

Church of Saint Mel

2615 154th St., Flushing, NY 11354

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www.stmels-queens.org



Sunday, May 19, 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
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DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Kelsey Sheldon

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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.



In these unsettling and chaotic times, you “take your life into your hands” venturing into the city. The continuous reports of crime and random acts of violence on the subway and in the streets have filled me and I am sure all of us with apprehension and, sad to say, fear.

This past week I had to face that fear – I had an appointment in the city.

I was pleasantly surprised by the outcome.

As I walked from Penn Station to my destination, I met several people along the way. One was a panhandler whom I regularly helped when I lived in Brooklyn. I guess all my coins paid off. He is now working the West Side. A few blocks further, I met a brother priest who was in the city with friends to see a matinee. And lastly on my way home, I met a parishioner, Angela Reilly. We met on the platform of the LIRR and enjoyed a pleasant conversation back to Flushing.

Reflecting on my experience in the city, I am reminded that while fears can be warranted and threatening, God always provides for us, always supports, and strengthens us.

So, walk by faith not by fear!

Father Fonti

There is **no evil** to be faced
that Christ does not face with us.
There is **no enemy** that Christ
has not already conquered.
There is **no cross** to bear that Christ
has not already borne for us,
and does not now bear with us.

– Pope John Paul II

AZ QUOTES



Mass Intentions - May 19, 2024

SAT	5/18
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
MON	5/20
7:00	Rita Iurillo
9:00	Mother's Day Novena
TUES	5/21
7:00	Mother's Day Novena
9:00	Rosalie & Joseph Ciaccio
WED.	5/22
7:00	Antonio, Rosa, & Peter DiPietrantonio
9:00	Bart Manzella
THURS.	5/23
7:00	Mary & Patrick McCormack
9:00	Joseph DeAnnuntis
FRI.	5/24
7:00	Mother's Day Novena
9:00	Kathleen & Anthony Gilmore
SAT	5/25
9:00	Natale Bruzzese
	Patrick O'Connell
	Giuseppe Belulovich
	Eileen Fennell
	Jose
5:00	Carmina Guerino & Pietro Martelli
SUN	5/26
7:30	Arsen Grgas
9:00	Enzo & Angela Cecchetti
	Michele Picerno
	Joseph Iccari
	Anthony Pompa
	Giuseppe Barretta
	Mario Codispoti
	The People of The Parish
10:30	Paddy Reilly & Colm & Mary Murphy
12:00	Giuseppe & Rosaria Candela

Bread and Wine

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

*Deceased Members of the Gualtieri,
Tockarshewsky, & Lacorazza
Families*

Given by: Marie & Be Tockarshewsky

Altar Candles

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

Joseph DeAnnuntis

Sanctuary Candles

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

Richard Lynch

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
 - 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
 - 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 Mazzone
 - James Burns
 - Giovanni Badalamente
 - Vivian Dunne

We pray for those recently deceased from our parish:

Rochelle Cassidy

Join us for Scripture Reading

Starting Monday, April 22nd at 7:00 PM

Every Monday until May 20th

Men's Club - entrance on 27th Avenue

Focusing on Acts of the Apostles



Bring your own Bible

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Thank You!



Paladino Printing and Graphics for your generous gift of our Mother's Day card.

The First Step is always the hardest. It's made easier when it is not taken alone.



AA Meetings

St. Mel's hosts 2 Weekly Meetings:

**Mondays – 7:30 PM (Beginners)
Thursdays – 8:00 PM**

Meetings are held in Serenity Hall. Entrance on 26th Ave / School Yard

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.

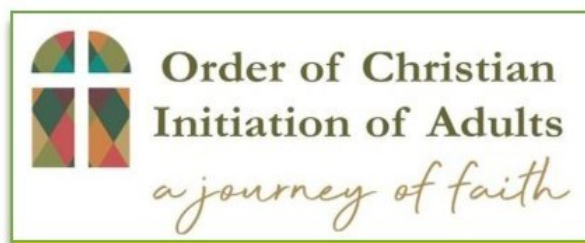
Religious Education Program

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



RE Registration for the 2024-2025 school year

is coming soon! Stay Tuned!



◆ 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.

2nd Grade Family Mass



How to Pray the Rosary

Begin with the Sign of the Cross:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



1. Holding the Crucifix/Cross say the Apostles' Creed

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

2. On the first bead, say an Our Father.

Our Father

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come. thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

3. Say the Hail Mary on each of the next three beads.

Hail Mary

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

4. Say the Glory Be

Glory Be

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

(For each of the five decades – the set of 10 beads in a row) - announce the Mystery (can also cite a reading from Scripture).

Then say the Our Father.

5. Holding each of the 10 beads (the decade) say 10 Hail Marys while meditating on the Mystery.

6. Then say a Glory Be. (After finishing each decade, you can add the Fatima Prayer):

Fatima Prayer

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy.

7. After saying the five decades, say the Hail, Holy Queen (Salve Regina)

Hail, Holy Queen (Salve Regina)

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile show us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: O God, whose Only Begotten Son, by his life, Death, and Resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech thee, that while meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Conclude the Rosary with the Sign of the Cross.

