

Church of Saint Mel

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Sunday, June 23, 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.



On Monday night I am flying to France not to enjoy the delectable pastries, but to make a pilgrimage. In my absence Father Barozzi and Msgr. Noone will care for your spiritual needs.

Once considered the “eldest daughter of the Church”, France is the birthplace of many holy souls. And so, I look forward to praying with St. Bernadette in Lourdes, St. Joan of Arc in Rouen, St. Therese in Lisieux, and St. Catherine Laboure in Paris. Our group will also visit the 1,000-year-old Benedictine monastery Mont-Saint-Michel and celebrate Mass at some of the most consecrated altars in Paris: Montmartre (Mount of Martyrs), Sacre Coeur (Sacred Heart), and of course, Notre Dame.

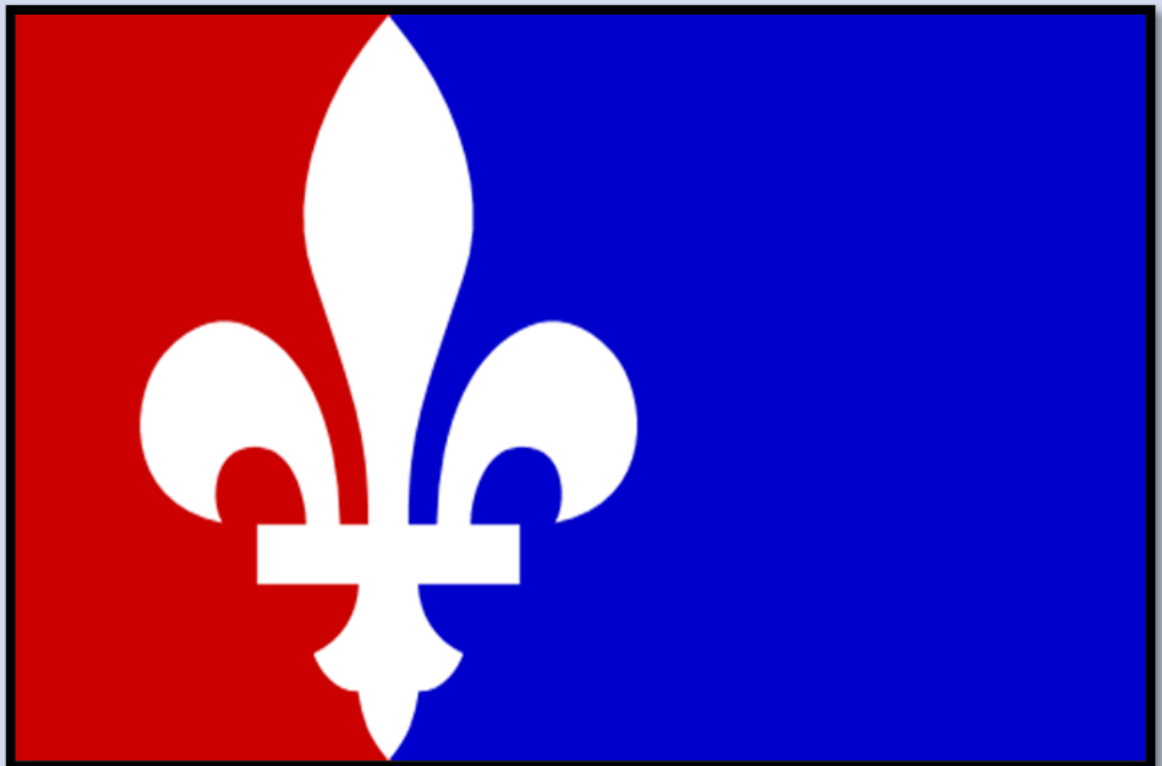
One of the highlights of our pilgrimage will be our visit to the Normandy Beaches especially as our country commemorates the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landing. To honor the memory of the fallen we will lay a wreath on Omaha Beach and offer Holy Mass for the repose of their souls at the landing beaches of Longues-sur-Mer.

While our days will be prayerful and reflective, the evenings promise good Parisian meals and nightly entertainment. I am confident having made a pilgrimage to Greece with this same group that both my body and soul will be well cared for and nourished.

With a promise to prayerfully remember you throughout the pilgrimage, I look forward to seeing you at the Masses on Sunday, July 7th. Until then, may God hold us in His protective, loving hand.

Au revoir!

