

Church of Saint Mel

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Sunday, April 28, 2024

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Joseph G. Fonti, S.T.L., Pastor
Rev. Italo Barozzi, In Residence
Msgr. Kevin B. Noone, In Residence
Deacon Joseph A. Freda

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday - 9:00 A.M., 5:00 P.M. (Vigil)
Sunday - 7:30 A.M., 9:00 A.M. (Italian),
10:30 A.M., 12:00 P.M.

WEEKDAY MASSES

September - June

Monday - Friday: 7:00 A.M., 9:00 A.M.

July - Labor Day

Monday - Friday: 8:00 A.M.

CONFESSION

Saturday 11:00 - 12:00 P.M.
and by appointment at the Rectory.

ST. MEL'S CATHOLIC ACADEMY

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BAPTISMS

Call the Rectory Office for information at least one month in advance.

MARRIAGES

Call the Rectory Office for information and appointment with a priest at least six months prior to the date you wish.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We are always happy to welcome new parishioners into the family of St. Mel. Stop in at the Rectory to register, ask questions and meet the priests who gladly serve you.

PASTORAL CARE TO THE HOMEBOUND

We are concerned about parishioners who are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, the Sacrament of Reconciliation or the Anointing of the Sick. If you are homebound, or if you know someone who is unable to come to Mass - please do not hesitate to contact the Rectory -718-886-0201. Visits will be happily arranged for you.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & NOVENA

Each Monday after the 9:00 A.M. Mass.
Blessed Sacrament Devotions:
First Friday Adoration 9:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
Daily Recitation of the Rosary: 8:30 A.M.

EVANGELIZATION

If you know of any Catholic, who is not attending Church or receiving the Sacraments and desires help in returning, please call or refer them to one of the priests at 718-886-0201. All information is confidential.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
Weekends by Appointment Only
Emergencies any time.



“You always remember your first. Your first is where it all begins. Your first is where the course of your life changed. Without your first, you wouldn’t have your second or your third. And while the second and third are different and amazing in their own right, the first is always special.”

Yes, it’s true: “The first is always special.” Your first day of school. Your first car. Your first crush. And yes, your First Holy Communion.

This coming Saturday our Second Graders will make their First Holy Communion.

Joyfully anticipating this intimate union with Jesus for months, our young people are now ready to receive Him whom Catholics believe is present Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in the gift of the Holy Eucharist.

Sadly, recent polls suggest that there is a lack of faith among many professed Catholics in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

Called to protect and promote the faith, let us pray for these “first time” receivers of the Holy Eucharist. May their joy remain, their faith increase, and their intimacy with Jesus deepen in the years to come.

Yes, “The first is always special.”

Maybe our own faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament would increase if this Sunday’s Communion was our last?

Father Fonti



Mass Intentions - April 28, 2024

SAT	4/27
5:00	Renato Ljubcic
SUN	4/28
7:30	Ante Grando
9:00	Josephine Camarda Joseph Iccari Lucia Taormina Carmelo Acquista Giuseppe Barretta Salvatore Cinquemani & Angelo LoBrutto The People of The Parish
10:30	Maria Carullo
12:00	Giuseppina Guccione, Graziella Velenza, & Anna Graci
MON	4/29
7:00	Maria & Andrea Lupo
9:00	James Gilmore
TUES	4/30
7:00	Amato Della Vecchia
9:00	Louis Aresu
WED.	5/1
7:00	Monsignor. Antoncic
9:00	Deacon Fabio Flaim
THURS.	5/2
7:00	Vita Petruso
9:00	Richard Higgins
FRI.	5/3
7:00	The Purgatorial Society
9:00	Noel Ferdinands (1st Anniversary in Heaven)
SAT	5/4
9:00	James Joyce Ralph DiBello (5th Year in Anniversary Remembrance) Emilia Foschi Vincenza Scilla Carmelo Acquista
5:00	Lydia & Dominick Falivene (Together in Heaven)
SUN	5/5
7:30	Carmelo Acquista
9:00	Antonio Pellarin Giuseppe Cicero Carmelo Acquista The People of The Parish
10:30	Eileen A. Ryan
12:00	Ellen McDermott & Nellie Cafferkay



