



St. Joseph Cemetery & Holyhood Cemetery

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Patrick Henry Grace (1832 - February 24, 1896) was a United States Navy sailor who received the Medal of Honor for actions during the Korean Expedition of 1871. Grace was cited for "gallant and meritorious conduct" during the Marine Amphibious Landing in Korea.

He was one of 15 United States sailors and marines to be awarded the Medal of Honor for this little-known American military action. A native of Ireland Born: 1832, whose name originally was Henry Patrick Grace. He died February 24, 1896 (age 64) and is buried in Holyhood Cemetery along with his wife Catherine Grace on Chapel Ave., only a few steps from the Fitzpatrick Chapel in a lot owned by James Doyle. Holyhood is home, also, to Civil War Union Brigadier General Patrick Guiney and Civil War Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Edward Houghton.

Medal of Honor Citation: The President of the United States of America, in the name of Congress, takes pleasure in presenting the

Medal of Honor to Chief Quartermaster Patrick Henry Grace, United States Navy, for extraordinary heroism in action on board the U.S.S. Benicia during the attack on the Korean forts, 10 and 11 June 1871. Carrying out his duties with coolness, Chief Quartermaster Grace set forth gallant and meritorious conduct throughout this action.

Holyhood Cemetery Association and the Veterans Services of Brookline Director William McGroarty and VFW Commander John Tynan have worked together to clean, recut and restore the monument.



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Letter from the President

2016 was a very productive year for the Association with major capital projects completed as approved by the Board of Directors.

St Joseph Cemetery received a number of improvements in 2016. The Maguire Chapel landscape was upgraded and improved with the addition of a stone wall, granite curbing and colorful plantings.

The well system irrigation was expanded and upgraded in Chapel Hill and St James the Apostle. Over 30 trees were planted throughout various sections of the cemetery as part of our Capital Tree Replacement Program. The master plan for 2017 will include the development of

an additional cremation area behind the chapel at the top of the hill. The interior of Maguire Chapel will be improved with the installation of new carpeting to enhance the beautiful glass niches. St. James received the installation of 140 new crypt graves and tree plantings. Additional tree plantings will be completed in 2017.

Holyhood Cemetery projects included irrigation upgrades and extensive road repair. The cremation area landscape was improved and more is scheduled for 2017. There are approximately 100 cremation graves now available.

The fee schedule effective

January 1, 2017 has had some needed adjustments. This is the first increase in 3 years. Grave lot prices will range from \$4,000 to \$6,500 and are priced according to location. Interment and overtime prices have also been adjusted.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to extend our personal thanks for your support and help throughout the year.

Sincerely,



George A. McLaughlin, III
President

Web Site

Information regarding our history, services, regulations, hours of operation, lot sales, genealogy, and directions, is available at

www.holyhood.com

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Barn Demolition

The Association held a community meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 as part of an Article 85 Demolition Delay application to demolish the barn at 641 Baker Street. The purpose of this meeting was to inform the community about the proposed demolition and to present alternatives to the demolition. The Boston Landmarks Commission held a public hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2017. A. Thomas Demaio, General Manager, made a presentation on the structural condition of the property. The Boston Landmarks Commission reviewed the information presented and in 90 days a permit can be issued for demolition of the barn after review by Boston Conservation.



Chapel Hill IV Development

The Association reviewed the site plan for Phase I of the Chapel Hill IV Development and approved development of construction plans. This will be the first phase of a much larger development plan which will encompass the entire hill behind the Chapel when complete. The PX shrubs will be removed and replaced with granite stairs and landings. This area will provide full casket and cremation interment graves. When finished, this development will enhance the beauty and the historic value of the Cemetery.



Chapel Hill IV Site Plan

Community



Irish Social Club of Boston held the Co. Roscommon Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner on March 11, 2017. This longstanding tradition is a major community event for West Roxbury. Our compliments for a well organized event to the Lord Mayor Richard Gormley and staff. We also thank Mayor Marty Walsh and our local representatives for their attendance and commitment to the community.

