



A MEANINGFUL HISTORY
OF OUR LOVED ONES

YESTERDAY, TODAY & TOMORROW

HOLY
SEPULCHRE
CEMETERY

ASCENSION
GARDEN 

Celebrate Life Everlasting

OUR HISTORY

In 1871, Rochester's first Bishop, Bernard J. McQuaid, envisioned a peaceful, prayerful and reflective garden-like cemetery in an environment that provided natural beauty and the assurance of a Christian celebration of life everlasting. McQuaid, considered a man of conviction and innovation, had a vision—to provide a cemetery for generations of Catholics for years to come—thus the opening and consecration of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery on Lake Avenue.

Over 140 years later, Bishop McQuaid's attention to careful planning and high standards continues, with two Holy Sepulchre locations: the first on Lake Avenue, and our newest cemetery, appropriately named Ascension Garden, near Mendon Ponds Park. The settings at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery and Ascension Garden provide the natural garden cemetery envisioned, as well as serene, prayerful environments to gather with family and friends to pray, to remember and to celebrate life everlasting.

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Holy Sepulchre Cemetery's natural beauty and historic architecture has grown over the years, garnering both praise and acclaim. At the time of its design, the most notable gardeners, horticulturalists and landscape designers consulted to make Holy Sepulchre Cemetery the standard of excellence in cemeteries in Monroe County and the United States. Through proper stewardship over the years, the aesthetic beauty, pristine maintenance and architectural significance of our 300-plus acres continues. Today, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery offers many new sections, complimented by the magnificent architecture of Christ Our Light mausoleum. Holy Sepulchre is prepared to serve the changing needs of the community both today and tomorrow.

Ascension Garden, located on Pinnacle Road in Henrietta, was born out of the history and excellence of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery and the original vision of Bishop McQuaid. Consecrated in the Catholic tradition, Ascension Garden is located near Mendon Ponds Park and fits into the beauty of the rolling hills, wooded areas and tranquility that naturally exists there. Like Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Ascension Garden provides family and friends a peaceful and prayerful environment to remember loved ones and to acknowledge Christ's promise of new life after death. Ascension Garden offers the community a place to continue family traditions or begin new ones.



PROVIDING CHOICES



Holy Sepulchre Cemetery and Ascension Garden are beautiful reminders of God's creations, with many settings that offer consolation and inspiration for family and visitors.

The cemeteries accommodate traditional in-ground burials as well as above-ground interments in beautifully designed mausoleums that are prayerful and reflective environments. The Christ Our Light mausoleum at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery and the mausoleum at Ascension Garden include a wide range of crypt spaces and dedicated rooms devoted to Saints. Both of these mausoleums provide large chapels for memorial services and personal meditation, as well as visitation areas.

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Holy Sepulchre Cemetery and Ascension Garden truly offer many services at both the time of need or during pre-arrangement. Our services include:

- In-ground burials for full casket and cremated remains, with a choice of upright markers or monuments, as well as flat markers, and natural markers for green burials
- Memorial burial sections for fallen military veterans
- Memorial burial sections for police officers, firefighters, EMTs and other first responders
- Mausoleums offering full body crypts and cremated remains niches
- Columbaria for above-ground interment

Natural burials have become popular with a higher consciousness of the environment. Holy Sepulchre Cemetery and Ascension Garden have conducted extensive ecological assessments and have sections that are specifically designed for natural burials, with no interruption in the eco-system.

TRADITION

The Catholic Cemeteries of Holy Sepulchre and Ascension Garden represent a meaningful history of loved ones, a record of their lives and a sanctuary for peace and prayer. Holy Sepulchre and Ascension Garden exist not merely for the memorialization of the deceased, but also because every life is worth loving and remembering in the tradition of the larger Catholic faith family. The faithfully departed resting in Holy Sepulchre and Ascension Garden come from all walks of life and share the values of faith, family and heritage.

Whether you are continuing a family tradition or beginning a new one, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery and Ascension Garden are rooted in the Catholic belief of respect for people of faith from all communities. Generations of families have come to eternal rest at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery and younger generations are continuing to embrace their heritage through Holy Sepulchre Cemetery and Ascension Garden.

SUPPORT & GRACE

The death of a loved one is a major life event that can impact individuals and families in many ways: physically, socially, psychologically, emotionally and spiritually. As unexpected events occur in life, not everyone can pre-plan arrangements. With support in mind, the family service counselors at Holy Sepulchre and Ascension Garden serve the emotional and spiritual needs of the bereaved in an environment of integrity, caring and empathy. They will guide loved ones through arrangements and work with family and friends at the time of need.

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AFFORDABILITY AND PEACE OF MIND

Pre-planning burial arrangements can be a satisfying and rewarding way to offer peace of mind and lift many burdens from family members. There are both emotional and financial benefits to pre-planning at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery and Ascension Garden. Prices are secured at the time of purchase and regardless of what costs may be upon burial there is no increased expense for your loved ones. Further, pre-planning means no financial burden on your family at a time when they are grieving.

YOUR INVESTMENT

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery and Ascension Garden accept multiple forms of payment, including cash, check, Visa, MasterCard and Discover, as well as payment plans to fit individual budgets. Prices are wide-ranging, depending on location, choice of burial, cremation niches, columbaria or mausoleum crypts. We invite you to visit us and let us show you the options, with no obligation. Please stop in or call to set up an appointment.

WHY A CATHOLIC CEMETERY?

A Catholic cemetery is a living and graceful witness to the Christian belief in eternal life and the resurrection of the body. Holy Sepulchre Cemetery and Ascension Garden play an important role in the ministry of consolation, standing as sacred places where religious ceremonies are celebrated, where people pray for their deceased loved ones and where the living can embrace their faith and heritage.

*Pray for your loved
ones, and embrace your
faith and heritage.*



OUR INVITATION



Take in the natural beauty and serene environments at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery and Ascension Garden. We invite you to come take a tour—walking on your own or driving with one of our counselors. Draw from the history and tradition of Christian burial and the surroundings that we offer.

We invite you to sit and pray and spend some quiet time in one of our mausoleums. Take time to be with your thoughts and remember those who have gone before us. Holy Sepulchre Cemetery and Ascension Garden provide a place to pray and remember everything that has been given to us. We invite you to embrace your faith and your heritage.

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