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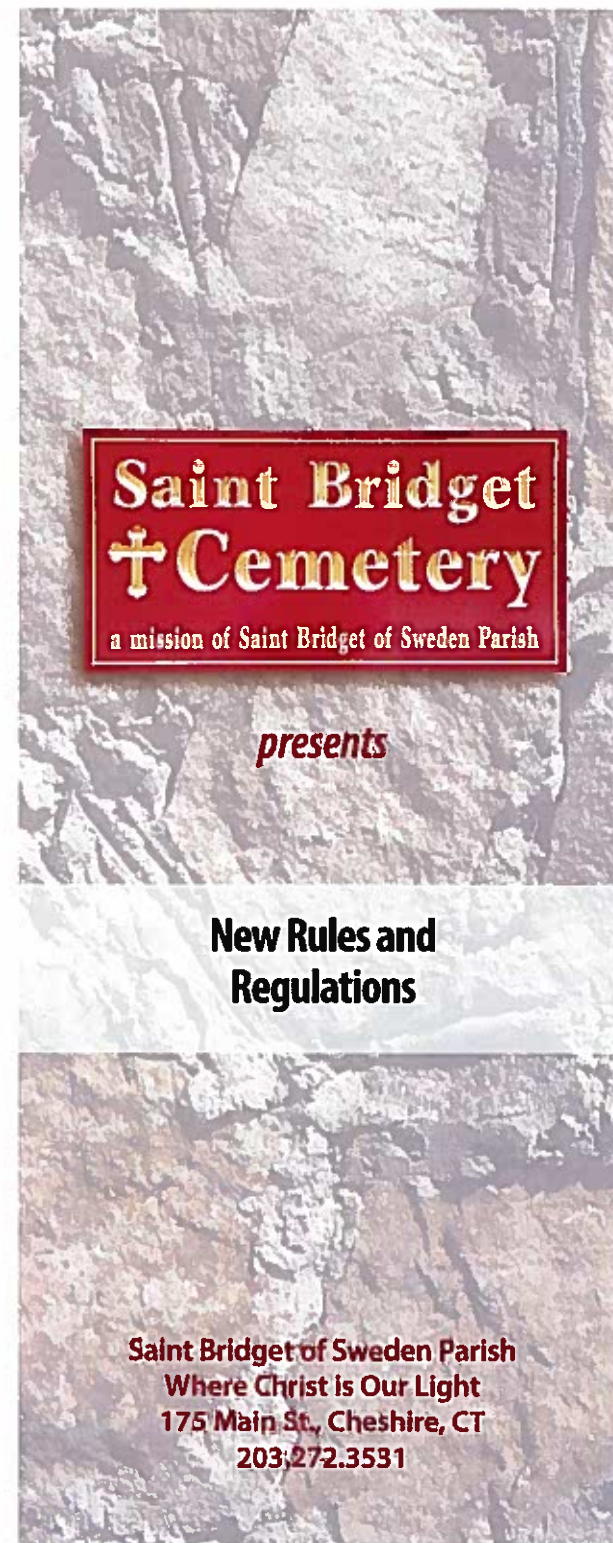
*Welcome* to Saint Bridget Cemetery,  
a mission of Saint Bridget of Sweden Parish.

We present, to you, these updated rules and regulations for Saint Bridget Cemetery in an effort to ensure that our cemetery remains a holy place of prayer and remembrance. These rules and regulations will help to maintain a clean and well-kept resting place for our loved ones and for the thousands of people who visit each year. We thank you in advance for your cooperation as these updated rules and regulations are implemented beginning May 15, 2021.

Knowing of our mutual desire to have a well-kept cemetery, the following are applicable regulations. Cemeteries, like homes and neighborhoods, can be beautiful and attractive or cluttered and untidy. **Only by your cooperation and adherence to these rules and by our strict enforcement can we attain a common goal.** What may be attractive to one may not be attractive to another. **Please do not ask for exceptions.** The Cemetery Board has established fair and reasonable rules and regulations in conjunction with the Catholic Cemetery Association of the Archdiocese of Hartford. These rules exist to protect the conscientious lot owner and preserve the beauty of the grounds. They are essential for the cemetery to remain attractive and well maintained without placing unfair financial burdens on our families. Rules and regulations are subject to change. Any conflict between rules and regulations previously adopted and their current counterparts shall be resolved in favor of the current rules and regulations. Removal and disposal of decorations is an ever-increasing operating expense without any source of revenue. Environmental controls do not permit burning, so all debris must be hauled away from the cemetery. Mowing and trimming expenses are greatly increased by decorations. We ask you to not over decorate, both for aesthetic reasons and to help keep maintenance and disposal costs within reason. It is not necessary that graves be decorated at all times. Thousands of people visit the cemetery yearly. It is therefore very difficult to control the activity of every visitor. We regret we cannot guarantee decorations will remain free from damage or disappearance.

