

St. Joseph Cemetery Plans for the Future



A promise made . . .

Phase #1 - Last year, volunteers disassembled the grotto at the St. Mary Church property with the promise that the salvageable parts of the grotto would be reassembled at the cemetery. The Statue of the Blessed Mother and many of the stones were carefully removed and preserved in anticipation of constructing a new grotto at St. Joseph Cemetery. On March 16th, the Cemetery Board voted to hire a contractor to construct the new grotto incorporating the statue and stones from St. Mary Church. The contractor, Robert Hathaway Masonry, has developed a clay rendering of the new grotto pictured above. The actual model may be viewed in the back of the church. The grotto will be twenty feet long and twelve feet high and located directly to the south of the Chapel. The cost for the construction of the grotto alone will be approximately \$13,000. Half of the cost of the grotto will be provided through a gift from the estate of Clara Jean Bennett. The construction of the Grotto should begin by the end of June.

Phase #2 will involve landscaping the area, laying a cement pad around the grotto, and completing the area with benches for seating. The grotto will be used for private prayer and contemplation, the celebration of Mass on special occasions and reciting the Rosary.

Phase #3 will involve constructing columbariums for the entombment of cremains next to the grotto.

If you are interested in donating towards the construction of any of the phases, please send your donation to the Parish Office. For more information, please contact Nick Perkoski, our Parish Leader at 599-8570 or nperkoski@gmail.com