Mysteries

Sunday & Wednesday

Glorious Mysteries

- The Resurrection
- The Ascension
- The Descent of the Holy Spirit
- The Assumption of Mary
- The Coronation of the Blessed Mother

Monday & Saturday

Joyful Mysteries

- The Annunciation
- The Visitation
- The Birth of Jesus
- The Presentation
- The Finding of the Child Jesus

Tuesday & Friday

Sorrowful Mysteries

- The Prayer in the Garden
- The Scourging at the Pillar
- The Crowning with Thorns
- The Carrying of the Cross
- The Crucifixion

Thursday

Luminous Mysteries

- The Baptism of Jesus
- The Miracle at the Wedding Feast of Cana
- Jesus Proclaims the Kingdom of Heaven and Repentance
- The Transfiguration
- The Institution of the Holy Eucharist

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

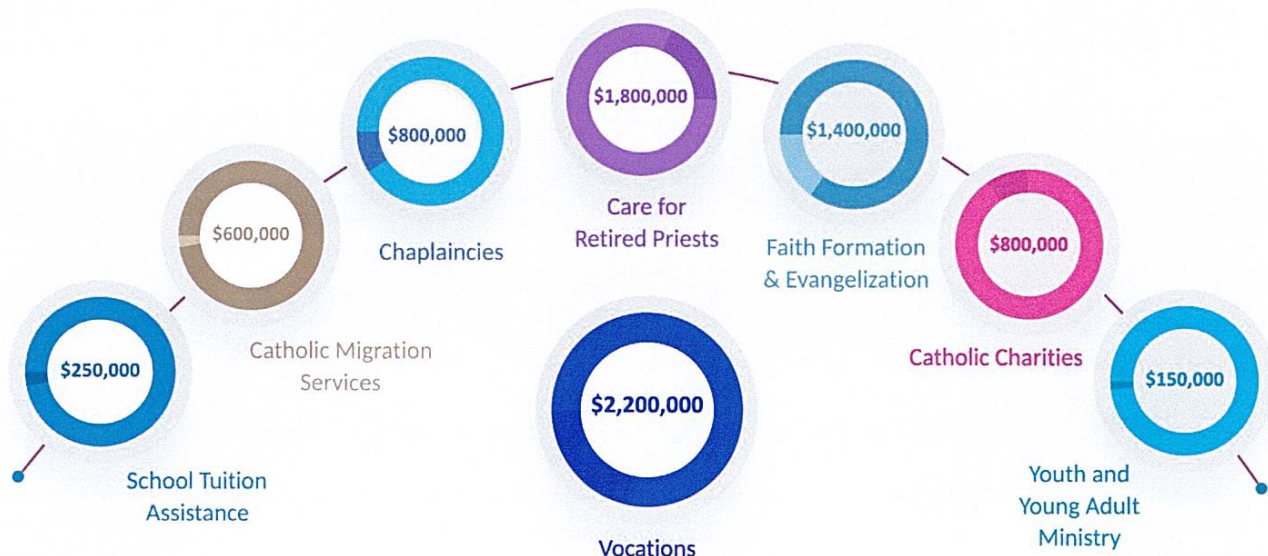
Once we exceed our goal, we will then receive 100% of all funds raised above this figure directly back to our parish.

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:
1-800-470-2230
HelpOurMarriage.org**

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

I prayed for you today

O Almighty Eternal God,
Look upon the face of Thy Christ,
and for the love of Him, Who is the Eternal High Priest,
have pity on Thy priests.
Remember, O most compassionate God,
that they are but weak and frail human beings.
Stir up in them the grace of their vocation which is
in them by the imposition of the Bishop's hands.
Keep them close to Thee,
lest the enemy prevail against them,
so that they may never do anything in the slightest
degree unworthy of their sublime vocation.

- St. Thérèse of Lisieux

***PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT
GROUP***

St. Luke Church

**Meets every 1st Tuesday
of every month.**



This group provides emotional assistance for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

If you are interested in participating in these meetings **you must** contact **Sister Theresa** at **(718) 746-8531**.

Sister also offers individual Bereavement Counseling Sessions where needed. Please remember to pray for all who are grieving the loss of loved ones.

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.

Please refrain from leaving personal items: statues, crucifixes, books, prayer cards, etc. on the counter in the foyer (entrance) of the church. The space is limited & is meant for parish materials only. Thank You!

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 12, 2024

Mass Attendance Total = 779

5:00 PM— 151

7:30 AM—122

9:00 AM—123

10:30 AM—233

12:00 PM—150

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.

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.

Pasta Dinner

FUNDRAISER

Food - Drink - Music - Raffles

TUESDAY, JUNE 18th, 2024

6:30pm - 9:30pm

ST. LUKE'S PASTORAL CENTER

16-34 Clintonville Street, Whitestone, NY 11357

For more information or to reserve your seat / table please contact Nick at 516-660-4818

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THE CHOSEN
SEASON FOUR

PARISHES OF
ST. LUKE & ST. MEL

Join us on

Thursday, May 30 - Ep. 4
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:**

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Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (Trinity Sunday)

While the Ascension and Pentecost recall individual biblical events, Trinity Sunday celebrates one of the central biblical and doctrinal truths of the Christian faith, the Most Holy Trinity. The liturgical feast began to be observed in the early 1300s.

Trinity Sunday is the yearly opportunity to remember that, as Pope Benedict wrote, “[being] Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.”

As we recall from catechism class, our God is Triune, that is, three (*tri-*) Divine Persons in a unity (*-une*) of one Godhead. Our God was revealed to us by Jesus Christ as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Christian God is not static but rather a community of those Three Blessed Persons. It’s no wonder that the Church community became such an important part of Christian life, as Christ’s followers attempt to mirror their God.

So central is this belief for the Christian that everything (including our prayers) begins: “In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” Trinity Sunday is just an annual reminder.

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