

**CATHOLIC  
CEMETERIES**

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## Memorial Day Field Mass

**MAY 28, 2018**

### ABOUT OUR CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

**Holy Cross Cemetery, Brooklyn** was established and



*Holy Cross Cemetery – Chapel*

consecrated in 1849, with its first interment made on July 13, 1849. Holy Cross currently consists of 96 acres of land. In 1855, Bishop John Loughlin, the First Bishop of Brooklyn erected and dedicated the Chapel of the Resurrection in Holy Cross which still stands today. In the catacombs beneath the Chapel are interred some of the pioneer priests of the Diocese. In 1932, Holy Cross Cloister was erected, and was the first Catholic community mausoleum in the Metropolitan area.

**St. Charles/Resurrection Cemeteries, Farmingdale, Long**



*St. Charles/Resurrection Cemeteries – The Pieta*

**Island** was established in the 1900's when Bishop Charles McDonnell, the Second Bishop of Brooklyn began to acquire lands for the cemetery. Following Bishop McDonnell's death in 1921, Archbishop Thomas Molloy, the Third Bishop of Brooklyn completed the purchase of lands that comprise St. Charles Cemetery. In 1953, Archbishop Molloy also arranged for the purchase of Resurrection Cemetery from the Archdiocese of New York. That purchase completed the lands which now form St. Charles/Resurrection Cemeteries. In 1957, the Diocese of Rockville Centre was established to serve the growing Catholic population in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. St. Charles/Resurrection Cemeteries was retained by the Diocese of Brooklyn to continue to serve the needs of Catholic families within its Diocese. Today, St. Charles/Resurrection Cemeteries consists of 500 acres of developed and undeveloped land. In recent years, exquisite community mausoleums and columbaria have been constructed, including a new larger "Welcoming Center" office which is needed to serve the many families that visit the cemetery.

**Mount St. Mary Cemetery, Flushing, Queens** was established



*Entrance at Mt. St. Mary Cemetery*

in 1862 at the height of the Civil War by the pastor of St. Michael Parish in Flushing. On July 12, 1863, Bishop John Loughlin, the First Bishop of Brooklyn consecrated the cemetery grounds. On July 23, 1863, the first interment was made. Additional lands were acquired in 1899 and 1930 to complete Mount St. Mary Cemetery which today encompasses 53.6 acres of land, and which include two beautiful community mausoleums dedicated and named in honor of the Blessed Mother. They are Mary, Mother of God and Mary, Gate of Heaven Mausoleums.

**St. John Cemetery, Middle Village, Queens** was established



*Entrance at St. John Cemetery*

in 1879 when Bishop John Loughlin, the First Bishop of Brooklyn purchased farm land in Middle Village. The cemetery was consecrated on November 27, 1881. In 1933 and 1947 additional lands were acquired along the southern side of Metropolitan Avenue and along Furmanville Avenue. St. John Cemetery now encompasses 190 acres of land. In 1970, the Diocesan Cemetery Office was moved from Joralemon Street in Brooklyn to where it stands now within the gates of the cemetery. Among its community mausoleums, is St. John Cloister. This 6 story complex which opened in 1949 is the largest in the Brooklyn Diocese, with an approximate 14,000 entombment spaces in this magnificent mausoleum. There is also a Priest Section located in St. John Cemetery which is the burial site of many of our Diocesan priests, and which is still actively used today for their interments.



## Prayer for our Beloved Deceased

Gracious God, look with mercy upon the souls of our deceased family, relatives and friends.

Grant that those You have called from our hearts may enter the embrace of Your faithful and everlasting love in Heaven.

Eternal rest, grant to them, O Lord and let the perpetual light shine upon them.

May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

## From a Grateful Nation

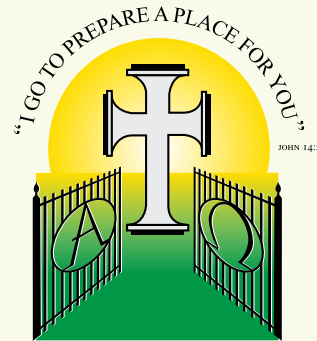
Memorial Day is the day we remember the incredible sacrifices made by our armed forces.

It is a day to honor and pray for those who perished in service to our nation.

It is a time to make known to all Americans that we will be forever grateful for the honorable services of our military.

Let us pause and remember all those who have gone to their eternal reward.

We join together today to pray for the valiant sons and daughters of our nation, who gave their lives so we could live ours in freedom.



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St. Charles/Resurrection Cemetery—Farmingdale, NY (631) 249-8700

Mount St. Mary Cemetery—Flushing, NY (718) 353-1560

Holy Cross Cemetery - Brooklyn, NY (718) 284-4520



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