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Deciding where to be buried is one of the most important choices you will make. It is a decision that should be made in consultation with your family or friends, and ideally, should be a part of pre-planning your funeral. By planning these details in advance, you grant your family one of life's greatest gifts. They do not have to worry about what you would have wanted; they do not have to make important decisions at a time of great loss.

As Christians, we believe that while death may bring sadness for our earthly loss, it is not the end. We find our meaning in the Easter liturgy, looking to the resurrection of Jesus Christ for our own hope. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised.

At Holy Innocents', we provide a funeral planning guide on our website or in print upon request. Our guide outlines our customary practices, providing all the choices contemplated by our tradition as contained in the BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER. It also outlines our practices with regard to flowers, receptions, music, and a variety of other matters. Our parish priests are happy to discuss the guide with you. When complete and reviewed with a priest, the funeral plan is filed at the parish office for future use.

BURIAL CHOICES

We have two places for burial. The charge for burial at the parish, below the private market, is placed in a perpetual property fund to ensure the maintenance of the Garden and Columbarium. Only cremated ashes are accommodated, and generally, burial is only available to current or past communicants of the parish.

If you would like to discuss the various locations available for burial at Holy Innocents, please contact one of the parish priests or Carol Johns in our office (cjohns@holyinnocents.org) as she coordinates all arrangements related to funerals and burial.

MEMORIAL GARDEN

One option for burial is the Memorial Garden, which some also call the Church Yard. In this location, ashes can either be placed in the ground or scattered. After reviewing applicable Georgia statutes, Holy Innocents' will bury or scatter ashes in the Garden without marking an exact location. We cannot sell dedicated in-ground plots in the Garden; compliance with the statutes would be too costly and cumbersome. Arrangements for individual spots, sold prior to 2012, will be honored and compliance with the Georgia statutes will be explained prior to burial.

Use of a vault or other container, biodegradable or not, is not permitted. The names of those buried in the Memorial Garden will be recorded on a bronze plaque.

Schedule of Costs – Garden

Burial	\$1000.00
Bronze Plaque	\$250.00

Urns are not allowed. Please notify your funeral director or crematory.

COLUMBARIUM

A second option for burial at Holy Innocents' is the Columbarium located in the colonnade around the Nave. Niches are located above ground in the granite columns that mark the path from the Garden to the Nave entrance. This path, used liturgically during Holy Week, was intentionally created in the renovation of 2012 to draw parallels between what we proclaim at the Easter Vigil and the Easter liturgy of each funeral.

Individual niches are constructed of non-corrosive metal and stone. The stone faceplate can be engraved with the name, year of birth, and year of death of the one buried there. No other wording is allowed. When purchased in advance, the plate is solid granite with no engraving. Engraving is completed after the burial.

A niche may be purchased to accommodate two individuals or may be purchased for an individual burial. *Urns, available from the Church, are required for burial in the Columbarium and are of reasonable cost.* When supplied by the Church, two types of urns are available. One is a simple, metal, bronze-colored urn. The other is a marble composite, engraved as desired. If a nicer urn than these is desired, urns must be purchased through the Crematory or Funeral Home. We require that the Crematory or Funeral Home confirm, at least 24 hours prior to the burial, that the urn selected will fit in the niche by bringing it to the Church and having a staff member verify its dimensions in writing.

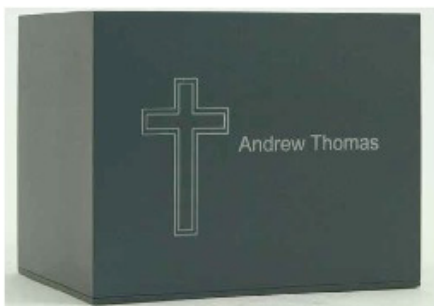
Each column has eight niches. So long as available, a family may purchase niches together. If an entire column is pre-purchased for family burial, the top faceplate may be engraved with the name of the family at the time of purchase, if desired; when the top niche is used for burial, a new name plate would be ordered.

Schedule of Costs – Columbarium

Niche for two urns	\$5250
Niche for one urn	\$3500
Engraving of granite faceplate (at time of death)	\$200
Required Cremation Urn (bronze colored metal)	\$75



Optional Personalized Urn \$250



For pre-planning purchases, only the niche is paid for at the time of selection. The faceplate and urn, subject to price increases, are paid for by the family at the time of burial. Pre-arranged niches may be paid for over a year, if such a schedule is desired. Families who purchase multiple niches may take a longer period for payment; please discuss arrangements upon inquiry.

For more assistance in selecting a niche, please contact Carol Johns in our parish offices.

CONCLUSION

We hope that this guide has helped you consider the choices available for burial at Holy Innocents'. The choices have been created and constructed with care, keeping our costs below market while also providing for perpetual care. Under the vestry's leadership, we will ensure the perpetual care of the Garden and Columbarium.

Rest eternal grant to all; may light perpetual shine upon them.