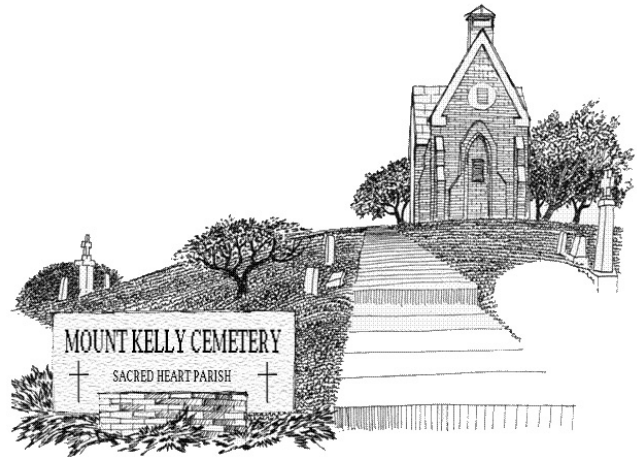


# Mount Kelly Cemetery

## Newsletter

Winter, 2010



Dear Friends of Mt. Kelly

The beautiful season of fall is upon us. The cemetery takes on an entirely different appearance with the fall colors ablaze! The turning of the leaves and their eventual journey toward the earth remind us of the cycle of life of which we are all a part, i.e. life and death.

Our cemetery board of trustees recently met at the cemetery for our scheduled meeting. The meeting there offered us an opportunity to tour the cemetery and survey all that has taken place to help beautify and maintain the property. I was moved to know of the generosity of a number of individuals who had provided funding for the section markers. Each is dedicated to a particular saint and placed in memory of families and individuals. They serve as a fine addition to what is already a cemetery of beauty and tranquility.

Another fine improvement to the cemetery was the return of Fr. Kelly's tombstone to the chapel in the cemetery which houses his remains. A glass door has been installed so that folks can actually view the stone. It is placed at the foot of the small altar structure and directly over his remains. Prior to the stone being placed there, it had been in the parish museum. When the museum was dismantled it found its way into a garage. The chapel/mausoleum appears to be a far more appropriate setting for the stone. "Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and may Thy perpetual light shine upon him."

Special thanks to our cemetery director/manager, Elena Lovelace for her hard work and dedication in maintaining and beautifying the property. We are truly blessed to have her on board.

I would like to take this opportunity to mention our annual **Evening of Remembrance being held this year on Sunday the 7th of November at 6:00 p.m.** At that special service of prayer, we remember all the deceased from the past year who were buried through Sacred Heart Parish. If you would like to share in this prayer, please feel free to do so. Of course, a number of the deceased from Sacred Heart were buried in our own Mt. Kelly Cemetery.

As fall progresses and winter settles in, know of our gratitude for all who so love and support the cemetery. We honor our dearly beloved and trust in God's mercy and compassion as we commend them to the God Who gave them life.

Let us keep one another in prayer.

Fr. Peter Petroske, Pastor



## CEMETERY NEWS

Over the past few months there have been many changes made at the cemetery.

We now have signs on both pedestrian gates that say enter and exit. This was done because it is difficult to tell the gates from the fence.

There are also section signs throughout the cemetery. These signs aid the visitors in determining which section they are in along with a history lesson. Each sign either tells the story of the saint the section is named for or a history lesson on the cemetery and how it came to be.

Please note that on the signs you will see what rows are in each section. These row numbers coincide with yellow circular "lot numbers" that are in the ground. Hopefully, between the signs and the numbers in the ground, visitors will be able to find the areas they are seeking.

The chapel door now has safety glass inserted so that you can always see what is inside the chapel.

Thanks to Fr. Peter we can count Fr. Patrick O'Kelly's tombstone once again as part of the cemetery. Many years ago the stone had been removed and eventually ended up stored in the convent. With the demolition of the convent the stone needed a new home. It now sits over Fr. O'Kelly's resting place.

Universal Cement Company replaced some of the sidewalks and driveways this past spring at the cemetery.

Tybulski Landscaping has been cutting, edging and trimming around stones in the cemetery this year. They cut the grass every Wednesday. Tybulski also cuts the cemetery at St. Alphonsus. They are doing a really fine job and we are fortunate to have gotten them to care for Mt. Kelly.

For many years we have had a small service at the cemetery right on Memorial Day. This year we wanted to make the Memorial Day tribute a little more special with emphasis on the veteran. With that in mind we were able to get Veterans of Foreign Wars to come out and help us with a service.

