

St. Mary's Cemetery



Rules And Regulations

Our Lady of Consolation Parish
315 Clay Street
Carey, Ohio 43316

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I PREFACE:

This booklet has been written so that you may become familiar with St. Mary's Cemetery of Our Lady of Consolation Parish.

These rules and regulations are for the purpose of maintaining the cemetery as a beautiful sanctuary. The aim is to protect the rights and privileges of lot owners, to improve the appearance of the cemetery, to keep charges and prices at a reasonable level, and to have the cemetery reflect the pride and loyalty of all O.L.C. Parishioners and lot owners.

These cemetery rules are based upon diocesan rules and principles of sound management. Your cooperation is asked in abiding by them, so the grounds will be preserved as a respectable and attractive resting place for members of your family and friends.

II THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CEMETERY:

St. Mary's Cemetery is under the management and control of the pastor of Our Lady of Consolation Parish who acts under the authority of the Bishop, in whom title to the land and its appurtenances is vested. The pastor appoints the cemetery committee whom he consults as his advisors representing the parish. The management appoints a sexton and bookkeeper who is responsible for the record keeping and accounting of all money received and spent. All major expenses are discussed with the cemetery committee.

The management of the cemetery has the right to enforce all rules and regulations, to care for and maintain the cemetery in accordance with these rules and regulations, to open and close all graves, to put in all foundations for monuments and markers, to maintain all fences, equipment, buildings and to landscape and beautify the grounds.

III LOT PRICES:

Lots can be purchased and deeds given when full payment is received at:

OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION
315 CLAY STREET
CAREY, OHIO 43316
PHONE: 419-396-7107

It is desirable for all persons who wish to purchase a lot to do so at a time convenient to them. This is deemed preferable to waiting until the need arises and perhaps making a hasty decision as to the number of graves wanted. This also takes into consideration the ruling of selling graves consecutively, grave by grave, row by row, that is now in force.

The prices of lots are listed below. Since, however, the prices are subject to change when necessary, any new price changes in the future will be listed in the parish bulletin the Saturday night they go into effect. Be sure then your list of prices is up to date.

Cemetery Price List
Effective July 1, 2024

	<u>Parishioner</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u>
Full Lot (8 graves)	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 800.00	\$4,400.00
Half Lot (4 graves)	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 400.00	\$2,200.00
Grave Lot (1 space)	\$ 450.00	\$ 100.00	\$550.00
<i>Parishioner Rate</i>			
Grave Lot (1 space)	\$ 550.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 675.00
<i>Non-Parishioner Rate</i>			

\$100.00 from each grave sold will be placed into the Cemetery endowment for perpetual care.

	<u>Weekday Rate</u>	<u>Weekend Rate</u>
Common Vault	\$550.00	\$750.00
Oversized Vault	\$800.00	\$1,125.00
Baby Vault (not to exceed 3' wide)	\$425.00	\$550.00
Baby Vault (over 3' wide)	\$450.00	\$600.00
Cremation	\$350.00	\$450.00
Removal – One site to another	\$1,875.00	N/A
(\$1,000 + \$425 our cost old grave + \$450 our cost new grave)		

IV RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. The management and control of the cemetery lies with the Pastor of Our Lady of Consolation Parish, as stated in "II: THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CEMETERY".
2. Only perpetual use of a lot or grave is granted, ownership being retained by the cemetery.
3. Lot – holders have no right to sell, sublet or otherwise alienate a lot or any part thereof to any other party; nor shall they permit burials of persons outside the immediate family without approval of the Pastor.
4. Transfers, changes and alienations of lots and graves, if ever advisable or necessary, may be made only through the Pastor, with his consent and under his control. The cash refund for the released lot (or portion thereof) shall be determined by the Pastor, in keeping with the original purchase price of said lot.
5. Persons removing bodies and giving up lots or graves are not entitled to a refund of money paid for said lot or grave.
6. Normally only the Catholic Ritual and ceremonies, and military honors, are permitted in the cemetery. Exceptions are made only with the express permission of the Pastor.
7. Certificates are not issued nor are rights acquired until lots are fully paid for. Whenever a lot is not paid for within a reasonable time, the management of the Cemetery reserves the right to remove to a single grave elsewhere anybody already buried on the lot, and place the lot again on sale.
8. Upon the death of a lot-holder, all rights pass to whomsoever shall be entitled, in a lawful manner, to hold such lot; if several persons are equally entitled to such rights, the consent of each (in writing) must be obtained before any further transfer of rights will be permitted (e.g., sale of lots).

9. In the interests of beauty and uniformity, the following restrictions are imposed upon lot-holders:
 - (a) Uniform graves will be established and will be maintained by the Cemetery Association.
 - (b) No mounds shall be raised over graves, nor shall sod be removed there from
 - (c) Wooden crosses, fanciful contrivances, hedges, copings, railings are not allowed on or about lots. Flowers, decorations, etc. must be removed before the annual cleaning date which will be the same as the Village and announced beforehand. Any flowers, decorations, etc. left on monuments or graves on that date will be discarded. Grave blankets must be removed by March 1st. Flowers and decorations can be placed on graves on Palm Sunday. Trees, shrubs, pines and plants should not be set out by Lot-holders. Bouquets in vases, will be allowed, provided they are movable and are placed in line with tombstones. Failure to observe this letter provision will result in removal of said items.
 - (d) Monuments, when advisable, shall be located in the center of lots and shall be set on foundations reaching below frost line and won't be poured until 6 months after burial. All grave markers (other than central lot monuments) will be set on the west end of a grave.
 - (e) All foundations will be poured under the supervision of the cemetery sexton and charged to the company placing the monument or marker. All changes will be at the current prevailing rates.
10. No interments will be permitted in outside receptacles made of biodegradable material: all interments must be made in metal, concrete, or fiberglass receptacles. Only "top seal" vaults are permitted in the cemetery.
11. Regarding cremations: Two burials are permitted in each grave, either 2 cremations or one cremation and one full burial.
12. The right is reserved by the management to modify these regulations whenever deemed expedient or necessary. And any modifications shall have the same binding effect upon present and future lot-holders.

