

# Prince of Peace Catholic Cemetery

## Local Regulations for Prince of Peace Cemeteries

1. These are addendums to the Official Diocesan Cemetery Policy of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. All Diocesan policies apply to all parish cemeteries. These cemeteries include:
  - a. Holy Cross Cemetery, St Patrick Cemetery, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cemetery, St. Stanislaus Kostka Cemetery, and St. John the Baptist Cemetery.
2. Decorations:
  - a. In the interest of the safety of employees and visitors, no glass or ceramic objects are permitted in the Cemetery. No decorative stone is permitted. Such objects are subject to removal by cemetery personnel.
  - b. Fall/Spring cleanup days will be fixed as a weekend in October/April respectively. All decorations must be removed prior to the first day of October/April. Decorating may resume the first day of November/May. (2019)
  - c. Permanent Decorations: Statutes, flower pots, and plastic vigil lights are permitted only if they are a part of the stone. Flush flower pots are permitted next to the stone only with permission of the Management.
  - d. No Fences, corner posts, or other border arrangements are permitted. These can be removed without prior notification. No raised mounds are permitted on cemetery lots. Graves must be level with the contour of the cemetery ground.
  - e. Up to three arrangements of flowers are permitted on the grave at the time of burial
3. Burial vaults are required except for children under the age of one year, or for cremation urns. Only one arrangement of flowers is permitted on the grave at the time of burial.
4. There can be one burial per grave unless permission is given by the management. Exception may be granted for the burial of a still born, infant under one year of age, or the interment of remains of a spouse, parent or child of the existing burial. A fee will be charged and only a small flush marker may be placed at the discretion of the management
5. At the time of grave opening, the management may request a copy of documentation on the easement purchase. Burial can only occur if ownership of the plot can be verified by documentation or identification of an existing grave marker. In the absence of documentation, Management may require purchase of a new easement for burial.
6. Mausoleum Rules: All Cemetery rules apply to Mausoleums.
  - a. No Flower arrangements of any kind may be placed on the crypt front or in the mausoleum or anywhere around the mausoleum.
  - b. ALL inscriptions shall be uniform in size, style, and placement. Only one emblem per casket space of an approved style and size shall be allowed on the crypt front.

7. A “Care fee” has been adopted by Prince of Peace Cemetery Committee. All fees are subject to change without notice.

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8. All Grave easements are sold in succession. Each Cemetery will have specified lots to be sold next. Requests for purchases outside of the current lots available for sale will not be honored.
9. Identification, transfer, and repossession of easements.
  - a. Sale of easements are not refundable. At the discretion of the management, if the needs of the cemetery require it (double-sales, modification of property, etc.) previously purchased easements may be repossessed and the original purchase price refunded to the purchaser. Refunds will only be granted at the initiative of the cemetery, and only if proper documentation can be provided by the purchaser.
  - b. Transfer of easements for unburied are permitted only with the written consent of the current easement holder, potential easement holder, and the management.
10. Monuments
  - a. A sketch of the proposed monuments must be submitted to the parish office via the cemetery monument permit form. This proposal must be approved prior to installation of monuments.
  - b. All Cemetery graves must have a permanent marker installed within 24 months (2 years) after interment. If no marker is placed, Management reserves the right to install a permanent marker and the easement owner or their heirs will be responsible for the cost. Management also reserves the right to take any legal actions for reimbursement and/or payment. \* If this action takes places all unused plots/easements by that individual will revert to the Management.
  - c. No more than one monument is permitted per grave no larger than 3 foot wide, 32 inches tall including the base. Official Military markers are permitted as a second marker, but must be placed immediately in front of the primary marker.
  - d. Double Monuments are permitted for spouses or immediate family members. Such monuments may be no larger than 6 foot wide, 32 inches tall including the base.
  - e. Footstones are not permitted.

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11. The following rules are to be established with respect to rates and fees.

- a. All permits must be approved and all easement sales, care fees, and grave digging fees paid prior to the opening of any grave.
- b. Cost of spaces
  1. \$500 – Single Grave for a Parishioner
  2. \$1000—Single Grave for non-parishioner

Note: Criteria for parishioner status is to be established by the pastor of Prince of Peace Parish.
- c. All purchases require the purchase of corner markers.
  1. \$200 Per plots of 1-8 graves
  2. Plots larger than 8 graves will require a set of corners for every 8 graves.
- d. The “care fee” for the finding, opening, and closing of a grave
  1. \$125—standard casket burial
  2. \$100—burial of cremains.
  3. \$250—Second burial on an existing plot (when permitted by regulations)
- e. Grave Digging Fees
  1. \$425 Full Casket Adult Burial
  2. \$125 Adult Cremains
  3. No Fee – Infant under age of one year (Casket or Cremains) (effective 2006) Notes:
    - Care fee and Grave digging fees will be paid by the Funeral Director in all burials with a funeral director.
    - A copy of grave digger liability insurance will be kept on file in the Church Office f. Monuments
      1. \$ 20 – Permit fee