

Church of Saint Mel

2615 154th St., Flushing, NY 11354

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www.stmels-queens.org



Sunday, May 12, 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

154-24 26th Ave., Flushing, NY 11354
(718) 539-8211 Fax (718) 539-6563
www.stmelsacademy.org
Board Chair: Dominick Yezzo
Principal: Mrs. Amy Barron, M.A., M.S.Ed.

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Paula Migliore
Faith Formation Office - (718) 461-9840

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.



Many couples choose to honor the Blessed Mother on their wedding day by presenting her with a bouquet of flowers.

This longstanding tradition within the Church recalls Mary's participation at the Wedding Feast at Cana and the effectiveness of her intercession on behalf of a couple in need.

Today we too keep a tradition. We honor the women in our lives whom we know and love as Mom; women who like Mary have been there with and for us especially in time of need.

Many Moms will receive flowers today. Others will be spoiled and given gifts. May all the women you and I call and cherish as Mom, living and deceased, know the immensity of our gratitude, love, and respect today and always!

Sadly, there are some within our society who wish to degrade and redefine the unique beauty and dignity of women especially as gifted by God to bear children. Rejecting their warped and disrespectful agenda, may our celebration of Motherhood today renew our efforts to uphold individually and collectively the Church's teaching on the Sanctity of Human Life.

"Male and female He created them, and He blessed them." (Genesis 5:2)

May He continue to bless them as we thank God for them, our beautiful Moms.

Father Fonti



Mass Intentions - May 12, 2024

SAT 5/11
5:00 Rocco & Nicoletta Signore & Roseann Genese
SUN 5/12
7:30 Jane & Frank DiTaranto
9:00 Mela Ieraci, Onorina Colalillo, Annunziata Colaillo
Maria Casabianca, Maria Margherita, & Antonina Petruso
Francesco Baldo, Jenny, Mateo, Santina, Gidgetto, & Gietta Calabro
Salvatore & Martina Bacarella, Giuseppe & Anna Prainito, &
Rosetta Prainito
Anna & Angelo Graci, & Americo Chima
Carmelo & Maria Giardina
Giovanna LaPuma
Joan Buzzi
Francesca Laconca & Eugenia Madonna
Salvatore & Anna Vitale, Salvatore Faraci, Gaspare & Vincenza
Faraci & Maria Pellerito
Anna & Filomena Cinquemani & Pasqualina Battaglia
The People of The Parish
10:30 Nicoletta & Umberto Guadagno
12:00 Anthony & Elizabeth Falsone
MON 5/13
7:00 Mother's Day Novena
9:00 Li Jian Tao (Li Joseph)
TUES 5/14
7:00 Mr. & Mrs. Lina & Domenico Mariotti
9:00 Mother's Day Novena
WED. 5/15
7:00 Mother's Day Novena
9:00 Edward Sitler
THURS. 5/16
7:00 Mother's Day Novena
9:00 Thomas Gilmore
FRI. 5/17
7:00 Mother's Day Novena
9:00 Frank Rappa
SAT 5/18
9:00 Ann DiBello (5 year Anniversary Remembrance)
Simon & Sophia An (Living)
Dorothea Addeo
Ronald Giurdanella
In Gratitude
5:00 Margaret Messerschmidt
SUN 5/19
7:30 Yolanda & James Luciano
9:00 John Hynes Jr. (Anniversary Remembrance of 55 Years)
Carmelo Acquista
Salvatore Cinquemani
Anthony Pompa
Giuseppe Barretta
Stefana LoPiccolo
The People of The Parish
10:30 Maria Lao
12:00 Carmelo, Angela, & Calogero Rosselli

Bread and Wine

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

Gloria Scelso

Given by: Evon Louttit

Altar Candles

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

Eugina Madonna

***Given by: Rosa DelGreco &
Marilena Lugo***

Sanctuary Candles

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

John Poverelli

Newly Enrolled in the Purgatorial Society

April, 2024

***Francesco Cesarano
Carmelo Acquista
Giuseppe Barretta
Otilia Koscica
Maria Brescio
Emilia Foschi
Dino Biordi
Raiko Karlic
Sheryl Ann Lonergan
Henry Lee
Frank Zukovsky, RN
Jann Nunez
Mrs. Eileen Smith***



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
- Carollynn 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:

John Poverelli & Lucille Falco

Join us for Scripture Reading

Starting Monday, April 22nd at 7:00PM

Every Monday until May 20th

Men's Club - entrance on 27th Avenue

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A mother is she who can
take the place of all
others but whose place
no one else can take.

