

# Church of Saint Mel

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Sunday, July 21, 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  
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## DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION

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.



I was saddened to read that one of my favorite NYC eateries - Neary's - closed its doors this past Friday.

A regular meeting place for me and my Archdiocesan priest/lay friends, I enjoyed for over 30 years many good meals and good times at Neary's (1<sup>st</sup> & 57<sup>th</sup>) thanks to its proprietor, Jimmy Neary (RIP 2021), his beautiful daughter, Una, and their warm and welcoming staff.

While I never found "corned beef parmigiana" on the menu, this grateful American Italian always left Neary's feeling satisfied, loved, and better about life / better about himself. This was primarily due to Jimmy's sincere and infectious smile, his attentiveness to every one of his customers, and his hands-on involvement with his staff. At Neary's you were pampered; you felt special, as if you were eating at home.

The National Eucharistic Congress also concluded this week. This widely anticipated weeklong event drew over 50,000 Catholics to Indianapolis with the goal of deepening a Catholic's love for and understanding of Jesus' real presence in the Eucharist.

As we prepare for pastoral changes within our diocese, parish, and deanery, remember Jesus's promise: "I am with you always." The gift of the Eucharist proves that He is true to His word.

Favorite restaurants close but God's love for us is everlasting. God always provides a table for His children to be fed at; a table where after we eat, we feel like I did at Neary's: satisfied, loved, and better about life / ourselves.

Father Fonti



## Mass Intentions - July 21, 2024

### Saturday, July 20

5:00 Mom Clara Cioffi

### Sunday, July 21

7:30 Andrew Charles Giovanniello

9:00 Ferucio Frankola

Maria Leone & Luigi LoGiudice

Salvatore Cinquemani

The People of The Parish

10:30 Stella & Edward Dudek

12:00 Davnet & Frank Skuse

### Monday, July 22

8:00 Joseph Mullaney

### Tuesday, July 23

8:00 Eugene & Robert Burns

### Wednesday, July 24

8:00 Alice & Frank Renze

### Thursday, July 25

8:00 Frank Rappa

### Friday, July 26

8:00 Deceased Members of The Becker Family

### Saturday, July 27

9:00 Eileen A. Ryan

Terrence McPhillips

Dolores Rosales

All Souls in Purgatory

5:00 Peter Valente

### Sunday, July 28

7:30 Ante Grando

9:00 Ferucio Frankola

La Madonna DiCanneto

Angelo Vitale

The People of The Parish

10:30 Hugh A.Canavan

12:00 Bridie Sullivan (1st Year in Heaven Anniversary)

## Bread and Wine

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

***Benedict & Carmela Zumpetta***

***Given by: The DeAnnuntis Family***

## Altar Candles

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

***Eileen Ryan***

***Given by: Her Children,  
Grandchildren, & Great  
Grancchildren***

## Sanctuary Candles

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

***Joseph Scelso***

***Given by: The Scelso Family***

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

**June, 2024**

***Mary Ann Owens***

***Henry Skoros***

***Giuseppe Barretta***

***Maureen Schettino***

***Joseph Boneta***

***Donna Wolf***

***Kate Tierney***

***Lorenzo Antonio Corona***



## 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 Mazzone
- James Burns
- Giovanni Badalamente
- Vivian Dunne
- Kaylie Santana
- Michelle Milano
- Mary Muggeo

### **We pray for those recently deceased from our parish:**

**Dorothy Nelson & Marie Brown**



### **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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# ST. MEL'S

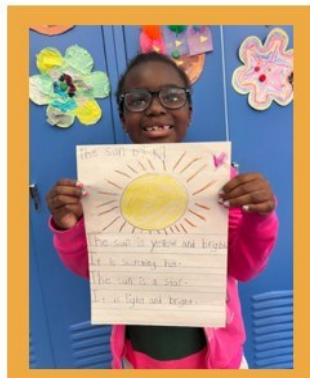
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# Religious Education

**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](mailto: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](mailto:stmelfaithformation@gmail.com) and [mariamarotta@stmels-queens.org](mailto: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](mailto:stmelfaithformation@gmail.com).





