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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: Lauren Giacalone,M.S.Childhood Ed., M.S. School Leadership

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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.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & NOVENA

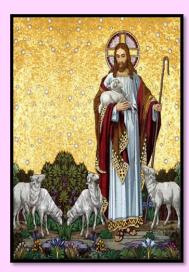
Each Monday after the 9:00 A.M. Mass. Blessed Sacrament Devotions: First Friday Adoration 9:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Daily Recitation of the Rosary: 8:30 A.M.

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.



Chaucer is quoted as saying: "All good things must come to an end."

This weekend we bid farewell to summer.

Given to us each year as a time to enjoy a slower pace of life, gatherings with family and friends, the outdoors, and perhaps a different scenery, the summer is truly one of God's gracious gifts to us.

I hope like me you were able to savor the gift of summer and find enjoyment and renewal within it.

Now it's back to the grindstone.

For some of us that means a return to the rigor of the classroom.

For most of us, it's facing the responsibilities and demands of life with an earlier rise and going to bed tired from the day's work.

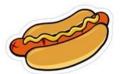
Whichever experience is ours let's not forget the value and importance of the gift of summer.

We all need time to recreate; that is time to be renewed and refreshed. While the months ahead will not afford us that time in the length of days, God provides us with a day to rest...Sunday.

If we live according to God's design, that is to worship Him on Sunday and to enjoy Sunday as one of rest, we will see that "all good things never end!"

Father Fonti





The St. Mel's Welcome Back BBQ

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Friday, September 13th

6:00 PM

FOOD DRINKS DESSERT

This is a free event

50/50 DRAWING

Sponsored by The Men's Club

Please call or email to RSVP Tony Flynn (917) 376-5286 / ma2kflynn@yahoo.com Frank Keppel (718) 873-6759 / kepsenior@yahoo.com

Rain Date: September 20th

Mass Intentions - September 1, 2024

Saturday	v, August 31				
5:00	Joseph & Gina Picerno				
Sunday, September 1					
7:30	Thomas J. Farrell				
9:00	Pietro Gagliano				
	Francesco Baldo, Jenny, Mateo, Santina, Gigetto &				
	Gigetta Calabro				
	Andrew DiCamillo, Lino DiCamillo & Lydia Giugliano				
	Michele Turturro				
	Vincenzo Trentini				
	Anglo Vitale				
	The People of The Parish				
10:30	Butch Dodici				
12:00	Nils Carlstron				
Monday, September 2					
9:00	Daniel P. Shea (6th Year Anniversary in Heaven)				
Tuesday, September 3					
7:00	Anna Mirabella				
9:00	Thomas Archbold				
Wednesday, September 4					
7:00	Intentions of Michael Guarino				
9:00 Santoro Family					
Thursda	y, September 5				
7:00	Joseph & Rose Flood, & Annette Liberta				
9:00	Maria Rosa DiPietro				
-	September 6				
7:00	Purgatorial Society				
9:00	Joyce A. Cetta				
Saturday, September 7					
9:00	Marion Courney				
	Thomas DeCarlo, Alfred Quinlan & Laura Hayes				
5:00	Philip D'Alessio				
Sunday, September 8					
7:30	Simon & Sophia An, & Children (Living)				
9:00	Angela & Michael Vangi				
	Salvatore Cinquemani				
	Anna & Angelo Graci & Americo Chima				
	Antonina Zuccarello				
	Vito & Giuseppa Decimati				
	Victorio Todaro				
	Mary Muggeo				
10.20	The People of The Parish				
10:30	Pietro Gagliano, Giuseppe D'Amico, & Francesca Gagliano				
12:00	Rose Galeota				

Bread and Wine

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

Thomas J. Farrell

<u>Altar Candles</u> This week the Altar Candles are donated In Loving Memory of:

Jennifer Zupicich

Given by: Grandma & Grandpa

Sanctuary Candles

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

Adriano Papi

Given by: Wife and Children

Newly Enrolled in the Purgatorial Society

August, 2024

Diane Stolfi Baker Nayda Cruz Angelo Vitale Yamile Melgar

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

We pray for those recently deceased from our parish: Josephine Falci & Jean Scuarto, Raymond Hall

FIRST FRIDAY **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

First Friday Adoration, September 6th following the 9:00 AM Mass. Benediction, 12:00 PM. In the event of a funeral, adoration will be held in the chapel.