Happy Mother's Day



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.



“Women of St. Mel”

IN CELEBRATION OF OF OUR BLESSED
MOTHER AND THE WOMEN
OF OUR PARISH
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A
“LADIES LUNCHEON”

Hosted by Fr. Fonti

May 30, 2023

12pm - 2pm

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RSVP: By MAY 25th at rectory

**LIMITED SEATING

Call for info: 718.886.0201



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024





At St. Mel's Catholic Academy...



We're All on the Same Team!

April Students of the Month

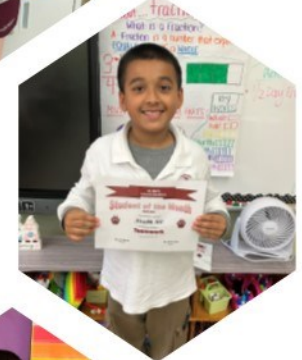
Our value of the month of April was teamwork. Here at St. Mel's, teaching and living out gospel values is part of our mission. We try to teach our students to help each other out and be team players. After all we are all on team St. Mel's. We would like to congratulate the following students for their sense of teamwork during the month of April:

3KA Gianluca Marmo
PKA Asdrubal Cabral
K1 Giuliana Davis
Gr. 2 Siena Lascano
Gr 5 Roman Mantinaos

3KB Luca Seminerio
PKB Coral Lukis
K2 Abigail Cirri
Gr. 3 Nirabh KC
Gr. 6 Angelo Marino

3KC Wells Zhu
PKC Ryan Stylianou
Gr. 1 Francesca Dodge
Gr. 4 Matthew Fajardo

Congratulations!



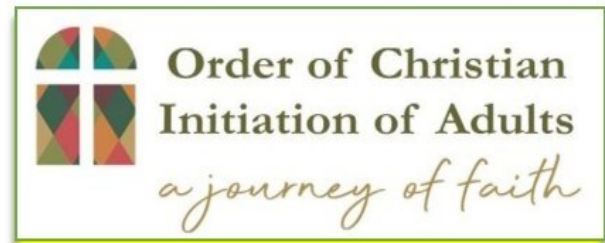
Religious Education Program

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



REMINDER – Wednesday, May 15th, 2024

Will be the last day for the St. Mel 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

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 & Elisabeth 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





Annual Catholic Appeal 2024

DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Each year **St. Mel R.C. Church** and the Diocese of Brooklyn engage in the **Annual Catholic Appeal** which supports Catholic programs throughout Brooklyn and Queens and affects the lives of countless individuals and families living in our neighborhoods in addition to benefiting our parish. The Annual Catholic Appeal makes possible those programs that no one parish could do alone.

Why is your participation important?

As followers of Jesus here at **St. Mel R.C. Church**, we understand our responsibility to our parish implies a responsibility to the diocese which unites us together with the entire Catholic community as the one body of Christ.

When one part of the body does not participate, the entire body suffers and makes it harder to function. Likewise, your participation in this Appeal, over and above your regular Sunday offering, will determine the ability of **St. Mel R.C. Church** to faithfully support the mission of Christ while also providing the needed support we receive as one parish, which is part of the larger Catholic Church.

Please join us to respond as the Church of Christ called to Communion, Participation & Mission in Brooklyn and Queens through a pledge to the **Annual Catholic Appeal** today at AnnualCatholicAppeal.org or text **DONATE** to **917-336-1255**

The **Annual Catholic Appeal** seeks to raise a minimum of \$8 million to provide programs and ministries throughout the Diocese and support the local efforts of parishes like ours.

