

Church of Saint Mel

2615 154th St., Flushing, NY 11354

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www.stmels-queens.org



Sunday, July 7, 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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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.



“Heaven touches Brooklyn in July!”

This phrase coined by the parishioners of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Williamsburg captures the joy the parish experiences each July when it celebrates its beloved feast in honor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and St. Paulinus of Nola.

As a former pastor of Mt. Carmel, I highly encourage you to make a visit to “Da Feast.” You may come home heavier but not disappointed.

The main highlight of the feast: The Dance of the Giglio. This 85 ft / 3+ ton structure is danced in the streets of Williamsburg by 100 men as an Italian band spurs them on.

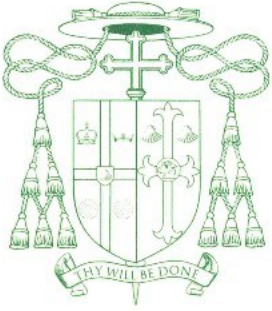
This tradition, brought to America 137 years ago by immigrants from Nola, Italy, honors the patron saint of Nola, San Paolino or St. Paulinus. Legend tells us that as the bishop of Nola, San Paolino offered himself as a ransom for the only child of a widowed mother. After years of incarceration, he was rescued by a Turk who was moved by his heroic virtue. On his return to Nola, the townsfolk greeted him with swaying “gigli” or “lilies.”

- Feast: **July 10th – July 21st**
- Dance of Giglio: **July 14th, July 17th, July 21st**
- Feast of Our Lady of Mt Carmel: **July 16th**

Feast programs are in the back of the church. You can also view a program online: www.olmcfest.com.

Buona Festa a Tutti!
Father Fonti





Office of the Bishop

Diocese of Brooklyn

310 Prospect Park West
Brooklyn, New York 11215

June 7, 2024

Dear Pastors and Administrators,

As you know we are coming up on the conclusion of this year's Deanery visits. Monsignor Joseph Grimaldi, your local Regional Episcopal Vicar and I have listened to your suggestions and concerns, and the conversations have personally been very encouraging to me.

As we look to the new pastoral year, I am committed to implement our Reconfiguration Process, with its three different stages throughout our diocese, in order to effectively utilize our financial and clergy personnel resources. The purpose of the Reconfiguration Process is to strengthen the relationship that already exists among parish communities in particular areas of our diocese and to enhance the varied ministries that each parish offers, while collaborating, partnering or merging with another parish.

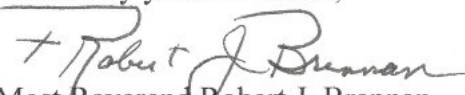
Collaboration, partnerships, or parish mergers are taking place in many dioceses and a number of parishes share their pastor with at least one other parish with that number growing. The issues we face here in our diocese, though unique in their own ways, are similar to what is happening throughout the country. We are one family in faith.

With this in mind, pastors in each deanery have been tasked to discuss and adjust their Mass schedules in collaboration with the other parishes in their deanery this coming Fall. You are also strongly encouraged to work with neighboring parishes outside your assigned deanery, if pastorally necessary. **To that effect, I am asking that no Mass intentions be taken after June 30, 2025. It is essential that every parish share in this commitment.**

You will hear more about this process in the coming months, and you are encouraged to engage actively in the consultation opportunities at the deanery level. Please provide your thoughts and ideas to your Dean. This is an important moment for new opportunities in our diocese. It is crucial that this process be rooted in prayer and open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I ask that you be faithful to patient discernment and committed to creating a plan with your Parish Leadership, Dean and Regional Vicar that will set the roadmap for the future vitality and vibrancy of all our parishes in Brooklyn and Queens.

Thank you for your cooperation as we embark in this new phase of reconfiguration in our diocese. Be assured of my continued prayers for each of you and parish communities.

Fraternally yours in Christ,


Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan
Bishop of Brooklyn.

Mass Intentions - July 7, 2024

Saturday, July 6

5:00 Charles Boyle

Sunday, July 7

7:30 Andrew Charles Giovannello

9:00 Vito & Giovanna LaPuma

Ferucio Frankola

The People of The Parish

10:30 Maria Palma, Giuseppe Bonforte, Maria & Stefano Smolizza,

Livio Smolizza, & Malfada Vucina

12:00 Charles Gioe

Monday, July 8

8:00 Bobby Sitler (Happy Birthday in Heaven)

Tuesday, July 9

8:00 Antonina Meli

Wednesday, July 10

8:00 Tony Mirkov (Happy Wedding Anniversary)

Thursday, July 11

8:00 Edward Maccone

Friday, July 12

8:00 Patrick & Marie Crowley (Happy 59th Anniversary) (Living)

Saturday, July 13

9:00 Alex R. Fazzi

Dolares Rosales

Donna Wolf

In Gratitude

5:00 Anthony Donatelli

Sunday, July 14

7:30 Josephine & Salvatore Orlando

9:00 Americo Chima & Carmel Giardina

Lovorka Kuharic

Ferucio Frankola

Maino & Emilia Foschi

The People of The Parish

10:30 Benny James Pezzino

12:00 Helen Piazza

Bread and Wine

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

Bobby Sitler

Given by: With Love, Mom & Dad

Altar Candles

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

Charles Gioe

***Given by: His Children &
Grandchildren***

Sanctuary Candles

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

Tony Mirkov

Given by: Lilly, Sam, & Eric Mirkov

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:



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.

