

WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THE COLUMBARIUM?

The Columbarium is managed under the leadership of the Pastor of St. Jude Catholic Church with the assistance of the Columbarium Administrator.

HOW MANY NICHES ARE THERE?

Each Columbarium structure has between 64 and 80 niches; each with the capacity to hold up to two provided urns.

WHO DO I CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION?

You may call the church office at 540-639-5341 to be put in touch with the Columbarium Administrator.



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THE ST. JUDE COLUMBARIUM GARDEN



WHAT IS A COLUMBARIUM?

The original early Roman use of the word “Columbarium” simply referred to a nesting place for doves. After Christians relegated to Rome’s catacombs began using cliff-side niches to seal away ashes of the deceased faithful, the term took on its present meaning as a permanent structure designed to inter urns containing cremated human remains.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF A COLUMBARIUM?

A Spiritual Site for Final Repose

It affords individuals the opportunity to select their final resting place and have a comfortable place for remembrance and prayer.

Simplicity of Arrangements

It provides a place for interment near the church, eliminating the need to coordinate multiple funeral services at both a cemetery and the church

Substantial Financial Savings

The combined cost of a columbarium niche and cremation are less than the cost of a casket, burial site and gravestone.

WHO MAY BE INURNED IN THE COLUMBARIUM?

Inurnment (interment of cremation remains) in the Columbarium Garden can be purchased for past and present members of St. Jude Catholic Church and their family. Non-members of our church may also apply to purchase a niche at the discretion of St. Jude Catholic Church.

WHO WILL DO THE INURNMENT?

No inurnment of cremated remains may take place without the permission of the Pastor of St. Jude Catholic Church. Inurnment of cremated remains shall be made only in the provided urn, which is included in the pricing. The St. Jude Pastor will have complete authority for all religious committal services

WHERE IS THE COLUMBARIUM LOCATED?

The Columbarium is located next to the west parking lot behind St. Jude Catholic Church in Radford, less than two miles north of Interstate 81.

HOW MUCH WILL A NICHE COST?

The price of a single or double person niche includes the urn(s), the engraving of the nameplate, and the upkeep of the Columbarium.

WHEN MAY LOVED ONES VISIT?

The Columbarium is located outdoors, and you may visit at any time.

MAY I SELECT THE NICHE LOCATION I WANT?

Niche locations will be assigned by the Columbarium Administrator in accordance with the desires of each applicant on a first-come, first-served basis.

HOW MAY I PURCHASE A NICHE?

Application forms are available in the church office and on our website.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I PURCHASE A NICHE AND LATER, DECIDE NOT TO USE IT?

The Columbarium Committee will review all requests to sell, transfer, or bequest and make a recommendation to the Pastor. The niche cannot be resold to anyone other than St. Jude Catholic Church.

WHAT IF I HAVE MADE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS?

Contact the facility with which those arrangements were made to learn how they might be terminated. Often it is possible to sell the space back to the cemetery or mausoleum.