Bread & Wine

This week the Bread and Wine are donated in Loving Memory of:

Maria Carullo

Gift Given by: With Love, Daughter Rosa & Family



Altar Candles

This week the Altar Candles are donated in Loving Memory of:

Louis Aresu

Gift Given by: Mom & Family



Sanctuary Candles

This week the Sanctuary Candle is donated in Loving Memory of:

James Joyce

Gift Given by: Teresa Joyce



Newly Enrolled in the Purgatorial Society

March, 2024

***Francesca Laconca
Antonella DiMassa
Barbara Loscalzo
Maddalena Pace
Joseph Mattone Sr.***

The Purgatorial Mass is offered on the First Friday of each month at 7:00am. Enrollment in the Purgatorial Society is for the period of one year.



In your prayers...

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amen

We pray for all those who are sick, especially:

- Matt Z.
- Lisa Sperazza
- Susan Trezioso
- Nick Roberto
- Pasqualina Lucciola
- Julia Rollo
- Francesca Cecile
- Angelo Ragonese
- Nick O'Donnell
- Patricia O'Donnell
- Kristian Mendez
- Jennifer Russo
- Roseann Orlando
- Barbara Ann Luisi
- Tom Sammel
- Freda Cassini
- Jacinta Carolan
- Assunta Goldone
- Kruno Pandzic
- Carol Sturm
- Martha Catul
- Dominick Fortino
- RoseAnn Dell Apenna
- Alida Addeo
- Yolanda Gatti
- Patricia Parrish
- Carmen A. Leites
- Carolynn Freeda
- Anthony Marino
- Mario Sumberac
- Helen Sumberac
- George Behringer
- Avery Santiago
- Ari Ortiz
- Susan Caraher
- Brian Finnerty
- Lee Ragusa
- Paul Adessa
- Joanne Perricelli
- Drenckhahn
- Dottie Giordano
- Siena Rose Romagnuolo
- David G.
- Rosa Annibale
- Mia Elizabeth Skaats
- Nicky O'Donnell
- Jimmy Caraher
- John Holmes
- Venice Hernandez
- Eileen McBride
- Cami Yandoli
- Lynn Gallagher
- John Paul Yezzo
- Niki Angelopoulous
- Valerie Albano Krug
- Bryan Day
- Theresa Bedell
- Karen Youdell
- Angela Infantino
- Carol VitoBello
- Giovanna Palmese
- Olga Scopa
- Tom Hummel
- Edda Iacona
- Bob Mistretta
- Patricia Lamagna
- Lester Kuczynski
- Beverly Ilchert
- Danielle Byrd
- Patricia Suarz
- Lena Bae
- Antoinette Ruotolo
- Charles Ragnauth
- Giovanna Mazzoni
- James Burns
- Giovanni Badalamente
- Vivian Dunne

**We pray for those recently deceased from our parish:
Frank Startari, Vera McCormack, & Antonio Pompa**

Join us for Scripture Reading

Starting Monday, April 22nd at 7:00PM

Every Monday until May 20th

Men's Club - entrance on 27th Avenue

Focusing on Acts of the Apostles



Bring your own Bible

The National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be on a Eucharistic Revival tour from May to July 2024, to point us to the Eucharist.

You will have a chance to venerate the historic National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima given to the United States by the Bishop of Fatima after being blessed by Pope St. Paul VI in 1967, at the following Parishes.

