

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

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St. Mary's Cemetery, Dunkirk, N.Y. 14048

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. (Isaiah 41:10)

April 2022,

Dear Friends of St. Mary's Cemetery,

The peace of the Risen Lord be with you and your loved ones.

As we celebrate the glorious feast of Easter, we see new life in creation with flowers in bloom, tress budding and the grass again lush and green, and the Church can again sing "Alleluia!"

As we begin to attack spring cleaning our homes, it is also time to spring clean our beloved St. Mary's Cemetery. St. Mary's Cemetery has been a trusted place for burials since 1851. It is a serene place to visit to spend time with loved ones who have died and to remember in prayer significant events and anniversaries. A Catholic cemetery reminds us that the grave is not the end for we believe that those who belong to Christ will rise to live with him forever.

Given the continual struggles with the cemetery's financial situation, this year's fundraising drive is important. Therefore, I am hoping and praying that you will want to be part of a yearly fund drive to assist with the cemetery's maintenance. Please consider making a generous contribution to the annual Cemetery Maintenance Fund. If you are financially able to make a \$50 donation, it will significantly help with our maintenance. But if not, please contribute any amount you can, using the enclosed envelope.

On the back of this letter is a listing of cemetery needs and equipment that your donations will help to fund.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and continued support of St. Mary's Cemetery.

Peace and blessings,



Fr. Paul Abhulimen
Pastoral Administrator
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

2022 St. Mary's Cemetery Wish List

The following is a list of items the cemetery staff need in the future.

- 1) Replace zero turn mower
 - \$9,000 for Commercial mower
 - \$5,000 for Residential mower
 - \$3,000 to replace mower
 - \$300 to replace tires
- 2) John Deere Gator 4x4
 - Looking for one with dump box and 4 wheel drive (est. \$20,000)
- 3) Tracks for Minix
 - \$2,000 - cleats are beginning to pull out of the rubber