



St. Mary's Cemetery Columbarium is a sacred space located at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in historic Doylestown, Pennsylvania. It is part of the grounds of St. Mary's Cemetery which was established in 1856. The Columbarium has been created to provide a final resting place ('interment') for cremated remains of deceased parishioners and others.

Our Religious Tradition

From earliest times, people have been concerned about their final earthly resting place, especially that it be near the gathering place of their families so that they, the deceased, may be held in lasting loving remembrance.

In early Christian times, preferred burial space was within the church itself, where the faithful gathered for a memorial service.

When space within the church was no longer available, the churchyard cemetery developed. Only in recent times burial grounds far removed from community centers of life and prayer have been used.

More recently, there has been a growing interest in cremation. With the addition of our columbarium, and by having the interment on the church property, the historic "churchyard" of past generations has been revived.

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*Founded In Faith.
Rich In Tradition.
Stronger Together.*

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF OUR COLUMBARIUM?

A Spiritual Site for Final Repose

A columbarium affords individuals and families the opportunity to select their final resting place in the environs of the parish community that has been central to their lives. It is a place of beauty and dignity where their loved ones can visit.

Simplicity of Arrangements

A columbarium eliminates the pressures of choosing a burial site, casket, vault and monument. It provides a place for interment near the church, eliminating the need to travel offsite for the burial.

Substantial Financial Savings

The combined cost of a columbarium niche and cremation are less than the cost of a casket, burial site and gravestone.



The Church has a sacred role in the lives of the faithful. The parish community is the home where the faithful encounter and share Christ in the sacraments and liturgies. A columbarium is the natural extension of the Christ-centered relationship between the parish family and its deceased loved ones.



“I go to prepare a place for you.”

John 14:3

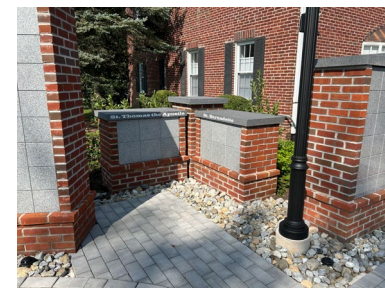
St. Mary's Cemetery Columbarium Details:

The St. Mary's Cemetery Columbarium contains 1388 niches (1044 are 8" x 8" and 344 are 12" x 12"). Each niche can accommodate the cremated remains of two individuals. Urns will be provided by the parish for each individual.



(Sample Urn)

Are you looking for a place for the whole family?
Family Niches are available.



Why a Columbarium at St. Mary's Cemetery?

- ☐ It affirms our faith that those who die remain, not only with God, but with all those who have gone before them in the faith and also with the living.
- ☐ Families may be comforted by having a memorial to their deceased loved one within the church grounds.
- ☐ It offers a visible sign that the church cares for its members from birth and baptism through death and eternal life.
- ☐ It offers a practical and comfortable way to make advance plans, relieving the surviving family of difficult decisions.
- ☐ It provides a theologically sound and environmentally friendly site for final repose.

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