



## *The Columbarium*

*at St. Ignatius of Antioch Cemetery*

*For many centuries cemeteries were commonly found in churchyards, allowing churches to minister to the spiritual needs of their members, from baptism through life to death. Since our cemetery is nearly at capacity today, we cannot offer additional burial plots at our parish cemetery. But there is a modern alternative which more and more churches are offering their members: the Columbarium.*

*A Columbarium is a collection of niches designed to house urns containing cremated human remains (cremains). Inscribed with the persons' names and dates of birth and death. St. Ignatius' Columbarium is located in our parish cemetery on the picturesque Delaware River. The Columbarium is self-funded, using income derived from the sale of niches for construction and operation.*

## *Benefits of a Columbarium*

- Spiritual Site for Final Resting - The principal benefit a Columbarium affords church members and their families the opportunity to select their final resting place in the parish cemetery of the church which has been central to their lives, a sacred site of beauty and dignity where their loved ones can visit and meditate whenever they visit the cemetery.*
- Simplicity of Planning - The purchase of a Columbarium niche eliminates the pressures of choosing a burial site, casket, vault and monument; also, there is no need to plan for inurnment and memorial services at different locations and times.*
- Substantial Financial Savings - With the Columbarium, significant costs are limited to cremation, the niche, the plaque and the obituary.*



# Questions and Answers

## Why Build a Columbarium at St. Ignatius?

There is an increasing awareness of the benefits of cremation. Through the Columbarium, St. Ignatius will provide its members a dignified, beautiful setting for housing the cremains, all at considerable cost savings.

## Who may purchase a Columbarium Niche?

Interment in the St. Ignatius Columbarium is available to anyone on a first come, first served basis. You do not have to be a parishioner at St. Ignatius to purchase.

## How many Niches are in the Columbarium?

It has 72 niches, each with the capacity to hold two urns. As demand dictates, additional niches may be added in the future.

## How many urns and what size urn may we use in the Columbarium?

Double granite front niches are intended to be used by two cremated remains of two persons behind a marble shutter.

Maximum available usable space is 11.5 inches by 11.5 inches by 13.5 inches. The urn will not be visible.

## How much does a niche cost?

Pricing of Outdoor Columbarium Niches and Services are as follows:

Two Center Rows - \$3,000  
Row Above and Below the Center Rows - \$2,750  
Top and Bottom Row - \$2,500

The purchase of an Outdoor Columbarium Niche includes the following:  
Burial rights in the niche  
Perpetual care

Opening and closing costs:  
To be paid upon interment of Cremated Remains  
Monday – Friday: \$250    Saturday: \$300

## How can I arrange to purchase a niche?

You may contact the Rectory at 215-493-3377 to make an appointment to purchase. Upon final payment, a certificate covering inurnment ownership rights will be sent to the purchaser of the niche.

## What happens if I purchase a niche and decide later, for any reason, not to use it?

St. Ignatius will repurchase your niche for the same price at which you purchased it. The niche cannot be sold to or used by anyone other than those listed in the original purchase.

## May I select the niche that I want?

Niches are allocated in accord with the desires of each applicant on a first-come, first-served basis, determined by the date of receipt of a fully completed, paid-in-full purchase.

## If I have no family member with whom I wish to share a niche, will someone else's cremains ever be placed in my niche without my permission?

No. Normally, only a family member's cremains whom you select will share your niche. However, if two unrelated persons who are otherwise eligible for inurnment so choose, they may share a niche and its cost.

## What if I have already made other burial arrangements?

Should you prefer inurnment at the St. Ignatius Columbarium instead, you should contact the facility with which you made arrangements to learn how those arrangements can be terminated. Some refund should be due on services paid for, but in most cases you will need to sell burial plots or mausoleum slots through the newspaper or a broker.

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