

## Resurrection continues the tradition of staying open for visitation all night on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day



Based on the many positive comments that we received and the number of families that came by last year, Resurrection is once again keeping its gates opened all night on Christmas Eve for those families wishing to visit their loved ones before or after Midnight Mass, or at anytime during the night.

As a result Resurrection's gates will be open from 7 am on Christmas Eve until 5 pm on Thursday, Dec. 26, regardless of the weather. Additionally in recognition of Orthodox Christmas, our gates will open starting at 7 am on Monday, Jan. 6 through Wednesday, Jan. 8 at 5 pm.

Our hope is that this will allow families to make their other plans throughout Christmas Eve and Christmas Day without having to worry about rushing around to visit your family members or friends in between other activities. Our Grounds Staff will be available to plow and salt the roads as needed during these days as well.

Remember that this time of year our normal gate hours will be from 7 am to 5 pm daily. Our main office will be open from 9 am to 12 pm on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

Contact Resurrection at any time for questions at 586-286-9020. Thank you for putting your trust in us.

### Welcome to Our Holiday Issue

Christmas is a time to spend with family members and friends and share memories of our lives that will never fade.

We invite you to attend our December events at Resurrection, from Season of Remembrance on December 5 to Wreaths Across America on December 14. We wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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## Winter Decorations available to purchase securely online, by phone or in person through December 13

Families have a little more time to order winter decorations for their loved ones before the holiday season.

Did you know that there are an estimated 17,000 winter decorations that are placed on graves, crypts and niches of family members and friends memorialized at Resurrection? Families are increasingly choosing to have Resurrection handle the placement and spring removal of winter decorations by securely ordering through our website at [www.mtelliott.com/store](http://www.mtelliott.com/store), by calling 586-286-9020, or in person at one of our offices.



**Prices start at just \$25.** Simply place your order and we will take care of everything else - one step and hassle-free. Please order by Friday, December 13 to ensure that your winter decoration will be placed this year.

The first decorations were placed starting on November 15 for those families who made a purchase earlier in the year. Winter decorations will be removed from the cemetery starting March 1, 2020 as part of our regularly scheduled spring cleanup period. Thank you for placing your trust in Resurrection Cemetery!

## Wreaths Across America on December 14 will honor those heroes who have passed

Since 2012, Resurrection has hosted a Wreaths Across America event on the second Saturday of December at 12 pm ET, in conjunction with the a national effort to “Remember, Honor and Teach” the sacrifices made by veterans who have passed. A featured wreath-laying ceremony is held at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 1,600 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad. Our event at Resurrection is considered to be the second largest in Michigan.

As always Resurrection will be hosting an Honor Ceremony at 10 am at Fern Hill Golf Course before the Wreath Laying Ceremony in memory of our veteran heroes at noon at the American Veterans Memorial on the grounds of Resurrection.

Members of the public may sponsor a wreath in memory of a veteran for \$15. We’re happy to take orders directly inside our main office or by calling 586-286-9020. Families can also arrange to sponsor one or more wreaths by contacting Karen Straffon, who organizes our Wreaths Across America event each year, at [kcstraffon@comcast.net](mailto:kcstraffon@comcast.net) or 810-794-0638.

As always the Wreath Laying Ceremony will include guest speakers and Boys and Girls Scout troops. All are welcome and we hope to see you there on Saturday, Dec. 14 at 12 pm.





## Add your family's "Peace of Mind" to your Wish List this Christmas

and qualify for your  
chance to win an  
Apple® Watch!



Make Your Cemetery Arrangements with  
Resurrection this Christmas Season and  
**Save 20%\***!

Plus, when you purchase by December 31, you will  
be entered for a chance to win an  
Apple® Watch!

Make your appointment with a Family  
Service Counselor by calling 586-286-9020.

*\*Some restrictions may apply*

## Winter at Resurrection Cemetery





## Resurrection's sister cemetery Mt. Elliott Cemetery opens section to honor Blessed Solanus Casey

Mt. Elliott Cemetery, one of Resurrection's "sister" cemeteries in Detroit, officially opened its Blessed Solanus Casey Columbarium and Cremation Garden with a Dedication on Friday, Nov. 1 on All Saints Day. Mt. Elliott has long partnered with the Fr. Solanus Casey Center, St. Bonaventure Monastery and Detroit Capuchin Friars for holiday masses and other special events.

