

**STS. PETER & PAUL CEMETERY  
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. Purchasers of lots, or single graves having made payment in full, will receive a Certificate of Easement, entitling them the use of said lots for burial of the dead. All burials shall require a vault or outside container and must comply with the rules of the cemetery.
2. Graves will be sold by the President or Treasurer, or someone designated by them, and they alone are authorized to issue a Certificate of Easement. They shall keep a record of the lot sales and payments. All burial permits shall be subject to rule three.
3. To avoid all questions as to who is to be considered entitled to Catholic burial, approval must be procured from the Priest attesting the deceased is entitled to burial in Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery. In case of doubt the decision of the Bishop shall be final for the purpose aforesaid.
4. No lot holder will be allowed to sell the whole or part of burial lot without permission of the Advisory Committee. A charge of 10% of the original purchase price will be made to the lot holder for the transfer. New purchaser will pay the current price.
5. It shall not be permitted to inter in a lot anyone not a direct descendent or spouse of the lot holder, without the consent in writing of the owner of the lot, and payment of the sum charged for interment.
6. Upon the death of the owner or part-owner of a lot, the title to said lot will descend to his or her heirs in equal undivided shares in accordance with the law of descent of the State of Ohio, unless said owner or part-owner has disposed of his or her interest by will. But the husband or wife of said owner will retain his or her right to be interred in said lot under all circumstances. In case where both parents are deceased and there remain vacant graves on the family lot, one of the children may obtain from the Advisory Committee the sole right of burial therein for his or her family upon payment of any unpaid balance due on the lot. This agreement should be made in writing by all the children of the deceased, and when an agreement cannot be made, the Advisory Committee, after receiving approval from the Pastor, may make such agreement with the members of the family.
7. In the case of an interment error, the Advisory Committee will follow Ohio Revised Code 517.23(D). This code grants the Cemetery Advisory Committee authority to disinter and re-inter (or grant permission to do the same) to correct an interment error if the Cemetery Advisory Committee provides prior notice to the decedents last known next of kin. Should an interment error be found, both parties involved will be notified in writing of the error by the Cemetery Advisory Committee. No notice to or authority from any court is necessary.
8. All limbs, infants, stillborn infants, and births terminated by miscarriage are to be given a Christian burial in an area designated by the Cemetery Advisory Committee.
9. The poor of the Parish upon their decease will be interred free of charge where no provision for burial expense has been made. Lot site shall be selected, with the Pastor's approval, by the Cemetery Advisory Committee.
10. The Cemetery Advisory Committee will not be responsible for vandalism or damage to graves or markers through any action.
11. Families may place flowers in pots on the graves of their respective lots. Flowers must be attached to the marker (non-hanging). Sod may not be removed from the top of the graves. Strict compliance with this rule will be enforced.
12. The landmark, or corner post, indicating the boundaries of the lots will be set by the Cemetery Advisory Committee and same shall not be altered or moved.

13. The Winter season extends from November 15<sup>th</sup> to approximately March 1<sup>st</sup> and the Summer season extends from March 1<sup>st</sup> to approximately November 15<sup>th</sup>. During the Winter season the following types of decorations are permitted: Bouquets or sprays of natural or artificial flowers in approved and firmly anchored containers. Winter wreaths that are securely anchored to the display device and/or to the ground. Grave blankets of an evergreen material that are flush with and securely anchored to the ground. Boxes or other devices beneath the blanket to elevate it are not permitted.
14. No fence coping or enclosure of any kind will be permitted on burial lots. No glass containers. Boxes, shells, stones, toys and similar articles scattered upon graves and land are not consistent with proper keeping of the grounds and will not be permitted.
15. The Cemetery Advisory Committee reserves the right to remove any architectural ornaments, flowers, trees and shrubs from lots in cases where they become detrimental to adjacent lots (a safety hazard), or cause inconvenience to the Cemetery employees (no decorations shall be placed in front of or behind the markers). When such removals are requested by lot owners, the Cemetery Advisory Committee shall recommend to the Pastor whether removals are necessary and advisable.
16. No lot shall be decorated by its owner or anyone else by the planting of trees, shrubs, or any type of plant except under the direction of the Cemetery Advisory Committee.
17. No monument or improvement will be permitted on any lot against which there is an unpaid charge due the Cemetery Advisory Committee, which has been delinquent for an unreasonable and indefinite period of time.
18. All ordinary work in the care of lots will be done by the Cemetery Advisory Committee. Extra work will be performed by the Cemetery Advisory Committee at the expense of the lot owners, when ordered. Payment for same must be made in advance.
19. All persons contracted to work in the cemetery in the construction of vaults, erection of monuments, etc., shall cooperate with the Cemetery Advisory Committee, and if they shall fail or refuse to comply with the regulations of the Cemetery Advisory Committee, the Committee reserves the right to make a recommendation to the Pastor denying that person or persons work in the cemetery in the future.
20. Foundations for monuments must be in accordance with size of monument and according to the Cemetery rules. Inscriptions and designs for monuments and head stones must be submitted to the Cemetery Advisory Committee for recommendation of approval. No monuments may be placed in wet season. Only one monument will be allowed on any grave.
21.
  - A. Prices of all grave sites shall be as determined by the Cemetery Advisory Committee at the annual meeting with the approval of the Pastor.
  - B. Maximum of one regular type burial (not cremation) per grave site. Includes all grave sites (baby, child and adult sections), also both old and new sections.
  - C. Maximum of two burials (cremation type) per grave site if BOTH are cremated. Price of grave site remains the same. At the discretion of Pastor and Cemetery Committee exception can be made for three cremations on one grave site. (per meeting on 1/19/2015)
  - D. Size of grave markers (except in old section, which has upright markers) and only one marker per grave:  
FLAT MARKERS: Baby 8" x 16" no vase; or Baby 10" x 4" no vase; Child 8" x 16" no vase; Single Adult 14" x 24" one vase; Double Adult 14" x 44" or 13" x 44" one vase. These marker sizes remain the same and uniform for perspective sections, even if burial is double cremation.
- E. Stone Restrictions for Double's that you are allowed to have in section E:  
Maximum Height of 36" Tall  
Maximum Width of 16" Wide (Base of Stone)  
Maximum Length of 5' Long  
Stone Restrictions for Single's that you are allowed to have in section E:  
Maximum Height of 36" Tall  
Maximum Width of 16" Wide (Base of Stone)  
Maximum Length of 3' Long

22. Vaults required for all internments (Regular Burials)  
Vaults not required fir cremation at this time.  
Per Board Meeting on January 19, 2009.
23. As per Annual meeting (2015) No pets can be interred in SPP Cemetery.
24. A burial lot may be purchased by any individual (regardless od sexual orientation). In keeping with Diocesan Directives, only his or her name, date of birth and death may be inscribed on the marker (or tombstone. There shall be no mention of spouses, marriage dates or significant others. If names of children wish to be added, this will be up to the discretion of the Cemetery Committee. All wording must be approved before ordering. (This section amended at 6/2/16 meeting of Committee.)
25. These rules and regulations may change as the need arises.

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For purchase of grave site contact the Treasurer or the President of the Cemetery Advisory Committee.