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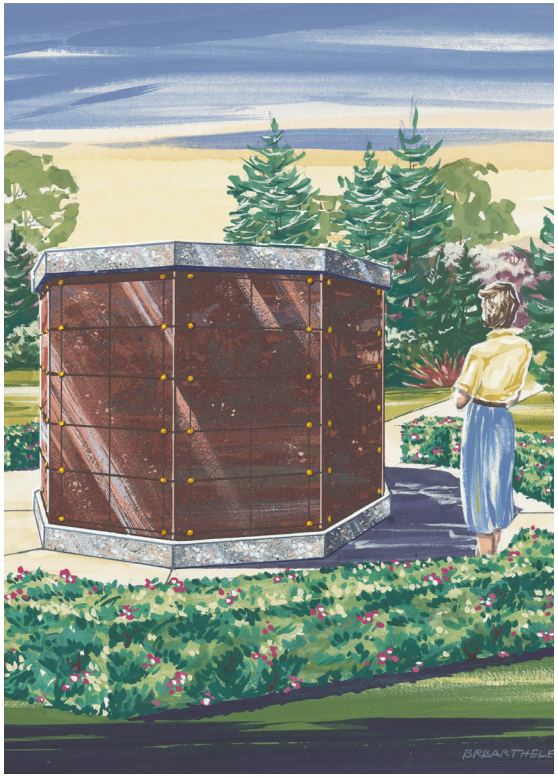
St. Patrick Catholic Church Cremation Columbarium



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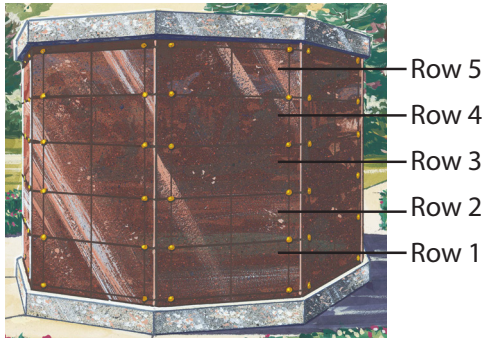
Cremation Columbarium

What is a Columbarium?

A columbarium is an above ground structure designed to house the cremated ashes of the deceased.

Our columbarium is one of several to be constructed over the coming years. It is an octagon shape containing 40 single and 40 double niches. The single niches (1 urn) are side by side. The double niches (2 urns) are front to back. Each niche will have a granite face with a bronze name plaque showing the individual's name, birth year, and death year. The plaque will have your name cast in the bronze with the birth and death years added with individual smaller plates.



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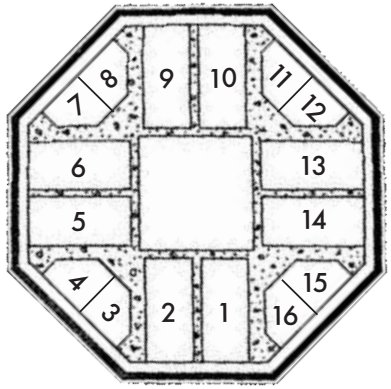

Top View

No ornaments or flowers will be attached to the niches, with the exception of a small military medallion, as requested.

Our first columbarium is dedicated to the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord. These will be engraved in the top granite cover on each side of the columbarium.

Is Cremation a Catholic Option?

Although the Catholic Church prefers a full body burial of a deceased person, cremation of the body has been permitted since 1963. Whether cremation ashes are buried in-ground or in a columbarium niche, the church requires respect for the deceased sacred body with prayerful reverence and great dignity. In all cases a proper urn is required which is available through the cemetery. See CEM126 for urn dimensions and pricing.

Where is the Columbarium Located?

The northeast corner of the cemetery has been allocated to our columbarium section with the first unit installed December 2023. There will be a walkway up to the columbarium from the cemetery drive with a concrete walkway surrounding the columbarium and benches around the Celtic cross in the center area.

Burial Fees

A columbarium is one of the most cost-effective means of burial. You will need to purchase the niche, the name plaque, and an urn. For the double niches, there will be a second burial fee. Our cemetery was originally started for our parish, but is currently available to the community. There is a fee for non-parishioners (see CEM 124 fees). Contact any member of the cemetery team for prices, selection, and purchase of your niche and urn.