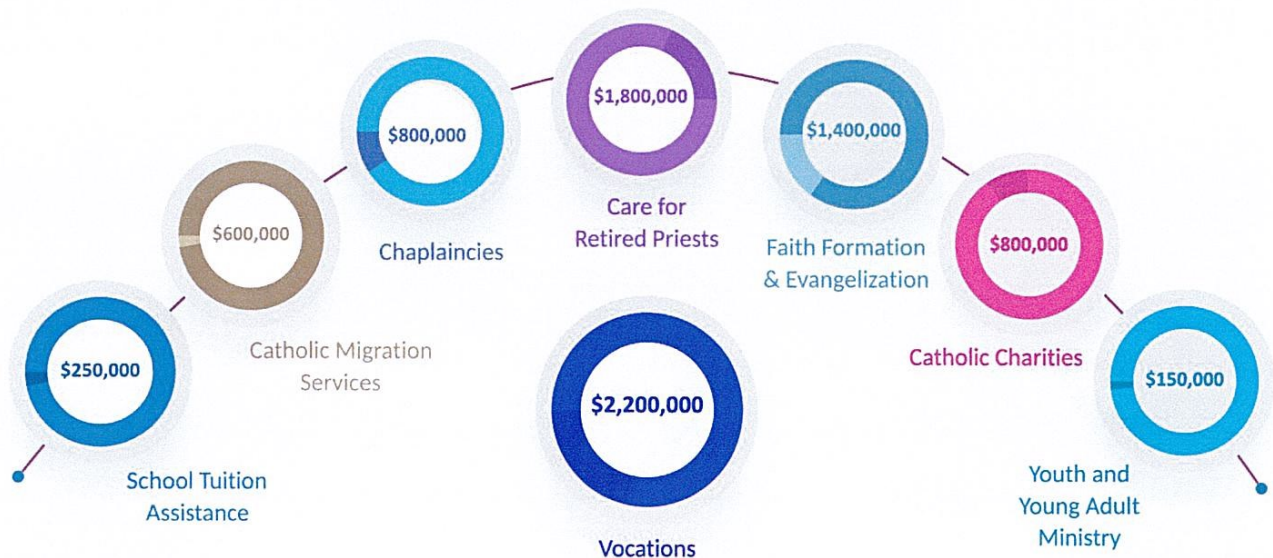
The goal at St. Mel R.C. Church is \$84,065

We have collected: \$101,901.57
Once we exceed our goal, we will then receive 100% of all funds raised above this figure directly back to our parish.

For questions regarding the **Annual Catholic Appeal**, or to schedule an appointment to make a gift to the parish, please contact the
 Parish Office –
 (718) 886-0201

**Called to
 Communion,
 Participation &
 Mission**

What does the Annual Catholic Appeal Support?





Stay Connected to St. Mel's Church

Go to: <http://stmelsrchurch.flocknote.com> or you can find the app, Flocknote

This will bring you to the sign up page to enter your name, email address, and mobile phone number. You will be asked to verify your email or mobile number or both if given.

Once you have your information verified you will be asked to create a password.

Then you will just follow the directions on the site. Once all is complete you will be set up to receive updates from Fr. Fonti.

Connect with St Mel using the Free Social App Tabella

Tabella is a fully Catholic app where you can enjoy Catholic content to grow in the faith. The Tabella app is available in English/ Spanish and has the biggest library of Catholic audio devotional content.

If you currently receive parish communications through Flocknote, be sure to download this app to your phone as it will eventually replace Flocknote for parish communications. This app is very easy to use and when there is a post from us you will get a push notification on your phone.

In the meantime, use all the resources available on this app to nurture your faith.

Step 1: Just scan the QR code to the left.

Step 2: Find and Follow St Mel Church. Use the Communities tab and search for "11354" Then click the "follow" Button on our church profile. You are now all set.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING

Saturday, June 15th

9:00AM—3:30PM

Given in the St. Mel Men's Club
\$50

Call Marty for more information:
631-360-9720



Because no marriage is beyond hope...

- Is your marriage tearing you apart?
- Do you feel hurt and angry?
- Does talking make it worse?
- Thought of leaving or divorce?
- Is your marriage heading in the wrong direction?

Retrouvaille can help.

**Our Next Weekend is
September 13-15, 2024
at The Immaculate Conception
Seminary, Huntington**

**To register or for more information:
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Retrouvaille is a practical program for married couples facing difficult challenges. It is not counseling and you will not be asked to share the personal details of your story.

Retrouvaille is different; it's a way to improve your communication, help you reconnect, and build a healthy, happier, stronger marriage.

Catholic in origin, couples of all faiths, or no faith background, are welcome to attend. We are a Christian Peer Ministry offering tens of thousands of marriages hope in over 160 communities world-wide.

NARANON OPEN MEETING

Looking for support?
A loved one struggling with addiction?

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

JOIN US TUESDAY EVENINGS FROM
7:30-9:00PM

Lower level of St. Mel School

Contact: Ann Acquaviva 201-400-7760

for more details

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.

May 5, 2024

Mass Attendance Total = 768

5:00 PM— 150

7:30 AM—90

9:00 AM—109

10:30 AM—274

12:00 PM—145

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.

