

## *St. Brigid's Cemetery*

*Corner of North Maple Street and Rocky Hill Road  
Hadley, Massachusetts*

### *St. Brigid's Church*

*PO Box 424, 122 North Pleasant Street  
Amherst, Massachusetts 01004*

*Phone: (413) 256-6181 Fax: (413) 253-7935*

*It is always desirable that a Mass be offered, for the repose of the de cease.  
Always open to God's grace.*

## **Cemetery Rules and Regulations**

For the mutual protection and benefit of lot holders and St. Brigid's Church, certain rules and regulations have been adopted by St. Brigid's Cemetery. All lot holders and other persons within the cemetery are subject to these rules and regulations as well as any amendments that may be adopted in the future. Any reference to these rules and regulations in other documents fully binds that document to the rules and regulations of St. Brigid's Cemetery. Included are all rules, regulations, and amendments that are currently in effect.

## **Cemetery Hours**

8:00 AM – 8:00 PM : June - September  
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM : all other months

## **Cemetery Office Hours**

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM : Monday – Friday  
The office is closed on holidays

Located inside St. Brigid's Rectory  
122 North Pleasant Street  
Amherst, Massachusetts

## **Lot Purchasing**

After full payment for a lot is received, a certificate granting perpetual and exclusive burial privileges will be issued to the lot holder. This certificate is not transferable without the written consent of the Pastor of St. Brigid's Cemetery. These certificates are not issued for single graves; the bill receipt suffices.

If all payments owed for lots and burial charges are not received by St. Brigid's Church, cemetery management has the right to reclaim any or all unused portions of the lot. No additional interments will be allowed in a lot not fully paid for.

When purchasing a lot, the purchaser receives only an Easement for Burial; ownership of the lot remains vested, as does the entire cemetery, in the name of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Springfield, a Corporation sole.

The purchased lot must be used by the lot holder and/or the lot holder's relatives for interment purposes only and not for resale or profit.

### **Inheritance/Ownership Rights**

In the event of the death of a lot holder, all privileges of that lot holder pass to his/her family in the manner prescribed by Chapter 114 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In brief, these statutes provide the lot holder's spouse a vested right of interment in the lot. Control of the holder's lot cannot be taken away from his/her lawful heirs through any general or residuary clause found in the holder's will or last testament at the time of his/her death; if the lot holder wishes to redirect control of the purchased lot postmortem, he/she must specifically and clearly write out their intentions in a will or last testament. If the lot owner dies without specifically redirecting control of his/her lot, control of the lot shall vest in his/her heirs, but may be subject to the following limitations and conditions:

- If the lot owner leaves a widow and children, they shall have possession, care and control of the lot during their lives.
- If the lot owner leaves a widow and no children, the widow shall have possession, care and control of the lot during his/her life.
- If the lot owner leaves children and no widow, the children shall have equal possession, care and control of said lot during their lives. The survivor(s) of these children will inherit the same possession, care and control during their own life/lives. Beyond this, the laws of inheritance shall be in effect.
- Each qualified heir must share burial rights equally and jointly while vacant graves remain in the lot. Their individual right cannot be determined except at the time of their own burial, which automatically gives them the right to burial if they qualify in the sequence of inheritance.
- Any qualified heirs may release their right at any time. However, they cannot assign or transfer their right to any individual other than the other qualified heirs jointly.
- When all graves in a lot are occupied, the surviving heirs lose their rights.

If a lot owner has filed written instructions at the Cemetery Office defining which member(s) of his/her family will gain the right to all or part of the owner's lot, the filed instructions will be recognized and followed by cemetery management. Cemetery management must determine whether or not the lot owner's instructions are definite, reasonable, and practicable; all written instructions are subject to the surviving spouse's vested right of interment.

Upon the death of a lot owner who jointly owns a lot with two or more other persons, the deceased owner's lot-control rights shall pass to his/her survivors unless definitive instructions to the contrary are on file in the Cemetery Office.

Cemetery lots are indivisible. If two or more persons are entitled to the possession, care, and control of a lot, they must designate in writing to cemetery management which of them will represent the lot; and in default of such designation, cemetery management will determine which of the eligible persons will represent the lot. A widow may release his/her rights to a lot, but no other person may deprive him/her of such rights.

In view of the above statutes, the physical possession of a deed or certificate when it is not in the possessor's own name does not necessarily guarantee control of a lot.

### **Perpetual Care**

All lots are sold with Perpetual Care included. The portion of the purchase price allotted to Perpetual Care will be invested, the interest of which will be applied to the care of the cemetery lots. Perpetual Care includes moving and trimming of grass, seeding, filling, and ordinary care of lots, but does not include care of monuments and markers.

