

Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery

Selecting a family burial place is the decision only you and your family can make because it affects only you and your family. Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery is here to serve you. It is owned and operated by the parishioners of Saint Joseph Parish in Amherst. The Catholic philosophy of life has always contained a realistic attitude toward death. The Catholic knows that one of the most important tasks in life is to prepare for that moment when one will enter eternity. In addition to this absolute essential process of spiritual preparation, there are some important practical details, which must be arranged for the resting place of the human remains of the deceased. Traditionally, Catholics have arranged to have their family burial place in a setting, which reflects their Catholic faith and devotion. In order to assure yourself and your family that your burial place will be what you want, you should consider arranging the details now. Oftentimes, the moment of grief is too difficult to make these important decisions.

Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery is located on the corner of Middle Ridge and Pyle South Amherst Road in Amherst Township. For more than 100 years, Saint Joseph Parishioners have been respectfully and prayerfully burying the remains of fellow parishioners in this sacred peaceful place. The Saint Joseph Cemetery Committee has been formed and maintaining the cemetery for many years. The Committee is made up of fellow parishioners who are ready to assist you in making these arrangements for the future. Please call the Parish Office at 440-988-2848 to arrange a meeting with a member of the St. Joseph Cemetery Committee.

COST AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2014

Grave/Plot	\$750.00**
Interment (open/closing) (Full Casket)	\$775.00
Cremains	\$250.00
Single Marker Footer (flat marker)	\$175.00
(stand up marker)	\$200.00
Double Marker Footer (flat marker)	\$250.00
(stand up marker)	\$300.00
Military Marker (Emblem)	\$ 75.00
Military Marker Footer	\$125.00
Disinterment	\$975.00



Prices are subject to change at the request of Cemetery Committee's approval.

**Must pay full amount at the time of Purchase. 10% of the grave cost will be placed in the Perpetual Care Account and is non-refundable.

O Gapping Earth

Receive the body formed of you by the hand of God

And again returning to you as its mother;

For what has been to his image, the Creator has already reclaimed.

Receive it as your own

--Orthodox Liturgy

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Office: St. Joseph Church, 200 Saint Joseph Drive, Amherst, (440) 988-2848

Memorial Policy and Specifications effective June 1, 2007

From earliest times in the Church tradition, believers have decorated the tombs and burial places of their loved ones with words and symbolic symbols reflecting their strong faith in the continuing presence of the Lord in life and death and their firm hope in the resurrection as the promise of everlasting life.

A Catholic cemetery is a sacred place that should raise the minds and hearts of all who visit it to God. Among its most distinctive features are the memorials and tombstones contained within it. These have a unique ability to create a religious atmosphere.

The following guidelines are provided by the Saint Joseph Cemetery Committee to aid in the choice of appropriate inscriptions and symbols in order to maintain the ancient tradition that Christian burial places be surrounded with prayerfulness and signs of hope.

Tombstones/Grave Markers

1. All graves **must** have a standard permanent tombstone or grave marker.
2. Tombstones or grave markers in sections D, E, and F shall be no higher than ground level.
3. A ¾ -inch lot number must be engraved in the lower right corner.

Symbols

1. All tombstones must have at least one (1) Christian symbol. The Pastor of Saint Joseph Church prior to engraving must approve other symbols.
2. The Christian symbol must be predominant. Recognized Christian symbols of God, Jesus, resurrection, the sacraments (especially of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist), Mary, the Saints, hope, faith, love, etc. are always preferred and recommended.

Inscriptions

1. Tombstones may have inscriptions. (Baptismal names should take priority).
2. Inscriptions may come from Sacred Scripture, the Liturgy of the Church or approved and published prayers, hymns and spiritual writings.
3. Formal titles of family relationship are acceptable, e.g. "Mother," "Father", "Sister", etc. Personal terms of endearment are not recommended.

Portraits

1. Portraits of the deceased etched on a tombstone are acceptable.

Further regulations not mentioned here are governed by the Catholic Cemeteries Association Rules and Regulations for Cemetery Burials.