



St. Joseph Cemetery & Holyhood Cemetery

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Chapel Hill IV

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The first phase of the Chapel Hill IV capital development plan has been completed. This section behind Maguire Chapel provides 88 in-ground cremation burials and 102 wall niches. All these will be available for sale this Spring.

The next phase of this project will continue on the hill adjacent to the cremation area and will provide additional full burial graves. The PX shrubs will be removed and a granite staircase with various landings will be constructed. The entire area will be handicap accessible. The aesthetic value of the project when complete will enhance the historic beauty of the cemetery and compliment the grounds surrounding the historic chapel. The stone selected for the cremation walls match the color and texture of the material used to build the chapel years ago.

The Board of Directors have always supported projects that are based on the need and requests from families and loved ones. The current cremation wall at St. Joseph's is at capacity. In the past 10 years cremation burial requests have increased two fold. Religious re-

strictions on cremation are diminishing and ties to tradition are declining. Surveys across the State and at National levels indicate even greater increases. As a result cremation areas have been designed and developed at St. Joseph's in West Roxbury and Holyhood in Brookline. The goal of the Association was to blend the appearance of these areas with the overall beauty of the old cemeteries.

If you are visiting the cemeteries please take a look at these prime locations.



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Letter from the President

The year 2017 moves us into the 10th addition of our informative newsletter. The Association's Board of Directors continues to be supportive of change and capital projects to improve efficiencies and provide quality service and interment space for families and loved ones.

St Joseph's Cemetery improvements followed the direction of a master plan created approximately five years ago. Upgraded tree maintenance, removals, safety improvements, landscaping and a major capital project which provided an additional 190 cremation graves adjacent to the Chapel. The Chapel Hill IV project provides the first phase of a planned future expansion project. The cremation areas will be available for sale in the spring of 2018.

Plans for dismantling the old stone barn next to our cur-

rent maintenance facility were approved by the Boston Landmark Commission and Conservation. A new storage facility is planned for this location. The project is scheduled to start in the winter of 2018.

The focus in St. James the Apostle was mostly landscape improvements. Tree plantings along open roadways and new shrub replacement along the parkway property line added beauty and privacy to the landscape. Tree pruning and replacements were accomplished in the older sections.

St Vincent section received a major landscape cleaning along the property line. This clearing exposed headstones and created new areas for interments.

Holyhood Cemetery continues to hold a beautiful historic value to the community of Brookline. Improvements

are consistent with the recommendation of the master plan. Old headstones damaged by previous storms deterioration were repaired in various sections. This is the first phase of an ongoing program with the Cemetery.

Grave lot prices remained stable in 2017. Everyday service by staff and crews were adjusted to better serve families, loved ones and funeral directors.

On behalf of the BOD I extend our personal thank you for your support and help throughout the year and look forward to 2018.

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 Update

The old barn located behind 641 Baker Street has been dismantled to the first floor slab and a new storage facility will be built on the site. The permit process required a series of meetings and approval from a number of City agencies including The Landmark Commission and Conservation. The exterior of the building is all stone. The dismantling will make every effort to save the stone and reuse the material for aesthetic walls in the cemetery and around the project.



Veteran Services Flag Program

In an effort to assist the Veterans Services of Boston we have been working to identify the graves of Veterans buried at St. Joseph Cemetery. To have your family member's name placed on the Veterans Services list for flag placement please stop by the office to be sure our records are updated and as always we have extra flags at the office in the event your family member was overlooked. The Association is committed to keeping this very important long standing tradition at St. Joseph and Holyhood Cemeteries.



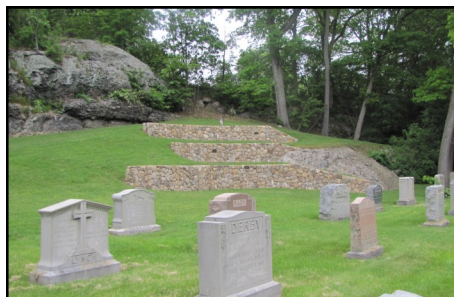
Available Burial Options

The Association has several 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 as well as a new section, Chapel Hill IV which can accommodate cremations. Maguire Chapel offers glass niches as an alternative to traditional burials in-ground.