### **Lot Care/Decoration**

ALL WORK IN ST. BRIGID'S CEMETERY IS DONE BY CEMETERY WORKERS  
UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF CEMETERY MANAGEMENT.

NO ONE IS PERMITTED TO TAKE IT UPON THEMSELVES TO DO ANY WORK AT  
THE CEMETERY, ESPECIALLY BURIALS.

St. Brigid's Church reserves the right to regulate the use of any or all lot decorations so that uniform beauty and dignity may be obtained throughout the cemetery.

- The planting of trees, shrubberies, plants, or flowers on lots is strictly prohibited.
- Fences, hedges, curbing, and any other lot enclosures are also prohibited.
- The use of vigil lights and stands, pictures, chairs, benches, glass containers, artificial flowers, and statuary other than those approved by the Pastor of St. Brigid's Church is strictly prohibited.
- Flags, crosses, and any other temporary markers are prohibited from the cemetery unless approved by the Pastor of St. Brigid's Church.

Decorations are allowed from: Mother's Day to Labor Day (Summer Decorations)  
and  
November 1 to April 1 (Winter Decorations).

During these times: No shrubs or artificial flowers are allowed.  
No more than two pots of flowers per lot.  
No glass containers.  
No objects with metal wires, prongs, or other hazardous material.

The cemetery assumes no responsibility for the loss or damage of flower pots or other containers, even when inflicted by cemetery machinery, and reserves the right to dispose of these items at any time.

### **Monuments and Markers**

BEFORE PURCHASING ANY MONUMENTS, LOT HOLDERS MUST CONSULT WITH CEMETERY MANAGEMENT REGARDING MONUMENT SIZE, MATERIAL AND DESIGN.

FOUNDATIONS FOR MONUMENTS AND MARKERS ARE INSTALLED BY CEMETERY WORKERS ONLY. INSTALLATION CHARGES FOR GOVERNMENT MARKERS MUST BE PAYABLE IN ADVANCE.

Applications for monuments and markers are available at the Rectory Office and the offices of local monument dealers. These applications set forth, in detail, the rules and regulations governing the erection of monuments and markers.

The following rules and regulations apply to all grave lots:

1. Only 1 upright monument can be placed on any lot. All others must be flat with the ground.
2. The maximum height for a monument on any lot is 48"; the maximum size of monuments for 8-grave lots is 72" long by 18" wide.
3. Only granite or marble monuments will be allowed and the base of each monument must be leveled on the bottom, so it may stay solid and erect on top of the foundation.
4. Before a permit can be issued, a detailed plan and design for all memorials must be submitted to the Pastor of St. Brigid's Church for approval. No monument can be erected or placed until approved and accepted by the Pastor.
5. Every memorial must display a symbol of the Catholic faith. All epitaphs and designs not in harmony with the teachings and doctrines of the Catholic Church are prohibited.

6. Memorials featuring statuary on pedestals, made of granite only, are permitted. Statuary, however, cannot surmount the original monument.
7. The use of aprons in front of a monument or around a monument is prohibited.

Once a memorial has been approved and erected, no change affecting the design or size of the memorial can be made without the express permission of the Pastor of St. Brigid's Church.

No memorial will be permitted on a grave or lot not fully paid for and not on Perpetual Care. St. Brigid's Church disclaims any responsibility for damages from causes beyond its reasonable control, especially damages caused by the elements, thieves or vandals.

St. Brigid's Church maintains the right to correct or remove any unsightly or hazardous memorials, at the expense of the lot holder, in order to maintain the safety and well-being of the cemetery and its visitors.

### **Interments**

Interments are allowed any day of the week with the exception of Sunday and most holidays. Funeral Directors have a list of the latest charges.

Arrangements for an interment must be completed at the Rectory Office at least 24 hours prior to the day of burial, except as follows: ALL MONDAY BURIALS MUST BE CALLED IN WITH COMPLETED INFORMATION BY 1:00 P.M. ON FRIDAY. Cemetery management cannot guarantee an interment within 24 hours during severe winter conditions and extra time may be needed to prepare the gravesite.

Floral tributes placed at the time of interment are limited to covering only that grave. Cemetery management cannot ensure that items left at graves will remain in place.

All funerals entering the cemetery are under the exclusive charge and sole direction of cemetery management.

*Donations to the Church Renovation Fund  
and the Cemetery are greatly appreciated.*

**Current Pricing (Begins September 1, 2007)**

The following charts represent the current pricing for openings, easements, and funerals. Prices are subject to change at the discretion of the Pastor of St. Brigid’s Church. Enclosed is a cemetery opening order form. Please return this with a copy of the deed.

