

Church of Saint Mel

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Sunday, August 13, 2023

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

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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.

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.



Yes, “charity begins at home.” But a charity rooted in faith extends beyond the home.

Every year the Office for The Propagation of the Faith assigns a missionary to visit and speak to us about the needs of the Universal Church.

We are happy to welcome Sr. Regina Mgbakor from Nigeria who will speak to us at the end of each Mass on the weekend of August 26-27 about her work with Maranatha Caring Mission.

Established to provide free medical clinics in the developing countries, the Maranatha Caring Mission strives to fulfill its mission: share the love of Jesus and reach out to the poor by heeding Jesus’s mandate: ‘feed the hungry, clothe the naked, quench the thirsty’ (Matthew 25).

Opening their first clinic in November 2016 in Umueje, Nigeria, Maranatha Missionaries cared for impoverished farmers who lived in unhealthy conditions and lacked basic/ good health care.

Many of the farmers were plagued with eye ailments and disease because of their unhealthy working conditions. Maranatha Missionaries provided free medical care to 53,876 patients and performed 462 free cataract and pterygium surgeries. In addition, their doctors also performed: appendectomies, herniorrhaphy, hydrocelectomy, and fibroid surgeries and they helped deliver 319 babies too!

Presently, there are 280 patients awaiting cataract surgery and 70 patients needing herniorrhaphy and hydrocelectomy. Each of these surgeries costs an equivalent of \$100 to perform.

Sister Regina’s plea: help Maranatha provide free medical care to the impoverished.

A Second Collection will be taken-up August 26-27. Please be as generous as you are able.

Father Fonti

***For Them =
For Jesus***

Mass Intentions - August 13, 2023

SAT	8/12
5:00	The Moschetta Family
SUN	8/13
7:30	The People of The Parish
9:00	Carmelo Giardina
	Lelio, Robert, Enrico, & Francesca Mazzoni
	Salvatore E. Pitino
	Alfonso Annibale
	Guglielmo & Gandolfo Gascio
10:30	Jose Reynoso (3rd Anniversary in Heaven)
12:00	Joan Hopkins (39 years in Heaven), Kevin Hopkins (11 years in Heaven), Bobby Hill (41 Years in Heaven)
MON	8/14
8:00	Vincenzo & Maria Rosa Lopresti
TUES	8/15 Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation
8:00	Robert Gatti
12:00	Bridie Sullivan
7:00PM	Zygmunt Wartski
WED.	8/16
8:00	Patricia Largana
THURS.	8/17
8:00	Frank Rappa
FRI.	8/18
8:00	Vincenzo & Maria Rosa Lopresti
SAT	8/19
9:00	Lelio, Robert, Enrico, & Francesca Mazzoni
	Anthony Cillis Jr.
	Daniel & Nevenka Ilijasic
	Dan Lynch
5:00	Mom Jean Cervasio (Anniversary in Heaven)
SUN	8/20
7:30	Rose Flood
9:00	Anthony Mordente & Anthony Rodriguez
	Lelio, Robert, Enrico, & Francesco Mazzoni
	Joseph & Palmira Gatti
	The People of The Parish
10:30	Donald Halmy
12:00	Maria Calma



Bread & Wine

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

Hopkins & Hill Families

Given by: Jeanne Hopkins



Altar Candles

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

***Teddy, Carmela, &
Christopher Kwiath***

***Given by: Laura, Giuliana,
Joseph & Anthony***



Sanctuary Candles

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

Thomas Muratore Sr.

***Given by: Gloria Caliendo,
Nancy Mordente, & Joyce
Rodriguez***



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

July, 2023

***Kathleen Keown
Joyce Conte
Nicoletta Signore
Bridge Sullivan
Marko Bradica***

*The Purgatorial Mass is offered on the
First Friday of each month at 7:00am.
Enrollment in the Purgatorial Society is
for the period of one year.*

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:

