

Saints Peter and Paul Columbarium and Cemetery (SSPPCC) Glossary of Terms for the SSPPCC

Cemetery A burial ground or churchyard

Columbarium The pavilion and walls with niches that store cremains

Consecrated Blessed and sacred grounds

Cremains The ashes of a cremated human body

Flat Marker A memorial that is flush to the ground, made of bronze or granite, set

in concrete with a granite base, engraved with deceased's name and

date of birth and death.

Interment The burial of a corpse in a grave

Inurnment The placement of cremains in an urn. Also refers to the placement

of an urn in the columbarium niche.

Mausoleum A building for above ground entombment. Mausoleums

are not permitted at SSPPCC.

Memorial A headstone, flat grave marker or family monument

Typically made of granite, engraved with deceased's name and date

of birth and death.

Niche A single compartment within a columbarium wall or room that holds a

person's cremated remains.

Niche Faceplate The opening cover to an individual niche, constructed of

granite, that is removable for memorial engraving.

Monument A larger version of a memorial, often times used to identify

a family that could include names of father/mother and could have

smaller flat markers nearby for individual family members.

Pavilion A covered subsidiary building open on most sides that at

SSPPCC also has niches, is part of the columbarium and can be used

for committal services.

Pergola An outdoor archway consisting of an open frame designed

to provide shade to a walkway or seating area.

Urn A container for holding cremains that may be various

shapes and sizes.

Vault A container often made of concrete that encloses a coffin or

Urn that is buried.

SSPPCC Columbarium and Cemetery Sections:

Memorial Garden The open-air walled garden portion of the columbarium.

It has pergola covered brick walkways, benches and a water

feature in the center.

Pavilion The covered structure attached to the Memorial Garden that

contains niches and also serves as a place for final prayer

during a committal service.

Pieta Garden That portion of the cemetery that is reserved for graves

with flat markers. It is located directly behind the columbarium. It has a pieta sculpture located at the end of the brick path that

divides this garden.

Monument Garden That portion of the cemetery that is reserved for headstones and

family monuments. It is located directly behind the sanctuary. It has a round patio located at the end of the brick path that divides

this garden. The patio will be the site of a future statue.