The Cenacles of Life

The Cenacles of Life are prayer groups that pray as the Blessed Mother and the Apostles prayed in the Upper Room, awaiting the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. They pray – as should all Catholics – to stop the killing of the unborn, sick, and disabled. The goal of the Prayer Group: restore respect for the sanctity of life which has so frighteningly eroded in our country and world. Please come and pray with St. Mel's Cenacle of Life: Thursdays @ 11:00 AM in the church.

I Cenacoli della Vita sono gruppi di preghiera che pregano come pregarono la Madonna e gli Apostoli nel Cenacolo, in attesa dello Spirito Santo a Pentecoste. Pregano—come dovrebbero tutti i cattolici—per fermare l'uccisione di nascituri, malati e disabili. L'obiettivo del gruppo di preghiera: ripristinare il rispetto per la santità della vita che ha così spaventosamente eroso nel nostro Paese e nel mondo. Per favore, venite a pregare con il Cenacolo della Vita di San Mel: giovedì alle 11:00 in chiesa.

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.



SICILY

**Odyssey & Spiritual Journey
14 Nights Tour
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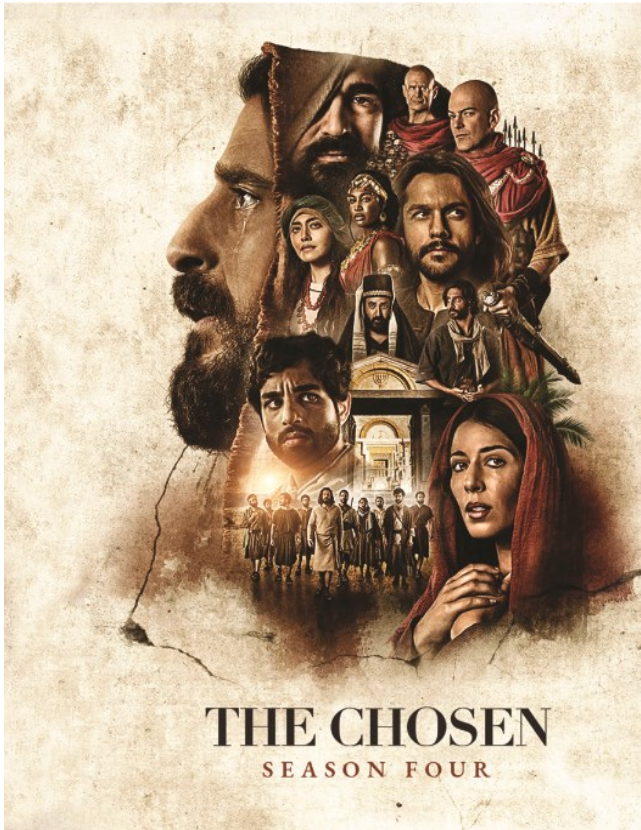
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SEASON FOUR

PARISHES OF
ST. LUKE & ST. MEL

Join us on

Thursday, May 2 - Ep. 2
Thursday, May 16 - Ep. 3
at
7:00 PM

Msgr. Tosi Pastoral Center
St. Luke Church Basement

St Mel School Reunion
Class of 2014
Class of 1974

10th & 50th Anniversaries

Celebration for Class of '14 and '74 Alumni, Families & Faculty

Saturday, June 22, 2024
Church of St Mel ~ St Mel Catholic Academy
2615 154th St, Flushing, NY 11354