We offer a finance package of 50% down with the balance to be paid within a year of purchase. This allows you the ability to pay over a period of time without penalty or interest.

Perpetual care of each grave is included in the purchase price and is provided by the Association. Perpetual Care consists of cutting the grass, raking and cleaning the grounds and when necessary, pruning and maintaining the shrubs and trees which have been planted by the Association.

If you would like more information, please contact a staff member to arrange an appointment at your convenience. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8am until 4 pm and on Saturday from 8 am to noon.



Holyhood Cremation Graves



St James the Apostle



Maguire Chapel Niches

"Find a Loved One"

feature is now

available for St.

Joseph Cemetery

at

www.holyhood.com

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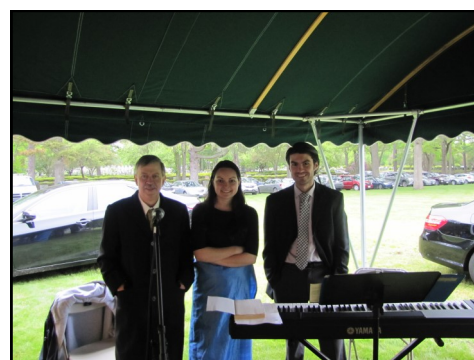
Memorial Day Mass



Memorial Day St. Joseph Cemetery 2017



**Monsignor Helmick, St. Theresa of Avila,
Richard T. Leary, Holyhood Board of Di-
rectors**



**Patrick Stout, Bugler; Sarah Mitchell, Can-
tor; Brandon Santini, Organist**

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

Memorial Day at St. Joseph and Holyhood Cemeteries in 2017 was a total success despite the cold and rainy start to the day. The interior upgrade to the Maguire Chapel was completed in time for Memorial Day and the Chapel was open to families wanting information on the services we offer.

The 10 am Mass at St. Joseph was said by Monsignor William Helmick, pastor of St. Theresa's Parish along with his dedicated staff. Father Jack Ahern, Pastor of St Mary Parish, Brockton was the celebrant at Holyhood. The Veteran Services and volunteers from near-by schools did an excellent job placing flags at the graves of deceased veterans.



Memorial Day Holyhood Cemetery 2017

Richard Dennis Driscoll - June 18, 2017

Richard Dennis Driscoll, of Brookline, MA, died peacefully, Sunday, June 18, 2017. Dick was a graduate of Boston College, Class of 1952 and Harvard Business School, graduating in 1954. He then joined the Merchants National Bank in Boston, a small \$200 million commercial bank. Over the following 33 years the bank grew to be a \$35 billion bank. Until January 1990, Dick served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Bank of New England and for the next six years was president of the Massachusetts Bankers Association. Over the years, Mr. Driscoll served on numerous boards, including the Holyhood Cemetery Association for over 50 years.



His Financial expertise and guidance proved invaluable to the Holyhood Cemetery Association. Dick planned for the future and strongly supported change and capital projects that improved the appearance and daily service offered to families and loved ones.

Richard T. "Dick" Leary - March 11, 2018

Richard T. Leary died peacefully at home on March 11, 2018 at the age of 85, with his family at his side. Dick was a graduate of Dartmouth College where he received a degree in Government, and a graduate of Boston University where he received a Masters Degree in Public Administration. Dick moved to Brookline in 1960 as Executive Secretary for the Town of Brookline. In 1985 Dick was appointed Town Administrator, a position he held until 1994. Dick was a Master Lecturer at Boston University Metropolitan College for 20 years, mentoring new generations of public servants.

First and foremost, Dick was devoted to his family and wife Lindy with whom he shared 61 loving years of marriage. He was the family patriarch, hosting family reunions for 40 years.

Dick served on many town boards and committees including the Holyhood Cemetery Association.



We were extremely fortunate to have Dick as General Manager of St. Joseph Cemetery and Holyhood Cemetery for twelve years until his retirement on December 31, 2009. Dick will be remembered by family, friends, and colleagues as a man of integrity and wisdom, a true gentleman.

*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.*



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

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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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