

St. Martin of Tours Catholic Cemetery  
1800 Station Road  
Valley City, Ohio 434280

## **CEMETERY DECORATION POLICY**

Federal law requires St. Martin Parish to make working conditions as safe as possible for employees and contractors, which includes our cemetery. Likewise, we strive to make your visit to graves as safe as possible. Please be aware of and abide by the following:

- Decorations in glass containers, ceramic, or tin cans are subject to immediate removal
- Decorations made of plastic or Styrofoam are subject to immediate removal
- Grave blankets, mounds, or cones are subject to immediate removal
- Figurines or outdoor ornaments of any kind are subject to immediate removal
- Decorations of any kind are not allowed to be placed or hung from trees
- Loose stones or marbles, mulch or wood chips are not allowed around the perimeter of a Flush Headstone or Upright Monument.

We highly recommend:

**Floral Arrangements:** Fresh or silk flowers, live or silk wreaths.

**Below Ground:** Flower containers purchased from a monument company that are recessed into the ground and level with the ground.

**Above Ground:** The use of an iron or metal Shepherd's Hook (approx. 3-4' in height) placed adjacent to the Flush Headstone or Upright Monument to hang a floral basket or memorial items.

**Lawn Mowing Season:** March 31 through October 31 – Decorations are removed on Wednesday afternoons in preparation for weekly grass cutting and bi-weekly trimming around Flush Headstones and Upright Monuments. Flowers can be replaced on Saturday mornings.

**Winter Season:** November 1 through March 30 – Decorations that align with the above restrictions may be placed at graves for the entire season.

**Holidays:** Seasonal Decorations for Holidays (Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas) are allowed for a specific number of days. From Memorial Day to Labor Day the U.S. Flag atop metal posts is placed at the graves of Veterans.

**St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church is not responsible for any decorations or personal effects left on the cemetery grounds.**