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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

Easter Sunrise Mass

Sunday ~ April 4, 2010 ~ 6:30 am

Celebrate with us!



The 13th annual Easter Sunrise Mass is Sunday, April 4th at 6:30 am in front of the garden mausoleum located at the rear of the cemetery. Father Brian Rafferty from Christ the King Catholic Church will be the celebrant. A light reception will follow the Mass. Volunteers are always needed. Dave Thomas, Sales & Marketing Manager, will be available after the Mass to answer any questions concerning the chapel mausoleum. Please join us! For more information or to volunteer, contact John Langlois at 757-499-7202.

IN MEMORIAM

Requiescat In Pace

Vivian Pauline Bennett
 Annie A. Castruccio
 Frances Chepiga
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 Vincenza C. Smith
 John Bryan Wilbon
 Ethel Wolf

OFFICE HOURS - At various times, Alesia will be away from the office. If there is no answer from anyone in the office, please leave your name and phone number. Alesia will contact you upon her return. It is also advisable to make an appointment with her if there is something you would like to discuss in person.

SPRING CLEANUP REMINDER

Christmas and other winter decorations that are not in permanent containers will be removed during the second week of March to prepare for the upcoming mowing and trimming season. If you would like to save your arrangements for use next year, please remove before the second week of March. Please note that cemetery regulations prohibit the planting of trees, shrubs, or any other ground covers on lots or placing anything not in permanent containers that would interfere with normal mowing and trimming operations. Thank you for your continued support.

VOTIVE CANDLES

The first lighting for 2010 will take place on Good Friday, April 2nd to burn through Easter Sunday. The candles are lit 7 times a year. Other holidays and feast days for candle lightings include Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, All Souls Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day. With an annual donation of \$125, a beautiful red votive will burn on your lot for an estimated 4 days and nights. Please note that your annual donation generates funds for cemetery upkeep as well as the cemetery's endowment fund. Please place your donation in the return envelope provided. For more information about purchasing a votive candle and/or to volunteer to light the candles, please contact Alesia at 757-627-2874. Thank you for your continued support of the votive candle program.

BRONZE VASES AND LAMPS

Bronze vases and lamps for placement on the mausoleum and columbarium doors are available for sale. The cemetery board recently authorized a price reduction on both the vases and lamps. Crypt vases now sell for \$250; Crypt lamps for \$300; and Niche vases sell for \$200. Please note that vases and lamps must be purchased at the cemetery office and are installed by cemetery staff. For more information, please contact Alesia at 757-627-2874.

SPOTLIGHT ON MIKE O'TOOLE

Mike O'Toole has served as board treasurer since July 2005 and has done a superb job of keeping the cemetery's finances in excellent shape. Mike is a major with the Norfolk Sheriffs Office and closely monitors sales and expenditure related to the new chapel mausoleum for St. Mary's Cemetery. He also prepares and enforces the grounds maintenance contract, arranges for probationary personnel to perform occasional cleanup and supplies deputies for traffic control during the Easter and All Souls Day Masses. Mike is to be commended for his outstanding support of St. Mary's Cemetery.

TANDEM CRYPT FOR SALE

One tandem crypt in the garden mausoleum is still available for sale. The tandem crypt (2 casket spaces) is located on the Holy Trinity Patio on the 3rd level and is selling for \$8,374. This is a considerable saving compared to an identical tandem crypt in the chapel mausoleum which sells for \$11,165. For more information contact Alesia at 757-627-2874.



CHAPEL MAUSOLEUM

Crypts and niches are available for sale at construction pricing. If interested in purchase or need additional information contact Sales and Marketing Manager Dave Thomas at 757-478-4031 or email him at smcccm@cox.net.

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