## Bundle Saturday St. Vincent de Paul



The next bundle Saturday will be **October 12th**. 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](mailto:cquinn@stmels-queens.org)

# **Maria S.S.ma di Canneto**

## **Settefrati (FR) / Valle di Comino**

### **Domenica 28 luglio, alle 9 del mattino**

**PREGHIERA:**

O celeste, Abitatrice dei monti, eccoci ai tuoi piedi. I nostri occhi si beano del Tuo volto soave, il nostro cuore si ricolma di tenerezza, il nostro labbro trepidante T'invoca. Perché da secoli, o solitaria Castellana, posi su queste balze romite tra candori di vette e solitudini di selve, se non per esserene gran tempio della natura, strada che conduci a Dio?

Vedetta dell'Altissimo, posta a custodia di queste convalli, veglia sui nostri casolari e sui nostri campi.

Stella del Monte Meta, splendi radiosa sul nostro cammino e guida I nostri incerti passi al monte santo di Dio. Dacci di poter Ti vedere ancora negli anni in questa Tua dimora terrena, per poterci beare un giorno delle Tue divine fattezze negli splendori dei cieli. Amen

Sui balzi in Canneto  
comparve Maria,  
un suon d'allegria  
quel bosco mand.

***Evviva Maria  
nell'ermo Canneto.  
Un popolo lieto  
evviva gridò!***

Quel bosco, quell prato  
si scelse a dimora,  
di grazie l'aurora  
per noi cominciò.

***Evviva Maria ...***

Le fulge sul petto  
Più viva, più bella  
La temola stella  
Che l'alba annunziò.

***Evviva Maria ...***



# 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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- 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,  
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Annual Catholic  
Appeal 2024  
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

“United in Communion / United in Charity”

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

Already Pledged: \$115,786

159 Pledges

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



AA Meetings

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 26<sup>th</sup> Ave / School Yard

# 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



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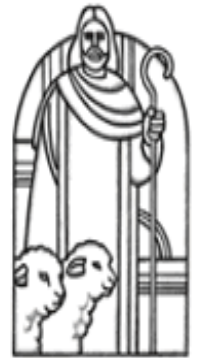


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# Sheep without a Shepherd

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things. Mark 6:34 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on Mark 6:30-34

P F T I W P C J S E I I L W R  
L L H E P E R E G H I C V P P  
Y V A B Z O T S H X E I D R D  
F C E C I P E U S H F E M F F  
B O A T E L I S G N C E P B G  
Z M G U T E D N H N P V M S U  
D L B S L C I T O Z I C C H K  
J O O B X H J I J K R P I E Z  
V P S B C X S W X W E Z Y P M  
A I W A X S D U L U S D P H N  
T B E Y A C R O W D T V P E Y  
E T X P U Y F F E U I T Z R N  
F W M C I E Q B M Q X D X D P  
G O A U G S O L I T A R Y T T  
C F H X S Z F Z H D S C V B L

SHEPHERD

TEACHING

COMPASSION

APOSTLES

CROWD

JESUS

BOAT

PLACE

PEOPLE

SOLITARY

REST

SHEEP



## Eucharistic Devotions –

### Enrichment and Fruitfulness

While much of Eucharistic devotion is private and personal, there is also a public aspect that has developed over the centuries. While present in the early Church, particularly in Jerusalem as recounted by Egeria, it grew even larger in post-Reformation Europe, where the faithful wished to show off their belief in the divine presence in the Holy Eucharist.

This demonstration took the form of outdoor processions with the Blessed Sacrament, beginning in France around 1250, then spreading to other localities. Taking place originally on the Feast of Corpus Christi (Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ), these processions extended to parish/village feasts, the installation of a new bishop or pastor, or in thanksgiving for blessing/graces received. After the Reformation, it also served to reaffirm belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

The forty hours devotion, begun in Italy around 1530, is another manifestation of Eucharistic devotion. Its continuous nature not only bears witness to Christ in the sacrament but also allows for a penitential aspect as adorers watch and pray through the night.

Additional celebrations may also become more “solemn” when associated with Eucharistic adoration and benediction: not only the local celebrations mentioned above but also evening prayer (vespers) on Easter, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, and Christ the King, as well as in connection with the Divine Mercy devotion.

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