

Church of Saint Mel

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Sunday, June 9, 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.



Some years ago, an author penned a book entitled: “All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten.”

While I did not read the book I agree with its premise. I believe my Kindergarten teacher, Ms. Fortnash, would too.

She was kind and good and allowed us lots of playtime. But she also taught us: respect for others, proper care of ourselves, the pledge of allegiance, the importance of sharing and of saying “I’m sorry”, and of course, how to tie our shoes.

Velcro might have replaced teaching kindergarteners how to tie their shoes, but at St, Mel’s we still teach our little ones the value of love, the importance of caring for others, and most definitely, believing in God.

Congratulations to our Academy kindergarteners who “step-up” to the First Grade this Friday. Yes, it was a fun year but in time you will come to see one of formation too.

Father Fonti



Mass Intentions - June 9, 2024

SAT	6/8
5:00	Rocco & Nicoletta Signore & Roseann Genese
SUN	6/9
7:30	Lucy & Michael DiLauro
9:00	Antonio Pellarin Francesca Laconca Angelo & Josephine LoBrutto The People of The Parish
10:30	Anna, Arthur & Donald Halmy
12:00	Pasquale Tamburro
MON	6/10
7:00	In Honor of St. Anthony
9:00	Li Jian Tao (Li Joseph)
TUES	6/11
7:00	Ante Grando
9:00	Bill & Frances Savino
WED.	6/12
7:00	In Honor of St. Joseph
9:00	Cissie & Pete Lennon, Mary & Tim McCarthy
THURS.	6/13
7:00	Mr. & Mrs. Rachele & Giuseppe Bona
9:00	Alex R. Fazzi
FRI.	6/14
7:00	Tony Mirkov
9:00	Domenick Pugliese
SAT	6/15
9:00	Emilio Delligatti & Plinio Lucciola Joseph Augustine Marino Foshi Simon & Sophia An (Living) Mario Ljubicic Josephine Proietto Salvatore Faraci, Salvatore & Anna Vitale, Gaspare & Vincenza Faraci Salvatore Augelo & Giuseppe LoBrutto In Gratitude
5:00	Anthony Donatelli
SUN	6/16
7:30	Pasquale Iemma
9:00	Joseph Schiavetta Pietro Gagliano, Salvatore Bacarella, & Giuseppe Prainito Domenico, Antonino Casabianca, & Domenico Petruso Salvatore & Martina Bacarella, Angelo Bacarella, Rosetta Prainito, & Giuseppe & Anna Prainito Umberto & Nicoletta Guadagna Americo Chima, Anna & Angelo Graci Vito LaPuma Carmelo Acquista Antonio Laconca Stefano Inzalaco & Raffaele DiGioia The People of The Parish
10:30	Adriano Colalillo, Luke Butterfield, Adamo Colalillo, & Luigi Colalillo
12:00	Rafael Ferreira

Bread and Wine

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

***Dino Marriotti
(My Beloved Husband)***

Given by: Julia Mariotti

Altar Candles

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

Pasquale Tamburro

***Given by: The Italian American
Association***

Sanctuary Candles

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

Josephine & Bill Spellman

***Given by: The Cholowa & Rubin
Families***

Newly Enrolled in the Purgatorial Society

May, 2024

***Vernon Vlaun
Richard Carmelo
Deloris Ethel Walker Sosa
William Wrynn
Antonio Compa
Salvatore Tornio
Rosario Randazzo***



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
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- George Behringer
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- Ari Ortiz
- Susan Caraher
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- 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:

St. Mel's Athletic Association
Fall Registration
Sunday, June 9th
Following the 10:30 Mass

Please come down to Fr. O'Malley Hall and sign up for our Fall Sports: Soccer, Basketball, and Track.

Grades Pre-K to 8th

There will be light refreshments served.

San Calogero Eremita Protettore Della Citta' Di Naro (Agrigento)

Domenica Giugno 23
Alle Ore 9 Del Mattino

PREGHIERA

Glorioso San Calogero, volgi lo sguardo a noi e ascolta la nostra preghiera. Tu sei stato mandato da Dio a irradiare nella Sicilia la luce del Vangelo. ai cercato il Signore nella solitudine; l'hai servito con la penitenza; hai insegnato la via della salvezza e della virtù.

