

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

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Columbarium---Frequently Asked Questions

The “Policy Governing the Use of the Columbarium” an attachment to the Purchase Agreement, the Parish Guidelines and Rules and the “*Introducing*” brochure provide more detailed information.

1. Does the Church permit cremation?

The Catholic Church’s traditional practice of interring the body still is, and always will be, the Church’s normal and preferred manner of interment. The Church does permit cremation with the provision that the remains be properly interred.

2. If we select cremation can we still have a funeral mass?

Yes, of course.

3. What is a Columbarium?

A Columbarium is the structure that entombs the cremated remains of the departed.

4. What is the cost of a columbarium niche?

Please see the current Price List.

5. Is the Columbarium considered a cemetery?

No, our Columbarium is not a Cemetery.

6. Who maintains the Columbarium?

St Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church will handle regular maintenance on the Columbarium. Long term maintenance is planned for with the establishment of a Columbarium trust. The trust is founded with 20% of the niche purchase price.

7. What payment methods are available?

Cash, check or credit card.

8. Is the payment a tax deductible contribution?

No, you are receiving a service, "Right of Interment in a Columbarium Niche".

9. Who is my check made payable to?

SEAS Columbarium

10. Can I return the niche for a refund?

Yes, however only 50% of the purchase price will be refunded.

11. Will the church provide an urn?

Urns are available from your Funeral director. However, it must fit in the niche you select.

The interior size of a niche in the Spoke is 11' wide X 10" high X 11" deep.

The interior size of a niche in the Center unit is 10" to 7" wide X 10" high X 11" deep.

12. How many urns can be interred in each niche?

Each niche is designed to accommodate two urns.

13. Can ashes be combined in one urn?

The mingling of remains has never been an accepted practice.

14. If we should relocate, can we return an unused niche?

Yes, but only 50% of the purchase price will be refunded.

If the niche contains an urn(s) the appropriate legal permits will be required before an urn can be removed. Please contact a Funeral Director for assistance with this need.

15. Are there any restrictions on who can be interred in a niche?

The Columbarium is for deceased members of the Catholic Church and their spouse (including non-Catholic), family including children and their spouses, and parents.

16. Can decorations be placed on the front face plate of a niche?

The uncluttered beauty of the columbarium is of utmost importance. Other than the standard engraving of name and dates, nothing can be displayed or attached to the columbarium unit.

17. What hours will the Columbarium be open for visiting?

The Columbarium is in the East Garden with the Stations of the Cross. The Garden is open 24 hours a day.