

## **St. Patrick Catholic Church, Mount Dora, FL**

### **BURIALS 11/10/2023**

#### **BURIALS IN AND OUT OF THE LOCAL MOUNT DORA AREA**

When we have a burial in the immediate area (For example: Mount Dora, Eustis, Tavares, & Apopka.), if the family requests we ask the Church Office if a Priest or a Deacon is available to preside.

If the burial is outside our immediate area (For example: Winter Park, Orlando, Winter Garden, & Sanford.), apply the guidelines for burials at the National Cemeteries.

#### **BURIALS AT FLORIDA NATIONAL & CAPE CANAVERAL NATIONAL CEMETERIES**

With sufficient notice, the St. Patrick Church Office will reach out to the local Churches and request clergy.

If the Family requests clergy at a National Cemetery internment, it is important that we give the St. Patrick Office time to request and schedule local clergy. We also need to make sure the Family understands that even local clergy may not be available for the Cemetery's scheduled date and time for handover\* and, if they are available, a stipend may be charged.

For example: For Florida National Cemetery, per St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Bushnell on 3/6/2018: a Deacon requested a \$100 stipend.

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\*For those not familiar with Florida National Cemetery, family members do not attend the actual burial at the grave site; bodies are handed off to the Cemetery Staff at an outside pavilion ceremony. These hand-offs are scheduled by the funeral home with the Cemetery, typically at ten minute intervals during the busiest periods, at four to six separate pavilions. So the family may only have around 30 minutes or so at the pavilion before the

next scheduled service. After the military honors, the Presider prays the burial liturgy with the family present. The Cemetery Staff then takes the body for burial at their convenience. The family does not attend the actual burial, but they may return later to visit the grave site. The procedure for the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery is likely very similar.

Sometimes these hand-offs are scheduled to allow/require the family to travel directly from the funeral to the Cemetery for the service. Sometimes they are scheduled to take place later that day, or even a day or so after the funeral. Considering the scheduling, it is essential that the family arrives at the Cemetery ahead of the scheduled time.