Friday May 17th, 2024:

St Michael RC Church
136-76 41st Ave
Flushing, NY 11355
Phone: (718) 961-0295
8:00AM to 1:00PM

St Kevin RC Church
45-21 194th Street
Flushing, NY 11358
Phone: (718) 357-8888
2:00PM to 8:00PM

Saturday May 18th, 2024:

St Paul Chong Hasang RC Church
32-15 Parsons Blvd
Flushing, NY 11354
Phone: (718) 321-7676
8:00AM to 1:00PM

St. John Vianney RC Church
140-10 34th Ave
Flushing NY 11354
Phone: (718) 762-7920
2:00PM to 6:30PM

Sunday May 19th, 2024:

Sacred Heart RC Church
215-35 38th Avenue
Bayside, NY 11361
Phone: (718) 428-2200
8:00AM to 1:30PM

St Josaphat RC Church
34-32 210th Street
Flushing, NY 11361
Phone: (718) 229-1663
2:00PM to 8:00PM



For Parish schedule of their planned activities, please call the Parish or check their bulletins.



At St. Mel's Catholic Academy...



We are all on the same team!

The weather is getting warmer and our CYO sports programs are in full swing. Our soccer teams are playing hard, their competitive season is underway and our in-house basketball clinics have also begun. We are thrilled that so many of our students are taking advantage of these sports programs. At our basketball clinics the children are learning how to shoot, pass and dribble, but in addition to improving their physical skills on the court, they are also learning teamwork and good sportsmanship, which are important life skills. One of the most important things though is that they are being active and they are having fun. Thank you to all of our parent volunteer coaches for donating your time and talents to provide these opportunities for our children.



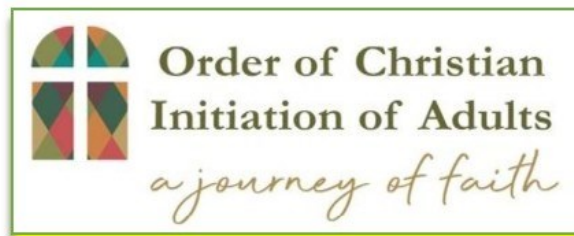
Religious Education Program

St. Mel's Office of Faith Formation oversees the St. Mel School of Religion Program which provides Religious Instruction to children in grades 1 through 8 who attend public schools. Through our Religious Education program, we seek to increase children's awareness of the presence of God in their daily lives through Scripture, prayer and an appropriate curriculum that teaches Catholic doctrine necessary for children to become good, practicing Catholics. The program also prepares the children to complete their initiation into the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. Classes are held on Wednesdays from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm for Grades 1-5 and from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm for Grades 6-8. If you have any questions regarding St. Mel's Religious Education program, please email us at stmelfaithformation@gmail.com and mariamarotta@stmels-queens.org



SAVE THE DATE – Sunday May 5, 2024, at 10:30 am Mass

**Parish May Crowning and 2nd Grade Family Mass for Children and Families from the
St. Mel's Catholic Academy and the School of Religion**



◆ Are you a practicing adult Catholic (18+) seeking the sacrament of Confirmation, who has been baptized and have received your first Holy Communion?

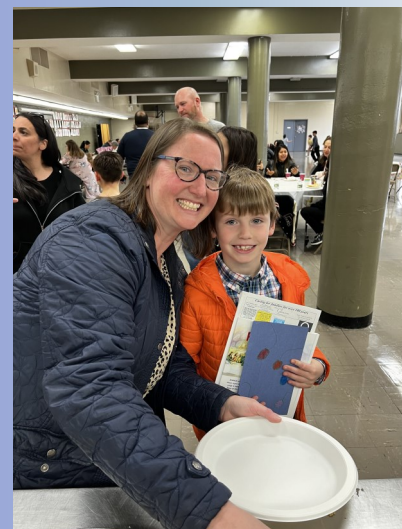
If you answered yes, to this question, we invite you to participate in our Adult Confirmation Program which would prepare you to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 28th. The Adult Confirmation Program presents an overview of the essentials of the Catholic Faith, focusing on immediate catechesis for the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation. The program includes presentations, group discussion, reflection, and prayer.