The Blessed Solanus Casey Columbarium and Cremation Garden is elegantly designed and honors the memory and lives of those memorialized. It humbly honors Blessed Solanus as a priest, porter, prophet, and spiritual counselor whose prayers are credited with miraculous cures. This elegantly designed columbarium includes a six-foot statue of Blessed Solanus as a servant of God and the Detroit community. Companion niche fronts include family inscriptions and are finished with gray granite.

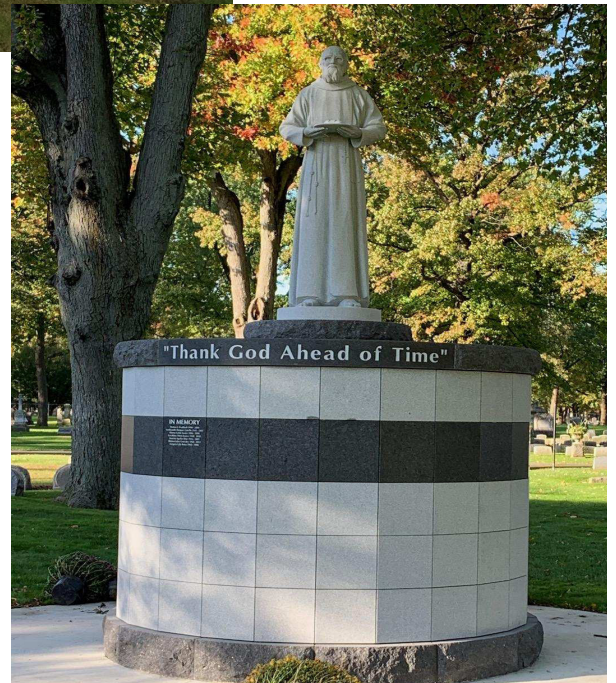
Niche fronts are inscribed in a memorial band that embraces the entire columbarium in a never ending symbol of everlasting life finished in black granite. The entire section sits across the street and within view of the Fr. Solanus Casey Center and St. Bonaventure Monastery and Courtyard, where Blessed Solanus lived for many years.

Blessed Solanus was a Capuchin Friar at St. Bonaventure Monastery for many years and was known to walk the grounds of Mt. Elliott Cemetery in reflection and prayer. During his life Blessed Solanus faithfully served people of Detroit, Huntington, IN, New York City and Yonkers, NY by providing soup for the hungry, kind words for the troubled, and a healing touch for the ill. Wherever he served, people would line up for blocks for a moment with him.

As his reputation for holiness and healing grew, many in the Detroit community came to Blessed Solanus for his prayers as an intercessor to God. Those prayers were often answered in dramatic ways. Because of Blessed Solanus' holiness, Pope John Paul II declared him Venerable in 1995. On May 4, 2017, Pope Francis announced that Venerable Solanus would be beatified, November 18, 2017 at Ford Field in Detroit.

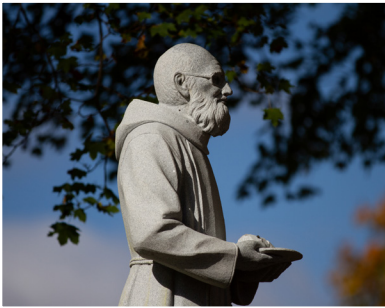


*The Blessed Solanus statue at Mt. Elliott Cemetery was designed and manufactured in Italy. It was brought to the U.S. in mid-October where it was placed on top of the columbarium (left).*





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Today the holy and enduring legacy of Blessed Solanus Casey lives on in the Fr. Solanus Casey Center, where millions of people from around the world have visited as a result of his kind words for those who were troubled, and healing touch for those who were ill. Blessed Solanus earned recognition as “The Door-keeper” because of his willingness to listen to anyone at any time, day or night.

Blessed Solanus often would encourage others to “Thank God ahead of time.” We are thankful to provide the Blessed Solanus Casey Columbarium as a final resting place for souls who desire to be memorialized near him. Like the Fr. Solanus Casey Center across the street, this columbarium represents a closeness with God, peace, humbleness and quiet dignity.

