



Bronze faceplate detail

St. John's columbarium has a capacity of 136 niches, with bronze faceplates. The alcove surrounding it echoes the carved wood details in the church. The original altar rail separates the columbarium from the rest of the chapel and accommodates a kneeling space along its width. The sides of the columbarium will be finished with wood panels and trim.

The memorial garden, outside the church, is reached through the columbarium and chapel in the South Transept. The ashes of those who have passed are scattered and mixed with the soil. A memorial plaque with the names of those buried in the garden is located to the right of the door leading outside.

The columbarium and memorial garden are for the use of members or non-members of St. John's Episcopal Church.

For more information, please call (585) 394-4818.



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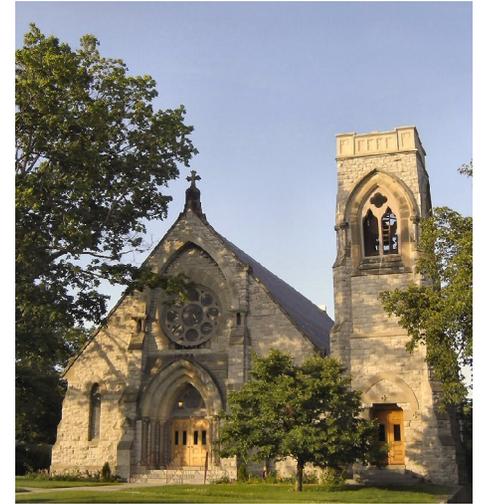
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The Columbarium & Memorial Garden



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St. John's columbarium provides a focus for our journey into death and resurrection, as well as a place where those who grieve can find comfort. Interment within the confines of the house of worship is not only a telling witness to the faith and hope of those who have died, but also an ever present reminder, as the Psalmist says, that we are dust but God's love will last forever.

Christian interment within the church

- From earliest times, Christians have buried their dead in crypts, church yards, and chapels within the church.
- The solemn interment of the remains of a loved one in a columbarium is in complete keeping with our confidence in our resurrection through faith in Jesus Christ.
- Burial within the church allows all members of the Christian communion to gather in loving remembrance and to strengthen the bond between the living and the dead.
- Even in death, the burial of members of the church is a witness to their faith in the communion of saints, living and dead.
- If the parish is the center of life through baptism, confirmation, the Eucharist, and marriage, then death and burial should also be an integral part.

Christian traditional practice of cremation

- As Christians, we regard burning as a properly reverent way of disposing of objects which have been blessed for religious use, e.g. prayer books, altar linens, etc. If it is appropriate to burn what has been set apart and used to the glory of God, how much more so, is it appropriate to cremate the human body and to inter the remains in a receptacle housed in a columbarium. The Christian Church regards cremation as a fitting and appropriate way to dispose of our earthly remains.

Spiritual advantages of cremation

- It is comforting to know that the ashes of our dear ones will be placed in a columbarium in a church consecrated to the worship and service of God.
- In our columbarium, the names of those interred in the niches will remind us to pray for the souls of the faithful departed.
- The columbarium allows present members of the church to make important decisions about the disposal of their earthly remains.
- Members are secure in the knowledge that no great financial burden will be placed on their families after their death.

St. John's Columbarium

Each niche will provide the person's legal name and dates of birth and death. These will be inscribed in a uniform size and font on the face of a nameplate.

A columbarium directory listing the names and locations of all subscribers as well as actual interments will be kept by the church.

The columbarium will be perpetually managed by church staff and by the Columbarium Ministry.

The cost to subscribe (you cannot buy a piece of the church) is \$600 for members of St. John's and \$800 for non-members.

One half of the cost is to be paid upon reservation of the niche. The remainder is due within a year.

St. John's Memorial Garden

The cost for burial of ashes in the Memorial Garden is \$200 for members of St. John's and \$400 for non-members.

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The cost of the columbarium and memorial garden will be self-supported from the revenues generated.