St. Mary's Cemetery Green Burial Guidelines

OVERVIEW

Green burial is a way of caring for the dead with minimal environmental impact that furthers legitimate ecological aims such as the conservation of natural resources, reduction of carbon emissions, protection of worker health and the restoration and /or preservation of habitat. Natural Burial calls for cemetery adherence to a number of protocols to ensure that burials never degrade an ecosystem and, where possible, facilitate ecological restoration.

Management of the Green Burial Area

The Green Burial Area of St. Mary's Cemetery is under the management and control of the Pastor of Our Lady of Consolation Parish who acts under the authority of the Bishop, in whom title to the land and its appurtenances is vested. The Pastor appoints the cemetery committee whom he consults as his advisors representing the Parish. The management appoints a sexton and bookkeeper who is responsible for the record keeping and accounting of all money received and spent. All major expenses are discussed with the cemetery committee. The management of the cemetery has the right to enforce all rules and regulations, to care for and maintain the Green Burial Area in the cemetery in accordance with the requirements which follow.

Burial Plot Size and Price

The Burial Plot size will be 5 X 10 and will accommodate one burial or two (2) cremated remains. ***The price for the plot is \$850.00 with \$150.00 going to the Endowment Fund for Parishioners and \$1000.00 with \$200.00 going to the Endowment Fund for Non-Parishioners.***

Internment rights for burial may be purchased before need or at the time of need. Burials are done in succession one after the other.

Purpose of Green Burial Site

The purpose of the Green Burial Site is to provide an economical alternative to traditional burial that allows decedents (their bodies or cremated remains) to embrace the earth and to return to dust in a simple, dignified and natural manner.

Make burial more eco-friendly and preserve land in its natural beauty.

Mandatory Standards for Burial

Acceptance of Bodies

Deceased persons shall not be embalmed or topically treated with sprays or compounds, unless with non-toxic products approved by the Green Burial Council. Bodies accepted for burial shall be wrapped in a shroud, quilt or blanket, and/or placed in a burial container and buried within forty-eight (48) hours unless the body is maintained in a refrigerated state or cremated. A memorial service for non-cremated decedents would be done after burial. All materials used shall conform to the standards set forth in the following paragraph.

Natural Burial Containers/Shrouds/Clothing/Urns

All materials used in the manufacturing or construction of caskets, burial containers, shrouds. Quilts, blankets, clothing, and urns shall be 100% biodegradable and non-toxic. Materials used must be plant derived, natural, animal, or unearthened material, including the shell, liner, handles, fasteners, and adornments of any burial container, shroud, quilt, blanket, clothing or urn. Materials used in the manufacturing, construction, and finishing of products used for burial shall not contain plastics, acrylics, or similar synthetic polymeric materials. Shrouds, quilts, and blankets used for burial without a casket shall have a natural wood backer (plywood and OSB are not acceptable) no less than 1" thick by 12" wide and the length of the body to stabilize the descent during the burial process.

Right of Refusal

In order to protect and maintain the integrity and intent of the Green Burial area, the Cemetery Board of Our Lady of Consolation reserves the right to refuse the burial of any decedent for non-compliance of the Standards for Burial as required in this section.

Containers

Vaults, in full or part, are prohibited in the Green Burial Area.

Authorization

Prior to interment all forms of authorization, as furnished by the Cemetery, must be properly executed, in person, by the person(s) who actually own the interment rights to the burial space, or has the Right of Disposition of the decedent, as defined by Ohio Law.

Opening and Closing

In order to protect the integrity of the natural surroundings, all grave openings will be dug by cemetery personnel exclusively. A minimum of 24 hours' notice is required to ensure the burial site is properly prepared. ***The cost will be \$650.00 for weekdays and \$850.00 for weekends.***

Disinterment

There will be no disinterment allowed in the green burial area of the cemetery.

Monuments/Markers

The Catholic Cemetery Green Burial area will accept a variety of natural stones as long as they preserve the scenic and natural quality of the area. Stones cannot be any larger than 12X18 inches in size. They must lay flat or be partially buried and extend no more than 3 inches above the soil. No foundations will be permitted. The stones should have a natural appearance with natural irregular edges. Only one stone is allowed for each 5 X 10 burial site. Stones may be engraved but must remain simple in appearance. Photographs, electronics, sound etc. are not permitted. The Cemetery may remove, without notice, any memorials that do not meet the specifications.

Decorations/Tributes

To protect the beauty and integrity of the natural surroundings no inscriptions, statues, embellishments, effigies, artifacts, lights, wildlife feeders, wind chimes, flags or artificial decorations of any kind will be permitted in the green burial area. Any deviation from this rule will result in the removal of the restricted item(s) by cemetery staff. Cut flower funeral tributes that have been removed from their containers may be buried with the deceased. If not buried with deceased all other funeral flower tributes must be removed or they will be disposed of or recycled.

Record Keeping/Administrative Detail

Every person/family choosing the Green Burial for full burial or for the burial of cremated remains will have his/her personal information that will include the following:

- Certificate of Ownership
- Internment authorizations (at time of need)
- Authorization for burial of Cremated Remains (at time of need)

The Pastor and Cemetery Committee of Our Lady of Consolation Parish reserves the right to review, amend and/or alter these rules and regulations for the Green Burial Area of St. Mary's Cemetery.