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**New Rules and  
Regulations**

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## SUMMER REGULATIONS

1. **Summer Decorations** are permitted from April 16th to November 19th
2. **Placement of Decorations**
  - a. **Flush Marker Lots**
    - i. Planting of flowers is prohibited.
    - ii. Natural Cut Flowers permitted when placed in vases. *These vases are used to commemorate special occasions such as anniversaries, birthday, etc. They are not for continuous use. Vases are strictly for cut flowers and not potted plants. Flowers should be removed within 7 days of the occasion.*
    - iii. Only one Vase is allowed on a grave (additional containers will be removed)
    - iv. Government Marker (Veteran Stones) must be placed right above the Flush Marker butted against the stone. Markers are not to be moved.
    - v. Flag holders are acceptable and must be placed as close to the stone as possible.
  - b. **Upright Monument Lots**
    - i. Planting of flowers is permitted within a 14" area in front of the burial side of the monument for front-side-only burial monuments.
    - ii. Planting of flowers is permitted within a 14" area surrounding the monument for front-and-rear burial monuments.
    - iii. Side decorations, such as banners, are not permitted.
    - iv. Decorations are limited to one per grave.

- v. Plantings require regular maintenance and upkeep by the plot owner/family/responsible party
- vi. Plantings not maintained will be removed.
- vii. Natural Cut Flowers permitted when placed in vases. *These vases are used to commemorate special occasions such as anniversaries, birthday, etc.) They are not for continuous use. Vases are strictly for cut flowers and not potted plants. Flowers should be removed within 7 days of the occasion.*

- viii. Stone outlines are acceptable provided they are seated in the ground and not free standing. Outer circumference should not exceed 14" from the monument stone. Plastic borders are not acceptable.

3. **Potted plants and flower boxes** are allowed only during the 10 day period following Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday, Mother's Day, Father's Day, and Memorial Day.

- a. Potted plants dug into the soil outside the approved area will be removed.

4. **New Shrubbery** – No new shrubbery is allowed. Existing shrubs not within regulations will be removed by the Cemetery Staff as needed. Shrubs should not exceed the height of the monument.

5. **Prohibited** – Concrete products, metal urns, and articles such as glass jars, plastic items, balloons, chimes, pumpkins, figurines, paving stones, and small memorabilia items.

6. **Cemetery rubbish containers** are provided throughout the cemetery for brush and rubbish. No dumping of brush or rubbish is allowed on the cemetery property or over fences.

7. **Please do not park or drive on the grass.**

## WINTER REGULATIONS

1. **Winter Decorations** – are permitted from November 20th to April 15th. Decorations may consist of wreaths, artificial flowers or boughs of evergreens placed in a flower box, or Monument Logs. No decoration can exceed 14" in length, width, or height.

2. **Placement of Decorations**

a. **Flush Marker Lots** – decorations are confined to a 14" area in front of the burial marker.

b. **Upright Monument Lots**

i. Decorations are confined to a 14" area in front of the burial side of the monument for front-side-only burial monuments.

ii. Decorations are confined to a 14" area in front and a 14" a in back for front-and-rear burial monuments.

iii. Side decorations, such as banners, are not permitted.

iv. Decorations are limited to one per grave.

3. **Removal of Winter Decorations** – All Decorations must be removed and disposed of by April 15th. All decorations will be disposed of after April 15th at the earliest opportunity as weather permits.

4. **Prohibited** – Grave blankets, concrete products, metal urns, and articles such as glass jars, plastic items, balloons, chimes, pumpkins, figurines, paving stones, Christmas trees and small memorabilia items.

5. **Palm Sunday/Easter** – Artificial flowers and/or Palms may be used, but must be removed within one month of Easter Sunday.

6. **Cemetery rubbish containers** are for cut flowers only and not for disposal of winter decorations. No dumping of brush or rubbish is allowed on the cemetery property or over fences.

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