5 PM Mass | 6 PM School Tour | 6:30 - 10:30 PM Celebration

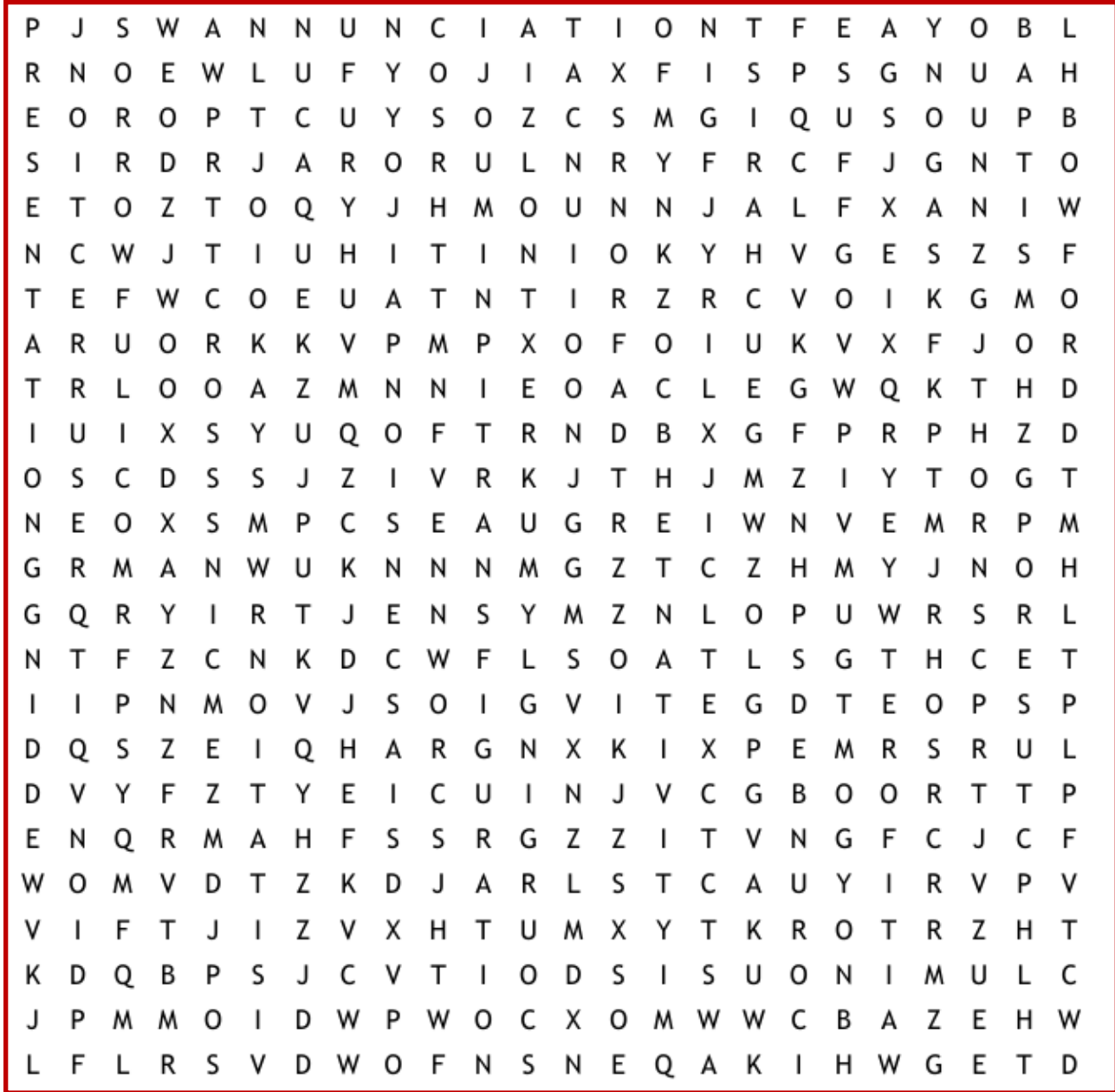
For Details, To Register, Purchase Tickets
or Contact Event Committee:
www.eventcreate.com/e/stmelreunion
Tickets ~ \$50 per adult

Please RSVP Online by June 8, 2024

Additional Contact Information:
Class of '74: Maureen Ardif Cooke (917) 603-4234
Class of '14: Kathy Siano (917) 648-9393



ROSARY



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|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| transfiguration | resurrection | presentation | annunciation | crucifixion |
| coronation | assumption | visitation | eucharist | pentecost |
| ascension | scourging | sorrowful | nativity | glorious |
| luminous | wedding | baptism | gospel | thorns |
| temple | joyful | cross | crown | agony |



The Solemnity of Pentecost

(Pentecost Sunday)

“This sacred [Easter] season of fifty days comes to an end on Pentecost Sunday, which commemorates the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles, the beginnings of the Church and its mission to every tongue and people and nation” (Cer of Bishops, 376).

The Pentecost (a word that comes from the Greek meaning “fiftieth day”) event is outward-oriented not because of the many who spoke different tongues that day in Jerusalem, but rather in the mission entrusted to the infant Church to share with all the earth the marvels done by and the very Person of Jesus. Mindful of this “mission,” communities often chose Pentecost to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation.

Because of its importance, the solemnity of Pentecost has an entire dedicated vigil celebration, with special prayers and readings, similar to the Easter Vigil. Unfortunately, this celebration takes place mostly in religious communities rather than local parishes.

The red Mass vestments and church décor, as well as additional lighted candles, recall the “tongues of fire” mentioned in the book of Acts. After the last Mass, the Paschal (Easter) Candle is removed from the sanctuary and returned to a location near the font.

Come, O Holy Spirit! Renew the face of the Earth!

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