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| • Matt Z. | • George Behringer |
| • Lisa Sperazza | • Avery Santiago |
| • Susan Trezioso | • Ari Ortiz |
| • Nick Roberto | • Susan Caraher |
| • Pasqualina Lucciola | • Brian Finnerty |
| • Julia Rollo | • Robert Muller |
| • Francesca Cecile | • Lee Ragusa |
| • Angelo Ragonese | • Paul Adessa |
| • Nick O'Donnell | • Joanne Perricelli |
| • Patricia O'Donnell | • Drenckhahn |
| • Kristian Mendez | • Dottie Giordano |
| • Brian Finn | • Siena Rose Romagnuolo |
| • Jennifer Russo | • David G. |
| • Roseann Orlando | • Rosa Annibale |
| • Barbara Ann Luisi | • Patricia White |
| • Tom Sammel | • Patricia Feeley |
| • Freda Cassini | • Mia Elizabeth Skaats |
| • Jacinta Carolan | • Nicky O'Donnell |
| • Assunta Goldone | • Jimmy Caraher |
| • Kruno Pandzic | • John Holmes |
| • Carol Sturm | • Venice Hernandez |
| • Martha Catul | • Gloria Ubertini |
| • Dominick Fortino | • Eileen McBride |
| • RoseAnn Dell Apenna | • Cami Yandoli |
| • Alida Addeo | • Lynn Gallagher |
| • Yolanda Gatti | • John Paul Yezzo |
| • Patricia Parrish | • Niki Angelopoulous |
| • Carmen A. Leites | • Valerie Albano Krug |
| • Carollynn Freeda | • Bryan Day |
| • Anthony Marino | • Theresa Bedell |
| • Mario Sumberac | • Karen Youdell |
| • Helen Sumberac | |

We pray for those recently deceased from our parish:

**Ruthann Poole, Zygmunt Wartski,
Stefano Inzalaco, & Lieselotte Freels**

The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Day of Obligation—Tuesday, August 15th
Mass Times: 8:00AM, 12:00PM, & 7:00PM



“United in Communion / United in Charity”

ST. MEL’S 2023 GOAL: \$ 84,065

Already Pledged: \$114,910.64

160 Pledges

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

A Prayer for Increasing Enrollment in Catholic Schools

O Good and Gracious God,
We praise and thank you for the
students in our school. It is a sacred
privilege to continue the teaching
mission of your Son, Jesus. We hear His
words in our hearts: “Let the children
come to me! Do not hinder them.”

Lord, we are doing everything we can so
that no child is hindered from coming to
our school. We advertise, we market; we
strategize and plan. Show us what more
do we need to do, Lord?

Listen to our prayers as we ask you,
Lord, to remove whatever hinders
parents from choosing a Catholic school
for their children. Guide their thinking
and their decisions. May our desire to
form a partnership with them be a
source of hope and encouragement.
Bless our efforts to meet funding
challenges so that we can fulfill our
commitment to be a school for all.

Lord, hold Mrs. Barron, our teachers,
staff, our students and their families in
Your loving, protective embrace.

And thank you for blessing St. Mel’s
with a hopeful and promising future.
Amen.

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 haven't already, new and returning students should register your child for the 2023-2024 school year as soon as possible by completing the on-line registration form at <https://stmels-queens.org/religious-education>. The annual Tuition Fee can also be paid on-line at <https://osvhub.com/church-of-saint-mel/funds/tuition-religious-education>.

OCIA - Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

A Journey of Faith



- ◆ 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 stmelsdderosa@gmail.com.

St. Mel is now on Tabella!

Scan the QR code
or visit the link to
join our community!

tabella.app/connect



Tabella



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.

Stay Connected to St. Mel's Church



Go to: <http://stmelsrccchurch.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.

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

Our next Bundle Saturday will take place on **October 14th** from 9am to 12 noon in the St. Mel's Parking Lot. Clothing in good condition is needed.

If you are considering selling your truck, car, or van the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will give back to our church whether it is running or not— \$50/\$100 per vehicle. Call: 718-491-2525

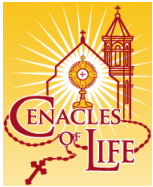
RACHEL'S HELPERS

A Post-Abortion Ministry for Women **Forgiven and Set Free** is a program for women who had an abortion and are seeking spiritual healing. Sponsored by the Diocese of Brooklyn, participants meet in small group settings.

For more information: 347-702-2352

No Fee & All Calls are Confidential.

