



Concept rendering from our brochure. Final design is subject to approval.

A place of peace. A lasting connection to our parish.

Help bring St. Joseph Garden to life.

A note from Father George O'Neill

October 27, 2026

Dear St. Joseph Parish Family,

St. Joseph Garden will provide a sacred, peaceful resting place for cremated loved ones beside our church—a place where families can visit, remember and pray. To move this proposed project forward, we need commitments for at least 100 niches. Your reservation will help demonstrate the support needed to make the garden financially viable.

I invite you to read the details below and prayerfully consider participating.

In Christ,
Father George O'Neill

Why we are building St. Joseph Garden

Our parish accompanies us through Baptism, worship, marriage, and the important moments of life. St. Joseph Garden would extend that connection, providing a permanent resting place for cremated loved ones close to the community of faith that has been part of their lives.

Planned as sacred ground for the respectful placement of Catholics' cremated remains, in keeping with Catholic teaching, the garden would offer a peaceful place for prayer and remembrance. Families could visit before or after Mass, on anniversaries, or whenever they wish to pause and pray. It would also remind us to pray for those who have died and affirm our Christian hope in the Resurrection and eternal life.

Why consider participating

Give your family peace of mind. Deciding where we will be laid to rest can be difficult to consider. Planning ahead allows you to share your wishes with loved ones and can ease the decisions they will face later.

Provide a sacred home for a loved one. If you are keeping cremated remains at home—on a mantel or in another place—or have been unsure what to do next, we offer this invitation gently and without judgment. St. Joseph Garden would provide an opportunity to take that loving next step: choosing a permanent resting place in a sacred setting, cared for with dignity.

Help create a place of remembrance for our parish. Your reservation shows your family's commitment and helps the parish assess whether there is enough participation to support the project.

Options for individuals and families

A columbarium holds urns containing cremated remains in individual compartments called **niches**.

Single niche: accommodates one urn.

Double niche: accommodates two urns.

Why 100 niche commitments matter

Building the columbarium requires a significant investment. A minimum of **100 niche reservations** will demonstrate enough committed interest to help the parish assess whether anticipated niche purchases can support the project's costs and make it financially viable.

Each reservation brings us closer to that goal.

Reserve with a \$500 refundable deposit per niche. Your deposit may be refunded upon request or credited toward your eventual niche purchase. A double niche holds two urns and requires one \$500 deposit.

Please give this invitation your prayerful consideration. Whether you are planning ahead or seeking a permanent resting place for a loved one, we welcome your questions and the opportunity to help.

To get more information or to reserve a niche, call the Parish Office at **203.775.1035** or email **andypacuk@gmail.com**.

Open Reservation Form

Complete the attached reservation form and return it with your deposit.

You may also return your completed reservation form and deposit to **St. Joseph Church, 163 Whisconier Road, Brookfield, CT 06804**. Brochures and assistance are available after Masses.

Please consider reserving a niche and helping bring this sacred place of remembrance to our parish.

St. Joseph, Pray for Us!

St. Joseph Garden Project Team

Final niche locations, prices and purchase terms will be established after required approvals. A reservation deposit does not guarantee a particular location or final price. Any additional costs will be defined before final agreements.