

Church of Saint Mel

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Sunday, August 27, 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.

“Remember your leaders, those who spoke the Word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.” – Hebrews 13:7



This past Monday I celebrated a Funeral Mass for Sister Mary Elizabeth Kelly, CSJ. She was a dear friend and mentor who shared with me her love and knowledge of the Word of God and who inspired me to serve God's people, the Church.

My first remembrance of her was at Mass. My mom, a daily communicant, would often take me as a young boy to the 6:30 AM Mass. The Sisters of St. Joseph who taught in our parish school, sat across from where my family sat. Their quiet reverence and distinct religious garb drew my attention. I would plead with my mom to let me speak with them. She would say: “You can’t. They’re talking to Jesus.”

“Talking to Jesus?” Wow. The idea of it blew my little mind. Determined to get to know these “special friends” of Jesus, I took every opportunity in and out of the classroom to be near them as well as the priests of the parish. Their collective joyful witness inspired me so deeply that in the 6th Grade I shared with Sister Elizabeth my desire to be a priest. The following day she arranged for me to meet with Father Langelier, the moderator of the altar boys, in her office. I am your pastor today because of the care, influence, and support of both.

One of the great lessons Sister Elizabeth taught me was that “each of us is special” in God’s eyes; that “talking to Him” wasn’t an exclusive for nuns and priests but every one of us, His children.

For 71 years she lived a simple, prayerful, courageous, and compassionate life. Thankful to have called her my friend and to be a beneficiary of her goodness, I will continue to strive to imitate Sister Elizabeth’s faith.

May God who is merciful and kind, reward her with the gift of everlasting life.

Father Fonti



Mass Intentions - August 20, 2023

SAT	8/26
5:00	Anthony & Elizabeth Falsone
SUN	8/27
7:30	Catherine & Vincent Casale
9:00	Salvatore, Franco, & Angelo Bacarella Lelio, Robert, Enrico, & Francesco Mazzoni Giovanna & Vito La Puma, Salvatore & Martina Bacarella Sebastian & Christopher Gallagaer Domenico Zampini & Lucia DiRe In Honor of Madonna Del Romitello Isolina Cianelli The People of The Parish
10:30	Gioacchino Apollonia & Lena D'Arrigo
12:00	Salvatore Isabella LoBrutto
MON	8/28
8:00	Angelo Fraraccio
TUES	8/29
8:00	Lawrence Bono
WED.	8/30
8:00	Domenick Pugliese
THURS.	8/31
8:00	Domenico & Maria Rosa Pugliese
FRI.	9/1
8:00	Purgatorial Society
SAT	9/2
9:00	Angie & Joe Schiavetta Alice & Frank Renze Thomas Ghee Mary Parant Gorman Zygy Wartski
5:00	Maria Martelli
SUN	9/3
7:30	Daniel Sitler
9:00	Pietro Gagliano Francesco Baldo Jenny, Matteo, Francesco, Francesca, & Santina Calabro & Family Andrew DiCamillo, Lino DiCamillo, & Lydia Giugliano Americo Chima, Anna & Angelo Graci Salvatore, Martina, Angelo & Franco Baccarella The People of The Parish
10:30	Giuseppe D'Amico, Pietro Gagliano, & Franco Bacarella
12:00	Francesco & Maria Prestifilippo



Bread & Wine

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

Guglielmo Cascio

**Given by: Rosa DelGreco
& Family**



Altar Candles

*This week the Altar Candles
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of:*

Gennaro Consoli

**Given by: Anna & Rosanna
Consoli**



Sanctuary Candles

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

**Sr. Mary Elizabeth Kelly,
CSJ**



**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. | • Avery Santiago |
| • Lisa Sperazza | • Ari Ortiz |
| • Susan Trezioso | • Susan Caraher |
| • Nick Roberto | • Brian Finnerty |
| • Pasqualina Lucciola | • Robert Muller |
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| • Francesca Cecile | • Paul Adessa |
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| • Patricia O'Donnell | • Dottie Giordano |
| • Kristian Mendez | • Siena Rose Romagnuolo |
| • Brian Finn | • David G. |
| • Jennifer Russo | • Rosa Annibale |
| • Roseann Orlando | • Patricia White |
| • Barbara Ann Luisi | • Patricia Feeley |
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| • Freda Cassini | • Nicky O'Donnell |
| • Jacinta Carolan | • Jimmy Caraher |
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| • George Behringer | |



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ST. MEL'S 2023 GOAL: \$ 84,065

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164 Pledges

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September 8 - 10
At the Immaculate Conception Seminary,
Huntington**

Visit our website at [HelpOurMarriage.org](https://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 800-470-2230 for more information.



