

GUIDELINES FOR ST. MARY, ST. FRANCIS, HOLY TRINITY & GUARDIAN ANGEL CEMETERIES

What is Permitted

- Live flowers may be planted within 1 foot from the edge of the memorial marker or grave stone.
- Plastic or artificial flowers are only allowed on graves during the non-grass cutting season.
- Flags and flag holders are permitted from May 1st through Veterans Day.
- All items placed in the cemetery are to be kept in the approved planting area only (1 foot from the edge of the marker).
- Christmas decorations and wreaths are permitted from the 1st Sunday of Advent through the end of February.
- Easter decorations are permitted from the First Sunday of Lent through Ascension Thursday.

What is Not Permitted

- Any objects or decorative items including live flowers are not permitted between grave stones or wider than the grave stone. It is essential to have these areas clear for mowing.
- **ALL** decorative stones, chips and any glass, wire, plastic, fencing, borders, edging, or paper objects, are all considered a safety hazard and are prohibited.
- Shrubs, trees, bushes, potted plants, cement benches, votive candles, artificial lights, statues, crosses, or anything of obstruction are not allowed to be placed in these cemeteries. These items can create dangerous maintenance obstacles.
- **DO NOT** place or plant anything beside or between the markers or grave stones.
- Pets and trail vehicles are not permitted in the cemeteries.

These are the rules and regulations of Catholic cemeteries. We want to maintain our cemeteries as neat, clean, and dignified resting areas for our deceased loved ones.

The cemeteries are property of the parishes and therefore in order to maintain these cemeteries respectfully, these rules are in place to keep order and beauty on the surface of the cemetery land.