

Office of Catholic Cemeteries

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Charleston

Holy Cross

604 Fort Johnson Road
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St. Lawrence

60 Huguenin Avenue
Charleston, SC 29401

St. Peter

2660 Spruill Avenue
Charleston, SC 29405

Columbia

St. Patrick

1201 Mason Road
Columbia, SC 29203

St. Peter (*featured image*)

601 Elmwood Avenue
Columbia, SC 29201

Diocese of Charleston

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843-795-2111

*Faith-centered, affordable burial in a park-like setting.
Visit our revitalized Columbia area Catholic Cemeteries,
St. Patrick and St. Peter. Schedule a tour!*

A warm welcome and...

... a commitment to caring

Cemeteries play a vital role in life and in death. They are a symbol of the reverence we hold for the human body when the soul passes on to God. The cemetery says to the world, the body rests here in this sacred ground to be remembered and revered.

Our dedicated cemetery staff is committed to providing you and your family a peaceful place to continue your relationship with the deceased. *“Lord, for your faithful people, life is changed, not ended.”*

We encourage the community to visit and to enjoy all of the natural beauty

our cemeteries have to offer, from the sounds of birds singing and leaves rustling in the trees, to the sights of flowers in bloom and butterflies taking flight.

We care about you and all those who are entrusted to our care. Bringing comfort to the living and praying for the souls of all who rest within our hallowed grounds is at the heart of what we do.

We encourage you and all who visit to pray for those interred here, either in your own words or with the following prayer:

Loving God.

A candle burns in my heart and warms my soul. It never flickers. It never wanes. It is the memory of those I love who are now at home with you. I ask you to keep them close to your heart. Keep them in the bright flame of your love. Eternal rest grant unto them and all who are buried here, O Lord. Let perpetual light shine upon them and may their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.



Full body casket burial

Traditional Ground Burial of the Full Body

Casket burial in the ground remains the most common form of burial. A casket burial space/grave is sold as a “Right of Burial” for the use of one person. A second burial of cremated remains is permitted with the purchase of an Additional Right of Interment. Prices are based on the cemetery and section chosen.

The Office of Cemeteries offers monuments and markers at a greatly reduced price, which includes an optional matching turned granite vase, the first set of flowers for free, installation, and all taxes and fees.

Above-Ground Burial of the Full Body

Casket burial in a mausoleum is an alternative for those who do not wish to be buried in the ground but who still prefer to inter the full body. The space in a mausoleum reserved for casket burial is called a crypt and Holy Cross Cemetery offers both Single Crypts and Tandem Companion Crypts in a community mausoleum. Private mausoleums may be placed in select sections of any of our cemeteries. Please contact our office for policies and prices.

Opening & Closing of a Grave or Crypt

The cost to bury or entomb a casket is the same, \$1,400. Normal cemetery service hours are Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Included in the cost of casket burial is the tent over the grave (*weather permitting*).

Opening & Closing a Cremation Grave or Niche

The cost to bury or entomb an urn containing cremated remains is the same, \$900, during normal cemetery service hours, Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to

Cremated remains burial

Cremation burial in the ground or in a niche space above ground continues to grow in popularity. Many Christians are unaware that burial is still the required method of final disposition. Scattering of cremated remains is often forbidden by faith communities, and illegal on private- and government-owned land. *We offer a wide variety of options for the burial of cremated remains, including cremation-only spaces, traditional spaces and as a second (additional) interment right.*

Traditional In-Ground Cremation Burial

To open and close the grave and to memorialize the deceased, either with a flat marker (*beginning at \$700*) or an upright monument (*beginning at \$1,400*) is additional. *Markers and monuments include an optional matching turned granite vase, the first set of flowers for free, installation, and all taxes and fees.*

All-Inclusive Cremation Burial

One comprehensive price for the grave, opening and closing, family tent, up to 24 chairs, tasteful table setting for displaying the urn, and a complimentary urn vault (*in-ground burial only*). *Samples of bronze memorials and plaques are available in our office. Overtime fees are not included. Prices begin at \$2,200.*

2. p.m. Included in the cost to open and close the grave is a family tent, up to 24 chairs, table for urn and a complimentary urn vault (*in-ground burial only*).

Notes on Opening & Closing

For either option, overtime fees apply for services that begin in the cemetery after 2 p.m. on weekdays; overtime will also apply all day on Saturdays. *Services are not held on Catholic or national holidays, nor are they permitted on Sundays.*



From Our Staff

Since the dawn of Christianity, cemeteries have been an important part of Church life. Catholic Cemeteries especially celebrate stories of life, bonds of love and the traditions of faith. These are sacred spaces: where we come to remember, to grieve, to pray and to heal.

The selection of burial or entombment within the sacred grounds of our cemeteries is a fitting expression of Christian faith in the Resurrection. This sacred space bears silent witness to the reverence and respect due to the human body — its dignity and eternal destiny as a temple of the Holy Spirit, laid to rest in expectation of the Lord's coming to judge the living and the dead. Burying the dead is one of the Corporal Works of Mercy, and our staff is committed to providing professional and compassionate care for the

deceased and the loved ones they leave behind. We have each experienced a profound loss and understand in many ways how you are feeling, while being keenly aware that no two grief journeys are the same. Some of our loved ones are buried here, making the care of our beautiful grounds and well-maintained facilities personal. It is important to us that they pay tribute to those who have gone before us, while providing the living with a peaceful place to remember, honor and pray.

All are welcome in our cemeteries, and we sincerely hope you and your loved ones feel that welcome from the moment you enter the gates. *May God bring peace and comfort to all who mourn, and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

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