

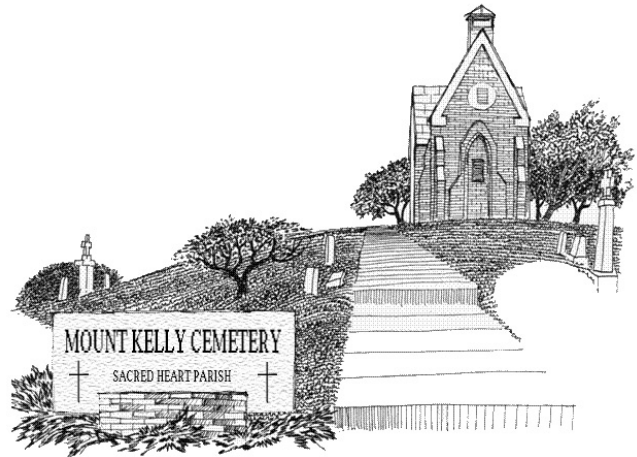
Mount Kelly Cemetery Newsletter

Spring-Summer, 2011

“Eternal Rest Grant unto Them O Lord”

My Dear Friends in Christ Risen!

As I write these words, we find ourselves in the throws of Lent. I know that I speak for our entire pastoral staff and parish family in stating how honored we feel to be able to provide such a beautiful setting within which to remember our beloved deceased at Mt. Kelly Cemetery.



Lent is a time that calls us to become introspective. We all know well of our own immortality and the inevitability of death. Still, as believers in Christ Risen, we make our way through life looking forward to the day when the Lord will call all to His side. The world will be renewed completely on the great day of His return. Moreover, He has assured us of the inheritance of everlasting life by His own dying and rising from the dead. Easter will find the community of believers gathering again in the dark of night to proclaim boldly to the world that, “He is risen; indeed He is risen!”

Until that time comes, we strive to remain faithful to our baptismal promises. On Easter Sunday we will be asked to renew those promises. As you do so, recall the gift of your own baptism. Remember that through baptism, we have been incorporated into the Body of Christ. As the Body of Christ, we approach death not so much with fear as much as with confidence and the conviction of our own faith.

Mt. Kelly is a place of peace, serenity and rest. I want to thank the staff of the cemetery for working so diligently in providing such a space wherein we remember those who have gone before us. If you get a chance, especially as Easter and spring approach, perhaps you might stop by and utter a few words of prayer.

In the mean time, have a most holy and blessed Lent. May your Lenten observance and sacrifices bring you to an Easter of ever greater joy and confidence in the Lord of Life!

In His Holy Name,

Fr. Peter Petroske
Pastor

CEMETERY NEWS

Once again the Boy Scouts and the CYO came to the rescue this past November. Entire families showed up at the cemetery around 10 am and did not leave until after 3 pm. They raked the leaves into the streets surrounding Mount Kelly. We are very thankful to all the people that show up every year to help us. Brent Richards contacts Boy Scout Troop 1127, Joe Caruso contacts the CYO for us and Julie Milkie has for the second year in a row asked the Confirmation Class to help out.

These young people are a big part of why the cemetery looks so clean and is ready for the Christmas season and the delivery of the grave blankets and Christmas wreaths.

THANK YOU ALL!!!



Mikey Divis and Dominic Meszaros

CEMETERY NEWS

If you have a chance to walk through Mt. Kelly, please make a point of stopping and reading our twelve section signs. Each sign tells a story of a saint's life or the history of the cemetery.

When the convent was demolished some reliefs were removed from the outside of the building. We are currently looking at putting one of the limestone reliefs in the cemetery. Hopefully it will be put up sometime this summer for all to enjoy.



Also, keep your eyes on the hill at Martha and Cherry Hill. Last fall Sharon Snider helped to plant 300 daffodils and 200 scilla. We are anxiously awaiting the time when they will bloom.

MEMORIAL GIFT OPPORTUNITIES

You may be interested in an opportunity to memorialize your loved one with a donation towards a specific item. Currently we are looking at putting back into the Chapel some stained glass windows that were originally there. In talking to stained glass artists, the best thing to do is to put in reproductions as the original are too far gone to be repaired. If anyone is interested

in donating towards these windows, please contact the Cemetery Office and leave a message for Elaine Lovelace and I will get back with you.
313.278.5555 x111

BEQUESTS TO MT. KELLY CEMETERY

For some donors, giving to Mt. Kelly Cemetery through their will is an excellent way of leaving a lasting legacy of Christian stewardship that will benefit the cemetery. Setting up a bequest is fairly simple. You can make a bequest by including the following in your will:

"I, (name), of (city, state, ZIP), give, devise and bequeath to Mount Kelly Cemetery the rest, residue and remainder of my estate (or you may state a percentage, exact amount or a description of property) for its unrestricted use and purpose."