As you all know, Dearborn has a very large Memorial Day parade. In order to get anyone to come to the cemetery for an appropriate tribute to the veterans we had to change the day of the service. Hence, from now on, the service will be held one day prior to Memorial Day.

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## BOY SCOUTS PAY TRIBUTE TO MT. KELLY VETERAN'S MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND



When the Boy Scouts of Troop 1127 chartered by Sacred Heart's Christian Service Commission found out that there had not been a memorial service to honor the 139 Veterans interred at Mt. Kelly Cemetery, they immediately went to work to organize and host a fitting tribute to these brave men and women. The Scouts of Troop 1127 worked for several hours on the Friday evening May 28th 2010 to prepare for the Memorial Day Weekend Tribute. During this process, they cleaned the markers and carefully placed a flag on each of the graves of the 139 veterans interred at Mt. Kelly whose service ranges from the Civil War to present. A traditional military Field Cross was constructed as a focal point for the ceremony. The military field cross consists of sandbags atop which are placed the combat boots of the fallen service member. Behind the combat boots the service member's inverted rifle is inserted into the sandbags. Their helmet and dog tags are then placed on the rifle. Gary Tanner, Troop 1127 Scoutmaster, parishioner and Past Commander of the Dearborn Allied War Veterans Council, choreographed the ceremony and made arrangements for members of the Dearborn Allied War Veterans Council Ritual Team to attend and perform the traditional Three Rifle Volley.

The Troop 1127 Veteran Tribute Ceremony held on Sunday, May 30th was well attended by Sacred Heart Parishioners, Scouts and their families and many local veterans. The opening prayer was offered by Fr. Jack Childs, (Ret.) a Veteran who served our nation in the United States Navy during Vietnam. Following the opening prayer and Scoutmaster's welcome, each veteran's name was read by the Scouts followed by the toll of a bell signifying their service and sacrifice and passing. Each scout then placed a Remembrance Poppy on the sandbags at the base of the Field Cross symbolic of the story of Flanders Field and the Poppies that grew there following World War I. Led by their Senior Patrol Leader, Montana McCray, the scouts laid a wreath to the Left of the Field Cross in honor of these veterans. Patrol Leader Alex Greco, escorted by two members of the Dearborn Allied Ritual Team, symbolically placed a folded American Flag atop a draped pedestal to the right of the Field Cross which was immediately followed by a Three Rifle Volley fired by members the Dearborn Allied Ritual Team. The tradition of the Three Rifle Volley sometimes confused with a 21 Gun Salute, dates back to the Civil War Era. Following various battles, both sides would declare a cease fire to clear their dead and wounded from the field of battle. When finished, they would fire three volleys to signify that the field was clear. This has since become a traditional part of our Military Honors. Following the three rifle volleys, Boy Scout Zander Markham played Taps to close the ceremonies from a hill overlooking the ceremony. Father Child offered a closing prayer for these 139 veterans and their families and offered a blessing of protection for those serving in harm's way.

Our Scouts were profoundly impacted by this service project, and Troop 1127 has vowed to make this Veterans Memorial an annual event. We owe such an enormous debt of gratitude to the men and women who have served our nation in the Armed Forces, especially those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom! This project was a great way to illustrate to our Scouts that service to God and Country is not just limited to our men and women of the Armed Forces. It is the responsibility of each and one of us to give back to our communities. I would especially like to thank Elena Lovelace, Manager of Mt. Kelly, and Fr. Peter Petroske, Pastor/Administrator of Sacred Heart, for the opportunity to conduct this ceremony. We were honored and proud to be able to give back to our Parish Community in such a meaningful way!

May God's blessings be upon each of you and your families.

Gary Tanner  
Scoutmaster - Troop 1127 (Sacred Heart)  
Three Rivers District  
Great Lakes Council  
Boy Scouts of America





# Sacred Heart Youth Ministry

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**\$16.50 each/\$17.50 with stand**

**Mixed natural live greens, pine  
cones, and red bows**

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**Cemetery name:** \_\_\_\_\_ (St. Hedwig's requires. Tags are \$2)

# of Wreaths \_\_\_\_\_ # of Stands \_\_\_\_\_ # of Tags \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash pd. \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Deceased: \_\_\_\_\_

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Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> 10:30-11:00 \_\_\_\_\_ 12:30 - 1:00 \_\_\_\_\_

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