

St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Church Cemetery Rules & Regulations

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A Catholic Cemetery is a sacred place. This cemetery is owned by St. Ignatius Church under auspices of the Diocese of Harrisburg and must be maintained in honor and dignity. To preserve the integrity of the Cemetery, to protect the sacredness of its grounds as well as the obligation to care for these grounds and those buried therein, to promote order and safety, to reduce the burden of maintenance and to keep our Cemetery beautiful. We respectfully request your cooperation in following these Rules & Regulations, which apply for the mutual protection and benefit of all lot holders.

Decoration Regulations

The Following are Prohibited:

- Planting of any trees, bushes, hedges, bulbs, plants, fencing, curbing, borders or mulch.
- For safety reasons, during the mowing season mid-March until mid-November, the use of glass containers and bungee cords are not allowed.
- Keepsakes/decorations must not interfere with the ground maintenance/mowing
- Wiring articles to the monument or marker are not recommended.
- Any decoration or items deemed by the Parish Office/Building & Grounds to be in violation of its regulations will be removed or discarded two weeks after owner has been notified.

The Following are Permitted:

- Flower arrangements or artificial decorations should be in a saddle or a vase that is constructed into the monument or marker.
- Christmas Wreaths and sprays must be secured on tripods from mid-November until mid-March.
- Fresh Flowers or Potted Plants for Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Memorial Day, and Veteran's Day may be placed 1 week prior and removed 2 weeks after the day.
- Flags for our Veterans will be placed for Memorial Day and remain until Veteran's Day.

- ALL fall/winter decorations must be removed by March 31 annually and ALL spring/summer decorations must be removed by September 30 annually. A notice will be published in the bulletin and website. After those dates, items will be placed on the Sprinkle Hall patio for two weeks then will be disposed of.

Visitation Regulations:

- Cemetery is closed from Dusk to Dawn.
- All vehicles*, motorcycles, bicycles, skateboards, scooters must stay on paved road and parking lots. Please do not park on grassy areas.
- *Vehicles authorized solely for transporting persons to visit burial plots or grave digging equipment are allowed on the grass.
- Visitors are prohibited from disturbing plant life, artificial or real flowers, decorations or damaging any monument or marker, or any structure in the Cemetery.

Burial Rights:

Purchasing Burial Rights in the Cemetery does not constitute a land or real estate purchase. St. Ignatius of Loyola Cemetery retains possession of the land. The purchase of the right for burial on a specific location is explained on the deed at the time of purchase. The owner bears the responsibility of maintaining and repair of the monument or marker. A qualified monument or marker dealer should be contacted for the repair. Compliance with the Rules and Regulations of the Cemetery will be monitored by the Parish Office and Buildings & Grounds. These Rules and Regulations supersede any previously published procedures.

Please direct any questions or concerns regarding compliance to the St. Ignatius of Loyola Church Office at 717-677-8012.

Internment Fees:

Please be advised that Internment Fees are set by the Grave Digger.