

ST. JOACHIM CEMETERY – REGULATIONS

- **Monuments** should not be taller than six feet, and must be made of granite or marble. The monument must rest on a foundation of granite or cement as its base; the base usually sinks at least four inches below ground. At ground level, the foundation must exceed the monument's width and length by at least six inches; to a maximum of two feet wide, by seven feet long (for two graves only). Deviations require approval by cemetery management.
- **Cremation burials.** Cremation urns buried in the ground must be within a sturdy vault (cement preferred). Two vaults are permitted per vacant gravesite. (Alternatively cremains can be interred above ground within specially-designed headstones.) Where a casket has been buried, one additional cremation vault is permitted at the head or foot of the grave.
- **Fresh flowers and plants** are allowed throughout the year, on single post (pipe) stands only. Stands must be mounted beside the monument, not in front of or behind. Vases and urns are the responsibility of the lot owner or family and will be removed when not being used.
- **Artificial flowers and plants** are allowed in vases and urns that are on approved pronged stands only. Time- and weather-worn artificial flowers shall be removed by lot owner or family, or will be discarded by caretakers.
- **Flower stands** with minimum of one foot installed height and maximum of four feet installed height may be mounted in cement foundation.
- **Maximum of two permanent items per monument.**
- **Ground-level artificial or fresh flowers or plants** are allowed from May 15 to June 15 and must be removed after that period.
- **Holiday decorations** are allowed during the various holidays. They should not interfere with caretaking tasks, and should be removed two weeks after the observed occasion.
- **Trees and shrubs** may not be planted without the approval of cemetery management, and then only if the location is approved.
- **No glass or plastic containers** are allowed on cemetery grounds.
- **Items that interfere with mowing/trimming** or detract from the cemetery's appearance or sacred mission will be removed.
- **The cemetery is not responsible** for loss of – or damage to – monuments, stands, or personal property.
- **Grave-opening providers** (and accompanying snow removal services) approved by cemetery management may be selected by the bereaved, and must be qualified, experienced, and possess liability insurance. Payment and scheduling will be handled by the funeral home (or if none is involved, by cemetery management).
- **Graves** may be purchased from cemetery management; the purchaser will receive a burial deed. A portion of the purchase is devoted to the permanent care fund in accordance with diocesan policy. The total current purchase cost is \$500 (subject to change).

*May the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace!
(Please remember St. Joachim Cemetery in your will.)*