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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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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

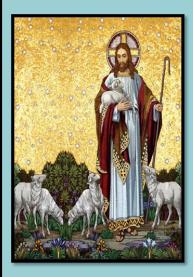
Each Monday after the 9:00 A.M. Mass. Blessed Sacrament Devotions: First Friday Adoration 9:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Daily Recitation of the Rosary: 8:30 A.M.

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.



It has been said: "There's no such thing as coincidence."

When the statue of St. Joseph was placed on the lawn of our newly established convent a few months ago the workman put it where it stands not because of my direction but because the ground beneath it was level.

Neither he nor I realized at the time that he placed it diagonally across from our statue of Our Lady. In fact, if you look at St. Joseph's head it's tilted in her direction.

I once read: "Love is not just looking at each other, it's looking in the same direction."

As this month is traditionally dedicated to Our Lady, may each of us ask the Lord for the grace to see Mary with Joseph's eyes.

Loving her with a pure and chaste heart, he united himself to her in the sacred bond of Holy Matrimony for the sole purpose of bringing Jesus into the world.

Plagued by darkness, doubt, and despair, our world cries out again for it's Savior!

May our vision of Mary, Mother of Our Savior, keep us hopeful. While she and Joseph did not know exactly how God was going to redeem the world, they believed the answer would come by gazing in the same direction...towards Jesus.

Father Fonti



Mass Intentions - May 5, 2024 SAT 5:00 Lydia & Dominick Falivene (Together in Heaven) **SUN** 5/5 7:30 Carmelo Acquista 9:00 Antonio Pellarin Giuseppe Cicero Carmelo Acquista Leonora Marzano The People of The Parish 10:30 Eileen A. Ryan 12:00 Ellen McDermott & Nellie Cafferkay MON 7:00 Fr. Al Barozzi (Living) 9:00 Rita DiCamillo **TUES** 7:00 Carmelo Acquista 9:00 Josephine Proietto WED. 7:00 Ante Grando 9:00 Dominic Diodato THURS. 5/9— Ascension of The Lord 7:00 Rosa Payyappilly 9:00 The Brady & Marron Families 7:00pm Father James Lloyd FRI. 5/10 7:00 Rose Perretti 9:00 Joseph DeAnnuntis SAT 5/11 9:00 Charles McCormack Josephine Proietto Dorothea Addeo (1st Anniversary in Heaven) All Souls in Purgatory 5:00 Rocco & Nicoletta Signore & Roseann Genese **SUN** 7:30 Jane & Frank DiTaranto 9:00 Mela Ieraci, Onorina Colalillo, Annunziata Colaillo Maria Casabianca, Maria Margherita, & Antonina Petruso Francesco Baldo, Jenny, Mateo, Santina, Gigetto, & Gigetta Calabro Salvatore & Martina Bacarella, Giuseppe & Anna Prainito, & Rosetta Prainito Anna & Angelo Graci, & Americo Chima Carmelo & Maria Giardina Giovanna LaPuma Joan Buzzi Francesca Laconca & Eugenia Madonna Salvatore & Anna Vitale, Salvatore Faraci, Gaspare & Vincenza Faraci & Maria Pellerito Anna & Filomena Cinquemani & Pasqualina Battaglia The People of The Parish 10:30 Nicoletta & Umberto Guadagno

12:00

Anthony & Elizabeth Falsone



Bread & Wine

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

Eileen A. Ryan

Gift Given by: Her Children, Grandchildren, & Great Grandchildren



Altar Candles

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

My Mother... Raffaela Fonti



Sanctuary Candles

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

Father James Lloyd, CSP



Newly Enrolled in the Purgatorial Society

April, 2024

Francesco Cesarano
Carmelo Acquista
Giuseppe Barretta
Otilia Koscica
Maria Brescio
Emilia Foschi
Dino Biordi
Raiko Karlic
Sheryl Ann Lonergan
Henry Lee
Frank Zukovsky, RN
Jann Nunez
Mrs. Eileen Smith

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:

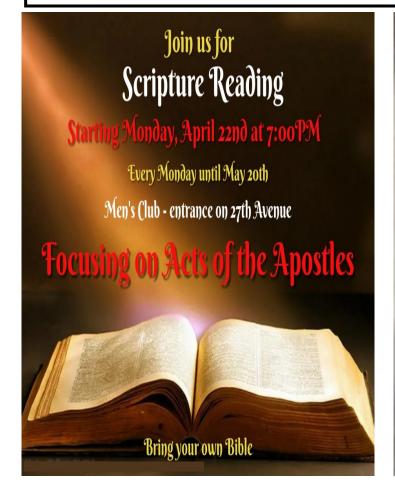
- Matt Z.
- Lisa Sperazza
- Susan Trezioso
- Nick Roberto
- Pasqualina Lucciola
- Julia Rollo
- Francesca Cecile
- Angelo Ragonese
- Nick O'Donnell
- Patricia O'Donnell
- Kristian Mendez
- Jennifer Russo
- Roseann Orlando
- Barbara Ann Luisi
- Tom Sammel
- Freda Cassini
- Jacinta Carolan
- Assunta Goldone
- 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
- Karen Youdell
- 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

We pray for those recently deceased from our parish: Father James Lloyd, Arsen Grgas, & Mario Sumberac





The National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be on a Eucharistic Revival tour from May to July 2024, to point us to the Eucharist.