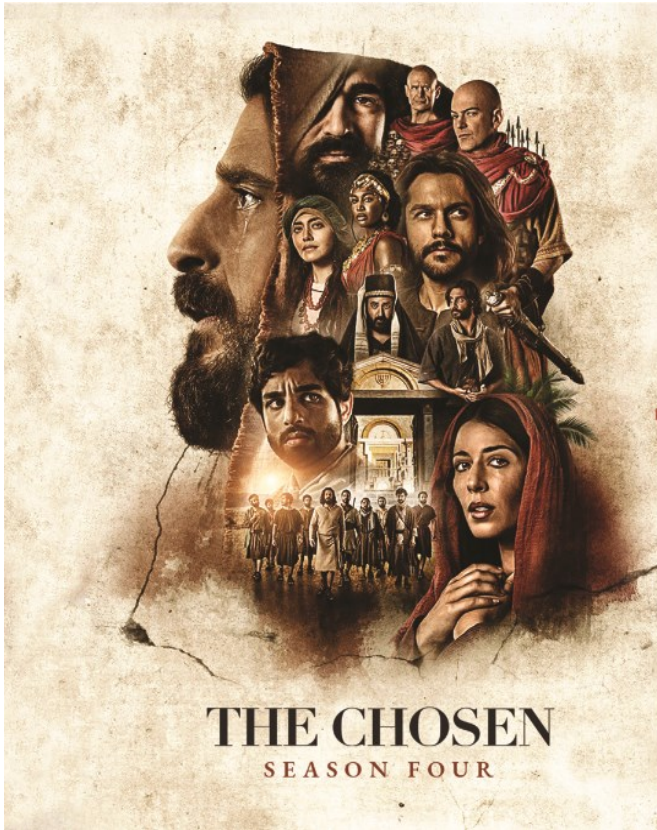
◆ Are you interested in the Catholic faith?
◆ Have you been coming to church for a while but are not Catholic?
◆ Have you been baptized Catholic or validly baptized in another Christian denomination and wish to be fully initiated into the Catholic faith through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Communion?

If you answered yes to this question, we invite you to look deeper into the Catholic faith through a process called the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults ("OCIA") It is also adapted for older children.

If you are interested in learning more about these programs, contact the Office of Faith Formation at stmelfaithformation@gmail.com or at 718-461-9840

Celebrating With Our First Communion Candidates





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our police and law officers each day
as they keep us safe
in our homes and on our streets.

Dear God, their work is often
stressful and dangerous
so we humbly place them in your care.
We pray that you shield them from harm
as they carry out their service on our behalf.

Please give these brave men and women
your Almighty protection and
unite them safely with their loved ones
at the end of every day. ~ Amen

Paschal Candle

*In Loving Memory of Thomas J. Farrell
Forever in our Hearts*



*In Loving Memory of James Zaput
Gift Given by: The Zaput Family*



*In Loving Memory of George Spicijaric &
John George Spicijaric*

Gift Given by: Blanche Spicijaric



*In Loving Memory of Dino Marriotti
Gift Given by: Julia Marriotti*



*In Loving Memory Adriano Papi
Gift Given by: Rita Papi*



In Loving Memory of Antonella DiMassa-Raco



In Loving Memory of Rose & Gerard DeRosa



*In Loving Memory of Brother Silvano & Sister Gemma Matrullo
Gift Given by: Wanda Prestifilippo*



Paschal Candle

*In Loving Memory of Breeda & Eugene Witt
Gift Given by: Their Daughter, AnnMarie Brady,
Grandchildren, & Great Grandchildren*



*In Loving Memory of Irene Pariselli
Gift Given by: Her Loving Husband & Children*



*In Loving Memory of Teddy, Carmela, &
Christopher Kwiath
Gift Given by: Peter & Linda Kwiath, and their
Great Grandchildren*



