



ST. COLUMBA'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Columba's Columbarium



The columbarium was built to meet the needs of the members of St. Columba's Episcopal Church. It is a walled garden with a fountain in which the ashes of those who have been cremated may be interred. Cremation is an appropriate and church-approved method of treating the body once the spirit has departed into the freedom of God. In the natural and beautiful setting of the garden, it is possible to mark this passage in a church service and quiet moments of reflection and remembrance. The columbarium helps St. Columba's fulfill a ministry to those who die and those who remember.

The garden is next to the chancel and was created in 1980. Terraced stonework providing space for additional niches was added in the spring of 2000. A subsequent addition was completed in 2021 with the addition of 96 niches. The stonework, gate, fountain and plantings are designed to emphasize the dignity and charm of a natural setting, with the hope that those who visit the columbarium will be inspired and helped to find the strength and acceptance that lead to peace.

The basic unit of the available niches in the columbarium is a 12"x12"x14" high cement "box" set under a paver stone top in the ground in the center space of the site. Each niche contains space for interment of up to four urns of a suitable size (5"x 6"x10" high is recommended). It is expected that families interested in providing space for two or more members will want an entire (family) niche. The niche subscriber is granted the authority to designate the future use of the space.

Some niches in the columbarium may be available for those who wish to subscribe to an individual urn space. Ashes for three to four individuals will be interred in each of these niches. A subscription privilege, to the extent it has not been used, may be transferred by specific designation in a last will.

An engraving to commemorate those whose ashes have been interred may be ordered through the Operations Manager of the church. Only this approved engraving may be used in the columbarium. The name of each person who is interred will be enrolled in the St. Columba's Columbarium Register.

Please see the application form. Prices are effective from July 2021. Further information is available from the church's Operations Manager.

APPLICATION FOR ST. COLUMBA'S COLUMBARIUM

I/we hereby apply to St. Columba's Church for a:

_____ family niche (with space for up to 3-4 urns) @ \$3,000

_____ individual urn space (in a niche with 3-4 urns) @ \$1,250

Payments over time may be arranged with the Director of Finance and Administration of the church. With each interment there is also a charge for the engraving of the stone with the name and birth and death dates of the person interred.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ (home) _____ (mobile)

Email _____

Please mail, place in the collection plate, or deliver to:

St. Columba's Episcopal Church
4201 Albemarle St NW, Washington DC 20016