Write all checks payable to St. Brigid’s Church.

Remember to mail or drop off the Board of Health’s “Official Disposition, Removal, or Transportation Permit” for all burials in the cemetery.

The Board of Health permits may be dropped off in the Rectory Office at  
122 North Pleasant Street in Amherst, Massachusetts or mailed to:

St. Brigid’s Church  
PO Box 424, 122 North Pleasant Street  
Amherst, MA 01004

<b><u>Openings</u></b>	<b><u>Price</u></b>
1 Full Burial	\$725.00
1 Cremation Burial	\$300.00*
*Over-Capacity Fee* (See Below)	*Add \$125.00*
Infant Burial	No Charge

\*An additional “Over-Capacity Fee” will be charged whenever a Cremation Burial is added on top of any Full Burial grave.

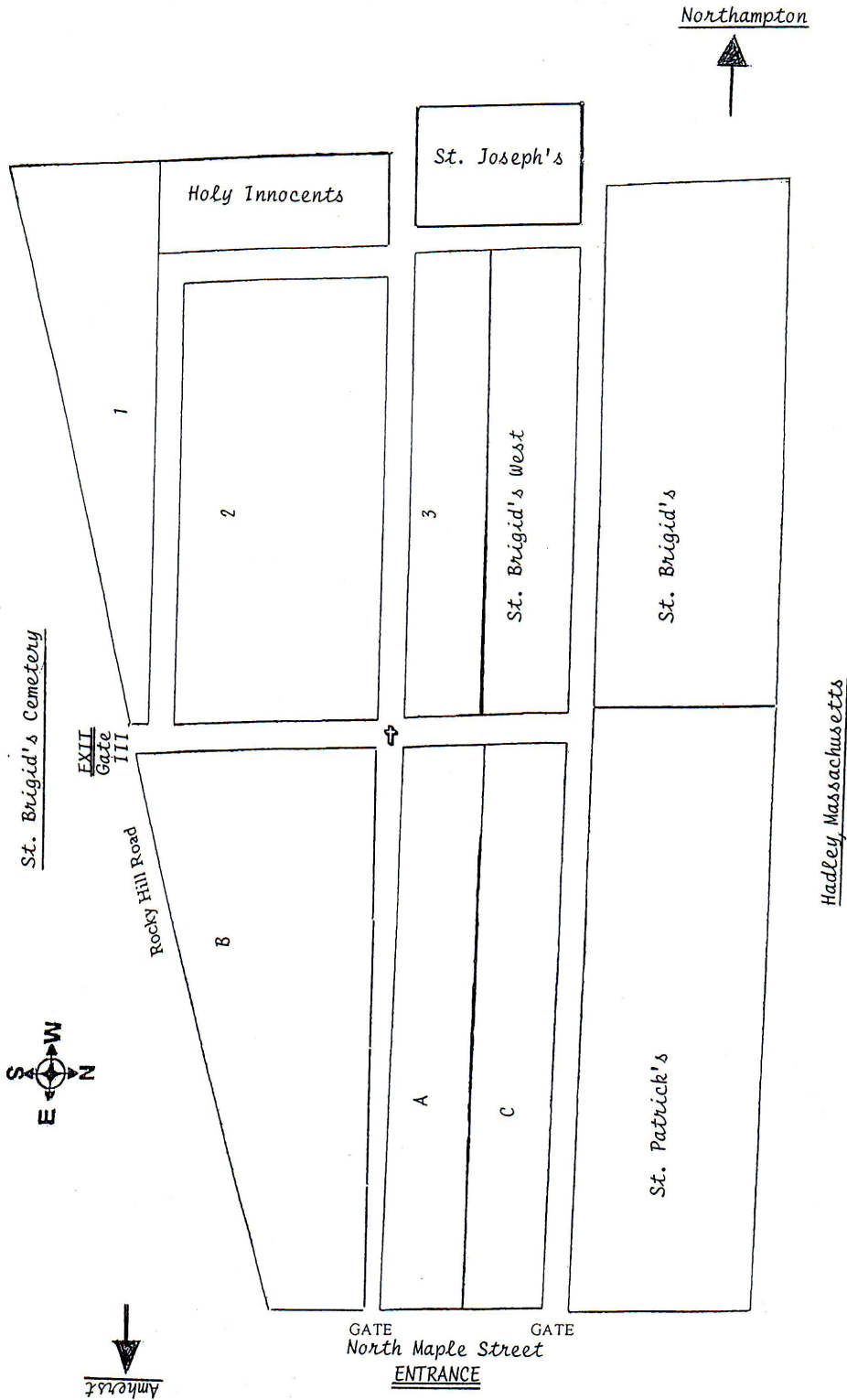
<b><u>Easements</u></b>	<b><u>Price</u></b>
1 Grave (flat/flush marker only)	\$600.00
Two-Grave Site (monument size must be approved)	\$1,200.00
Four-Grave Site	\$2,400.00
Eight-Grave Site	\$4,800.00

