealed by cemetery personnel on the day of burial.

What paperwork will be required by the Cemetery? Interment order signed by the owner or a direct heir to the owner. Cremation certificate released from the crematory with the cremation and sometimes taped to the cremation. Payment for the burial fee (Check, Cash or Credit Card).

What to expect the day of burial? The family is asked to gather at the cemetery



Chapel Hill IV Cremation Wall

office located at the main entrance at 990 LaGrange Street 15 minutes before the scheduled time. If the burial is taking place at Holyhood Cemetery the family will gather at the entrance of Holyhood located at 584 Heath Street in Brookline, MA. When the family is present and paperwork completed you will be led to the grave in procession. The grave will be dressed and a table will be set up to accommodate the cremation urn. Once the family has completed the graveside service the urn will be placed in the prepared burial spot.

I already have a grave at the cemetery, how many cremations are allowed in a grave? Most graves at St. Joseph Cemetery can accommodate 2 cremations in addition to 2 full casket burials. To request information on a specific grave please call the office at 617-327-1010.

The cemetery is a place for meditation and prayer, hallowed by symbols of our faith and our devotion in the memory of those who rest in eternal peace.

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Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Saturday 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

The gates of the cemeteries are open
7 days per week from 8:00 am to
7:00 pm and in winter 8:00 am to
5:00 pm

The Association continues to be financially strong. This past year has been extremely difficult for families, loved ones, and the Holyhood workforce and staff. As we reflect back on a year that has changed the lives for so many I can't help but think of the sacrifices the Holyhood team has made in providing daily services. Their commitment, dedication, and compassion has been above and beyond during a very difficult and demanding time. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A. Thomas DeMaio,
General Manager



"The A-Team should consist of every employee of the cemetery, because we are only as strong as our weakest link" - John Toule

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