Father Fonti



Mass Intentions - June 23, 2024

Saturday, June 22

5:00 Gloria D'Alessio

Sunday, June 23

7:30 John Bellini

9:00 Jeanette & Carmine Coletti (Wedding Anniversary)

Girolamo DiPiazza

Michael DiVincenzo

Calogero Manna

The People of The Parish

10:30 Michael Cobb

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

Monday, June 24

7:00 Father's Day Novena

9:00 Jean Alberti

Tuesday, June 25

7:00 Father's Day Novena

9:00 Frank Rappa

Wednesday, June 26

7:00 Father's Day Novena

9:00 Anthony & Elizabeth Falsone

Thursday, June 27

7:00 Anthony Calvano

9:00 Father's Day Novena

Friday, June 28

7:00 Father's Day Novena

9:00 Deceased Members of the Bono & Smith Families

Saturday, June 29

9:00 Carmelo Acquista

Giuseppa Bordone

Harold Lagrada

Dolores Rosales

Maureen Schettino

5:00 Philip Venditti

Sunday, June 30

7:30 Grace T. Cutrofello

9:00 Joseph Iccari

Anna Cinquemani

The People of The Parish

10:30 Maureen Brosnan

12:00 Angelo Messina

Starting on Monday, July 1st until August 30th, there will be only one weekday daily Mass at 8:00AM.

Bread and Wine

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

Grace T. Cutrofello

Given by: Nancy Cutrofello & Pamela Kay

Altar Candles

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

Maureen Schettino

Sanctuary Candles

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

***Benedict J. Tockarszewsky
(Beloved Friend)***

Given by: Rose Bedosky and Family

***Newly Enrolled in the
Purgatorial Society***

May, 2024

***Vernon Vlaun
Richard Carmelo
Deloris Ethel Walker Sosa
William Wrynn
Antonio Compa
Salvatore Torino
Rosario Randazzo
Matilde D'Amelio***



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
- 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
- Kaylie Santana
- Michelle Milano

We pray for those recently deceased from our parish:
Michael Turturo & Diane Hynes

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!

June 16, 2024
Mass Attendance Total = 746

5:00 PM— 103
7:30 AM—135
9:00 AM—151
10:30 AM—207
12:00 PM—150



“United in Communion / United in Charity”

ST. MEL’S 2024 GOAL: \$ 84,065

Already Pledged: \$113,143

150 Pledges

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

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.

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.*



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.

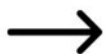
Who: All St. Mel School/Academy Alumni

When: October 19th

What: 5pm Mass - School tour and reception

More Info To Come

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Our Mission.
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At St. Mel's Catholic Academy



We Persevere

June Students of the Month

Our value of the month of June was perseverance. Here at St. Mel's teaching and living out gospel values is part of our mission. These are the students who worked hard all year, and never gave up, even when it wasn't easy. We would like to congratulate the following students for their persevering nature during the month of June:

3KA Carmela Dodge
PKA Hannah Soria
K1 Sofia Gambino
Gr. 2 Lucy Laloo
Gr 5 Faith Ziraschi

3KB Bennett Amato
PKB Shashenka Lukis
K2 Gabriella Del Greco
Gr. 3 Allegra Albert
Gr. 6 Samantha LeGoff

3KC George Coppolino
PKC Ryan Carbone
Gr. 1 Tessa Pagliocca
Gr. 4 Joey Sirju

Congratulations!



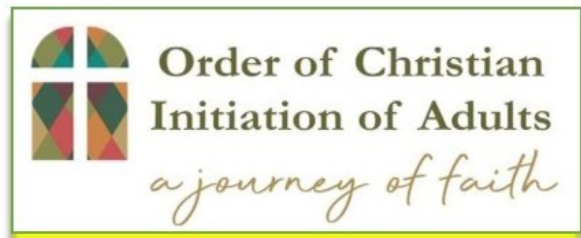
Religious Education Program

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.



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.

A PRAYER FOR POLICE OFFICERS



Almighty God ~

We pray that you watch over
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

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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 First Step is always the hardest.
It's made easier when it is not taken
alone. St. Mel's hosts 2 Weekly
Meetings:**

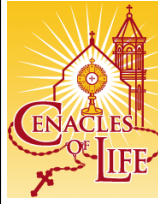
**Mondays – 7:30 PM (Beginners)
Thursdays – 8:00 PM**

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



AA Meetings

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.



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.



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 Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles: June 29

The feast recalling the martyrdom of Peter and Paul was one of the first of the ancient martyrs that the Church observed. Both died in Rome during Nero's persecution, Peter in 64 and Paul around the same time. Peter was crucified upside down in the circus (arena) just left of the present basilica that bears his name, while Paul was beheaded outside the city walls.

Their burial places quickly became places of pilgrimage for the early Church community. Upon legalizing Christianity, Constantine began building two churches built over their burial sites around 325. Peter's remains are buried under the altar of St. Peter's Basilica on the Vatican Hill. Paul's remains are buried under the altar of St. Paul's Basilica outside the walls of the city. Many early churches were built at the tombs of the first martyrs.

Do you spend much time thinking about those who have passed the faith in Jesus to you? Parents and grandparents, clergy and teachers, saints and scholars have all shared their faith with us.

The Preface of the Eucharistic Prayer from their feast reminds us of their importance:

For by your providence the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul bring us joy: Peter, foremost in confessing the faith, Paul, its outstanding preacher, Peter, who established the early Church from the remnant of Israel, Paul, master and teacher of the Gentiles that you call.

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