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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

> DIRECTOR OF MUSIC 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.

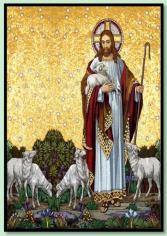
EVANGELIZATION

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.

"If I speak without love, I am only a resounding gong, a clanging cymbal."



Today is Catechetical Sunday, the day on which we acknowledge and thank God for the members of our parish community who on Wednesdays share their love and knowledge of the Catholic faith with our children.

I am grateful to all our parishioners who generously shares their time, talent, and treasure at St. Mel's especially those who minister to our young people. Your love of God and care of His little ones fills me with hope, hope of a bright and promising future.

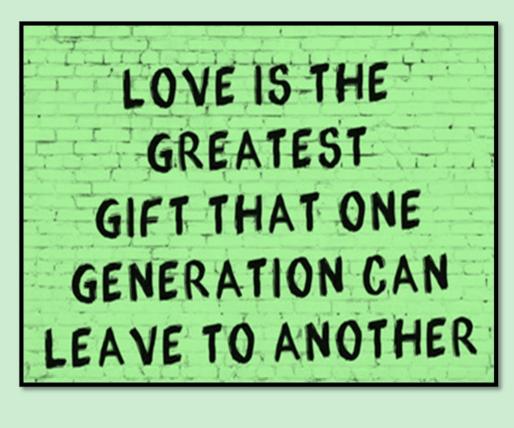
As many souls are wayward and confused these days, our society needs more than ever heralds who will boldly and lovingly proclaim Jesus Christ as the "Way, Truth, and Life."

May this Sunday's blessing of our catechists remind each of us of our responsibility as baptized children of God to pass on to the next generation the traditions, ideals, and values of our Catholic faith. Let us remember that the best way to witness is by "loving God with all our heart, mind, and soul and our neighbor as ourself."

It has been said: "The only thing necessary for evil to triumph in the world is that good people do nothing."

Thank you, dear Catechists, for doing something: helping our parents to secure faith, hope, and love in the hearts, minds, and souls of their children.

Father Fonti



Mass Intentions - September 15, 2024

Saturday	v, September 14				
5:00	Mom Lucy Bova				
Sunday,	September 15				
7:30	Ante Grando				
9:00	Domenico, Antonino Casabianca & Leonarda Romano				
	Anna & Angelo Graci				
	Vito & Giovanna LaPuma & Salvatore &				
	Martina & Angelo Bacarella				
	Carmelo Alaimo				
	Jennifer Lavelli				
	Marie Blatus				
	Stefana Gioielli & Antonio Laconca				
	Maria Concetta DiMuro				
	Elizabeth DiCampli				
	Canpino Ciali				
	The People of The Parish				
10:30	Kazimir, Branko, & Ankica Boncic				
12:00	Helen Piazza				
Monday, September 16					
7:00	Jennifer Lavelli				
9:00	Rocco, & Nicoletta Signore & Roseann Genese				
Tuesday,	, September 17				
7:00	Violet Walters				
9:00	Frank Rappa				
Wednesday, September 18					
7:00	Carlos Alberto Espinosa				
9:00	Alberto Frisoni				
Thursda	y, September 19				
7:00	Simon & Sophia An & Children (Living)				
9:00	Giovanni Pancheri				
Friday, September 20					
7:00	Marie Blatus				
9:00	Sam Mignoll				
Saturday, September 21					
9:00	Raymond Tiseo				
	Richard Higgins				
	Robert Coppola(10th Anniversary)				
	Dorothy O'Herron				
	All Souls in Purgatory				
5:00	Maria Martelli				
•	September 22				
7:30	Rocco & Nicoletta Signore & Roseann Genese				
9:00	Robert Matthew Donovan				
	Giovanni Cangialosi				
	Girolamo DiPiazza				
	The People of The Parish				
10:30	Clorinda Carullo				
12:00	Irma Virginia Simonelli				

Bread and Wine

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

Frank Rappa

Given by: His Wife

Altar Candles

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

Grace T. Cutrofello

Given by: Nancy Cutrofello & Pamela Kay

Sanctuary Candles

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

Helen Piazza

Given by: The Sullivan & Nocera Families

Newly Enrolled in the Purgatorial Society

August, 2024

Mary Muggeo Tommaso Nacchia Elisabeth DeSanctus Richard Higgins Thomas DeCarlo Alfred Quinlan & Laura Hayes Nicholas Cirillo Josephine A. Falci

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
- 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
- Edua facolia

We pray for those recently deceased from our parish: Frieda Gaun, Patricia McKenna, Irene Baccante



4:00 PM in front of the church steps

- Bob Mistretta
 Patricia Lama
 - Patricia LamagnaLester Kuczynski
 - Beverly Ilchert
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 - Danielle Byłd
 Patricia Suarz
 - Lena Bae
 - Antoinette Ruotolo
 - Antoinette Ruotoit
 Charles Ragnauth
 - Giovanna Mazzoni
 - James Burns
 - Giovanni Badalamente
 - Vivian Dunne
 - Kaylie Santana
 - Michelle Milano
 - Joseph Onorato
 - Jean Cettina

St. Mel's Adult Choir

"You express, when you sing, your soul in song. And when you get together with a group of other singers, it becomes more than the sum of the parts. It becomes magic." - John Rutter

St. Mel's Music Ministry strives to provide joy, comfort and inspiration for our liturgies and festive parish celebrations through the musical gifts, generosity and commitment of its members. If you can carry a tune, want to learn and deepen your worship experience, and have a desire to try singing, please contact Kelsey. Happy singing!