The Cenacles of Life



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 prepararono 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 la santità 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.



THE BRIDGE
TO LIFE

The Bridge to Life is in need of children's clothes (all sizes) in good condition. For more information please call Brian at Bridge to Life 718-463-1810 or text 516-387-2055

Volunteers Needed

The Bridge to Life is in need of volunteers on Wednesdays from 1-3PM to serve clients and/or to sort clothing a few hours a week (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday). For more information please call Brian at Bridge to Life 718-463-1810 or text 516-387-2055

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NARANON OPEN MEETING

Looking for support?
A loved one struggling with addiction?

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JOIN US TUESDAY EVENINGS FROM

7:30-9:00PM

Lower level of St. Mel School

Contact: Ann Acquaviva 201-400-7760

for more details



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 26th Ave / School Yard

Stress in Your Marriage?

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, lonely, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Maybe you don't know how to change the situation or how to communicate with your spouse about it. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples transform their marriages and fall in love again.

**Our Next Weekend is
 September 8 - 10**

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Visit our website at HelpOurMarriage.org or call 800-470-2230 for more information.

Please...



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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

AS PARENTS OF FAITH,
WE ARE CALLED:

TO GIVE YOUR CHILDREN
 THE GREATEST GIFT WE
 HAVE RECEIVED: **JESUS**

TO "MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS,"
 AND THAT STARTS RIGHT IN OUR HOMES
 WITH THAT CHEEKY THREE-YEAR-OLD.

TO HELP THEM KNOW **TO LOVE HIM** & TO EXPERIENCE
JESUS, A DEEP & MEANINGFUL
 RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM.

**THIS IS WHY WE TAKE
 OUR CHILDREN TO MASS.**

EVEN WHEN IT IS **HARD**. EVEN WHEN THERE ARE **TANTRUMS**
 AND Sullen TEENAGE **REBELLIONS**. EVEN WHEN WE SPEND MORE
 TIME **OUTSIDE** THE CHURCH THAN IN IT. EVEN WHEN OTHER
 PARISHIONERS **JUDGE US**. EVEN WHEN IT **FEELS POINTLESS**.

SO TAKE YOU ARE NOT ALONE, **GOD WALKS WITH**
HEART! YOU AND DELIGHTS IN EVERY STEP YOU
 TAKE TO BRING YOUR CHILDREN TO HIM.

Please Save the Date

Mass of Hope and Healing

For All Survivors of Abuse

Thursday October 26, 2023 at 7pm.

St. Bernard's Church 2055 E. 69th Street , Brooklyn

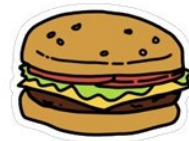
*All are invited to come together on this day to pray for healing for all those impacted
by abuse*



Join us for a



BBQ



The St. Mel's Welcome Back BBQ

Friday, September 15th

7:00 PM

FOOD DRINKS DESSERT

This is a free event

50/50 DRAWING

Please call or email to RSVP

Joseph Vitobello (917) 929-4505 / vjvito@aol.com

Tony Flynn (917) 376-5286 / ma2kflynn@yahoo.com

Frank Keppel (718) 873-6759 / kepsenior@yahoo.com

Rain Date: September 22nd





Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM – August 15

On November 1, 1950, Venerable Pope Pius XII declared the Assumption of Mary, which the Church celebrates every year on August 15, to be a fundamental belief of Catholic faith. The dogma of the Assumption states that at the end of her life, the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken, body and soul, into Heaven. Stating “The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory,” the pronouncement leaves open the question whether or not she experienced bodily death.

While not based on eyewitness accounts nor recorded in Sacred Scripture, the belief in Mary’s Assumption was believed and celebrated by the early Church in both East and West since the 400s. It is understood to be different than our own resurrection in that Mary’s body was assumed with her soul while our bodies will await the resurrection on the Last Day.

The Assumption is a major feast of Mary, also included in the Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary, and August 15 is a Holy Day of Obligation to attend Mass in the USA. On years when it falls on a Monday or Saturday, the requirement to celebrate at Mass is suppressed.

The feast is one of the few on the Roman Calendar that have a proper Vigil Mass with dedicated prayers and readings.

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