

OUR LADY OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Columbarium and Prayer Garden



Cremation of the Deceased

Since 1963, Holy Mother Church has permitted cremation “provided that it does not demonstrate a denial of faith in the resurrection of the body” (CCC2301).

The interment of remains in a cemetery or another sacred place adequately corresponds to the piety and respect owed to the bodies of the faithful departed who through Baptism have become temples of the Holy Spirit.

The interment of the faithful departed in cemeteries or other sacred places encourages family members and the whole Christian community to pray for and remember the dead, while at the same time fostering the veneration of martyrs and saints.

Through the practice of interring the dead in church environs (such as our columbarium), Christian tradition has upheld the relationship between the living and the dead and has opposed any tendency to minimize or to relegate to the purely private sphere, the event of death and the meaning it has for Christians.

The Church raises no doctrinal objections to cremation, since this practice does not affect the deceased’s soul, nor does it prevent God, in His omnipotence, from raising up the deceased body to new life. Thus cremation, in and of itself, objectively negated neither the Christian doctrine of the soul’s immortality nor that of the resurrection of the body.

Eligibility for a Columbarium Niche

The Columbarium is intended for the interment of cremated remains of Catholics who are entitled to Christian burial according to the Roman Catholic Church. Registered members of this parish or other parishes in the Diocese of Charleston (permission for members of other parishes outside of this diocese at the discretion of the pastor of OLP is pending) with immediate Family Members have the privilege of licensing niches for their cremated remains.

Pastoral Benefits of the Columbarium and Prayer Garden

The beautiful garden setting of the Columbarium just outside the narthex provides a reverential place of interment for the cremated remains of our beloved deceased. In a way, it will recreate the “church yard cemetery” tradition of earlier America, as the cremated remains are reposed in a setting close to the familiar surroundings in which the individual worshiped.

For the living, it provides a garden spot for visitation, remembrance, and serenity in a prayerful atmosphere.

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Other Benefits of the Columbarium and Prayer Garden

For a couple, the one-time expense of a companion niche and urns will be approximately 40% to 50% less expensive than a traditional cemetery burial which usually requires the purchase of plots, caskets, vaults, and headstone as well as charges for opening and closing each grave.

If the body of the deceased is present at the Funeral Mass, the deceased will be taken back to the crematorium and interment will be done at a later date. If the cremated remains are present at the Funeral Mass, the Mass will normally conclude with a procession to the Columbarium and in immediate interment of the cremated remains. Whether the remains are interred immediately after the Funeral Mass or at a later date, there is no charge for the interment.

Procedure for Licensing a Niche

To license a niche, go to the parish office and complete the Catholic Diocese of Charleston Columbarium License. The cost of licensing a niche will be provided by the office and may vary depending on the method of payment. If the cost is to be paid over a twelve-month period, the fee will be slightly higher than lump sum payment and the niche may not be used until the entire fee has been paid. Exceptions to the payment procedures may be granted by the Parish Pastor/Administrator.

Memorial Bricks and Other Items for Donation

A section of the Prayer Garden has been set aside to allow everyone to participate by the purchase of a memorial brick to remember a family member who is not interred in the columbarium or for a donor friend.

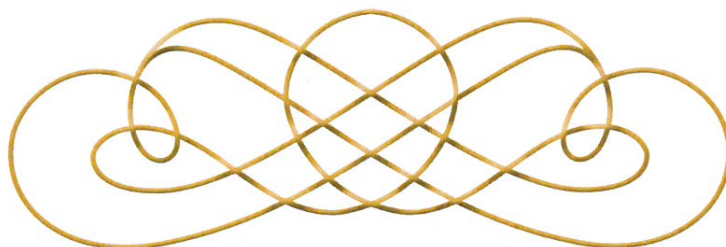
Bricks are available in three (3) sizes:

- 4"x8" with three lines of print of twenty (20) characters per line
- 8"x8" with six lines of print of twenty (20) characters per line
- 8"x8" with a large symbol and two lines of print of twenty (20) characters per line
- The symbols currently available include the symbols of the 4 branches of the US military, the USCG, the K of C, and several other symbols. However, other symbols may be available upon request.

The cost of the memorial bricks and the symbols that may be used are available in the parish office.

The Prayer Garden design also allows for up to seven (7) benches which may be donated in memory of family members or by an organization. All engraving on the bench must be approved by the Parish Pastor/Administrator. The cost of benches is available at the parish office,

It is also possible to donate other items to the Prayer Garden such a religious statue or the flag pole that is now in the garden. Any request for such donations must be coordinated with and approved by the Parish Pastor/Administrator.



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PRICE LIST

(AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2018)

Companion Niche

- Lump Sum Payment \$2,500
- Time Payment Plan
 - Initial Installment \$ 600
 - 12 Monthly Payments of \$ 200
 - Total Time Payment Cost \$3,000

Memorial Bricks

- 4"x8" Text only \$ 100
- 8"x8" Text only \$ 200
- 8"x8" Symbol & text \$ 250

Memorial Bench \$2,500