

Church of Saint Mel

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Sunday, June 16, 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.



This past Wednesday I met legendary NY Met John Franco at a local charity event.

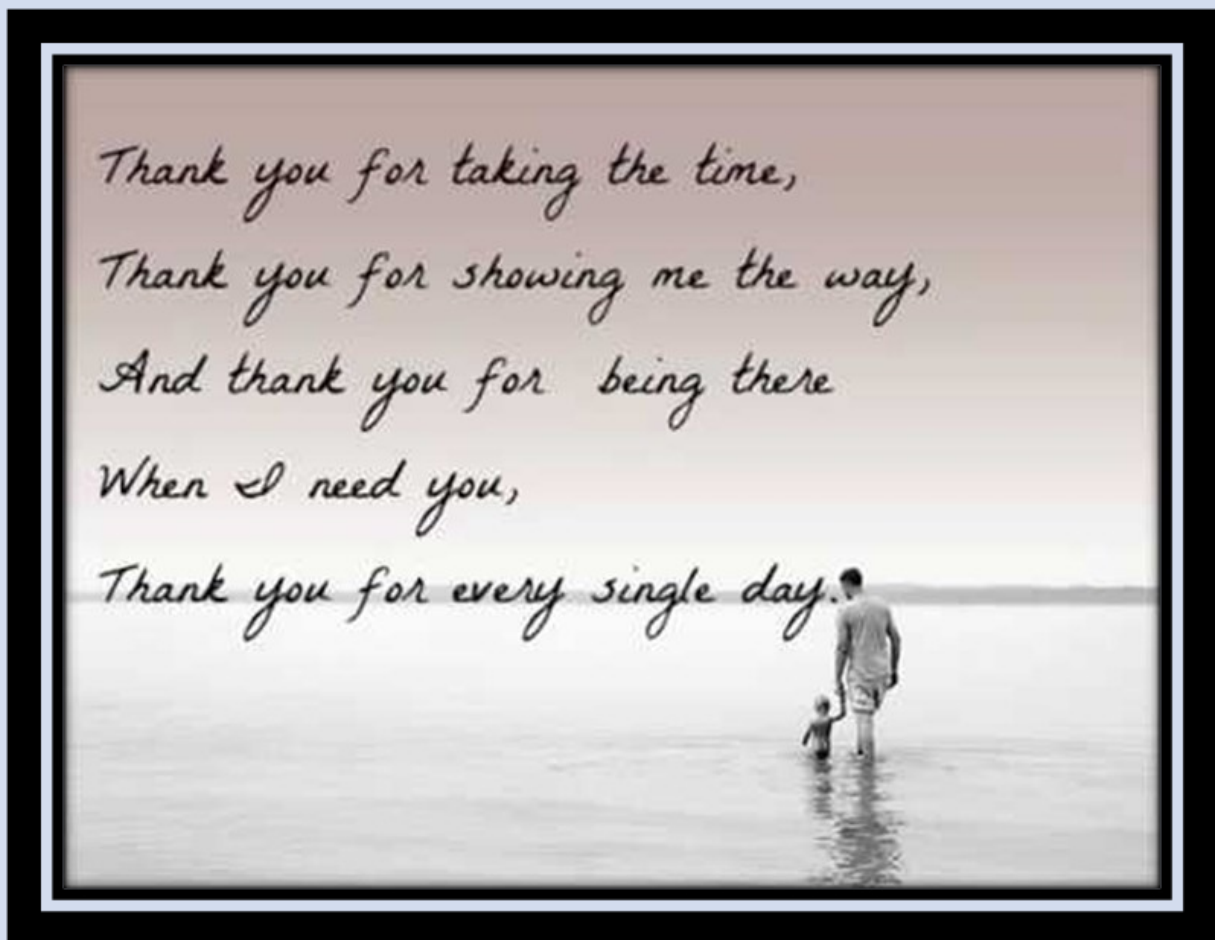
Sharing his passion for the game, John spoke of his deep admiration for his father and how his dad's encouragement motivated him at a young age to pursue his career in baseball.

