

## MEMORIAL GARDEN AND COLUMBARIUM INFORMATION SHEET

Thank you for your interest in Holy Spirit Parish's columbarium. We hope the following information will help you in making a decision about final arrangements.

**Memorial Garden:** The garden area is bordered by an evergreen hedge. A summer flower bed has been planted to memorialize all those who have chosen the columbarium as their final resting place. Two lovely wrought iron benches have been installed on concrete pads in the garden area to give visitors a place to sit. The baptismal font that was presented years ago to the parish by the children of Holy Spirit Parish has been moved into the garden to remind us of our baptism and the promise of eternal life that we receive on our baptismal day. We hope we have created a space of peace and contemplation for those who visit loved ones in the columbarium or for those seeking a few moments of peace in the midst of a busy life.

**Niches:** Each niche, with space for two urns, is available for \$500.00 and includes perpetual care of the columbarium and Memorial Garden. The price does not include the cost of an urn or the cost of engraving on each stone face. **(A permanent urn is needed for use in the columbarium and is available from local mortuaries. The style of urn that works best in our columbarium is called a "bookend" style, 3 inches by 6 inches by 8½ inches.)** Niches are pre-selected by the church office.

It is possible for an individual to purchase a half a niche for \$250.00. Half niches are also pre-selected by the church office. **Checks for niches should be made payable to "Holy Spirit Parish Memorial Foundation."**

**Engraving:** The charge for engraving on the stone face is \$75.00 per name. The stone face is usually engraved with the first name of the deceased, their date of birth and date of death and their last name is listed in the middle of the stone in a larger type face. There is a limit of fourteen spaces across for the first name line, so if you wish to include a first name and middle initial or first name and middle name, that is permissible as long as the combination of letters and spaces does not exceed fourteen spaces. There is a limit of twelve spaces across the stone face for the last name line. **Checks for engraving should be made payable to "Garden City Monument Services."**

**Contract:** A contract will be sent to you to review, and you will need to fill out the information regarding the names to be engraved on the stone face and to sign the contract. Upon full payment the signed contract will be returned to you listing the numbered location of your niche. One copy of the contract is for your records and one copy needs to remain in the church office for our records.

**Flowers:** Flowers may be displayed in the Memorial Garden on the day of the Memorial Services, and fresh cut flowers in containers may be brought on Memorial Day. If you seek to remember the anniversary of someone's death, we suggest you contribute to the altar flowers on the Sunday closest to the anniversary date. We discourage flowers at any other time.