It is also possible to state that you desire the amount to be deposited in either the Perpetual Care Fund or for the annual upkeep of the cemetery.



MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

In the past, a small service was held on Memorial Day. Last year we tried something different. The Boy Scouts were invited into the cemetery along with a Ritual Team. Taps was played, a gun volley followed and the names of the veterans buried at Mt. Kelly were called out. We had hoped to make this a Sunday before Memorial Day event every year.

Although the Scouts had volunteered to plan, organize and host this tribute on the Sunday preceding Memorial Day each year, events and obligations beyond their control will not allow the Dearborn Allied War Veterans Council Ritual Team to attend on Sunday. This year is the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War and as such there will be an event on Sunday, May 29th to pay tribute to the 70 plus men from Dearborn who lost their lives in the service of our nation as well as all Vietnam Veterans from around the state. The Ritual Team was extremely touched and inspired by the service performed by the scouts last year and very much would like to be a part of this year's event.

The tribute planned by our scouts includes the rendering of full military honors. This includes the ritual ceremonies of the reading of the deceased Veterans names followed by the single toll of a bell, the presentation of Remembrance Poppies harkening back to the Flander's Field where following the end of WWI, Red Poppies sprouted from the war ravaged battlefields as if to signify the blood that was shed there in the name of peace, the laying of a wreath honoring our fallen comrades, the presentation of the folded flag as a tribute to their devoted service to our nation, the traditional "Three Rifle Volley" that dates back to the Civil War. Often times the two sides would call for a cease fire to claim the bodies of the dead and wounded and once completed the Three Rifle Volleys would be fired over the battlefield signifying that the field was clear and finally the Bittersweet sound of Taps

played signifying that their duty is at an end and their souls will rest in the eternal peace they fought so hard to preserve.

Our Dearborn Allied War Veteran Ritual Team will only be available this year on Saturday evening due to the once in a lifetime 50th Anniversary events paying tribute to our Vietnam Veterans.

We understand that changing the dates may cause some confusion or personal inconvenience however, I'm sure you will understand and agree with me that on this Memorial Day Weekend, the Tribute to these Veterans must come before our own discontent. These brave men and women deserve nothing less than the finest tribute we can offer and to do that we must hold this year's event following the 4:00pm mass at Sacred Heart on Saturday May 28th. After Mass we will gather in the cemetery and hold the service.

Please know that we will always make every effort to plan this long overdue annual tribute to our Mount Kelly Veterans on the same day each year which will be the Sunday preceding each Memorial Day.

Thank you for your compassionate understanding of this one-time schedule change.

Sincerely,
Gary Tanner
Scoutmaster & Past Commander of the
Dearborn Allied War Veteran Council
Boy Scout Troop 1127 - Sacred Heart
Mahican District – Great Lakes Council -
BSA

MEMORIAL REGULATIONS

Cemetery policy is that all burials are to be memorialized within six months following an interment. A marker or monument is to be placed on the gravesite. The individual's next of kin are responsible to obtain a marker. For existing graves with a marker, the date of death must be etched into the marker within six months.

MT. KELLY'S FLAG POLICY

Flags and Legion emblems may be placed on graves only on Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day (November 11th). They may be placed three (3) days prior to the holiday and will be removed three (3) days after the holiday. The Boy Scouts will be placing flags on veteran's graves for the Memorial Day weekend. The use of flag ornamentation is governed by the policy of the Federal Government. The Cemetery Administration places flags on veteran graves.

WEBSITE

Mt. Kelly is now online with its own website. You can find us at:

www.dearbornsacredheart.org.

Look in the left side margin and you will see the Mt. Kelly Cemetery link. Click on it and our cemetery site will open up for you.



EMAILING NEWSLETTER

We would like to start sending the cemetery newsletter via email in order to save time, postage and paper. This and all other cemetery newsletters will be found on our website in the future. If you would like to receive your newsletter via email instead of the U.S. Mail, please send your name and your email address to:

cemetery@shparish.org.



If you would like to make a gift to support the upkeep of Mt. Kelly Cemetery, please make checks payable to Mt. Kelly Cemetery, tear or print this page off, add your check and drop it in the offertory basket at mass or at the parish office.

Thank you for your support!

UPKEEP GIFT FOR MT. KELLY CEMETERY

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip. _____