~ ksheldon@stmels-queens.org ~



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.



APOSTOLATO ITALIANO DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Processione e Messa in onore di Madonna del Rosario di Pompei

Messa celebrata da S. E. Mons. Nicholas DiMarzio, Concelebrazione dai sacerdoti dell'Apostolato! VENITE NUMEROSI!

20 ottobre 2024 Processione alle 3 pm - S. Messa alle 4 pm



Procession and Mass in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary of Pompeii

Celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio

October 20, 2024

Procession at 3 pm begins at St. Francis of Paola Church, 219 Conselyea St. Mass at 4 pm at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 275 N 8th St.

St. Mel's 3rd Annual Cigar Night

Thursday October 3rd, 2024



6:00 - 10:00PM

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



CALLING ALL ST. MEL'S ALUMNI

REGI

Please Join Us October 19th 5pm MASS RECEPTION SCHOOL TOURS

RECONNECT WITH YOUR ALMA MATER AND SEE OLD FRIENDS

REGISTER BELOW



FOR MORE INFO CONTACT JOANN ACQUISTA 917.440.6054



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.

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.

Ann Farrelly, President -

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

September 8, 2024 Mass Attendance Total = 688

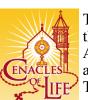
> 5:00 PM— 109 7:30 AM—98 9:00 AM—125 10:30 AM—226 12:00 PM—130



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.



WANTED

If you have knowledge in socceer, basketball, cheer, or swimming please contact Cathy Quinn

cquinn@stmels-queens.org

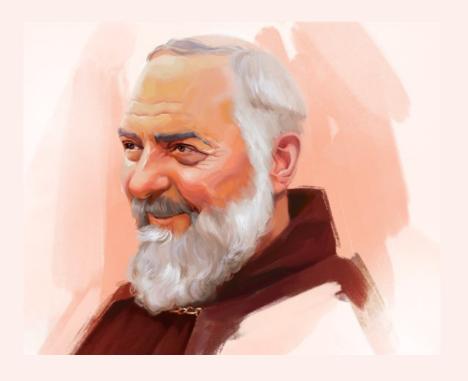
Defensive Driving September 21st in The Men's Club

Entrance on 27th Avenue

For more information please call Marty: 631-360-9720 \$50 La Messa in onore di Padre Pio Venerdi, 11 di Ottobre @ 7:30 PM il Processione con la statua di Padre Pio da San Luca a San Mel @ 6:30 PM

Tutti sono i benvenuti!

Mass in honor of Padre Pio Friday, October 11th @ 7:30 PM Procession with the statue of Padre Pio St. Luke's to St. Mel's @ 6:30 PM All are welcome!



Take Up Your Cross

"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." Mark 8:34b (NIV) Based on Mark 8:27-38





WORLD	CHRIST	LIFE	TEACH	DISCIPLES
DENY	KILLED	SOUL	FOLLOW	SATAN
FORFEIT	VILLAGES	LOSE	GOSPEL	GAIN
PROPHETS	SUFFER	SAVE	RISE	CROSS



Liturgical Ministries - Music Ministry -

Leaders of Song, Cantors, Psalmist, Choir

Members. and Instrumentalists

Throughout Christian history, the sacred liturgy has often been called the "Church's hymn of praise." In fact, many of the celebrations in both East and West are meant to be sung. While congregational singing has died off a bit in the Roman Rite (our celebration in the West), it continues to flourish in Eastern rites.

Before listing specific facets of music ministry, it must be noted that all the faithful gathered have both the privilege and the obligation to participate in the responses, parts, and chants/hymns of Holy Mass. As members of Christ's Body, we join with him as he offers himself to his heavenly Father on our behalf. We sing a simple "Amen" or "Alleluia," as well as the "Gloria" or Communion or other hymn, whether we feel qualified or not. The only three-judge panel we need worry about is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Leaders of song assist the congregation in singing, while cantors sing invitations to petitions or litanies awaiting our sung response. Cantors might even sing some of the parts of bishop, priest, or deacon where allowed, such as during Holy Week. The psalmist leads the responsorial psalm after the first reading. Choir members and instrumentalists help enrich the liturgy with their varied talents and styles of musical expression.

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