

# MEMORIAL GARDEN



Rest eternal grant to them,  
O Lord: And let light  
perpetual shine upon them.  
May their souls, and the souls  
of all the departed, through the  
mercy of God, rest in peace.

*Amen.*

## A REST FROM EARTHLY LIFE

Few of us like to think about the day when we will no longer be part of this earthly life. Yet considering — and planning for — the end of life helps ease the burden of loved ones who will one day mourn us. Planning how we'll be cared for as we age and choosing our final resting place are important decisions.

St. Michael's offers options for our resting place, in the St. Michael's Burial Garden and Columbarium.

## A RESPITE FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Nestled in our beautiful memorial gardens, the space offers parishioners a place to inter ashes, and a quiet respite for family and friends. Established in the early 1980s by a group of forward-thinking parishioners, the garden was originally conceived as a columbarium, but city ordinances at the time prohibited it.

The original garden of 120 burial plots, with each plot holding two urns, has recently been expanded to include an additional 180 ground plots and 30 wall vaults.

## FOUR SEASONS OF NATURE'S BEAUTY

The Burial and Memorial Gardens can be enjoyed in any season. In winter, several varieties of camellias fill with blooms. Holly bushes and nandina burst with berries.

In early spring, bulbs peek out of the soil, followed by daffodils, then wildflowers draw goldfinches to light and feed. Hybrid lilies, butterfly bushes, azaleas and magnolia will keep the area awash with color throughout the year.

## PRICING

Pricing varies for plots and vaults.

**In-ground | \$2,550**

**Vaults | \$3,550**

*(Vaults include bronze plaques)*

**Common Ground | \$750**

Costs include marker surname inscription and regular upkeep of the area. We offer flexible financing. No urn is required, but families may supply their own.

## MEMORIAL GIVING

Memorials and gifts to our garden include two St. Francis statues, benches for sitting, and a large wind chime.

There is also space available for memorial plaques honoring deceased loved ones, even if they were not members of our parish or buried here. Memorial plaques are \$350 each.

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## ST. MICHAEL'S LABYRINTH

In 2008, we installed a labyrinth in the quiet garden, northwest of the burial garden, providing family and friends the opportunity for brief spiritual journeys on the St. Michael's grounds. Developed with the help of landscape design students at North Carolina State University, the labyrinth is the centerpiece of the garden. We welcome memorial gifts to the Labyrinth Fund.

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## HOLY MICHAEL FOUNDATION

We also have in place a foundation to ensure that your giving to St. Michael's lasts far beyond your lifetime.

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