Mt. Elliott Cemetery first opened in 1841 and serves as a final resting place for many generations of Detroit area families. To learn more about Mt. Elliott Cemetery, its history, or the Blessed Solanus Casey Columbarium and Cremation Garden, please call 313-567-0048.



*More than 100 guests attended the Blessed Solanus Casey Columbarium and Cremation Garden Dedication on November 1, 2019 at Mt. Elliott Cemetery, with prayers led by Fr. David Preuss, OFM Cap, Director of the Fr. Solanus Casey Center. Following the Dedication, a Community Luncheon was held at the Fr. Solanus Casey Center.*



*Members of the Mt. Elliott team: Board Member Robert Koval, Columbarium Architect Paul Eickhof, General Manager and C.O.O. Michael Chilcote, Mt. Olivet and Mt. Elliott Cemetery Director Mark Gracely, Community Outreach Manager John Agrusa and Board member George Fadool.*





# Things to know...

## **Daylight Savings ended on Sunday, Nov. 3**

Earlier this month the cemetery gates began closing at 5:00 pm. Anyone still inside the cemetery after 5 pm daily is still able to leave through our automatic gates at either entrance.

The cemetery gates open every day at 7:00 am. When Daylight Savings begins on Sunday, March 8, 2019, our cemetery gates will again remain open until 7 pm.

## **Winter Decorations**

Winter decorations made of natural evergreen are being placed beginning November 15. Decorations can still be ordered directly through Resurrection through Friday, Dec 13 by visiting our website at [www.mtelliott.com/store](http://www.mtelliott.com/store) or by calling our office at 586-286-9020.

Spring cleanup of all winter decorations on grounds and mausoleums begins on March 1, 2020 weather permitting.

## **Memorial Mass for the faithfully departed held for Resurrection families every month**

A Memorial Mass for the Faithful Departed interred at Resurrection is held at 7 pm on the second Thursday of every month at St. Michael's Church on Hayes Road in Sterling Heights. All are welcome to attend. Contact us for more information.



## *Holiday Visitation*

### GATES WILL REMAIN OPEN

7 AM DECEMBER 24  
THROUGH  
5 PM DECEMBER 26

7 AM JANUARY 6  
THROUGH  
5 PM JANUARY 8

*Visit your loved ones  
after Midnight Mass or  
as you think of them  
through the night*

THE OFFICE WILL BE OPEN  
9 AM TO 12 PM  
CHRISTMAS EVE & NEW YEARS EVE





## Resurrection is hosting many events over the next several months

### **December 5 - Season of Remembrance, 5-7 p.m., *Most Holy Trinity Mausoleum***

Candlelight vigil at 6 p.m. Celebrate and remember your loved ones during the holiday season.

### **December 14 - Wreaths Across America, Noon, *American Veterans' Memorial***

Wreaths will be placed by veterans and family members at the final resting places of our honored veterans as part of this nationwide event.

### **December 24-26 - Resurrection Remains Open For Visitation for Christmas**

Our gates will remain open from 7 a.m. on December 24 through 5 p.m. on December 26.

### **January 6-8 - Resurrection Remains Open for Orthodox Christmas Visitation**

Our gates will remain open from 7 a.m. on January 6 through 5 p.m. on January 8.

### **April 10, 2020 - Good Friday Stations of the Cross Walk, 4 p.m.**

#### ***Resurrection Stations of the Cross Section***

Join us and other family members as we walk each of the Stations of the Cross, while celebrating the gift that Jesus gave us and celebrating His eventual resurrection!

### **May 25, 2020 - Memorial Day Mass, 10 a.m., *Resurrection Sec. 55 and American Veterans'* *Memorial, 11:30 a.m.***

The public is welcome to attend this annual Memorial Day Mass and ceremony at the American Veterans' Memorial following the Mass.

For information on these events visit  
[mtelliott.com/resurrection](http://mtelliott.com/resurrection) or call 586-286-9020.





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## **Join us for Season of Remembrance at Resurrection**

Thursday, December 5

5-7 p.m.

Most Holy Trinity Mausoleum

Candlelight Vigil at 6 p.m.

*Refreshments will be served. Join us for prayer, songs, fellowship and friendship.*

All families who want to remember and celebrate the lives of loved ones who have passed, are welcome to meet us at The Most Holy Trinity Mausoleum at Resurrection Cemetery. We hope to see you there!

