

MEMO

To: St. Mark's Family
From: Willis, Karen, and Dan
Date: 10 July 2023
RE: St. Mark's Columbarium Update

We have made another significant update to our Memorial Garden and Columbarium Planning.

Below is the final and approved design. We are pleased with this update! Please note we have adjusted the pricing to reflect increases in construction cost. Those who have already secured a spot are grandfathered into the old prices.



Location and Updated Design:

The Columbarium will be located at the North Arc of the sidewalk (towards the Courthouse). It will face south and, the vault will be a combination of Brick and Granite/Concrete. The Designer is drawing up construction plans at this moment and we hope to open bidding by early August.

Description Details and Size:

The Columbarium will be two vaults that hold 25 double niches in each one (*Total of 50*). The Columbarium will be "Architecturally Compatible" with the Church, and will fit well into the overall design scheme of the Memorial Garden area. We will still have the option for in-ground burial (*Cremains*). We love the built-in benches and the open space that matches the windows in the Sanctuary.

Columbarium Costs:

Double Niche (married couple, for instance): Regular Price \$2000, **Pre-Construction \$1500**
Single Niche: Regular Price \$1,500, **Pre-Construction \$1,000** (*Sale price ends 12/31/23*). We estimate that the total cost will be between \$52,000 - \$62,000 and this includes monies for plantings and beautification of the Garden. We have received \$10,335 from pre-deposits, already and last week we secured a low interest loan from the Diocese for another \$20,000. In addition, we have left over funds from the capital improvement projects (Walkways, Playground, etc.) to complete this work. We'd gladly accept any additional donations towards this project, so talk to us if you want more details.

How do I reserve a Niche? With a deposit and we are working on a contract (using St. John's Roanoke) that will be furnished securing your ownership of the Niche and our commitment to the Columbarium, upkeep, etc.. Send a check to the office with the Memo line: Columbarium.

Timeline: We are hoping to begin construction by the early fall and after construction we will begin the landscaping and planning activities. We are grateful for the Garden and Grounds Group (G3) for their leadership.

Columbarium

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