

## TERMINOLOGY

Burial Rights Holder – the purchaser of burial rights in the cemetery. Purchasers buy the right of interment; the cemetery retains the ownership of the land (graves).

Grave Space – a parcel of land marking an individual grave, large enough for a regular adult burial (10’ x 42”). Other spaces can be smaller for cremation burials. Also known as burial space.

Lot – a parcel of land containing more than one individual grave space.

Section – part of the cemetery containing multiple lots and grave spaces.

Cremains – cremated remains of a deceased person.

## ACCESS

- ⌘ Visiting hours are from sunrise until sunset. Visitors before or after the established hours, or anyone in violation of cemetery policy will be reported to the proper law enforcement agency for appropriate action.
- ⌘ Children under the age of 15 must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times.
- ⌘ Firearms, non-prescription drugs, alcoholic beverages or any illegal substances are not permitted in the cemetery at any time.

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- ⌘ Pets (leashed or unleashed) are not permitted in the cemetery at any time.

## RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CEMETERY

- ⌘ New graves will be leveled, seeded or sodded after they have settled.
- ⌘ St. Patrick Church provides the mowing, trimming and general maintenance of the grounds.
- ⌘ St. Patrick Church retains the right to review and recommend approval of landscaping projects. Planting of shrubs, trees, rose bushes or perennial flowers is not permitted by the holders of burial rights.
- ⌘ Flowers, vases, floral arrangements, statues or other decorations, will be removed by the cemetery without consulting the burial rights holders on clean-up dates or, if they interfere with mowing, trimming or the overall ground aesthetics. Grave blankets will be removed if causing damage to the grass.
- ⌘ The cemetery exclusively installs the foundations.

## RESPONSIBILITIES OF BURIAL RIGHTS HOLDERS

- ⌘ Transfer of burial rights to a third party must have the prior approval of the Pastor. Burial rights transfers for personal profit is prohibited. Contact the parish office for information.

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## Grave Markers

- ⌘ All burials or cremains must be identified with a grave marker, also known as a monument. A price quote for a simple, inexpensive marker is available from the cemetery office upon request.
- ⌘ Monuments may either be flush with the ground or upright. All monuments must be placed at the head of the grave space and centered on an individual space or between two spaces. Only foot stones flush to the ground will be permitted in the cemetery.
- ⌘ The cemetery installs all foundations.
- ⌘ Symbols/emblems/verse on monuments must reflect the Catholic Christian values of the cemetery. All monument designs must be approved by the pastor before installing. St. Patrick Cemetery reserves the right to remove a marker or monument if it is deemed inappropriate.
- ⌘ Two companies in London provide cemetery monuments:  
  
Roby’s Memorial Design & Lettering  
740-852-5674  
Paul M. Yauger Monumental Works  
740-852-1553  
  
Other monument companies may be engaged to manufacture monuments.
- ⌘ Monuments/markers may be installed at any time, *after* the purchase of the burial rights has been finalized and the proper documentation issued.

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- ✦ If no monument marks the grave at the time of burial, the family is responsible for providing one within six (6) months after burial.
- ✦ For existing monuments or markers, the decedent's name and/or death date must be etched on it. The decedent's family is responsible for providing this information and payment to the monument company.
- ✦ Grave markers/monuments are the personal property of the holders of burial rights. Insurance coverage is at the holder's discretion.

#### Grave Decorations

- ✦ Artificial (plastic, silk, or any man-made materials) flower arrangements are not permitted from April 1<sup>st</sup> to December 1<sup>st</sup>. They will be removed by the cemetery during this time. However, dried flower arrangements made from natural materials are permitted, as well as live/cut flowers.
- ✦ Live or potted flowers, statuary or votive candles must be within 12 inches of any monument for mowing/trimming ease. Any decorations covering the names and/or dates on the front of monuments will be trimmed or removed completely without prior notice.
- ✦ Care of grave flowers including removal and disposal of funeral flowers, vases, etc., are the responsibility of the burial rights holders. Unsightly arrangements may be removed by the cemetery.

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- ✦ Clean up and disposal of artificial arrangements will begin on April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ✦ Grave blankets are permitted only between December 15<sup>th</sup> and January 15<sup>th</sup>, so as not to kill the grass underneath them.
- ✦ All grave/lot refuse must be placed in the cemetery dumpster or removed from the cemetery.
- ✦ Fences, hedges, posts and enclosures of any kind are not permitted.

#### FEES AND CHARGES

- ✦ Contact the Cemetery Office for an updated price list.
- ✦ Grave costs, as well as all associated fees and charges, must be paid *prior* to interment.
- ✦ Burial space must be purchased directly from the cemetery. Check or cash is accepted. Make check payable to *St. Patrick Cemetery*.
- ✦ No Sunday burials permitted.

## ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CEMETERY



### Rules and Regulations

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#### Cemetery Location:

4180 St. Rt. 56  
London, Ohio 43140

#### Cemetery Office:

St. Patrick Catholic Church  
61 S. Union St.  
London, Ohio 43140  
(740) 852-0942, Ext. 26

*(Refer all correspondence to this address)*