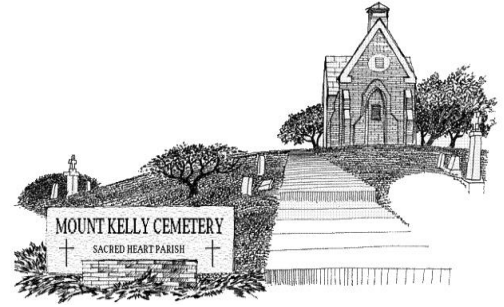


*MOUNT KELLY CEMETERY
NEWSLETTER
Fall - Winter 2015*



Dear Friends of Mt. Kelly Cemetery,

Soon after I began working here at Sacred Heart Parish, I had an opportunity to visit Mt. Kelly Cemetery. As I roamed the beautiful grounds and looked at the names of those whose earthly bodies were committed there, lyrics from a song began running through my head.

*We are standing on holy ground
For I know that there are angels all around
Let us praise Jesus now
For we are standing in His presence on holy ground.
(Holy Ground by Geron Davis)*

Our cemeteries are holy ground... hallowed ground... ground set apart as sacred. Jesus made the graves of our mortal bodies holy by His own three days in the tomb.

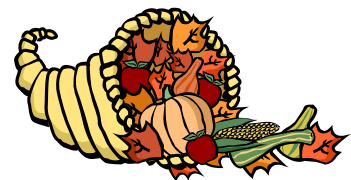
To bury the dead is one of the seven Corporal Works of Mercy. We perform this Act of Mercy by taking care of the final preparations after a loved one's passing. Another way we do this is by praying for the souls of the departed. And yet another way is by praying for and helping the family left behind. These Acts of Mercy can be hard sometimes because we are reminded of our own mortality. It's also not easy to be with the sorrowing. We can feel so helpless because we can't take their pain away. But don't ever discount the power of a hug, a kind word, or simply your presence. God can make His presence known to the sorrowing through our Acts of Mercy. *We are standing on holy ground.*

Traditionally the month of November is set aside in the Catholic Church to remember the souls of our faithful departed. We can use this as an opportunity to perform this seventh Corporal Work of Mercy. Some possibilities are to visit the cemetery, offer a mass, say extra prayers or offer acts of sacrifice for the souls of the departed. One thing I like to do when I visit the cemetery is take flowers with me but I don't leave them at the grave. I might give them to someone else who is also visiting the cemetery or drop them off for a friend on the way home. A simple Act of Mercy offered in love and remembrance. *We are standing on holy ground.*

May we find comfort and hope in the promise of Jesus that those who walked with him during their earthly life will walk with Him on the "holy ground" of Heaven.

Blessings and Peace,

Susan Campbell
Pastoral Associate





IN MEMORIAM
2014-2015

Louise Dudy
Patricia Schlaufman
Shirley Wever Berry
Marilyn Andreau
Shirley Noland
Lola Robinson
Dale Van Dorp
Frank Van Dorp
Beatrice Kocsis
Ronald Bushaw
Jacqueline Hayes
Natalie Nowak
Joan Huffmaster
Lola Robinson
John & Marie Linehan

Nina Powers
Justina Stokes
Theresa Dobry
Patricia Starzec
Terrence Klink
Theresa Borg
Janet Armstrong
Olexandra Pakula
Kristalia Mericas
Rose Brandolino
Thomas O'Connell
Harriet Walters
Marsha Klonowski
Edward & Margaret Tyllo

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES - 2015



Boy Scout Troop 1127 under the direction of Gary Tanner called out the names of deceased service members, rang a bell after each name was read, taps was played and the Dearborn Allied War Veterans Council Ritual Team paid tribute to those who served.



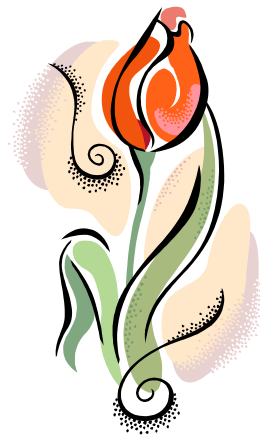
Eagle Scouts Support Mt. Kelly Cemetery

This past August, Mt. Kelly Cemetery benefited from an Eagle Scout Project. In order to obtain the rank of Eagle Scout, a scout must organize, plan, develop and lead a project that benefits the community. The project was led by Alex Greco and entailed lifting and washing grave stones. Twenty-five grave stones were listed and over two hundred stones were cleaned. This was a huge undertaking and everyone involved did a great job!

Assisting Alex in this endeavor were: Joe and Jill Greco, Christian Walters, Brendan and Cameron Godin, Agnes, Philip and Nick Tanner, Zane & Quinn Richards, Michael Grasiniski, Michael Divis, Matt Gaynor, Nolan and Gower Rande, Montana McCray, Joe Misovich, Nate Hensley-Alford.



*Alex Greco & Philip Tanner
Lifting Tombstones That Had Sunk*



Quinn Richards Washing Stones



TIME AND TALENT AT MT. KELLY

The Time and Talent Program at Sacred Heart has yielded some benefits to Mt. Kelly Cemetery. So far, this fall, John Dobry came over and cut down all the hosta and all the flowers that border the outside of the cemetery. John went down N. Elizabeth, Cherry Hill and N. Martha and cleaned up everything that he cut down.

Sharon Olshansky removed all the annuals and cut the sedum and trimmed some of the bushes.

Anyone who would like to volunteer to help out at Mt. Kelly can call the office and leave me a message.

We will have our annual cemetery clean up on Saturday, November 21st, beginning at 9 a.m. Please bring tarps, blowers, rakes and gloves.





REMINDER

Please do not put any Christmas decorations on gravesites until after Thanksgiving. This will give us an opportunity to clean the cemetery. If decorations are put on graves prior to our cleaning, they will be removed.

Please do not plant trees on gravesites for the holidays. Remember that the cemetery staff removes all decorations beginning in late February or early March, depending on the weather and if the ground has thawed. If at all possible, it would be very helpful if you put a grave blanket or a wreath on a gravesite, if you could also remove and dispose of it in February or March. As more and more graves are added to the cemetery, removing all the Christmas wreaths and blankets is becoming quite a chore.

Votive lights may be put out from November 1 until the first Sunday in December which is December 5th. this year. It is very important that the votive lights be removed as soon as possible because they become frozen in the ground and then are subject to being broken.

When in doubt, please contact me at 278-5555 ext. 111 or email me at cemetery@shparish.org

THANK YOU!!

Another grounds keeping summer season is ending and we need to thank those who keep the cemetery grounds in such good shape: Frank Abbate-sprinklers; Schilbe Tree Company for spraying and trimming the trees; Trybuski Landscaping for grass cutting; Nick Jankowski, Russ Lovelace, Alex Mosqueda, my co-workers who do all the ground maintenance (fertilizing/grub control/tree trimming/removal of leaves, planting grass), flower beds and stones.

***Elena Lovelace,
Mt. Kelly Cemetery Manager***

