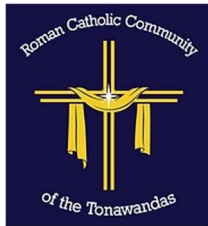


If you are interested in any of the services
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Tonawanda, NY 14150
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When making payments please
mail checks to:

St. Francis of Assisi Columbarium
73 Adam Street, Tonawanda, NY 1450.

Be sure to specify:

“Columbarium payment for Niche ____”



On October 6, 1993 Bishop Edward D. Head rededicated the old stone church, after an ambitious renovation, as a Columbarium and Chapel for daily Mass. Our beautiful Chapel has been the jewel of our campus for over thirty years. The original Columbarium is comprised of walls A-G for a total of 464 niches. The originators determined that each niche would contain one cremated remains.

In 1993 cremation was not as prevalent as it is today. Over the years we have received requests for having two inurnments in one niche. We have kept the original section single placements as a tradition of the original design. You must understand that when you purchase a niche space you are not purchasing a material object. You are purchasing a lease for a resting place for a loved one that will be maintained in a dignified manner.

To honor the requests for double placements the Chapel Committee has decided to offer this option. Two cremains may now be placed in a single niche. At the owner's or next of kin's request we will move the cremains of one niche to another occupied niche at no cost. The unoccupied niche will then be surrendered back to St. Francis of Assisi Church. It was also decided to make the cost of a niche uniform for all locations in the Columbarium. All niches will now be \$1500.00 for a single placement and \$3000.00 for a double. There is a fee of \$50.00 single or \$100.00 double for the faceplate and application of letters. Each letter is bronze and as a semi-precious metal subject to price fluctuations. The current price is \$15.00 each.

A point to consider is the size of the niche interior 10 3/4" (H) x 10 3/4" (W) x 12" (D). If your loved one has been inurned in a large urn there may not be room to accommodate two placements. We can supply containers that will comply with the sizing of the niche at no cost



St. Francis of Assisi Columbarium & Cremation Garden



Columbarium Policies

St. Francis of Assisi R.C. Church 73 Adam Street Tonawanda New York 14150
(716) 692-2660

- Conditions:** The exclusive right to place in a niche the cremated remains of an eligible person, and to keep them there as long as the Columbarium shall be maintained, shall be on the following terms:
All Sections \$1500.00 per cremated remains this includes the placement fee. There is an additional fee of \$50.00 for lettering plus the cost of the letters for a single placement.
Two cremated remains may be placed in one niche. There is an additional fee of \$100.00 for lettering plus the cost of the letters.
As of 3/4/2022 the cost of letters is currently \$15.00 each, subject to change without notice.
- Lease:** A completed lease agreement signed by the purchaser and the pastor will be delivered to the purchaser when payment is complete. At the time of purchase the lease will be signed by the purchaser.
- Letter Cost:** The cost for letters is valid at the time of purchase. There are instances where the cost was calculated when the niche was purchased but no payment for the letters was made at that time. Due to increased cost of letters this calculation cannot be honored and will have to be recalculated when the letters are actually purchased.
- Uniformity:** All faceplates covering the niches will be of a uniform size and lettering.
The size of the niche is:
10 3/4" (H) x 10 3/4" (W) x 12" (D)
- Permission:** No inurnment of cremated remains will be permitted without the express permission of the holder of the contract, except in cases where the contractual holder him or herself has died and the remains are to be interred.
- Payment:** Single niches are to be paid in full after one year. Double niches are to be paid in full after two years. A down payment will be required at the time of purchase. This sum will be the full cost of the letters + lettering fee (\$50.00 single, \$100.00 double) + \$25.00 or greater for the niche. The niche must be paid in full before cremated remains may be placed.
- Gifts - Flowers:** Due to limited space, gifts of flowers are not permitted in the Columbarium. Please leave only prayers for your loved ones.
- Visiting Hours:** The Columbarium will be open to visitors at posted scheduled times for visitation.
- Committee:** St. Francis of Assisi Church shall at all times have full control of the Columbarium. Such control shall be exercised by the pastor or the appointed parish representative.

COLUMBARIUM

St. Francis of Assisi parish is very fortunate to have a beautifully restored historic landmark to grace our campus. The original church was constructed in 1862 predominantly by the fathers of young men fighting the Civil War. These dedicated volunteers built the church with stone from the Lockport-Medina quarries, creating stone walls eighteen inches thick without the aid of contractor or architect. This church was named after St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of Father Uhrich. By 1952 our congregation had grown making it necessary to construct the current church on Broad Street. Thanks to a devoted team of workers the old church became a restoration project in 1990. Bishop Edward D. Head rededicated the Chapel upon its completion on October 6, 1993. Now referred to as the St. Francis of Assisi Chapel it is used for daily Mass, small weddings and funerals. It also houses a columbarium for cremated human remains.



ST. FRANCIS CEMETERY

St. Francis Cemetery was founded in 1867 by Father Uhrich. A list of those interred is available at: <http://nedschim0.tripod.com/tonaroots/id3.html>

The cemetery is located at Main and Kohler streets in the City of Tonawanda. It is maintained by a staff of volunteers who always welcome new members.

Example of Veteran Marker:



Cremation Garden Policies

St. Francis of Assisi R.C. Church 73 Adam Street Tonawanda New York 14150
(716) 693-1150

- Conditions:** The exclusive right to place in a space the cremated remains of an eligible person, and to keep them there as long as the Cremation Garden shall be maintained, shall be on the following terms:
The purchase price of such exclusive right shall be the sum of \$2200.00.
This will include the space, outer burial container, grave marker, inscription (the inscription on the marker at the time it is ordered is limited to a total of 60 characters, additional charges for more than 60 characters or for any additional inscription done after the marker is placed.), and placement of the cremated remains. An additional burial may be placed under the same marker for the sum of \$800.00. If the inscription requires more than 60 characters there will be an additional charge.
Adding the date of death is the responsibility of the owner and not covered by the purchase price.
Burials may not occur between December 1st and April 30th. The cremated remains, if necessary, will be stored until weather permits.
- Lease:** A completed lease agreement signed by the purchaser and the pastor will be delivered to the purchaser when payment is complete. At the time of purchase the lease will be signed by the purchaser.
- Uniformity:** All grave markers will be of a uniform size and lettering. The size is: 24" (L) x 12" (W) x 4" (D). The internal dimensions of the outer burial container are: 12" (L) x 8" (W) x 8" (D).
Veteran Administration supplied Military grave markers can be used
The flat granite grave marker is:
24" (L) x 12" (W) x 4" (D). Weight Approx. 130 lbs.
- Permission:** No inurnment of cremated remains will be permitted without the express permission of the holder of the contract, except in cases where the contractual holder has died and the cremated remains are to be interred.
- Payment:** The space is to be paid in full within one year from date of purchase.
The space must be paid in full before cremated remains may be placed.
- Flowers:** Flowers may be placed only at designated locations.
- Visiting Hours:** The Cemetery is open to visitors dawn to dusk.
- Committee:** St. Francis Parish shall at all times have full control of the Cremation Garden. Such control shall be exercised by the pastor or the appointed parish representative.