

# **ST. PAUL'S & ST. FRANCIS DESALES CATHOLIC CEMETERIES Regulations & Pricing as of 2020**

St. Paul's and St. Francis DeSales' cemeteries are both under the jurisdiction of St. Paul the Apostle Roman Catholic Church of Hancock, New York. Both are perpetual care cemeteries. Decorations that are neither floral nor Christian symbols are prohibited.

In the paragraphs below, the cemetery association refers to St. Paul the Apostle Church Corporation. The cemetery staff refers to the superintendents and the persons who work for them.

The perpetual care contract includes the cleaning of the lot, maintaining grass on the lot, and filling in sunken graves. It does not provide for any work on markers, corner posts or monuments. If a lot holder puts an old lot under perpetual care, he must first pay to have the area conditioned. The current rate set by the cemetery association will be used to determine this additional cost.

single grave measures 3' x 8' and contains 24 square feet. Graves are not to be mounded.

Markers and corner posts are to be flush with the grass.

The lot holder will receive a deed when the cost of the grave and perpetual care is paid in full. The lot holder does not buy and own the lot, just the exclusive right to burial. These rights will be observed by the cemetery association according to the prescriptions laid down by the Church regarding Christian burial and as long as the lot holder observes all the cemetery regulations.

The deed should be presented to one of the superintendents of the cemetery before a new grave is opened.

All work including setting up of bases for stones will be done by the cemetery staff. The lot holder will meet the cost of such work at the current cemetery rates.

Before erecting any stone work on a lot, specifications must be submitted to the church staff for approval.

Bases will be at least 6 inches larger in length and width than the stone.

No two bases are to be closer than 12 inches.

Three graves are needed for stones longer than 36 inches.

The cost of the base for larger stones and above ground crypts will be set in consultation with the cemetery superintendents.

Clean up days by our staff will be May 1 and October 1. All decorations that have not been removed will be discarded. Notice will be given in the church bulletins.

Settees, urns, frames, and curbing's are not allowed in the cemeteries.

Tin cans and glass bottles are not permitted on the graves and will be removed immediately by the cemetery staff. Decorations containing wire are not permitted on the ground. For cut flowers, a ground vase set in soil must be approved by the cemetery staff.

ndiscriminate planting of flowers on lots is forbidden. In cases where the lot holder wishes to grow annual flowers on the lot, permission may be obtained from the cemetery superintendents. The cemetery staff will remove a semi-circle of sod just in front of the monument. The lot holder should care for the flowers but must not interfere with the sod.

Shrubs and trees are not to be planted on lots or removed from them without obtaining permission from the cemetery superintendents.

Money payments are to be made to parish office. All checks for work done in both cemeteries should be made payable to: St. Paul’s. All requests for work or any complaints may also be made at the parish office.

If a deed owner no longer has an interest in a cemetery plot (grave) the parish will reimburse the owner for the exact amount on the face of the original deed. The deed must be returned to the parish.

A) The Cemetery reserves the right at all times to prescribe the kind, design, size, symbolism, crafting, quality and material of all memorials or inscriptions placed in the cemetery. Anyone ordering any memorial or inscription must secure from the Cemetery written approval. Location of memorials must be approved by the Cemetery.

B) Application for the installation of a memorial and the approval thereof by the Cemetery shall be made in writing on the Cemetery’s forms and signed by the owner. Application form must be returned to St. Paul’s Church.

C) Any non-religious design depicted on a memorial must be subordinate in size and presentation to a religious design.

Some form of cement (or rough) box, or vault is required for encasing the casket.

There may be additional charges to the lot holder for extra work as conditions require (i.e. snow plowing, road sanding).

**Variable Cost List – subject to change without notice.**

I	Grave including perpetual care:	\$450.00 (25% to Key Bank perpetual care fund (\$112.50))
	Opening: Adult or Child	\$750.00 (Contractor)
	Infant	\$300.00 (Contractor)
	Cremated Remains	\$150.00 (In-house)
	Surcharges: Funeral services office charge	\$ 50.00
	Cemetery services office charge	\$ 50.00
	Labor for any other services requested of our cemetery staff: \$20/hr. plus cost of supplies	
II	Cost of base:	\$ 75.00
	(Standard Veterans’ stone for memorial plaque is “30” x “18”. Call for footstone price).	

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