

THE HERALD

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CEMETERY ~ 3000 CHURCH STREET ~ NORFOLK, VA 23504 ~ 757-627-2874
A Registered National & Virginia Historic Landmark ~ Member National Catholic Cemetery Conference

The 11th Annual
*Outdoor Rosary
& All Souls Mass*
~ 10th Anniversary ~

Sunday, Nov. 2, 2008

Rosary @ 1:30 pm
Mass @ 2:00 pm

Rain or Shine in Front
of the Garden Mausoleum

The 11th annual *All Souls Mass* is scheduled for Sunday, November 2, 2008 at 2:00 p.m., preceded by the *Recitation of the Rosary* at 1:30 p.m. The Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Jim Parke from Ascension Catholic Church and will be held rain or shine in front of the garden mausoleum. A light reception will follow the Mass. Volunteers are needed. Jan Purcell, Sales and Marketing Manager, will be available after the Mass to answer questions concerning the new chapel mausoleum which is soon to be completed. Please make plans to join us. For more information or to volunteer, contact John Langlois at 757-499-7202.

CHAPEL MAUSOLEUM CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



Construction on the chapel mausoleum is approximately 95% complete. Electrical, carpeting and landscaping work still needs to be completed. A six-foot wood fence will be installed to line the rear of the mausoleum. A dedication ceremony is being planned for March 2009. More information will be available in the next newsletter. If you are interested in purchasing a crypt or niche during the discount construction period, please contact Jan Purcell, Sales and Marketing Manager, at 757-406-3965.

REMOVAL OF MAGNOLIA TREES

Due to the cleanup requirements of excessive leaves and tree limbs that accumulate on the grounds and along the roadways, the cemetery board approved the removal of 7 of the 14 magnolia trees that line the north driveway. Plans are to plant other trees in the area that are more cemetery friendly." If you have any suggestions, please contact Jim Fitzpatrick at 757-482-9121.

VANDALISM

Over the last several months, there have been reported cases of vandalism involving the garden mausoleum and the votive candles. The Norfolk Police Department has increased patrols throughout the cemetery. While visiting, if you notice any suspicious persons or activity, please notify Alesia in the cemetery office.

COMPUTERIZED RECORDS

Thanks to volunteer Donna Bluemink and the JSGenWeb Archives, St. Mary's Cemetery burial records are now in a computer database. Anyone with internet access can search the database by name for interment, entombment or inurnment information. The database includes burial locations as well as pictures of the deceased monument and/or headstone. To access the database, visit <http://www.usgwarchives.net/va/norfolkcity/cemeteries/stmarys/sm-a.html>. If you have any questions, please contact Donna at bluemink@cox.net or Alesia at 757-627-2874.

MAUSOLEUM / COLUMBARIUM VASES AND LAMPS

As mentioned in the past several newsletters, the cemetery board approved the permanent placement of bronze vases and lamps on the mausoleum crypt doors, as well as bronze vases for the columbarium niche doors. Prices for the vases and lamps have been reduced significantly. Please note that the vases and lamps can only be purchased through the cemetery and installed by cemetery staff. For further information and updated discounted prices, contact Alesia at 757-627-2874.

MAILING LIST INFO

If you are receiving multiple copies of *The Herald*, have had an address change or if you know someone who would like to receive a free copy, please contact:

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VOTIVE CANDLES

Votive candles for the 2009 season are now available for purchase. Each purchase is for \$125. The red votive candles are illuminated in the cemetery on All Souls Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and Father's Day and burn for approximately 4 days and nights. Keep in mind that your purchase of a red votive candle generates funds for cemetery upkeep as well as the cemetery's endowment fund. A special thanks is extended to all the volunteers who light the candles for each holiday/feast day. For more information on purchasing a red votive candle and/or to volunteer to light the candles, please contact Alesia at 757-627-2874. Please use the enclosed reply envelope for your purchase. Thank you for your support of the votive candle program.

IN MEMORIAM

Requiescat In Pace

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