

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Effective 7/2022

Purchasing a burial space in a cemetery is not like the traditional ownership associated with purchasing a piece of land. Ownership of burial space indicates that you have perpetual use of that space for the sole purpose of the burial of human remains. The title to all cemetery land remains in the name of the cemetery.

*In compliance with **Federal Regulations for Cemetery Safety** and the **Diocese of Rochester**, the following guidelines must be followed:*

When erecting a monument, design must be of a religious nature and is subject to approval.

All plantings, flowers and decorations must be confined to an area as follows:

- **Front side only of monument or marker** (flush or slant).
- **Depth not to exceed 18 inches** from front of monument or marker.
- **Length not to exceed length of monument or marker.**

Planted Flowers

Annual and perennial flowers only, height not to exceed 18 inches.

Fresh Cut Flowers

May only be **placed in a metal or plastic cemetery vase** that is specifically made for graves.

Potted Plants

Plastic or non-glass pot not to exceed 12 inches in diameter.

Funeral Flowers

Family members wishing to preserve some funeral flowers are asked to take them immediately after the interment service. Others left will be removed after 3 days.

Wreaths

Natural or artificial wreaths may be placed on graves from November 15 to December 25—weather permitting.

- **Commercial metal wreath stands not to exceed 40 inches** may be used. Wreath stands can be secured to ground with wood stakes only.
- To save your decorations—please remove before December 31.

American Flags

12 inch American flags may be placed as close to the front of the stone as possible. All flags will be removed after November 15.

ITEMS NOT ALLOWED

Any type of shepard hook, glass or ceramics, artificial flowers, perpetual lights, balloons, trees, shrubs, bushes, edging, or mulch.

The Mt. Olivet Cemetery Supervisor has the right to remove any item any time of the year that violates these rules or regulations in compliance with the Federal Regulations for Cemetery Safety.

A complete list of rules and regulations is posted in two (2) locations in the cemetery and on our Nativity parish website: www.nativitybrockport.org.

Hardcopies may also be obtained at the Church of Nativity Parish Office.

PETS must be **leashed at all times** on cemetery grounds and their **droppings picked up immediately!**

Seasonal clean-up will take place the third weekend of October, and in April (depending on Easter).