*The Living & Deceased Members of the
Ray, Cassata, & Morell Families*



*The Living & Deceased Members of the Howell &
McCabe Families*



*Gift Given by: Mark & Arlene Kemmerer &
Genevieve & Elizabeth Pizzo*



Paschal Candle

In Loving Memory of Tony Mirkov

With Love, Lilly, Sam & Eric



For the Special Intention of George & Juliana Grzic



In Loving Memory of Josephine Proietto

Gift Given by: Joseph & Annette Freda



For the Special Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Longo



In Loving Memory of My Parents

Raffaella & Louis Fonti

"They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead...but they are in peace." (Wisdom 3:2-3)



In Loving Memory of Patricia Dillon

"Charm is deceptive, and beauty does not last; but a woman who loves the Lord will be greatly praised. Reward her for all she done." (Proverbs 31:30)



The Living & Deceased Members of the Joyce and

Ghee Families



Paschal Candle

In Loving Memory of My Brother

Louis Fonti III

"Why do you seek the living one among the dead?

He is not here; he has been raised." (Lk 24:6)



In Loving Memory of Raymond Meyers

From Your, Loving Family



In Loving Memory of my Husband, Michael J. Smith

Given by: Denise Smith



In Loving Memory of My Parents and Brothers

Joan & Joe, Kevin & Dennis Hopkins



In Loving Memory of The Deceased Members of

The Hopkins & Hill Families



In Loving Memory of Walter Ilchert, Marylyn & John Tie,

& Roseann & Lou Angelico



In Loving Memory of Joseph J. DeAnnuntis

Given by: Vivian, David, and Cathy



St. Mel's Leisure Club



Saint Mel's Leisure Club meets every Monday at 1:30 PM in Father O'Malley Hall. Some come for bingo. Some to play cards or board games. All come for what the Club offers: friendship and camaraderie.

April 21, 2024
Mass Attendance Total = 794

5:00 PM— 147

7:30 AM—111

9:00 AM—108

10:30 AM—293

12:00 PM—135

Parish Partnerships are seriously being considered for our deanery and throughout our diocese. To help us understand the process, I will be publishing in our weekly bulletin our Sunday Mass attendance numbers so that if in the future there is a change made to our Mass schedule, we will understand that the change was not solely predicated on the number of parish priests, but on the data.



First Friday Adoration is May 3rd following the 9:00 AM Mass. Benediction is 12:00 PM. In the event of a funeral adoration will be held in the chapel.

Bundle Saturday St. Vincent de Paul



The next bundle Saturday will be July 13th. St. Vincent de Paul will have a truck in the St. Mel's parking lot from 9am—12:00pm.

Lightly used clothing is needed. They also accept shoes, handbags, towels, and linens. Thank you for your generosity.



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Sacred Vessels: Pyx,

Monstrance, Luna, Lunette

There are other sacred vessels that are not used at Mass but are used to assist in Eucharistic ministry and devotion.

The *pyx* is the small container used to bring Holy Communion to the faithful who are unable to attend Holy Mass. Used by clergy or Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, it allows those, particularly the sick, to receive Holy Communion in the home, hospital, nursing home, or correction facility.

The *monstrance* is a vessel in which the consecrated Host is exposed for the adoration of the faithful. Commonly used for processions, holy hours, and Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament, it is most often shaped like a sunburst, raised on a base, that surrounds the Sacred Host.

Less seen and noticed is the *luna* or *lunette*. This is the glass-enclosed centerpiece that safely contains the consecrated Host while moving it from the tabernacle and displaying it in the monstrance. The term *lunette* may also often be used for the case that holds the luna in the tabernacle when the Sacred Host is not exposed for the adoration of the faithful.

When speaking of the Holy Eucharist, the term *Host* is often used. *Host* comes from the Latin *hostia*, which means *victim*. Jesus is the Divine Victim, the Sacrifice for Our Salvation.

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