You will have a chance to venerate the historic National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima given to the United States by the Bishop of Fatima after being blessed by Pope St. Paul VI in 1967, at the following Parishes.

Friday May 17th, 2024:

St Michael RC Church 136-76 41st Ave Flushing, NY 11355 Phone: (718) 961-0295 8:00AM to 1:00PM St Kevin RC Church 45-21 194th Street Flushing, NY 11358 Phone: (718) 357-8888 2:00PM to 8:00PM

Saturday May 18th, 2024:

St Paul Chong Hasang RC Church 32-15 Parsons Blvd Flushing, NY 11354 Phone: (718) 321-7676 8:00AM to 1:00PM

St. John Vianney RC Church 140-10 34th Ave Flushing NY 11354 Phone: (718) 762-7920 2:00PM to 6:30PM

Sunday May 19th, 2024:

Sacred Heart RC Church 215-35 38th Avenue Bayside, NY 11361 Phone: (718) 428-2200 8:00AM to 1:30PM St Josaphat RC Church 34-32 210th Street Flushing, NY 11361 Phone: (718) 229-1663 2:00PM to 8:00PM



For Parish schedule of their planned activities, please call the Parish or check their bulletins.



St. Mel's Catholic Academy **Piano Concert**



Last Thursday we held our annual Piano Concert at St. Mel's Catholic Academy. The children came to school dressed as the ladies and gentlemen that they are, and they all played an individual piece on the grand piano for their family and friends. Performing solo can certainly be a little scary, but they all did just a great job. We have been doing this for a few years now and it is amazing to see the children grow in their skills and confidence year by year, regardless of their starting point. The highlight of the show was a duet by siblings Koey (Gr. 5) on piano and Keo (Gr. 6) on violin. Thank you to Ms. Kelsey for your work with the students and preparing them for our annual concert. We are so proud of all of our students!

































Religious Education Program

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 appropriate curriculum that teaches Catholic doctrine necessary for children to become good, practicing Catholics. The program also prepares the children to complete their initiation



into the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of 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 have any questions regarding St. Mel's Religious Education program, please email us at stmelfaithformation@gmail.com and <a href="mailto:

SAVE THE DATE - Sunday May 5, 2024, at 10:30 am Mass

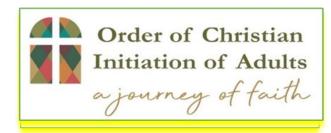
Parish May Crowning and 2nd Grade Family Mass for Children and Families from the

St. Mel's Catholic Academy and the School of Religion



 Are you a practicing adult Catholic (18+) seeking the sacrament of Confirmation, who has been baptized and have received your first Holy Communion?

If you answered yes, to this question, we invite you to participate in our Adult Confirmation Program which would prepare you to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 28th. The Adult Confirmation Program presents an overview of the essentials of the Catholic Faith, focusing on immediate catechesis for the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation. The program includes presentations, group discussion, reflection, and prayer.



- Are you interested in the Catholic faith?
- Have you been coming to church for a while but are not Catholic?
- Have you been baptized Catholic or validly baptized in another Christian denomination and wish to be fully initiated into the Catholic faith through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Communion?

If you answered yes to this question, we invite you to look deeper into the Catholic faith through a process called the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults ("OCIA") It is also adapted for older children.

If you are interested in learning more about these programs, contact the Office of Faith Formation at stmelfaithformation@gmail.com or at 718-461-9840

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

"While he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; broke it and gave it to them." (Luke 24:30)

With thankful praise we celebrate our children's growth in Christ

Ava Acevedo **Dominick Acquista** Salvo Acquista Charlize Annibale Francesantonio Barone Jocelyn Bergman-Alvizuri Dylan Blainey Ellie Blainey Luca Bruno Jayleen Camino Alexander Catala Gianni Chalco Valery Colina Sabrina Constantin Francesco Costa Filippo D'Amico Julian Davila Chloe Evans Colette Evans

Isabelle Fana Clara Furman

Emma Galvis

Tori Giovatto Maggie Hoos

Sean Hoos

Nathan Inserra Christina Isherwood Lucas Isherwood Haryn Kim Lucy Lalloo Jared Lanfranco Olivia LaRocca Siena Lascano **Justin Leonardis** Ante Matura Esteban Martinez Lily Melendez Phillip Melendez Brianna Munoz Autumn Nunez Giavanna Pagano Olivia Ricchiuti Kaylie Santana Gabriella Savinon Angelo Scalici Juliette Solis Shea Toala Noboa Lincoln Toala Noboa Aaron Trinidad Raquel Vassos





