

Summary of Grave/Niche/Columbarium Decoration Policies

GRAVES

Flags:

One American Flag will be placed in the metal standard provided by the American legion. Flags may be flown all year and when they need replacement, a veteran volunteer will place and then dispose of them when necessary in the appropriate manner.

Permitted:

Fresh cut flowers (or silk flowers) - in approved in-ground vases (larger monuments have above-ground vases)

One single shepherd's hook per grave.

Potted plants - if placed in line to right or left of markers at ground level. Unsightly plants interfering with lawn maintenance will be removed.

Winter decorations can be kept on graves from November 15 until March 15, after which they will be removed.

In order to provide professional lawn maintenance and safety, the following are:

Not permitted:

1. Trees, hedges and shrubs, mulch
2. Artificial (includes plastic) flowers, toys, pictures, plastic adornments
3. Flags other than American flag
4. Writing or graffiti on headstones
5. Decorative borders, fences, stones, steps, statues, balloons,
6. Lawn decorations, knick-knacks, glass containers, artificial lighting, plastic votives
7. Any and all items in violation will be removed without notification and not saved.
8. Any decorations or added embellishments next to monuments, solar lights, battery-operated lights, toys and other objects will be removed without notice.
9. Individual planting of grass seed as uniform grass color and type is cemetery responsibility only.

COLUMBARIUM (NICHE)

There are four Columbaria. Each side holds six niches which in turn can hold two urns. This is a potential population of 24 inurnments per columbarium. Because the structures are the resting place of many, there is not adequate space for individual adornments around and on the columbarium. Items are not permitted on the top of the columbarium and the granite itself does not allow for any hanging adornments. Please respect that multiple souls are inurned in these niches and cannot be individually memorialized. Plants cannot be placed at the base as they impede lawn maintenance. The solemnity of the structures speak of the great sadness they house within them, overlooked by our four statues providing guardianship of loved ones.

The burial of your deceased loved ones with dignity and the ongoing care of their graves are the main mission of the Cemetery staff here at Holy Spirit. Complete guidelines are available for viewing at either the Cemetery Office or online at our website, <https://holyspiritparishbrighton.org/our-cemetery>. The Cemetery staff will gladly answer any questions you have concerning policies.