Church of Saint Mel

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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 Principal: Mrs. Amy Barron, M.A., M.S.Ed.

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Kelsey Sheldon

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.

EUCHARISTIC 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 Father Lee travelled to Rome, not for a vacation, but to assist young men in discerning a call to the priesthood.

Bishop Brennan has released Father Lee from his pastoral duties and given him permission to accept the role of Coordinator of Human Formation at his alma mater, The Pontifical North American College.

While his absence will be a loss for the diocese, his assignment is only for a few years.

Cherished by all age groups and admired for his joy and generosity, Father Lee, since his days at St. Mel's, exemplifies the virtues and qualities of a good, faithful priest. And so it's not surprising that North American College would ask Father Lee to assist them in forming the future priests of the United States.

I am sure he would appreciate an email or letter in the months ahead, so when you can, drop him a line.

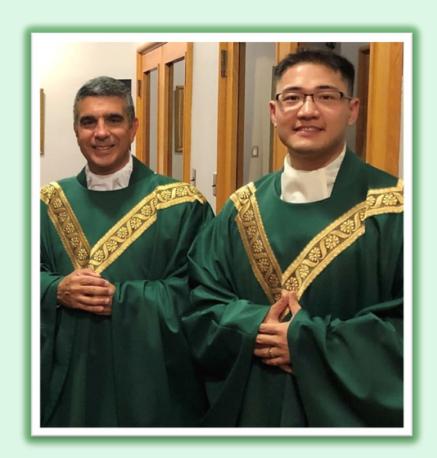
May the Lord give him the wisdom and grace to form the Church's future shepherds after the heart of the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ.

Father Fonti

PS – I will be away w/my family next week. I will return to the parish August 10th.

Rev. JunHee Lee, STL Pontifical North American College 00120 Vatican City State Europe

Email: jlee@pnac.org



Mass Intentions - July 28, 2024

Saturday, July 27

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)

Monday, July 29

8:00 Rigoberto Garcia

Tuesday, July 30

8:00 Rocco & Nicoletta Signae, & Roseann Genese

Wednesday, July 31

8:00 Carmela & Benedict Zumpetta

Thursday, August 1

8:00 Deceased Members of The Waters & Edman Families

Friday, August 2

8:00 Purgatorial Society

Saturday, August 3

9:00 Salvatore & Anna Vitale, & Salvatore Faraci

Dolores Rosales

Alma Rolleri (2nd Anniversary)

Stefano Inzalaco (1st Anniversary in Heaven)

Rosemarie Sullivan

5:00 Joan Hopkins (40th Anniversary in Heaven) &

Joe Hopkins (20th Anniversary in Heavne)

Sunday, August 4

7:30 Ante Grando

9:00 Americo Chima & Carmelo Giardina

Maria Possidel

Rosario Randazzo

Michele Turturro

Angelo Vitale

Giovanni Cangialosi

The People of The Parish

10:30 Joseph Faraldo

12:00 Plinio Lucciola

Bread and Wine

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

Benedict Tockarshewsky

Given by: Mario & Linda Vallerugo

Altar Candles

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

Michael Turturo

Given by: The St. Mel's Italian American Association

Sanctuary Candles

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

Plinio Lucciola

Given by: Joe, Suzanne, Emilio & Lena

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 Mazzoni
- James Burns
- Giovanni Badalamente
- Vivian Dunne
- Kaylie Santana
- Michelle Milano
- Mary Muggeo
- Joseph Onorato
- Calogero Gambino
- Jean Cettina

We pray for those recently deceased from our parish:



Stay Connected to St. Mel's Church

Go to: http://stmelsrcchurch.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



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









FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR 3K-7th GRADE!



Set your child on the path to a bright future at St. Mel's

- · Piano Lab and Paint CAN art studio
- Indoor & outdoor gross motor play areas
- Social-emotional learning
- Hands-on, inquiry & center based learning
- Individualized and differentiated instruction
- Technology integration—Smartboards, iPads
- Tuition free 3K and Pre-K for All classes
- Early drop off and afterschool available
- Tuition assistance available
- · Warm, nurturing environment
- Tennis, Chess, Baking, CYO Sports
- Flying Classrooms, STEM Program









154-24 26th Avenue Flushing, NY 11354 (718) 539-8211 www.stmelsacademy.org 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.





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 <u>faith@stmels-queens.org</u> 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.



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

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.



First Friday Adoration, August 2nd following the 8:00 AM Mass. Benediction, 12:00 PM. In the event of a funeral, adoration will be held in the chapel.

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

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



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



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

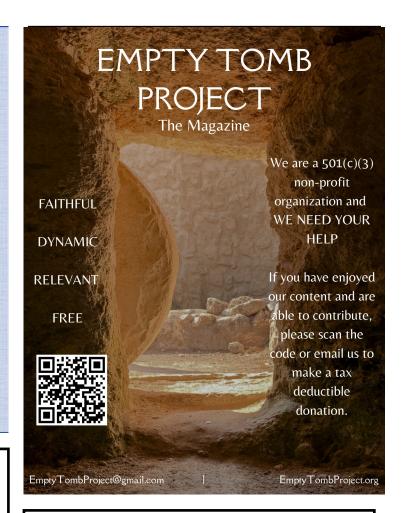
To register or for more information: 1-800-470-2230 HelpOurMarriage.org

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.





"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)



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

AA Meetings

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

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

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VOCATION OFFICE





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



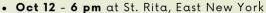
Jeremiah Project

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 26 5 pm at St. Mary Star of the Sea, Far
- 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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SEA OF GALILEE THOUSAND HEALED TWELVE JESUS FIVE TWO DISCIPLES BASKETS HUNGRY BREAD WOMEN FOOD LEFTOVERS MIRACLE LOAVES CROWD BOAT BOY

CHILDREN PROPHET THANKS GRASS FISH MEN



Liturgical Ministries -

Introduction

"Mother Church earnestly desires that all the faithful should be led to that fully conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy. Such participation by the Christian people as 'a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a redeemed people' (1 Pet. 2:9; cf. 2:4-5), is their right and duty by reason of their baptism. In the restoration and promotion of the sacred liturgy, this full and active participation by all the people is the aim to be considered before all else."

While this quote from the Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (n. 14) is immensely rich and worthy of study, one simple result is that there are a variety of liturgical roles and ministries for the faithful, both clergy and laity. The word *liturgy* comes from two Greek words: *litos* ("people") and *ergos* ("work"). It was used in public life before the time of Jesus to indicate "the work of the people," "the work for/on behalf of the people." Early Christians saw the principal, common ritual that they carried out every Sunday in fulfillment of the Lord's command as "their work."

The weeks ahead will be an opportunity to explore "our work" as embodied in the various liturgical ministries.

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