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Archdiocese of Newark

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Important COVID-19 update from Catholic Cemeteries

Despite the challenges we face with the ongoing Coronavirus and its effects on you and your loved ones, we pray the Lenten season will strengthen your faith, and restore peace, hope and healing around the world.

Due to COVID-19/Coronavirus concerns, Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Newark is taking precautions to ensure the safety of our visitors, the Catholic families we serve, and our staff members.

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R. Archbishop of Newark, has advised effective immediately, that scheduled sacramental celebrations such as funeral liturgies and committal services will be permitted, but attendance must be **limited to a maximum of only 10 visitors including immediate family members and the celebrant. All Masses, INCLUDING MONTHLY MASSES OF REMEMBRANCE held at Catholic Cemetery mausoleum locations are canceled until further notice.**

We strongly encourage funeral directors to follow the same precautions for parlor visitation, with respect to Governor Phil Murphy's Executive Order No. 104, and we fully expect their cooperation when arranging gatherings and leading processions to our cemeteries and mausoleums.

In light of the State of New Jersey's heightened social distancing measures to mitigate further spread of infection, for your safety, we highly recommend you refrain from cemetery visitation until further notice.

If you need to contact a specific cemetery or mausoleum to purchase burial space or for interment services, *please call to schedule an appointment.* Anyone who plans to visit our cemetery offices, including funeral directors, will need to fill out a [Coronavirus Visitor Form](#) *PRIOR to going to the cemetery. Please call the cemetery OFFICE you plan to visit to review your completed form over the phone.* To download the form prior to your call, go to

www.rcancem.org/coronavirus-update. To find the contact information for each location, go to www.rcancem.org/cemeteries or see our list of locations at the end of this announcement.

Please check our website: www.rcancem.org, e-newsletter, and social media channels for any daily updates or changes including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn, plus educational videos on YouTube.

For COVID-19/Coronavirus guidelines from the Archdiocese of Newark, please go to <https://www.rcan.org/covid19>. For COVID-19 / Coronavirus state and national updates, go to www.nj.gov/health and www.cdc.gov.

We pray that each and every one of us will remain in the safe embrace of our Lord Jesus Christ during these difficult times. Rest assured, Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Newark is always here for you, your family, and your departed loved ones. *We Remember. We Believe.*

Peace,



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GENERAL PUBLIC AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS

For funeral services and cemetery / mausoleum related inquiries, please contact one of our locations listed below.

Catholic Cemeteries Locations

Holy Cross Cemetery & Mausoleum
340 Ridge Road
North Arlington, NJ 07031
Cemetery Office: (888) 467-8903 – (201) 997-1900
Mausoleum Office: (888) 467-8903 -(201) 997-5763

Gate of Heaven Cemetery & Mausoleum
225 Ridgedale Avenue
East Hanover, NJ
Cemetery Office: (888) 459-0746 or (973) 887-0286
Mausoleum Office: (888) 459-0746 or (973) 428-1626

Saint Gertrude Cemetery & Mausoleum

53 Inman Avenue

Colonia, NJ

Cemetery Office: (888) - 444-2791 – (732) 388-0311

Mausoleum Office: (888) - 444-2791 -(732) 388-8990

Maryrest Cemetery & Mausoleum

770 Darlington Avenue, Mahwah, NJ

Cemetery Office: (888) - 489-9095 – (201) - 327-7011

Mausoleum Office: (888) - 489-9095 – (201) - 327-7011

Holy Name Cemetery & Mausoleum

823 West Side Avenue

Jersey City, NJ 07306

Cemetery Office: (888) 621-0337 – (201) 433-0342

Mausoleum Office: (888) 621-0337 – (201) 433-4688

Christ the King Cemetery

980 Huron Road

Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417

(888) 802-2933

(201) 891-9191

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

125 Central Avenue

East Orange, NJ 07018

(888) 497-4769

(973) 678-3757

Mount Olivet Cemetery

220 Mt. Olivet Ave.

Newark, NJ

973-497-7988