September 5th—Labor Day

Bob Mistretta

Danielle Byrd

Patricia Suarz

James Burns

Vivian Dunne

Kaylie Santana

Michelle Milano

Joseph Onorato

Jean Cettina

Antoinette Ruotolo

Giovanni Badalamente

Charles Ragnauth Giovanna Mazzoni

Lena Bae

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Patricia Lamagna

Lester Kuczynski Beverly Ilchert

There will be only one Mass at 9:00AM on Monday, September 5th.

The Rectory office will be closed on Monday, September 5th.

We will be resuming our 7:00AM and



ST. MEL'S CATHOLIC ACADEMY

REGISTER NOW 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 3rd Annual Cigar Night

Thursday October 3rd, 2024



6:00 - 10:00PM

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Bourbon Street 40-12 Bell Blvd Bayside, NY 11361 Join us for our 3rd Annual Cigar Night! All proceeds benefit St. Mel's Catholic Academy

Ticket Price \$150 Includes Food, Open Bar, and Cigars

All tickets must be purchased in advance Please call or email Dani Van Arsdale (718) 539-8211 dvanarsdale@stmelsschool.org



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







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 <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.

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.



St. Mel's Leisure Club

The Leisure Club will resume meeting weekly on Mondays. The first meeting for 2024-2025 will be September 16th at 1:30pm in Fr. O'Malley. Entrance through the main doors of the church. This year we would like to ask God's blessings for the club and its members at the noon Mass on Sunday, September 15th, If available please join us.

We warmly welcome any senior who would like to join us. We have bingo, cards, board games, and friendly conversation. You can pass the time sharing your interests with friends and neighbors. New tables for book clubs and crafts are encouraged. Cake and coffee are served at every meeting. Around the holidays we enjoy a festive meal together.

Give the club a chance. Come to cultivate friendships and to learn about community events and information. Please leave a message for Ann at the rectory office with any questions.

The Cenacles of Life

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

August 25, 2024 Mass Attendance Total = 635

> 5:00 PM— 120 7:30 AM—101 9:00 AM—89 10:30 AM—183 12:00 PM—142



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



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 pregarono 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 las santitá 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.

PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP St. Luke Church

Meets every 1st Tuesday of every month.



This group provides emotional assistance for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

If you are interested in participating in these meetings **you must** contact **Sister Theresa at (718) 746-8531.**

Sister also offers individual Bereavement Counseling Sessions where needed. Please remember to pray for all who are grieving the loss of loved ones.

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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



Fr. Chris Bethge

Vocation Director

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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<u>Clean or Unclean</u>

So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with 'unclean' hands?" Mark 7:5 (NIV)



Based on Mark 7:1-7; 14-15; 21-23 (NIV)



LAW	WORSHIP	UNCLEAN	FOOD	TEACHERS
HANDS	HEARTS	PHARISEES	HYPOCRITES	DISCIPLES
RULES	EATING	LIPS	HONOR	WASH

Concerning Catechesis and

Multiplicity of Ministries

While not a liturgical ministry in itself, proper catechesis and training is required of all those who exercise a ministry at the sacred liturgy. The worship office of the US bishops' conference elaborates:

"It is not sufficient, however, simply to have a 'warm body' filling a given role. Those engaged in liturgical roles need to be wellprepared for those roles and to know how to carry them out with reverence, dignity and understanding. Obtaining the proper preparation requires a further gift of time on the part of the person being prepared as well as on the part of those in the parish responsible for the training of liturgical ministers."

The office also provides a caveat about the multiplicity of ministries, which at times arises from necessity in the failure or inability to surface, designate and train adequate numbers of individuals for service for Holy Mass: "There is a wide variety of services to be performed, and it is desirable that different individuals exercise those services so that the talents and gifts God has placed within the Christian community are fully utilized and these roles of service are not monopolized by a few."

While both ordained and lay ministers carry out specific functions at the sacred liturgy, the Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy teaches that participation in the liturgy is the right and duty of all the faithful.

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