Blessed to make the Majors, John never forgot where he came from nor the man who helped him achieve his goal. And so, to honor his father, John wore his dad's orange Sanitation Department work tee shirt under his jersey the entire 20+ years he played the sport he loved.

As we highlight the gift and goodness of our fathers this weekend let us recall with gratitude the ways our own fathers, whether biological or spiritual, guided and encouraged us. May the memories move us today to say a heartfelt thank you to them and keep ever more appreciative of their love and sacrifice which helped us to achieve our goals and our dreams.

To my fellow Fathers: Hats off to you! I am honored and grateful to share this day with you.

Father Fonti



Mass Intentions - June 16, 2024

Saturday, June 15

5:00 Anthony Donatelli

Sunday, June 16

7:30 Pasquale Iemma

9:00 Joseph Schiavetta

Pietro Gagliano, Salvatore Bacarella, & Giuseppe Praino
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

Monday, June 17

7:00 Father's Day Novena

9:00 Isabelle Sullivan (9th Anniversary in Heaven)

Tuesday, June 18

7:00 Vincent Paladino Sr. (3rd Anniversary in Heaven)

9:00 Father's Day Novena

Wednesday, June 19

9:00 Giuseppe Magagna & Giovanni Flaim

Thursday, June 20

7:00 Father's Day Novena

9:00 Benedict & Carmela Zumpetta

Friday, June 21

7:00 Valerie Maccone

9:00 Rose Galeota

Saturday, June 22

9:00 Marion Courtney

Dolores Rosales

5:00 Gloria D'Alessio

Sunday, June 23

7:30 John Bellini

9:00 Jeanette & Carmine Coletti (Wedding Anniversary)

Girolamo DiPiazza

Michael DiVincenzo

The People of The Parish

10:30 Michael Cobb

12:00 Antonio Guccione, Angelo Graci, & Antonio Lalicata

Bread and Wine

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

***Emilio DelliGatti & Plinio Lucciola
Happy Father's Day***

Given by: Joe, Suzanne, Emilio & Lena

Altar Candles

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

Joseph Scelso

Given by: Evon Louttit

Sanctuary Candles

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

Anthony Donatelli

***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:

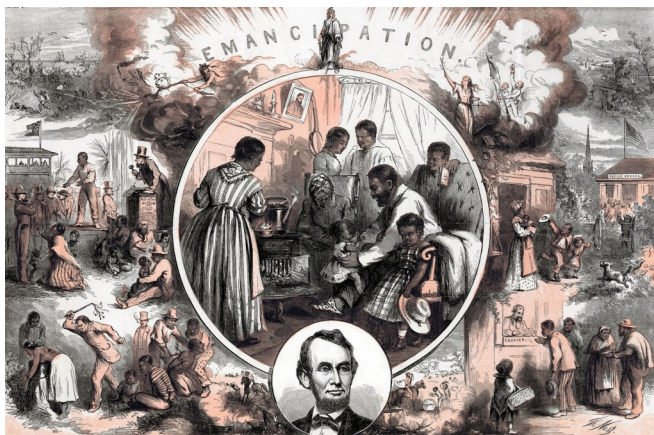
- Matt Z.
- Lisa Sperazza
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- Nick Roberto
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- Nick O'Donnell
- Patricia O'Donnell
- Kristian Mendez
- Jennifer Russo
- Roseann Orlando
- Barbara Ann Luisi
- Tom Sammel
- Freda Cassini
- Jacinta Carolan
- 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
- 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
- Michael Turturro

We pray for those recently deceased from our parish:

Juneteenth - June 19th

There will be only
one Mass - 9:00AM.

The Rectory office will also
be closed.



June 9, 2024

Mass Attendance Total = 643

5:00 PM— 120

7:30 AM—104

9:00 AM—100

10:30 AM—174

12:00 PM—145

THANK YOU!



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generous gift of our
Father's Day prayer
card.