"Find a Loved One"

feature is now

available for St.

Joseph Cemetery

at

www.holyhood.com

Available Burial Options

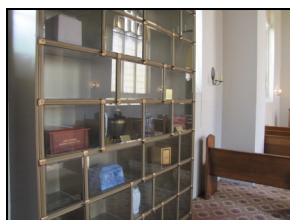


Holyhood Cremation Graves

The Association has three options for interments on the property. Holyhood has a new section that accommodates in-ground cremation burials. St Joseph has available full burial and cremation graves. Maguire Chapel offers glass niches as an alternative to traditional burials in-ground. If you would like more information, please contact a staff member.



St James the Apostle



Maguire Chapel Niches

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Memorial Day Mass



Memorial Day St. Joseph Cemetery 2016



Monsignor Helmick, St. Theresa of Avila



Natalie and Thomas DeMaio

*Memorial Day
masses are
longstanding
traditions at both St
Joseph Cemetery
and Holyhood
Cemetery*

The Memorial Day Observance was a complete success. The Maguire Chapel landscape upgrade was completed in time for Memorial Day and staff was available to answer questions and distribute literature explaining the daily services we offer families. The 10 am Mass at St Joseph and the 9 am Mass at Holyhood were very well attended despite the rainy start to the day. The DeMaio children, realizing the importance of Memorial Day, offered their help at the Chapel.

Monsignor William Helmick, pastor of St. Theresa's Parish, was the celebrant at St. Joseph's along with his dedicated staff. Father Jack Ahern, Pastor of the Dorchester Tri-Parishes, was the celebrant at Holyhood. The Veteran Services staff and volunteers from nearby schools placed thousands of flags on veterans graves throughout the cemeteries.



Memorial Day Holyhood Cemetery 2016

Frederick James “Fred” Davis 1930-2016

Fred Davis, age 86, of Marblehead, passed away on Thursday, September 8, 2016 in his home surrounded by his loved ones. Fred was a member of the Board of Directors of Holyhood Cemetery Association for over 30 years. He was also President of the Board of Directors for the Boys Club of Boston. Fred enjoyed helping children and giving them guidance as they became adults. Fred was the son of the late Frederick A. Davis who also served on the Holyhood Board of Directors.



Family, Friends and Loved Ones



The DeMaio family organize their annual July 4th Parade.



Staff member Kathie Grueter and family gather for their annual family outing in Bar Harbor, ME.

The cemetery is a place for meditation and prayer, hallowed by symbols of our faith and our devotion in the memory of those who rest in eternal peace.

Cemetery Rules & Regulations

Annual plantings are permitted on graves and lots with the exception of shrubs, bushes and trees. Brick or stone enclosures, fences and ornaments at the gravesite are prohibited. Christmas and Holiday decorations may be placed on the graves until January 15th. Cemetery staff will discard Christmas decorations left on the grave after January 15th. Veterans flags placed before Memorial Day will be removed after July 4th. The Cemetery will not be responsible for damage due to weather or when trying to clear an area for a burial.





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Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Saturday 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

The gates of the cemeteries are open

7 days per week from 8:00 am to

7:00 pm and in winter 8:00 am to

5:00 pm

The Association continues to be financially strong and makes every attempt to provide families and loved ones with everyday quality service. The Board approved master plans and strategic plan create a clear vision for years to come. Cost effective procedures stabilize operational costs. This is very important but cannot be accomplished without the cooperation of a very dedicated staff and work force.

Our staff and Board of Directors thank our churches, families, monument dealers and funeral directors for their support and understanding throughout the year. We encourage you to follow our web page, and call with requests or constructive suggestions.

Sincerely,

A. Thomas DeMaio,
General Manager



"The A-Team should consist of every employee of the cemetery, because we are only as strong as our weakest link" - John Toule



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