

Burial Policy (January 2023)

St. Michael's Parish.. East Margaree

Aim:

To alleviate the stress associated with the loss of a loved one with a fair and straightforward burial policy.

Burial Fees: *(All burial fees are for burial only and not plot fees. Records of contributions may be required)*

- a. If the deceased was:
 - i. a Canadian citizen over 18 years old,
 - ii. a resident of and registered member of St. Michael's Parish, East Margaree for 2 years prior to death.
 - iii. financially, or in-kind*, supporting St. Michael's Parish with a minimum of \$500 CDN in that period.
 - iv. there is **no burial fee****. (Donations are accepted)

- b. If the deceased was:
 - i. a Canadian citizen over 18 years old,
 - ii. a resident of, and registered member of St. Michael's Parish, East Margaree for 2 years prior to death.
 - iii. not supporting St. Michael's Parish financially, or in-kind, with a minimum of \$500 CDN in that period.
 - iv. the burial fee is: **\$500 CDN** (Records required.)

- c. If the deceased was:
 - i. not a Canadian citizen
 - ii. a seasonal resident of Margarees for the 2 years prior to death
 - iii. a registered member of St. Michael's Parish and supported it financially, or in-kind, with a minimum of \$500 CDN in that period.
 - iv. the burial fee is: **\$700 CDN** (Records required)

- d. Regardless of citizenship:
 - i. if the deceased was not a resident of the Margarees at the time of death.
 - ii. the burial fee is: **\$1000 CDN**.
 - iii. if that same person was a registered member, and financial supporter of St. Michael's Parish with a minimum of \$500 CDN. in the 2-year period prior to death
 - iv. the burial fee is: **\$500 CDN**.

- e. Fees must be paid to St. Michael's Parish Office, or a cemetery committee representative of the Parish prior to burial.

*** In kind support is calculated, financially, by the approximate number of hours contributed X the NS Provincial minimum wage.**

**** If an individual's or family's contribution cannot be verified by records, the burial fee will be at the discretion of the Pastor, or in his absence or unavailability, by at least 2 members of the cemetery committee.**

NOTE 1: Exceptions for those under 18, and for special needs individuals, whose families have met the criteria in (a, b, c, and d) of the section "Burial Fees" above, can be addressed through discussion with the Pastor or by e-mailing the Parish office at: stmichaelcemetary@gmail.com.

Note 2: This burial policy recognizes that in extenuating circumstances a burial fee may be unaffordable. In these circumstances a burial will not be denied. The Pastor has the final decision as to whether the circumstances warrant the waving of the burial fee.

Protocols:

For arrangement of burial: (if deceased meets the burial fee criteria.)

- a. The deceased's family member (henceforth family spokesperson) contacts:
 - i. the Pastor;
 - ii. their undertaker of choice;
 - iii The Parish office with their request for the person to be buried in the cemetery.

For funeral homes or family spokespersons:

- i. Either must provide the Parish office, or a cemetery committee representative a burial or cremation certificate and the burial fees prior to any grave being started.

For graves:

- a. Three cremated remains (cremains), in dignified containers may be buried on top of another body in the same plot. Each cremains must meet the burial fee items (a, b, c, and d) above.
- b. Full bodies in caskets cannot be buried on top of another grave.
- c. Graves for full body burial must be 6 feet deep (consult with the undertaker or grave digger). Graves for cremated bodies must be 2 feet deep)
- d. Family members may dig graves provided the Parish office or a cemetery committee representative is consulted for directions beforehand.

For monuments/head stones etc.

- a. If at any time following the burial, a headstone, plaque, or any type of memorial is considered for the gravesite, the Parish office or a cemetery committee representative must be consulted.
- b. Flowers and lights may be placed on top of the base, or on top of the headstone, or in the designated holder. Contact the Parish cemetery representative for directions regarding flower holders.

For Funerals:

- a. There are no Sunday funerals.
- b. Pre-booking of funerals is allowed for up to 6 months.
- c. The fee for a funeral service is \$100.00 **(If the pastor does not wish to accept the fee, then it is to be directed to the area of the Pastor's choice within the parish)**

Contact Information

Office for St. Michael's Parish: 1181 East Margaree RD. NS

Phone: 902-235-2435: E-mail: stmichaelcemetery@gmail.com

Cemetery committee representatives:

St. Michael's

Frederick Burns: (H) 902-235-2061, (C) 902-224 788

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ATTENTION: St. Michael's Parish, its Pastor, or Parish members, take no responsibility for injury, or damages, resulting from their actions or for actions taken by any individuals on its property.

Signed by:

Father Silvichan Dominic

Most Rev. Wayne Joseph Kirkpatrick

Pastor

Bishop of Antigonish

Date:

Date:

St Joseph's Parish
South West Margaree
Cemetery Committee
Cemetery/Burial Policy
October, 2022

This policy is in place for the cemeteries of St Joseph's Parish, South West Margaree, including St Joseph's Cemetery and St Mary's/MacDougall Cemetery.

In keeping with the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, the Corporal Works of Mercy call us to "bury the dead"; therefore, our mission is to provide and honour the resting place of our departed.

The St Joseph's Parish Cemetery/Burial policy is as follows:

Plots:

*We will never refuse and will always provide burial for anyone in need.

1. Plots are free for all former and present parishioners.
2. A fee of \$250 will be charged for burial of a person with familial connections to the parish but has never lived in the parish.
3. A fee of \$500 will be charged for burial of a person with no connection to the parish.
4. A plot will be reserved for the burial of a spouse next to the deceased if needed.

Opening/Closing the grave site:

Upon consultation with the cemetery committee representative for placement of the grave, the family is responsible for opening/closing the grave. The family may choose to do so themselves or arrange to have the grave opened/closed with the cemetery committee.

Cremations:

*Cremated remains shall be known as cremains

1. Cremains may be buried in an individual grave or on top of a body in the same plot. Up to three cremains may be buried in one plot.
2. Cremains must be in a dignified container such as an urn or wooden box.

Maintenance:

The Cemetery Committee is responsible for maintaining the graveyards. This maintenance includes mowing, trimming, levelling graves and arranging for stone maintenance if required.

We want our cemeteries to look good, to be neat and well maintained. We ask that no fences, rocks or other ornaments be placed on graves that would interfere with mowing. Flowers and lights may be placed on top of the base, the headstone, or in a designated holder (provided by the Cemetery Committee if requested).

Burials:

Burials typically take place directly following a funeral service. In situations where this does not occur, burial date and time must be arranged with the Pastor and the Cemetery Committee. A burial certificate must be provided before burial can take place.

Note: St Joseph's Parish, S. W. Margaree, our pastor, members of the parish and this committee take no responsibility for injury or damage resulting from the actions taken by individuals on property owned by the parish.

"If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord." Romans 14:8

Updated October , 2022 by St Joseph's Parish cemetery Committee

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Elizabeth MacKinnon	John Gillis

Cremations:

Cremated remains shall be kept as follows:

1. Cremains may be buried in an individual grave at the top of a body in the same plot. Up to three caskets may be buried in one plot.
2. Cremains may be in a dignified container such as an urn or wooden box.

The contacts at St. Patrick's are:

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