

Holy Family Parish
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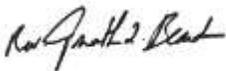
Dear Friends,

In May I wrote to you concerning some changes that had been made and were forthcoming with regard to St. Stanislaus Cemetery. Since that time, our parish cemetery committee has worked diligently to update the Rules and Regulations. As I mentioned in that previous letter, the reason behind these changes is to promote the dignity of the cemetery, to establish a sense of order so that it can truly be a safe place for workers and visitors as well as a place of peace and prayer. I know that many of you will not agree with these changes. Change can be very difficult to embrace at times. Yet, taking this course of action ensures that our rules are in conformity with the Diocese of Springfield and that it is a place of safety for all.

Enclosed with this letter you will find an up-to-date copy of the Rules and Regulations. Beginning August 1, 2016 these rules and regulations are official. You will notice that one of the major changes included is that planting flowers, bushes, shrubs, etc will no longer be permitted. I kindly ask that if you have anything planted on your family plot, to please remove it. It is my hope that all items will be removed by the end of the growing season (mid-October). I ask that you please contact the parish office and let us know when you are able to remove that which is planted. For larger things, like bushes and trees, we can take care of it for you. Families, however, have until the spring clean up in March 2017 to complete the removal of anything that is planted as well any novelties that are not in accord with the regulations. Cemetery staff will remove anything that is left after March 31, 2017. This does not mean that you are unable to have flowers, or plants, etc. These, however, must be placed in a pot that is flush against your family monument.

Included with the Rules and Regulations is an update on cemetery fees. The cemetery struggles financially and your support is of a great benefit to us. Most of the fees associated with the cemetery are put towards care of the property and to perpetual care. The perpetual care fund of the cemetery is held with the Diocese of Springfield. The continuous deposits into this fund ensure that when the cemetery is full and no more plots are available that it can be properly maintained and cared for in perpetuity. I am also currently looking to have a new sign made that displays our rules and regulations. If you would like to make a donation for a new sign, perhaps in memory of a loved one, please contact me. I am also in need of signs that mark the various sections of the cemetery. These, also, can be donated in memory of a loved one. I appreciate any help to these specific needs that you can give. Thank you very much for your cooperation, understanding, and support.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,



Rev. Jonathan Reardon
Pastor