

## The Columbariums at The Church of St. Michael & St. George

Our Rector, the Rev. Andrew Archie notes, “Having your cremains inurned at our parish is something very spiritually different than being buried in a cemetery. Medieval Christians believed that the communities of the living and the dead were engaged in an ongoing conversation. This ongoing relationship is emphasized in the landscape of our campus. The remains of the dead are an integral part of our community. Their memory is encouraged by their proximity.”

There are two columbariums at The Church of St. Michael & St. George. They are a place of reverence and devotion, and offer a safe, peaceful, permanent resting place in loving proximity for cremated remains. The columbariums are carefully maintained by the church.

What is a columbarium?

A columbarium is a place where urns of cremated human remains (cremains) are stored (inurned) in niches, with each niche storing urns for two subscribers.

Where are the columbariums located?

The newly renovated columbarium is in the Page Garden, located on the Ellenwood side of the church and has available niches. The columbarium in the McAfee Garden located on the Wydown side has no available niches.

How much does a niche cost?

A niche costs \$7,500 of which \$5,000 is a contribution to The Church of St. Michael & St. George and is tax deductible. This includes the niche, a granite marker, and perpetual care. The cost of engraving the marker and the opening/closing of the niche is \$150 and due at the time of inurnment.

To whom is the columbarium available?

CSMSG members and their immediate families, including spouses, parents and children; as well as past and present ordained staff members and their immediate families.

Can I choose where my niche will be located?

Choice of location is on a first-come first-served basis.

How is the cremation handled?

A funeral home or cremation service will pick up the remains, cremate them and deliver the remains to the church in a CSMSG urn provided by Lupton Chapel.

When can I visit the columbariums?

The columbariums are always accessible.

Can visitors leave flowers or other signs of remembrance?

In keeping with the garden setting, flowers are the appropriate memorial at an individual niche.

For more information or to reserve a niche, please contact Sonya Woolley at [swoolley@csmsg.org](mailto:swoolley@csmsg.org) or 314.721.1502.



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