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.
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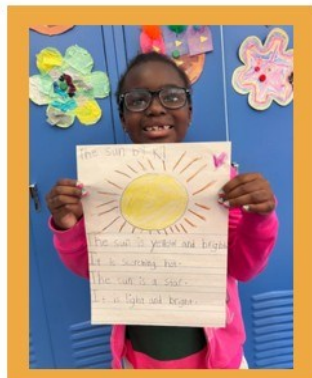
CATHOLIC ACADEMY

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St. Mel's Catholic Academy fosters the spiritual, social, emotional and academic growth of our students in a nurturing, Christ-centered environment to build a foundation for life.



Religious Education

REGISTER NOW

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 age-appropriate curriculum. The program also prepares the children to complete their initiation into the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Penance/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 haven't already, new and returning students should register for the 2024-2025 school year as soon as possible by completing the on-line registration form at:

<https://stmels-queens.org/religious-education>. The tuition fee for the 2024-2025 school year is \$150 for one child, \$200 for two children and \$225 for three or more children. Tuition can be paid through one of the following three options:

- **By Check** - Please make all checks payable to St. Mel Religious Education. You can mail the check to the St. Mel Rectory clearly marked to the attention of the Office of Faith Formation with your child's full name noted on the check or cover note accompanying your payment.
- **Zelle** - To make payment via Zelle send to faith@stmels-queens.org Please include a note indicating your child's full name.
- **Cash** - Payments in cash can be dropped off at the St. Mel Rectory in an envelope clearly marked to the attention of the Office of Faith Formation with your child's full name noted on the envelope.

May all the children/catechists and their families have a restful summer! If you have any questions regarding St. Mel's Religious Education program, please email us during the summer months at stmelfaithformation@gmail.com and mariamarotta@stmels-queens.org.



OCIA - Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

A Journey of Faith

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Communion and/or Confirmation?

If you answered yes to either of these questions, we invite you to look deeper into the Catholic faith through a process called the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults ("OCIA")

Here at St. Mel, we offer an opportunity to come together in a small group (collaborating with the program at St. Luke's), to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation during the Easter season.

You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm and welcoming setting. If you are interested in learning more about this program, please contact the Office of Faith Formation at stmelfaithformation@gmail.com.

**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.

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 Athletic Association

Fall Registration

Last day to register: July 31

Sports: Soccer, Basketball, and Track.

Grades Pre-K to 8th

For more information please contact Cathy Quinn

cquinn@stmels-queens.org

A PRAYER FOR POLICE OFFICERS



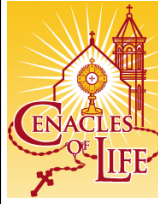
Almighty God ~
We pray that you watch over
our police and law officers each day
as they keep us safe
in our homes and on our streets.

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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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.

CYPRESS HILLS CEMETERY **5K RUN THROUGH HISTORY**
In Honor of NYPD Detective Peter Figoski

5K RUN/WALK & FUN RUN

In honor of fallen NYPD Detective Peter Figoski

SUNDAY, July 21, 2024
9am Start Time

CYPRESS HILLS CEMETERY
833 Jamaica Avenue
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Registration online
RunSignUp: Cypresshills5k

All proceeds to support:
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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?

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

To register or for more information:
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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
Wednesday, July 10 - Ep. 7
Thursday, July 18 - Ep. 8
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.

DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Events

VOCATION OFFICE



Fraternitas

Middle School students join us for prayer, catechesis, and sports. Located at Cathedral Prep, Elmhurst 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Sat.

Sept 28, Dec 21, Feb 1, Mar 29, May 10



Jeremiah Project

High School - College Vocation Discernment Retreat weekend for young men. Located at Saint Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers 5 p.m. Fri. - 1 p.m. Sun.

Sept 20 - 22, Nov 22 - 24, Jan 24 - 26, April 11 - 13



Project Andrew

An evening of prayer, dinner, and conversation for young men to learn more about the priesthood.

- **Oct 12 - 6 pm** at St. Rita, East New York
- **Oct 26 - 5 pm** at St. Mary Star of the Sea, Far Rockaway
- **Nov 16 - 5 pm** at Queen of Angels, Sunnyside
- **Dec 7 - 4 pm** at Our Lady of Grace, Gravesend
- **Jan 18 - 5 pm** at Sacred Heart, Bayside
- **Feb 8 - 5 pm** at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Brooklyn
- **Mar 22 - 5 pm** at St. Fidelis, College Point
- **April 5 - 5 pm** at Regina Pacis, Brooklyn
- **May 17 - 4:30 pm** at St. Thomas the Apostle, Woodhaven
- **June 14 - 5 pm** St. Therese of Lisieux, Brooklyn



Fr. Chris Bethge
Vocation Director



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Eucharistic Devotions –

Solidarity or Communion

Another facet of Eucharistic devotion is *solidarity*, or better said, *communion*. The goal of our devotion is to be better united to the Person of Jesus Christ whom the Church professes is present in the Holy Eucharist, “body and blood, soul and divinity.”

First and foremost, spending time with the Lord allows for greater union. The custom of a *holy hour* grew out of the Lord’s words from Holy Thursday night: “So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?” (Mt 26:40). Of course, any amount of time with the Lord is a blessing and benefit.

During a holy hour, alone or with others, there can be silent periods of adoration and contemplation, or particular prayers and litanies directed to Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament. If these periods are community-oriented, then the Holy Eucharist is usually exposed in the monstrance for a visual experience and concluded with benediction (receiving a blessing with the Sacred Host).

First Friday Mass (as popularized by St. Margaret Mary Alacoque)—or better yet, daily Mass—and the devout reception of Holy Communion is a paramount means to draw closer to Jesus. Those unable to do so can make a spiritual Communion, opening the heart and soul to the presence and grace of Jesus who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

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