



# All Saints Parish

*A Roman Catholic faith community on the coast of Maine  
We believe and we share.*

**St. John the Baptist (Brunswick) and St. Patrick (Newcastle)**

## Local Rules

(A complete set of Rules & Regulations for the Diocese can be found at [www.PortlandDiocese.org](http://www.PortlandDiocese.org))

**St. John the Baptist Cemetery** is located at the end of Pine Street adjacent to the Brunswick Executive Airport.

**St. Patrick's Cemetery** is located at 380 Academy Hill Road, Newcastle, Maine.

**All Saints Parish** cemeteries, including lots and graves, are the property of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland, Maine in trust to **All Saints Parish**. Their administration is the responsibility of **All Saints Parish**. When you buy a lot or grave, you buy a **burial right** in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations of the Catholic Church and the Diocese of Portland, Maine. All lot/graves **are with Perpetual Care**. Perpetual Care does not include the maintenance, or repair of Memorial, head stone or grave maker.

**Purchasing a Lot:** Please contact All Saints Parish Office, located at 132 McKean Street, Brunswick, Maine, which is open daily (Monday-Friday) from 8:00am to 4:00pm. For St. Patrick's Cemetery, purchases may also be made at St. Patrick's Church 380 Academy Hill Road, Newcastle on Fridays from 8:00am until 4:00pm. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the **Parish Office at 725-2624**.

**Opening Times:** The gates are open from mid-April to the first measurable snow or December 1<sup>st</sup>, whichever comes first. The Cemeteries are open from Sunrise to Sunset. Anyone found in the Cemeteries after Sunset without the written permission of the Cemetery management will be considered a trespasser and may be prosecuted.

**Burials:** Accordance with the Diocesan Rules (Article V,5-c), all caskets must be buried in a cement liner, cement box or vault, available through your funeral director.

**Internment Procedures:** Article V

**5-C:** "Cremation urns must be constructed of material deemed permanent and durable by the management, such as but not limited to, marble, granite, cast bronze. If any urn is not constructed of material deemed suitable by the management such as but not limited to, cardboard, wood, ceramic, glass, the urn must be placed in an outside container (vault) approved by the management. Some cemeteries may require outside (vaults) for all urns. Please check with management."

**5-G: Subsection 1:** The Cemetery management shall inter only complete cremated remains of a human body. No distribution, separation or co-mingling of remains shall be allowed.

Rules may vary somewhat from section to section within the Cemetery. Burial Right holders should check with the Cemetery Office before purchasing a monument or marker.

**Flat Stone area of St. John Cemetery** has been specifically designated for that purpose. Flat stone markers are in order for that section and shall not rise higher than the surrounding turf line. Flower pots or urns and flags are allowed as designated in the **Decorations and Flags** guidelines.

The Cemetery is a holy place and we want to make it respectable for all deceased. In an ongoing effort to improve maintenance practices and insure the continued quality and general appearance of the **All Saints Cemeteries**, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Portland and the All Saints Cemetery Committee have adopted the following Rules and regulations.

**Purpose of Cemetery:** Article II

2B: Family members or other non-cemetery employees are not allowed to dig graves unless approved by the Management.

2C: No pets or animals of any kind shall be allowed burial in a Catholic Cemetery.

**DECORATIONS AND FLAGS:** The following are articles that deal with the decorative policy: the placement of plantings, urns, baskets, flags, etc. and removal of rubbish.

**Maintenance of the Cemetery:** Regular maintenance of the Cemeteries takes place from mid-April to mid-November. This consists of mowing the grass; trimming around the stones; trimming decorative hedges; filling in sunken grounds; and reseeding of grass when necessary. A lawn service treats different parts of the Cemetery. Any and all complaints should be addressed to the Parish Office. The maintenance crew is not responsible for complaints about the cemetery grounds.

**Trees & Shrubs:** Trees and shrubs interfere with our ability to make burials. No such plantings are allowed. Any tree or shrub previously approved by the management is grandfathered but may not be replaced if removed. The management reserves the right to remove any such shrubberies or flowers when they are no longer appropriate to the dignity of the burial grounds.

**Decoration:** Memorial Day decorations are permitted **one week before and ending two weeks after** Memorial Day. All decorations allowed by the Rules and Regulations, both real and artificial, must be removed by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Any items left after October 1<sup>st</sup> will be disposed of by the Cemetery personnel. Christmas decorations will be permitted beginning November 15<sup>th</sup> and ending no later than the closing of the cemetery. Funeral flowers may be left on the grave for a period not to exceed one week after the funeral. At the discretion of the Management, however, they may be removed sooner if they become unsightly.

**11-E Lawns:** Lawns shall not be obstructed by any planting or decoration. **No plantings are permitted anywhere in the cemetery except in any designated areas approved by the Management.**

**11-G Urns and Flower Vases:** Placement of approved urns, vases, baskets, boxes or potted plants is restricted to the following locations: one item on either end of the main above-ground monument only. Above items may be placed in front of the monument if no plantings already exist. In the event there is no above ground monument on the lot, one of the items described above may be placed where the above ground monument would be located, so as not to obstruct mowing operations. Any artificial decorations must be approved and placed in approved containers in the above said location.

**11-H Ornaments:** The use of shells, crushed or bleached stones, lawn ornaments, glass containers, vigil or perpetual lights, shepherds crooks and tin cans is strictly prohibited. No lawn ornaments of any kind as defined by the Management shall be allowed. The Management reserves the right to remove without notice any planting or object that is in violation of these regulations, or in the opinion of the Management, is a hazard to its employees or injurious to the general appearance of the cemetery.

**11-I Flags:** Flags may be placed on lots beginning **one week before Memorial Day through Flag Day, June 14.** All flags must be placed next to the main above-ground monument. No flag may be placed next to any individual markers, flushed or raised. Exceptions may be made in flush marker sections and on graves with no monument privileges.

**12-B Rubbish:** Throwing of rubbish on roads, driveways, paths, walks, or any part of the grounds of any cemetery is prohibited. All rubbish (including organic) must be removed from the cemetery by those generating the rubbish.

**ALL DOGS MUST BE LEASHED AND DROPPINGS PICKED UP.**

The above Rules & Regulations were promulgated with the assistance of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland and are consistent with Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland Cemetery regulations and those of the Maine Association of Cemeteries, for the proper upkeep and administration of burial grounds for our faithful departed. Your cooperation in these matters is of utmost importance for the proper and most respectful administration of the Holy Grounds where we bury our loved ones.

**The Management appreciates your understanding and anticipates your full cooperation.**

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