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Join us on

Thursday, May 2 - Ep. 2
Thursday, May 16 - Ep. 3
at
7:00 PM

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St Mel School Reunion

Class of 2014

Class of 1974

10th & 50th Anniversaries

Celebration for Class of '14 and '74 Alumni, Families & Faculty

Saturday, June 22, 2024 Church of St Mel ~ St Mel Catholic Academy 2615 154th St, Flushing, NY 11354

5 PM Mass

6 PM School Tour

6:30 - 10:30 PM Celebration

For Details, To Register, Purchase Tickets or Contact Event Committee: www.eventcreate.com/e/stmelreunion Tickets ~ \$50 per adult

Please RSVP Online by June 8, 2024

Additional Contact Information: Class of '74: Maureen Ardiff Cooke (917) 603-4234 Class of '14: Kathy Siano (917) 648-9393

In Loving Memory of Thomas J. Farrell

Forever in our Hearts



In Loving Memory of James Zaput Gift Given by: The Zaput Family



In Loving Memory of George Spicijaric &

John George Spicijaric

Gift Given by: Blanche Spicijaric



In Loving Memory of Dino Marriotti
Gift Given by: Julia Marriotti



In Loving Memory Adriano Papi Gift Given by: Rita Papi



In Loving Memory of Antonella DiMassa-Raco



In Loving Memory of Rose & Gerard DeRosa



In Loving Memory of Brother Silvano & Sister Gemma Matrullo Gift Given by: Wanda Prestifilippo



In Loving Memory of Breeda & Eugene Witt Gift Given by: Their Daughter, AnnMarie Brady, Grandchildren, & Great Grandchildren



In Loving Memory of Irene Pariselli

Gift Given by: Her Loving Husband & Children



In Loving Memory of Teddy, Carmela, & Christopher Kwiath

Gift Given by: Peter & Linda Kwiath, and their Great Grandchildren



The Living & Deceased Members of the Ray, Cassata, & Morell Families



The Living & Deceased Members of the Howell & McCabe Families



Gift Given by: Mark & Arlene Kemmerer & Genevieve & Elisabeth Pizzo



In Loving Memory of Tony Mirkov With Love, Lilly, Sam & Eric



For the Special Intention of George & Juliana Grzic



In Loving Memory of Josephine Proietto Gift Given by: Joseph & Annette Freda



For the Special Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Longo



In Loving Memory of My Parents

Raffaela & Louis Fonti

"They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead...but they are in peace." (Wisdom 3:2-3)



In Loving Memory of Patricia Dillon

"Charm is deceptive, and beauty does not last; but a woman who loves the Lord will be greatly praised. Reward her for all she done." (Proverbs 31:30)



The Living & Deceased Members of the Joyce and Ghee Families



In Loving Memory of My Brother
Louis Fonti III

"Why do you seek the living one among the dead?

He is not here; he has been raised." (Lk 24:6)



In Loving Memory of Raymond Meyers

From Your, Loving Family



In Loving Memory of my Husband, Michael J. Smith

Given by: Denise Smith



In Loving Memory of My Parents and Brothers

Joan & Joe, Kevin & Dennis Hopkins



In Loving Memory of The Deceased Members of The Hopkins & Hill Families



In Loving Memory of Walter Ilchert, Marylyn & John Tie, & Roseann & Lou Angelico



In Loving Memory of Joseph J. DeAnnuntis Given by: Vivian, David, and Cathy



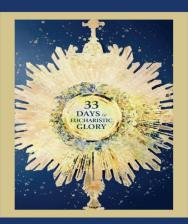


April 28, 2024 Mass Attendance Total = 693

5:00 PM— 110 7:30 AM—95 9:00 AM—100 10:30 AM-198 12:00 PM-190

Parish Partnerships are seriously being considered for our deanery and throughout our diocese. To help us understand the process, I will be publishing in our weekly bulletin our Sunday Mass attendance numbers so that if in the future there is a change made to our Mass schedule, we will understand that the change was not solely predicated on the number of parish priests, but on the data.

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> MAY 7TH, 14TH, 21ST & 28TH

PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY WITH ANY QUESTIONS 718-359-0417

PHONE:____

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.



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The Ascension of the Lord

Since the late 300s, the Church has recalled and celebrated the ascension of the Lord, recorded in the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. The incarnate Son of God ascends to take his rightful place at the right-hand side of his heavenly Father. This began a new phase in the life of the Church.

With Jesus's bodily return to heaven and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, his Body, the Church, is commissioned to continue his ministry in word and deed. The period between Jesus's ascension and Pentecost was filled with intense prayer for the newborn community. That span of nine days marks the Church's first novena (from the Latin word for "nine") and has been enshrined in Church tradition. That same period today is also important for the community of believers as they offer prayers and prepare for the renewal that comes each year in the Person of the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

While commemorating his ascension allows the Christian to keep one eye fixed on heaven during our earthly journey, it also reminds us that it is the Holy Spirit who will assist us in our share of the divine work still to be accomplished.

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