

**St. Thomas of Villanova Cemetery
Topsail, Conception Bay South
General Regulations**

Please Note: The following regulations are effective as of 4 May 2015.

1. Availability of Plots

- a. There are a limited number of plots available in this cemetery. St. Thomas of Villanova Parish endeavors to use all available space in the most respectful and efficient manner.
- b. Plots are available to parishioners of St. Thomas of Villanova Parish in Conception Bay South and Holy Family Parish in Paradise.
- c. Plots are not available to those of other parishes or religions.
- d. Plots are available only when a death occurs. Reserve plots are not available. In the case of married couples, the adjacent single plot may be reserved for the surviving spouse.

2. Cost of Plots

- a. The cost of plots is paid to the funeral home at the time of funeral arrangements.
- b. The cost of plots does not include the opening and closing of the grave. (See Section 3.)
- c. The maximum number of burials in a standard single plot is one traditional and/or four cremations. If the first burial in the plot is a cremation, then there may not be room to open the plot for a traditional burial later.
- d. Costs for parishioners of St. Thomas of Villanova Parish
 - i. Traditional Burial
 - Single Plot (approximately 4 ft. x 8 ft.) \$500
 - Double Plot (approximately 8 ft. x 8 ft.) \$1,000
 - ii. Burial of Ashes
 - Single Plot (approximately 4 ft. x 4 ft.) \$250
 - Double Plot (approximately 4 ft. x 4 ft.) \$350
 - Double Plot (approximately 4 ft. x 8 ft.) \$500
- e. Costs for parishioners of Holy Family Parish
 - i. Traditional Burial
 - Single Plot (approximately 4 ft. x 8 ft.) \$1,100
 - Double Plot (approximately 8 ft. x 8 ft.) \$2,200
 - ii. Burial of Ashes
 - Single Plot (approximately 4 ft. x 4 ft.) \$550
 - Double Plot (approximately 4 ft. x 4 ft.) \$650
 - Double Plot (approximately 4 ft. x 8 ft.) \$1,100
- f. Burial of Ashes in an existing plot (both parishes) \$100

3. Opening and Closing of Plots

- a. The opening and closing costs are not included in the purchase of plots.
- b. The opening and closing of all graves, for both traditional burials and burial of ashes, will be done by the cemetery's contractor. No other contractor or persons will be permitted to do this work.
- c. The cost for the opening and closing is paid to the funeral home at the time of funeral arrangements. Information on costs for opening and closing is available at the funeral home.

4. Cemetery Maintenance

- a. Perpetual care is not provided in this cemetery. Families are responsible for their plots.
- b. The cemetery committee will have the grass cut approximately 10 times from May to October. Trimming around headstones and markers will also be done at this time.
- c. Objects and items that prevent mowing may be removed and disposed of.
- d. Flowers and objects near headstones may prevent trimming.
- e. A limited number of plots will be repaired each spring at the discretion of the cemetery committee. (approximately 5 – 8 plots)
- f. Fences and gates will be repaired and maintained as budgets allow.
- g. The driveway will be resurfaced and maintained as budgets allow.
- h. Snow clearing of the driveway will be done before funerals. Otherwise the snow will not be cleared in the cemetery during the winter.
- i. Personal safety hazards may exist despite regular summer maintenance. Visitors enter the cemetery at their own risk and should exercise caution at all times.
- j. Pets are not permitted in the cemetery.

5. Regulations for Plots

- a. No walls, frames, or fences are permitted around plots. This includes concrete, wood, metal, plastic or other materials.
- b. Stone, metal, concrete, or carpet materials are not permitted as surfaces on plots. Grass is the only surface permitted.
- c. Flowers can be planted or placed in containers on plots but only at a distance of no more than 12 inches from the headstone or marker. Shrubs and trees are not permitted.
- d. Solar lights, ornaments and other objects must be placed within 12 inches of the headstone or marker. Excessive use of solar lights, ornaments and other objects is discouraged.
- e. No seating, structures, trees, shrubs, or other installations are permitted on plots.
- f. Seating, trees, shrubs and other items may be donated to the cemetery by means of a monetary donation through the St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Office. (See Section 7)
- g. Old vegetation, plastic flowers and other garbage must be disposed of in the garbage containers located around the cemetery.
- h. Steel or concrete vaults can only be used if they can be installed safely and without damage to other plots. Vault handling equipment cannot travel over other burial plots.

6. Parking

- a. There is a limited amount of space for parking in the cemetery due to the fact that the lower section of the cemetery is now being used for burials.
- b. Parking at funerals and for the annual cemetery mass will, therefore, be severely limited and will require most drivers to park on Topsail Road.

7. Donations

- a. Donations to the cemetery are welcome and can be made to St. Thomas of Villanova Parish.
- b. Monetary donations to the cemetery can be used for specific items such as benches, trees, etc. or for general maintenance and upkeep.

8. Contact

- a. For further information or inquiries please contact the St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Office at 834-9481 or villanovaparish@nl.rogers.com