First Friday Adoration is September 1st following the 8:00 AM Mass. Benediction is at 12:00 PM. In the event of a funeral Adoration will be held in the chapel.

School Prayer



Dear God,
Bless our school.
Bless our teachers.
Bless our pupils.
Bless our families.
Please help us to be kind and help us
to always try our best.
Let us remember, as many hands make
a house,
So many hearts make a school.
Amen

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join our community!

tabella.app/connect



Tabella



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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.

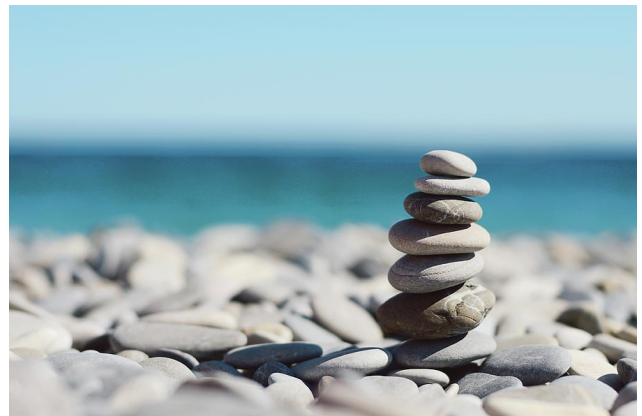
Please Save the Date Mass of Hope and Healing

For All Survivors of Abuse

Thursday, October 26th at 7:00 PM

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



Blessing of Backpacks & School Supplies

Start off the New School Year by having your
backpack and supplies blessed!

Sunday September 3rd, 2023
10:30am Family Mass

All students and educators are welcome!



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.

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

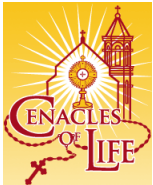
RACHEL'S HELPERS

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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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

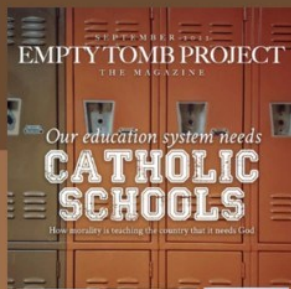
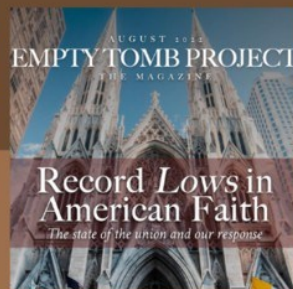
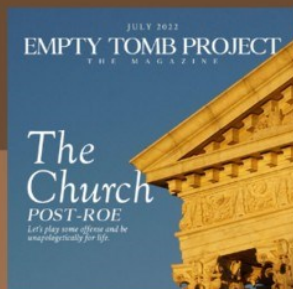
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St. Mel's 2nd Annual Cigar Night



Thursday
October 5th, 2023



6:00 - 10:00PM



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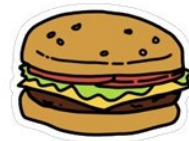
All tickets must be purchased in
advanced from the Rectory or
Main Office starting August 25th



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



Ministers' Seating

Besides the Priest Celebrant, the places for other ministers is also addressed in Church documents. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* states:

“Seats should be arranged in the sanctuary for concelebrating Priests as well as for Priests who are present at the celebration in choir dress but without concelebrating.

The seat for the Deacon should be placed near that of the celebrant. For the other ministers [servers, readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, cantors, commentators] seats should be arranged so that they are clearly distinguishable from seats for the clergy and so that the ministers are easily able to carry out the function entrusted to them.” (310)

The choir receives special mention, mindful of its unique place at the sacred liturgy as well as the logistics that it requires to be most beneficial to the celebration:

“The *schola cantorum* (choir) should be so positioned with respect to the arrangement of each church that its nature may be clearly evident, namely as part of the assembled community of the faithful undertaking a specific function. The positioning should also help the choir to exercise this function more easily and allow each choir member full sacramental participation in the Mass in a convenient manner.” (312)

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