Tutti t'invocano taumaturgo, perché con la tua intercession Dio ha dato la parola ai muti, la salute ai malati, 'udito ai sordi e la vista ai ciechi. Hai preservato più volte le terre, a te devote, dal colera, dal terremoto e da altre disgrazie. Salvaci dai pericoli e concedici le grazie che ti chiediamo. Amen

Inno A San Calogero

Felice chi accorre,
quassù al sacro monte,
di Naro la gran fonte
di gioia, pace, amor.

*O San Calogero, nostro protettore
grazie ognor implora dal Signor.*

Di Cristo il grande annunzio
di libertà e pace,
dall'Oriente fulgido
a noi un dì recasti.

*O San Calogero, nostro protettore
grazie ognor implora dal Signor.*

*Agli uomini fratelli,
oppressi emarginati,
il Cielo additasti
con carità ardente.*

*O San Calogero, nostro protettore
grazie ognor implora dal Signor.*



Wedding Anniversary Mass

All couples celebrating their 25th, 50th, and 75th Anniversary are invited to renew their vows at a Mass celebrated by bishop Brennan.

Saturday, September 28th, 2024

11:30 AM

**St. Thomas Aquinas Church
1550 Hendrickson Street, Brooklyn**

Please come to the rectory to register.

The Fee is \$35.00 - registration must be done by September 15th.

If you have any questions regarding the celebration
please call 718-281-9540

All registered couples will receive a personalized certificate and those couples in attendance will have their picture taken with the Bishop.

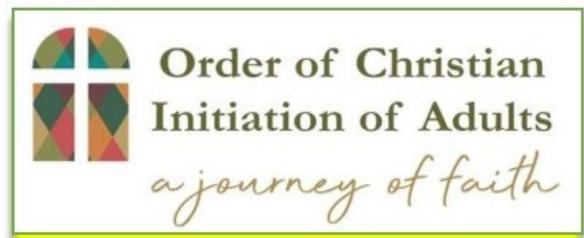
Religious Education Program

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.



Re-registration and new registrations for the 2024-2025 school year are in process. Parents/Guardians of new and returning students can register for the new school year by completing the on-line registration form found at <https://stmels-queens.org/religious-education>.

If you have any questions regarding St. Mel's Religious Education program, please call the Office of Faith Formation at 718-461-9840 or email us at stmelfaithformation@gmail.com and mariamarotta@stmels-queens.org



◆ 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.

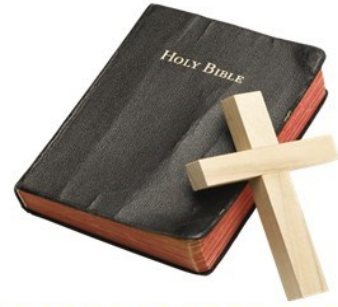
◆ Are you interested in the Catholic faith?
◆ Have you been coming to church for a while but are not Catholic?
◆ Have you been baptized Catholic or validly baptized in another Christian denomination and wish to be fully initiated into the Catholic faith through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Communion?

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.



RITE OF ACCEPTANCE



For the last several months, Susan Mui has been meeting with the Faith Formation team here at St. Mel. During this time, she has explored her own faith journey and whether the Catholic Church is the place to continue that journey. She has prayed about it and has decided to take the next step. This step involved a liturgical rite: the Rite of Acceptance. On Sunday, June 2nd at the 10:30 Mass Susan publicly, for the first time, declared her intention to the Church and the St. Mel Church community, We, the parish, as the Church, have a part in this Rite. We are asked to warmly welcome Susan into our faith family and to support her with our prayers as she prepares to receive her sacraments at next year's Easter Vigil.

Susan is pictured with her family. She is married to Theodore Furman. They have two children Clara and Thomas. Clara is 7 and will be attending 3rd grade in the Fall. Thomas is 4 and will be attending Kindergarten.





