



Catholic Cemeteries

Archdiocese of Newark



Coronavirus/COVID-19 Update

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As the State of New Jersey and the Archdiocese of Newark enter *Stage Two* of the *Restart and Recovery* plan, and public health data continues to demonstrate collective success in flattening the curve of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, Catholic Cemeteries is making the following adjustments to visitor restrictions due to COVID-19.

Effective Immediately, up to 50 family members are permitted to attend interment/committal services outdoors in our cemeteries (the previous number was 25). Up to 20 family members are permitted to attend indoor mausoleum interment services (the previous number was 10).

“We are forever grateful to the families who practiced safety-first and demonstrated the utmost patience and understanding during these challenging times,” says Andrew Schafer, Executive Director of Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Newark. “We are very excited to invite more family members into our greener cemeteries and spiritually uplifting mausoleums this summer.”

With summer hours now in effect, *all cemetery gates are open for visitation every day from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except Wednesdays until 7:00 p.m. Mausoleums are open from 8 am to 4:30 pm every day, except Wednesdays until 6:30 pm. *The only exception is Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, which is open 8 a.m. to 3 pm every day. The summer hours are in effect until September 15th, 2020.

All visitors are asked to continue practicing social distancing by standing 6 feet apart and wear masks as per the state’s mandate. Signs are posted in the cemeteries and mausoleums.

Cemetery and mausoleum offices continue to be open by appointment only. Those in need of immediate or future memorial services are asked to call ahead. Office phone numbers can be found at www.rcancem.org/cemeteries.

“Your cooperation will continue to protect your family and our family members and staff,” Schafer added. “And we would like to extend a very special Father’s Day to those returning to visit their true lifelong hero.”

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