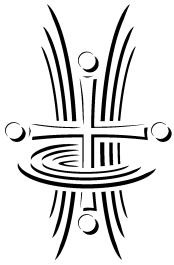
<b><u>Funerals</u></b>	<b><u>Price</u></b>
Priest	\$25.00
Soloist	\$50.00
Organist	\$75.00
Church	\$100.00

*Cremated remains may be brought into the church for a Mass.*

# Cemetery Layout

St. Brigid's Cemetery comprises 11 separate sections.





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**CEMETERY OPENING ORDER FORM**  
**St. Brigid's Cemetery**  
**Hadley, MA 01035**

<b>Order Date:</b>				
<b>Name of Deceased:</b>				
<b>Address of Deceased:</b>		<b>City:</b>	<b>State:</b>	<b>Zip:</b>
<b>Date of Birth:</b>	<b>Date of Death:</b>	<b>Day of Death:</b>	<b>Age:</b>	
<b>Place of Final Deposition:</b>		<b>City:</b>	<b>State:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>
<b>Date of Final Deposition:</b>		<b>Day and Time Requested:</b>		
<b>Full Burial or Cremains:</b>		<b>Comment:</b>		
<b>Block:</b>	<b>Section:</b>	<b>Lot:</b>	<b>Grave:</b>	
<b>Vault:</b>	<b>Material:</b>	<b>Model #:</b>	<b>Made By:</b>	
<b>Family Contact Information:</b> Name/Relation: _____ Phone: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ <b>State:</b> _____		<b>Name of Lot Owner:</b> _____ Relation to Dec.: _____ Contact Person: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____ City: _____ <b>State:</b> _____		
<b>Special Instructions:</b>		<b>Funeral Home:</b> Address: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Signature: _____		
<i>Please call to confirm Date, Time and Availability.</i>				

**Rules Regarding the Placing of Monuments  
In  
St. Brigid's Cemetery - Hadley, Mass**

All work done in St. Brigid's Cemetery is under the supervision of the Cemetery Coordinator.

No monument or marker shall be erected in St. Brigid's Cemetery until the Pastor has approved the application for material, style and inscriptions.

Before contracting for a monument or marker, proprietors or their representatives will place on file in the Cemetery Office a drawing representing the monument or marker, and a copy of the inscription. The sketch must give the exact measurements of the monument or marker. For the best interest of all, we ask you not to duplicate existing work in the Cemetery.

A symbol of our Faith must occupy a prominent place on every monument. All epitaphs and designs must be in harmony with the doctrines of the Catholic Church. Under no conditions will inscriptions or emblems of non-Catholic societies be permitted on monuments or markers, nor shall portraits, photographs, etc. of the deceased or others be attached to the monument.

Only granite or marble monuments (marble not recommended by cemetery) shall be allowed, and the base of each monument must be leveled on the bottom so as to set solid and erect on the foundation. All foundations must be installed by the contracting monument company. **No marble statues allowed**, because of fear of vandalism.

No monument shall be allowed on a lot not paid for in full.

All monuments shall be placed in the upper center of lot.

On 4, 5, 6 and 7 grave monument lots, monuments must contain at least 3 square feet in their base. The base must not exceed 18 inches nor be less than 12 inches in width at their widest point. The height must not exceed six feet and the length must not exceed five feet.

On single and double graves, a flat granite or bronze (not recommended by cemetery) marker, 2 feet long by 1 foot wide and 4 inches deep, set flush with the ground, is allowed on each grave. Markers must have a sawed off level bottom.

Once a monument has been approved and set, **no additions for plants, flowers, etc., will be allowed.**

M \_\_\_\_\_  
(Dealer's Name)  
of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)

is authorized by me to erect a monument in St. Brigid's Cemetery, located in Section: \_\_\_\_\_,

Lot: \_\_\_\_\_, Material: \_\_\_\_\_

The foundation is to be \_\_\_\_\_ long by \_\_\_\_\_ wide by five feet deep, to be built by the Monument Company.

Responsible Party Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Specify-Lot Owner or Heir(s))

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Rev. John T. Smegal**  
St. Brigid's Church