At St. Mel's Catholic Academy



We celebrate Integrity

May Students of the Month

Our value of the month of May was integrity. Here at St. Mel's teaching and living out gospel values is part of our mission. We try to teach our students to always do the right thing, even when no one else is looking. We would like to congratulate the following students for their sense of integrity during the month of May:

3KA Elianna Campbell
PKA Maria Pitu
K1 William Fleming
Gr. 2 Giavanna Pagano
Gr 5 Koey Ma

3KB Jackson Rowland
PKB Grace Wei
K2 Giuliana Cusimano
Gr. 3 River Tam
Gr. 6 Franco Santangelo

3KC Jackson Fleming
PKC Isabella
Gr. 1 Austin Buttigieg
Gr. 4 Quinn McConville
Congratulations!





THE CHOSEN
SEASON FOUR

PARISHES OF
ST. LUKE & ST. MEL

Join us on

Tuesday, June 11 - Ep. 5
Thursday, June 27 - Ep. 6
at
7:00 PM

Msgr. Tosi Pastoral Center
St. Luke Church Basement

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



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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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

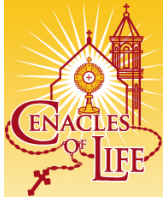
JOIN US TUESDAY EVENINGS FROM
7:30-9:00PM

Lower level of St. Mel School

Contact: Ann Acquaviva 201-400-7760

for more details

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 prepararono 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.

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



“United in Communion / United in Charity”

ST. MEL'S 2024 GOAL: \$ 84,065

Already Pledged: \$108,629

124 Pledges

(100% of all funds raised above our goal come directly back to St. Mel's)

A PRAYER FOR HEALING VICTIMS OF ABUSE

God of endless love,
ever caring, ever strong,
always present, always just:
You gave your only Son
to save us by his blood on the cross.



Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,
join to your own suffering
the pain of all who have been hurt
in body, mind, and spirit
by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.



Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters
who have been gravely harmed,
and the cries of those who love them.
Soothe their restless hearts with hope,
steady their shaken spirits with faith.
Grant them justice for their cause,
enlightened by your truth.



Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,
heal your people's wounds
and transform brokenness into wholeness.
Grant us the courage and wisdom,
humility and grace, to act with justice.
Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors.
Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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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.

Last Meeting is June 17th and will resume on September 16th



June 2, 2024

Mass Attendance Total = 686

5:00 PM— 110

7:30 AM—105

9:00 AM—103

10:30 AM—206

12:00 PM—160

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

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faith
father
heaven
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homily
host

jesus
joseph
jude
king
lord
love
noah
patrick
peace
pope

prayer
priest
psalm
revelation
saint
scripture
spirit
testament
trinity
wine



Ordinary Time and the Gospel of Mark (and John 6)

It's been 10 Sundays since the priest (and deacon) wore green Mass vestments. The season of Ordinary Time returned after Pentecost and remains until the First Sunday of Advent, 4 Sundays before Christmas.

Ordinary Time allows the Church to take a break, so to speak, from the heightened awareness and intensity of the four major liturgical seasons: Advent-Christmas and Lent-Easter. During this period are most saints' celebrations and a special dedication to one of the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) each Sunday.

The readings we hear each Ordinary Time Sunday are based on a three-year cycle (A, B, C) with each year focused on one of the three gospels mentioned above. Presently we are in Year B, dedicated to Mark's Gospel. Each Sunday we hear a portion of Mark's Gospel, generally picking up where we left off the previous Sunday. Thus, over the three-cycle of Ordinary Time, we stand for, hear and acknowledge the three Synoptic Gospels.

You might be asking, "What about John?" John's Gospel is read every year during Easter Season and at special feasts throughout the year. Also, readings from John 6, Jesus's important discourse on the Holy Eucharist, are read on five Sundays of Ordinary Time during Year C, since Mark's Gospel, read during that year, is relatively short.

Remember, whatever the name given for the season when green is worn at Mass, there is nothing ordinary about our time with God each weekend!



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