St. Mel Catholic Academy Alums

SAVE THE DATE

St Mel Catholic Academy is on the move.
We are growing and expanding
at a time when many catholic schools are closing.
We are more important than ever.

Come see what's been going on
at your Alma Mater and join us in support of our
mission to continue providing Catholic Education,
moral strength and academic excellence
into the future.

With a generous donation from one of our
alumnus, Steve Somers (74'), we have begun
updating our school and have a fresh new look.
We still have much to do but we are on our way.

Who: All St. Mel School/Academy Alumni

When: October 19th

What: 5pm Mass - School tour and reception

More Info To Come

**Help Us Achieve
Our Mission.
Consider Donating**



SCAN ME 



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.*





At St. Mel's Catholic Academy Red or Blue, we're all Wildcats!



Sports Day

Sports day is always one that our students look forward to. This year, our K-2 students competed at school, while our grade 3-6 students took their events over to Memorial Field. This healthy competition not only keeps kids active, but it also helps to develop teamwork and school pride. While this year Team Blue edged out over Team Red, in the end we are all winners and we are all on the same team....Team Wildcats! Thank you Coach Q for organizing the events and to our PAA and parent chaperones who helped to make the day run smoothly.



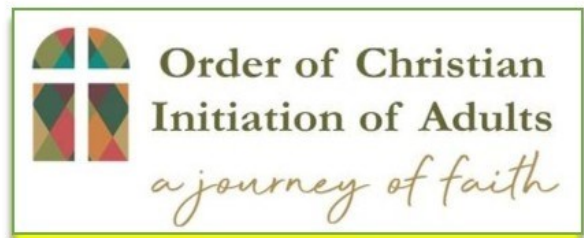
Religious Education Program

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.



Father's Day Blessing

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus,
the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.

Bless all fathers as they care for their families.

Give them strength and wisdom,
tenderness and patience;

support them in the work they have to do,

protecting those who look to them,

as we look to You for love and salvation,

through Jesus Christ our rock and defender,

in union with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

St. Joseph, Pray for all Fathers, Amen.

FATHERHOOD

IS A VOCATION IN

GOD'S SERVICE

TO BE NOT HELD *lightly*
OR *frivolously*

BUT WITH THE

SERIOUS DETERMINATION OF

SERIOUS MEN.

Fr. Lawrence Lovasik

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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.



“United in Communion / United in Charity”

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

Already Pledged: \$109,254

124 Pledges

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



PARISHES OF
ST. LUKE & ST. MEL

Join us on

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

Msgr. Tosi Pastoral Center
St. Luke Church Basement

THE CHOSEN
SEASON FOUR

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

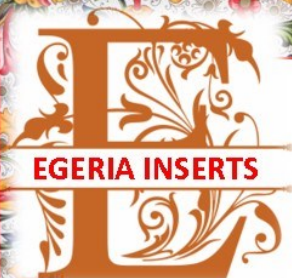


St. Thomas Aquinas Church
1550 Hendrickson Street, Brooklyn

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.



The Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist: June 24

“I tell you, among those born of women, no one is greater than John [the Baptist]” (Luke 7:28)! Only Jesus, Mary, and John the Baptist have both their births and deaths observed in the Church’s liturgical calendar. Most saints are remembered on the day of their death, their entrance into eternal life. Our Lord and his Blessed Mother additionally have the beginning of their life in the womb celebrated. The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord (March 25) recalls the announcement by Archangel Gabriel to Mary that she’d conceive Jesus. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrates the beginning of Mary’s life in the womb of her mother St. Anne, free from original sin.

On June 24, the Church observes the events surrounding the birth of John the Baptist as recalled at the beginning of Luke’s Gospel. Despite Zachariah’s wife Elizabeth being advanced in years, Gabriel informed them that they were to have a son whom they were to name John, who was to have a special role in announcing Jesus the Messiah.

The Memorial of the Passion (death) of St. John the Baptist is observed August 29.

How might you announce Jesus this week in words and actions like John?

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