

GRAVES & MONUMENTS

Saint John Vianney Cemetery has graves available in all four sections of the cemetery:

SAINT CANICE
SAINT GEORGE

SAINT HENRY
SAINT JOSEPH

↳ Also has Lawn Crypts

You do not have to be a member of St. John Vianney Parish to purchase or be interred in graves in our cemetery. However, you do need to be Catholic to purchase graves. Non-Catholics can be interred in our cemetery, as long as the grave owner is a Catholic. If possible it is best to purchase graves before the time of need. In this way, you will be able to select where you would like to be interred and can take advantage of current prices while saving your family from the stress of making these arrangements.



In an effort to provide fuller service to our parishioners and those who have loved ones interred in our cemetery, we now offer monuments for sale.

- We offer top quality granite markers at the most competitive prices.
- All colors of granite and all sizes and designs are available.
- Monuments may be purchased on a pre-need basis and the lettering can be completed when needed.

Income from the sale of these monuments is directed toward our current operation and our perpetual care funds, which ensures the upkeep of our cemetery well into the future.

CONTACT US

Location of Cemetery

920 Brownsville Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15210

LOCATION OF OFFICE

823 Climax Street
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Visit us at www.sjvpgh.org

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday
10:00 am-5:00 pm

Please Call Ahead For An Appointment



Saint John Vianney Cemetery



Frequently Asked Questions

IS PAYMENT DUE AT TIME OF BURIAL?

WHAT IF WE DO NOT HAVE FUNDS AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF BURIAL, CAN ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE?

Payment is due for both the grave and interment at time of burial. However, there are times, because of a sudden death, that funds are not readily available (e.g. life insurance not yet received etc.). When this happens the family is given additional time to pay for the grave and the interment. Any indebtedness due the cemetery for a grave or interment must be paid for before any memorial may be erected.

WHAT IF I CANNOT LOCATE MY EASEMENT (FORMERLY KNOWN AS A "DEED") AND I NEED TO HAVE A GRAVE OPENED?

Physical possession of the deed is not a determining factor to right of burial in the lot; blood relationship to the original purchaser is the determining factor. The cemetery however, in most cases, has some record of the lot owner. As long as a form of documentation as to who has the right to be interred in the lot arrangements can be made.

WHO HAS THE RIGHT TO USE THE CEMETERY GRAVE OR GRAVES AND CAN THEY BE SOLD?

The use of the grave or graves is set aside for use by the person or persons named on the easement or the family of said easement holder. The family may sell graves that they no longer need, but please inform the cemetery office that this is being done. Saint John Vianney Cemetery no longer buys back graves.

CAN I PUT ORNAMENTS AND FLOWER VASES ON THE GRAVE?

We reserve the right to regulate the method of decorating lots so that uniform beauty may be maintained. The use of boxes, shells, toys, metal designs, glass, plastic, concrete, or crockery jars and containers, wood or metal cases, potted plants, etc. shall not be permitted on any lot and shall be removed. All flower vases must be installed with the approval of the Management.

CAN I PUT ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS ON THE GRAVE?

Artificial flowers and crosses with artificial decorations are permitted from November 1 thru March 1, when the grass-cutting season begins.

IF THE PLOT HOLDER DIES WHO HAS THE RIGHT TO THE LOT?

In the event of death of a easement holder any and all privileges of the plot holder shall pass to the plot holder's family in the following manner:

- The spouse of the owner of any lot containing more than one interment space has a vested right of interment of his/her remains in the lot, which right may terminate upon remarriage.
- If the lot holder shall have filed written instructions at the Cemetery Office as to which member of his/her family shall succeed to the rights of said lot, said instructions will be recognized by the Management, and will be followed if in the judgment of said Management such instructions are definite, reasonable, and practical, subject however, to a vested right of interment of the surviving spouse.
- If no valid or sufficient written instructions shall have been filed, or if valid and sufficient instructions are in conflict with a later will, and the lot holder has left instructions in said will, duly admitted to probate in a court having jurisdiction thereof, (subject, however, to a vested right of interment of a surviving spouse), such instructions shall control, provided they are not in conflict with the Cemetery Rules and Regulations and provided the Cemetery is furnished with proof of the same.
- In the absence of valid and sufficient instructions filed by the lot holder or a dully probated will, the rights of interment shall devolve upon those entitles to succeed thereto under the interstate laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- In a conveyance to two or more persons as joint tenants, each tenant has a vested right of interment in the lot conveyed. Upon the death of a joint tenant, the title to the lot held in joint tenancy immediately vests in the surviving joint tenant or tenants, subject to the vested right of interment of the remains of the deceased joint tenant and the surviving spouse of the deceased joint tenant.
- An affidavit by a person having knowledge of the facts setting forth the fact of the death of the owner and the name of the person or persons entitled to the use of the lot is complete authorization to the Management to permit the use of the unoccupied portion of the lot by the person entitled to the use of it.



HOW FAR IN FRONT OF THE GRAVE MARKER (HEADSTONE) AM I PERMITTED TO PLANT FLOWERS, AND WHAT MAY I PLANT?

You are permitted up to 12 inches in front of the headstone including any border. You may plant bulbs, annuals, & perennials. You may not plant any trees, shrubs, or bushes.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR TOPSOIL AND SEEDING THE GRAVES, AND KEEPING THE GRASS CUT AND TRIMMED?

The cemetery staff takes care of all of the above. The grass is cut approximately every two weeks, and the trimming is done about once a month.

WHEN CAN A MONUMENT BE PLACED ON THE GRAVE?

The cemetery would prefer to wait approximately 6 months from the time of burial. This gives the grave time to settle. The cemetery installs the foundation for the monument, which is done anywhere from early spring until late fall.