

# St. John the Baptist Cemetery

## Information, Regulations and Guidelines



Canon law (1205) specifically designates two places on this earth as “sacred” places where the faithful worship (our churches) and places where our faithful are buried (our Catholic cemeteries). The purchase of cemetery sites grants burial rights only and does not constitute ownership, title, or deed of real property. With that in mind, St. John the Baptist Cemetery Committee has established guidelines for our cemetery that will show the care and respect for our loved ones who have passed away. It is our hope that these guidelines ensure this and allow the cemetery staff to maintain the cemetery properly and efficiently in a manner that is respectful to all of those who are buried there.

### Decorating Periods

**Spring, summer and fall – May 1 – October 15**

**Winter – November 1 to April 1**

Any decorations not removed between decorating periods will be removed by cemetery staff. The cemetery has a carry-in / carry-out policy (no garbage cans on premises). Please take all garbage with you and dispose of it at home.

### Seasonal Maintenance

The cemetery staff performs seasonal maintenance twice a year. In this process, they remove and discard all decorations from the previous period. Perennial or annual plantings are trimmed flush to the ground during the fall cleaning.

**IMPORTANT: You must remove artificial decorations that you want to save by the end of each decorating period. We are unable to retrieve a decoration removed by the cemetery staff.**

### Decorating Privileges

Do's	Don'ts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All decoration must be <b>within 12 inches</b> of the front and back of YOUR marker.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No paper mâché or glass decorations.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annuals &amp; perennials are permitted within the set boundary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No trees or shrubbery.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decorations that are placed directly on the concrete base of the monument (not on the turf) are permitted, as long as they are not breakable (glass, crockery, etc.) and remain in presentable condition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Artificial flowers are discouraged. They tend to blow away and wire stems are a hazard to the mowers. <b>Artificial flowers placed directly in the ground will be removed.</b></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One solar light permitted on metal pole next to the maker.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No solar lights at ground level.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paver bricks, within the 12 inch boundary, must be flush to the ground.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No edging, fencing, curbing, or special stones not flush with the ground.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>American Flags or Flags in standards may be placed at any grave, as close as possible to the marker.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Winter decorations of wreaths, crosses, etc. are allowed on an appropriate stand at least 24-inches high; a shepherd's hook or tripod is best for stability.</li> </ul>	

The cemetery staff reserves the right to correct or remove, at any time, any decoration or planting that is unsightly, overgrown, violates any decoration policy or hinders the maintenance of any grave. Decorations will be removed when they do not conform to size, material, or other limitations listed above or they become unsightly, rusted, withered, or hazardous.

We appreciate your cooperation in our effort to ensure the St. John the Baptist Cemetery remains a peaceful and visually pleasing place to visit. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at (920)892-4006 / [sjbparish@sjbplymouth.org](mailto:sjbparish@sjbplymouth.org).

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen."