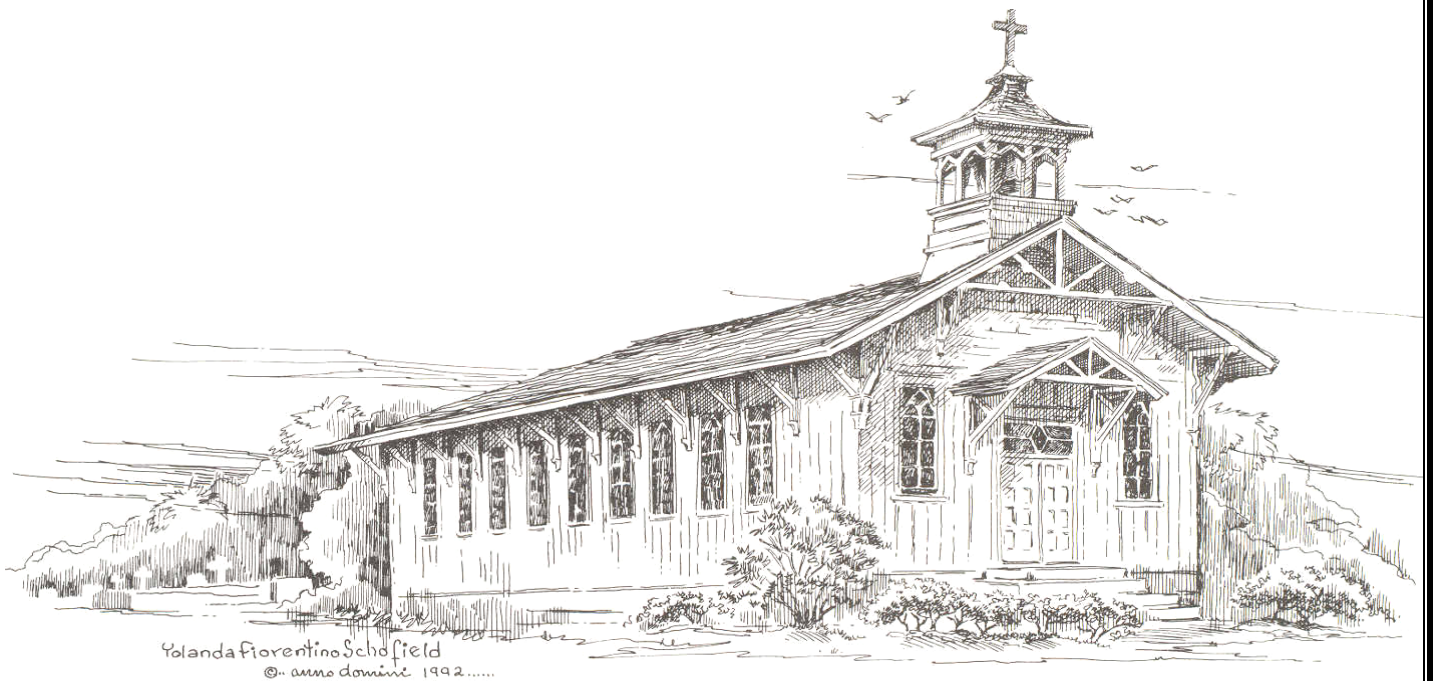


SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CEMETERY



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CEMETERY PLANNING

-YESTERDAY-

A cemetery committee was formed in 1999 and charged with planning for:

- Future expansion
- Establishing rules for preserving the cemetery's overall appearance
- Semi-annual clean up of cemetery
- Monthly volunteer assistance for maintenance and appearance of cemetery
- Added 120 cremation plots to existing cemetery
- Purchased property on Palm Bay Road for future cemetery development
- Completed development of cemetery on lot north of church
- Added two Columbaria

-TOMORROW-

- Future plans for three Mausoleums on the North side of the church

+ Please remember St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in your will or as a recipient of donations in lieu of flowers.



Miller Street Church

CEMETERY HISTORY

The birth date of St. Joseph Catholic Church and Cemetery is generally accepted as 1914, but its origin really goes back to 1912, the year our first parishioners arrived in what was then called Tillman.

These early settlers, predominantly of Germanic and Slavonic stock, coming from settled communities in the North and Mid-West, were a devout, industrious, and determined group. They missed the churches, schools and priests, which had been an integral part of their lives. The Florida Indian River Catholic Colony provided them with a place of worship and erected a small frame building, called Saint John, located southwest of Malabar Road on Mission Road.

Disillusionment soon settled in. Their land of dreams was infested with mosquitoes and strange, hardy wild plants. The land did not respond well to cultivation and was inhospitable. The settlers, blaming the Land Company for their plight, were not favorably disposed to anyone closely associated with the Florida Indian River Catholic Colony. They even refused to use the church built for them.

Benedictine Father Gabriel Ruppert, the pastor of St Anastasia in Fort Pierce, started Celebrating Mass in "Mass houses", staying with the various families in the area.

In 1914, he led his parishioners in erecting the simple rectangular structure of native cypress lumber and a tin sheathed roof, which we now call our "Miller Street Church."

The early parishioners buried their dead in a plot 300 feet west of the present cemetery. Due to the low swampy nature of the soil, most of the bodies were exhumed in 1929 and re-interred in the area around the church, which serves as the cemetery to this day. The original burial place, which was vacated in 1929, has been sold to the City of Palm Bay. The 7 graves that remained in the original cemetery were excluded from the sale, and will become a permanent memorial for those early pioneer still interred there.

CEMETERY BURIAL RIGHT PRICING

Burial Right prices are subject to increases when the costs in providing perpetual care and maintenance deem it necessary.

Burial Rights along South side of the church (Garden Spaces).

Blocks 22, 23, 24 & 25

- 1 Full body burial\$3,900
- 1 Full body burial and 1 Cremation \$6,000*

*Cremation burial includes cremation vault and opening and closing of grave-site.

Burial Rights in all other sections of the cemetery

- 1 Full body burial.....\$3,400
- 1 Full body burial and 1 cremation. \$5,500*

*Cremation burial includes cremation vault, marker and opening and closing of grave-site. Etching on marker is extra.

Cremation burial rights in Section 21

- 1 cremation burial right\$3,100*

*Cremation containers should be no more than 8" x 8" x

*Includes marker, burial vault, and opening and closing. Etching on marker is extra.

Columbaria

Columbaria are located on the North side of the Cemetery.

- Level one - Bottom level\$2,200
- Level two - next up from bottom.....\$2,300
- Level three - next up from bottom.....\$2,400
- Level four - top level.....\$2,500
 - Urns.....\$250
 - Bronze Plaque.....\$600
 - Open and Close.....\$200

CEMETERY RULES

The Cemetery Committee maintains the right to modify the rules and regulations governing the on-going perpetual care of the cemetery as deemed necessary. The following rules were incorporated into Article VII of the Rules and Regulations section of the by-laws on October 2, 2006.

- Each gravesite will be permitted one decorative item;
 - plant in pot or cone, or
 - one statue, or
 - one other decoration

This item must be SECURED to the headstone or base.

- Plants, shrubs or flowers cannot be planted in the ground or placed in the ground.
- Border trims interfere with mowing, edging and weed eating patterns and are not permitted.
- Dead, wilted or faded flowers that are left unattended, will be removed by the maintenance staff.
- For safety reasons articles and/or containers made of fragile or breakable materials will be removed by the maintenance staff.

The responsibility to preserve the peace, tranquility and appearance of the cemetery is taken very seriously and your assistance is truly appreciated.

Headstones or monument sizes are limited as follows:

Single graves 3 feet x 3 feet including the base

Double graves 3 feet x 6 feet including the base

Bases for Headstones are required

Headstone companies:

East Coast Cemetery Supply & Monument - 28 Laurie Street, Melbourne, Florida

32901 Owner J.R. Williford 321-724-1949

Everlasting Stoneworks - 1207 South US Highway 1, Sebastian, Florida 32958

Owner Jamie Hicks 772-589-9311

Procedures

- No burial will be permitted without a concrete vault to contain remains.
- Payment must be made to Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery at least 24 hours prior to service.
- A \$35.00 (or 10%, whichever is greater) fee for returned checks will be charged.
- Permission must be obtained to place any headstone or marker on a grave or niche.
- Burials are not permitted on Sundays, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, New Years Day.
- Funeral Homes should call the representative from Saint Joseph regarding cemetery interments/inurnments.
- Saint Joseph will contact Atlas Concrete Products to schedule opening/closing of full body burials.
- Saint Joseph will open and close for cremation burials inurnments.

Payment terms

Full payment is preferred, but monthly payments may be set up with a minimum of:

- 10% down per burial right
- \$50 per month payment per burial right
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The entire amount is due prior to interment/inurnment.

Burial Rights may be repossessed if payment is 90 days late.

Church Bells

This old world is full of sadness,
And it seems no one's immune.
There is so much of madness,
And people out of tune,
But I'll tell you what I've noticed,
It's a soothing sort of thing,
If you'll just relax and listen,
When you hear the church bells ring.

You may not be well in body,
And it seems that's oft' the case,
You may have some circumstances,
Which you feel you cannot face,
And even though your pocketbook,
Will not produce a dime,
You will feel a little better,
When you hear the church bells chime.

When you end your days of labor,
And you've no more trials to face,
You will go to meet your loved ones,
Who've outstripped you in the race,
I am sure you'll feel 'twas worth it,
To have served the Lord with zeal,
Just to hear the Father's "welcome,"
As the bells of Heaven peal.

Lester E. Bartholomew