

Most Holy Trinity Church  
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November 1, 2008  
Solemnity of All Saints

Dear Parishioner,

*The souls of the just are in the hand of God,  
and no torment shall touch them.  
They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead;  
and their passing away was thought an affliction  
and their going forth from us, utter destruction,  
But they are in peace.*

Wisdom 3:1-3.

The souls of our beloved deceased relatives and friends are at peace.... The beautiful and serene Holy Cross Cemetery in which we bury their hallowed remains contributes to this peacefulness. We continue to make every effort to update, improve, and enhance our Cemetery operations and appearance. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of our most recent efforts in this area and to request your cooperation.

In the Spring, 2005, I communicated the need to revise our cemetery fees after a review of the fees imposed by the Borough of Huntingdon for Riverview Cemetery and Huntingdon Memorial Gardens. Since that time, our fees have been comparable with those of the Borough and our financial situation has been better. However, the manner in which we process burials and maintain our records still varies considerably from that of the Borough.

The Borough of Huntingdon requires that any one who wishes to bury a loved one in Riverview Cemetery must supply a Burial Privilege Certificate (Deed) for the grave in which s/he wishes the deceased to be buried. Without this Burial Privilege Certificate (Deed), no one is permitted to be interred. However, the majority of those who have requested that their deceased loved ones be buried in Holy Cross Cemetery recently have not supplied a Burial Privilege Certificate (Deed) prior to their loved one's burial. In order to maintain accurate records, we must begin to follow the policy of the Borough.

Therefore, after consultation with the Finance Council and the Holy Cross Cemetery Committee, I wish to propose a solution to this problem. Beginning on the Feast of All Souls, November 2, 2008 and continuing through the Solemnity of All Saints, November 1, 2009, Holy Cross Cemetery will conduct a "Records Information / Verification Project." The purpose of this project will be to verify the holder of each plot and grave at Holy Cross Cemetery and to identify all of the deceased who are currently buried at Holy Cross Cemetery. The task will culminate in the reissuing of Burial Privilege Certificates to all those who qualify. This is an immense project since our Cemetery, like our Parish, is almost 200 years old!!

### Records Information / Verification Process

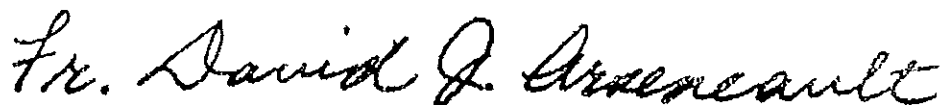
- Those individuals who have access to their old Burial Privilege Certificates (Deeds) are asked to bring them into the office between November 2, 2008 and November 1, 2009. Annette and/or Sister Sue will make a copy of old Burial Privilege Certificates (Deeds) and return them to you immediately. You will also be asked to complete a form **Interred Identification Form** (enclosed), where you will identify any individuals who are already buried in the graves identified on your Burial Privilege Certificate (Deed) noting if the remains are cremated. After the staff, Holy Cross Cemetery Committee members, and Finance Council members review and verify these data, a new Burial Privilege Certificate will be issued.
- Those individuals who are unable to supply their Burial Privilege Certificates (Deeds) for any reason will be asked to complete a second form, **Request to Research a Missing Burial Privilege Certificate** (enclosed). *Please note that you may be asked to have this request notarized!!* The staff, Holy Cross Cemetery Committee members, and Finance Council members will also review these data and forms, and once the request is verified, a new Burial Privilege Certificate will be issued.

There will be no fee for this verification process during the time indicated above. However, after November 1, 2009, a \$50.00 fee will be assessed for any one who has not submitted an old Burial Privilege Certificate (Deed) or filed a **Request to Research a Missing Burial Privilege Certificate**. We will begin to request that a Burial Privilege Certificate (Deed), either old or new, be supplied prior to the day of burial beginning immediately. I have contacted the local funeral directors and have communicated this directive to them.

The time to take care of this problem is now, not when a loved one dies. I strongly urge you to locate your old Burial Privilege Certificates (Deeds) as soon as possible. I also encourage you to forward this information to any relative and/or acquaintance you may know who also may have a Burial Privilege Certificate (Deed) for Holy Cross Cemetery. Although our by-laws state that it is "the duty of the plot holder to notify the Management of any changes in his or her postal address," this has not been faithfully followed by many plot holders. Should you have the address of any individual who may be a plot holder, please contact our secretary, Annette, and she will gladly forward a copy of this letter to him/her.

I am most grateful to you for your prompt attention to this matter and your cooperation in assuring that our cemetery records information is verified, complete and current.

Sincerely,



Father David J. Arseneault  
Pastor

October 29, 2008

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**Holy Cross Cemetery  
Request to Research a Missing  
Burial Privilege Certificate.**

**Requestee's Information:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Relationship to Original Plot Holder \_\_\_\_\_

**Original Plot Holder's Information:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Holy Cross Cemetery:**

**Section** \_\_\_\_\_ **Plot** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grave(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Purchase of Grave(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Information:**

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Holy Cross Cemetery  
Interred Information Form

**EXAMPLE:**

Name The Trinity Family

Section Q Plot 25

Please indicate who is buried (or is to be buried) in each grave. Where possible, please include the date of death.

Please indicate that the remains are cremated by including (CR) after the name of the deceased.

Please note that the use of a "+" following an individual's name indicates that the individual is deceased.

Grave A

Joseph Trinity + 1953
James Trinity + (CR) 1964

Grave B

Mary Trinity + 1961
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Grave C

John Trinity
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Grave D

Ann Trinity
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Please note that the use of a "+" following an individual's name indicates that the individual is deceased. Joseph and Mary Trinity died in 1953 and 1961 respectively, John and Ann Trinity are alive. James Trinity died in 1964 and his remains were cremated (CR).

**TO BE COMPLETED BY BURIAL PRIVILEGE CERTIFICATE HOLDER:**

Please indicate who is buried (or is to be buried) in each grave. Where possible, please include the date of death.

Please indicate that the remains are cremated by including (CR) after the name of the deceased.

Please note that the use of a "+" following an individual's name indicates that the individual is deceased.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Section \_\_\_\_\_

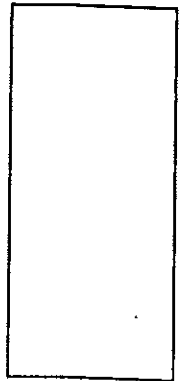
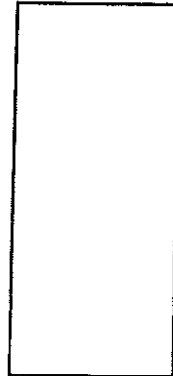
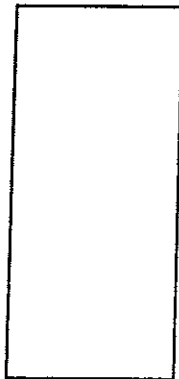
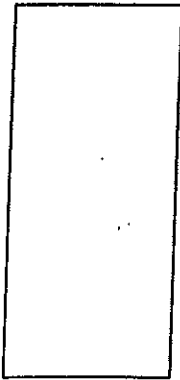
Plot \_\_\_\_\_

Grave A

Grave B

Grave C

Grave D



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Section \_\_\_\_\_

Plot \_\_\_\_\_

Grave A

Grave B

Grave C

Grave D

