

Purchasing a Burial Lot in
St. Adalbert or St. Patrick Cemeteries
Enfield, CT

Lots in Cemetery are sold in order. Each section of the cemetery is designated for certain types of markers or monuments. Because of that, smaller monuments are not dwarfed or surrounded by larger monuments which would inhibit them from being viewed easily.

To purchase a lot, contact the cemetery office in the rectory and speak to Nancy Whalen. You can set up an appointment or make other arrangements by mail if it's difficult to come to the office.

Basic information of name(s), address and phone number will be required together with a check for the amount of the lot. In the event of financial hardship, arrangements may be made for payments. Full payment is needed before a marker or monument is allowed on the lot. If a pre-need lot, full payment is required before a burial. When the lot is paid in full, a marker or monument can be ordered any time. People who have the lot for a pre-need feel relief that all is taken care of and their families will not have that concern in their time of grieving. Choose any monument company but all our foundations are done by Rogers Memorial on Enfield Street. They are very knowledgeable about our cemetery.

We have Single Grave Lots on which only a flat marker is permitted. A 2 Flat Lot would be 2 graves with flat markers. The 2 Slant Lot is also 2 graves but a slant monument would be used there. A slant monument is 2 feet high and is slanted, otherwise known as a pillow marker. With a 4 Grave Lot, the monument would be upright and has to meet height and width requirements. The 6 Grave Lots and the 12 Grave Lots have upright monuments with height and width restrictions as well, though larger monuments are allowed on larger lots.

In each grave, we allow a full burial and an urn (cremation) burial or 2 urn burials. Double depth burials are not done because of safety concerns and limitations so 2 full burials would not be placed in one grave.

Why do we bury or entomb cremains in a grave, columbarium or mausoleum? The Catholic Church considers the cremains of a deceased person as deserving of the same respect that would be given to a body in a coffin. Catholics believe that the body and soul will be re-united one day in heaven, according to Holy Scripture.

A month or two after receipt of payment for a lot, a certificate known as a Deed is sent to the purchaser. This is not in actuality a "deed" to the land as when one buys land or a house. It is simply a "right to burial" certificate. The land where the lot is belongs to the Cemetery Association. Any marker, monument or decoration placed on that lot must adhere to the Rules and Regulations and be in accord with worship of our one God.

On occasion, people will designate who they wish to have the right to burial in the lot, whether or not they are a relative. This relieves any question if the purchaser is deceased first and those

left behind do not know who should be buried there. If nobody is designated, right to burial usually goes to the spouse first, then to children. If no spouse or children, then burial rights go to brothers and sisters. If none of those, burial rights go to nieces and nephews then to cousins and more distant relatives. We have some people who have donated empty graves to the Little Sisters of the Poor for people who die with no family or money. As long as one of the people buried in the lot is Catholic, non-Catholics may be buried in the lot.

Burials and funeral masses usually are scheduled through the funeral homes. Sometimes, an urn burial is planned directly with the cemetery office because the family has cremains directly from a crematory. Also, vaults and other equipment are not needed as with a casket. Costs for opening and closing a grave vary according to the day and the season.

There's a lot to consider when thinking about acquiring a burial lot. It's the place loved ones will be visiting for generations to come. After weighing the options, contact Nancy Whalen with questions or to make a purchase of a lot.