

GENERAL POLICIES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE APPEARANCE AND UPKEEP OF ALL CEMETERIES IN ASCENSION PARISH AND ST. KATHARINE DREXEL PARISH

These policies are established by the Diocese of Scranton.

1. **Artificial** wreaths, flowers and similar decorations **will not** be permitted from April 1st to November 1st. This includes arrangements made for the top of a stone.
2. Stone or granite chips as a border for flat or upright memorials **are not** permitted due to potential damage to equipment and possible injury to cemetery personnel.
3. Planting of annual flowers will be permitted and limited to 12 inches **in front only** of upright monuments. No planting on the sides or back of the monument. Pots or containers may not be buried in the ground. Plants/flowers may be placed directly in the ground or in a container on top of the ground.
4. Placing of any kind of decorative edge around planted area **will not** be permitted. This includes vinyl pipe, bricks, wood, or fence. All existing edgers will be removed by cemetery personnel.
5. Persons placing baskets or other flower holders on a grave are cautioned **not** to use nails or wire to support the holder. Such objects, when left in the lawn, cause enormous damage to equipment, and may cause serious injury to cemetery personnel.
6. When plants, shrubs, and/or other sentimental objects become unsightly or uncontrollable, they will be removed by the cemetery personnel.
7. Parking is prohibited within cemetery roads. Driving in the cemetery should be respectful so as not to damage any graves along the outside of the roadway.
8. **No walking or exercising of pets** in the cemeteries. We must ensure dignity and respect to all that are buried in our cemeteries.
9. ATV's, golf carts, motorbikes, snowmobiles, and skateboards are **not** allowed in the cemetery.
10. No dumping of any yard or food waste, or any other items on cemetery property.
11. These policies are not exhaustive and are subject to change at the discretion of the Pastor at any time.