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News



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—TIM KOLASA



Spring is here...Already!

While it is officially Spring, things have been unseasonably warm lately, which has brought many of the trees and bulbs to bloom.

The grounds crew has been busy these last couple of weeks preparing new memorial foundations, preparing the beds for fresh mulch and removing the winter decorations. I would like to thank all of you for your patience with the decorations. The mild winter was a major factor in desiccating all of the wreaths this year. We would have liked to remove them earlier but the posted clean off date is the week of March 15 and we wanted to make sure that everyone who wanted to, had the opportunity to retrieve their logs and stands.

Spring means another planting season and I would like to offer a few tips. I know many of our families enjoy decorating their loved ones gravesites but may not have the time to water and maintain as may be necessary. Choose flowers that do best in full sun with minimal water. Geraniums have been a long time favorite but must be dead headed to encourage new blooms. My personal recommendations are the newest varieties of petunias (*feel free to call me for details*). The "wave" petunias do extremely well in the summer sun, and stand up to the occasional nick and cut from the mowers and trimmers as they grow outside of the planting bed. A 3" - 4" layer of shredded bark mulch will also help retain moisture and keep the weeds at bay. No chip



mulch or stones please as they are a hazard should they come in contact with the power equipment.

Planting beds may extend 12" - 14" from the front of the memorial and please keep plants a few inches from the edge of the bed to prevent the trimmers from coming in contact them, while we take the utmost care, time is of the essence when maintaining such a large property.

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If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

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Pre-Planning at Gethsemane Cemetery

“WHY IN A CATHOLIC CEMETERY OR MAUSOLEUM?”



It is a time honored tradition in the Church that Catholics be buried in Catholic cemeteries. The Catholic cemeteries are an integral part of the Church's belief and rites. The community of those who share the same faith in life is maintained in death in the Church's cemeteries, which reflect the doctrine and liturgy of Catholic belief. The Catholic cemetery provides the assurance of permanence, reverence, and respect for the remains of the deceased.

I am so thankful we had that taken care of years ago.



“WHEN IS THE RIGHT TIME TO MAKE MY ARRANGEMENTS?”

Now is the right time! Pre-planning your burial needs is an accomplishment that cannot be fully appreciated until you are confronted with the passing of a loved one. Knowing that no one will have to make decisions, during the stressful and difficult time of a loved one's passing can be a comforting thought. You will truly say, “I am so thankful we had that taken care of years ago.” At Gethsemane Cemetery we want to make a difficult process as graceful as possible.

The most difficult time to make these decisions is when a loved one has passed away. You are dealing with so many emotions, family members, possibly travel and lunch arrangements, flowers, just the pure emotion of not having your loved one with you any longer, is enough to deal with. By pre-planning at Gethsemane Cemetery, it allows us to handle the cemetery arrangements for you, when the time arises.

Finances are another aspect to consider. We are not here to create any financial hardships but, not everyone has the financial resources available when the need arises, and imagine what



the costs may be in 5, 10 or even 20 years. By pre-planning today with Gethsemane Cemetery, you have time on your side. By taking advantage of flexible time payment options, terms to fit within your budget, and options in all price ranges, you can lock in today's prices and insulate yourself from inflationary increases.

Please feel free to contact us for more information or even if you simply have questions. You are never under any obligation, and we would be happy to meet with you at our office or in your home, whichever is more convenient for you.



Headstones and Memorials



Did you know Gethsemane Cemetery can provide a Family Memorial for you?

Taking the time to choose your Memorial now is a wise and economically sound decision. Waiting until a time of need prevents your loved one from being able to participate in the design process and make decisions together.

A Memorial keeps the memories of our loved ones alive for future generations and stands as a lasting tribute, commemorating those who have gone before us. It is lasting evidence of a life well lived, of lives touched and gives future generations a way to connect to their past, their family and to God.

YOU KNOW US!

You have entrusted us with the privilege of assisting you during a most difficult time of loss or have allowed us to guide you through the Pre-planning process. Many of the staff you see have been with us for over 10 years and some over 20 years. It is this same staff that would be honored to assist you in creating a

Memorial to your specifications.

Convenient for our Families, we offer a wide array of carvings, style layouts, shapes and granite colors, striving to use domestic granite whenever possible. We will assist you in designing the appropriate Memorial and have it completed in a timely fashion. Bring in your own Religious item and we will do our best to duplicate that design directly onto your Memorial.



**WE WILL
BE HERE!**

You know that we will not relocate. Whatever your questions concerning your loved ones resting place may be, we are one location to visit, one phone call to make and one familiar group of people to assist you.

We offer a wonderful value to our Families here at Gethsemane Cemetery & Mausoleum and invite you to see what we have to offer.

**Call 610.929.2613
for your appointment
or e-mail us at
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Interesting Persons and Tribute Pages

All of our family members are special to us, so Gethsemane Cemetery is offering “*Life History*” pages that are hosted on our website for everyone to view.

When you look to the inherent nature of a cemetery, you will see it serves multiple purposes. The first and most important being the burial of the faithful departed, but by its very design there is a component which is there to console the bereaved.



In doing so you are not only a place for the deceased, but one for the living as well.

At Gethsemane Cemetery, we strive to be a place for the living with annual religious celebrations, monthly masses held in our chapels and now we have something to offer on a more individual basis.

Would you like to create a memorial for someone buried at Gethsemane Cemetery or invite others to view a life history of someone special, or maybe

just add a photo to our website? All of our family members are special to us, so Gethsemane Cemetery is offering “*Life History*” pages that are hosted on our website for everyone to view.

You can provide us with a number of photos which we can develop into a Picture video, or if you prefer you can provide us with the life history of someone special to you. While many people have an obituary that can be posted on our website as well, an obituary tends to be a somewhat abridged version that needs to fit within a certain space with limited time to write. Contact us to see what options are available. We even plan on featuring our *Life Histories* in future issues of our newsletter.

There is currently no charge for this service and we invite you to contact us to learn more about the options that are available.



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