COLUMBARIUM

At

GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH

13550 Chaney Thompson Road
Huntsville, Alabama



The Catholic Church's Teaching on Cremation:

In May, 1963, the Vatican's Holy Office (now the Congregation of the Doctrine of Faith) lifted the prohibition forbidding Catholics to choose cremation.

This permission was incorporated into the revised Code of Canon Law of 1983 (Canon #1176), as well as into the Order of Christian Funerals.

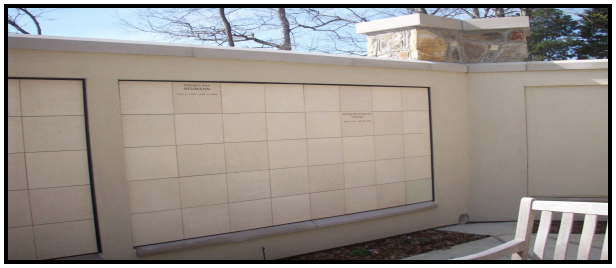
What is a Columbarium?

The Columbarium is a final resting place for cremated remains. It is available to all members of the Catholic Community and their families.

The Columbarium was constructed in 2008 on the grounds of Good Shepherd Catholic Church, and consecrated on July 13, 2008. Located on the hillside above the church, it offers a final resting place of beauty and serenity. Reminiscent of old country churches, it is an extension of one's spiritual life.

Following the funeral service, family and friends proceed to the columbarium to place the cremains in their final resting place at a short inurnment ceremony.





There is still a nice selection of niches available in Phase 1. Construction plans call for more to be built on an as-needed basis. Each niche can contain two urns and will have an engraved faceplate, all of which are included in the original cost. There is also room in each niche for small mementos if you wish to include them.

There is no way to avoid certain decisions in life. It is especially difficult for families to be faced with these decisions while grieving the loss of a loved one. We would encourage you to take some time to consider a place of burial and make your wishes known....easing your family of this painful decision.

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