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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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Paula Migliore - Denise DeRosa 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.



Thanks to the generosity of alumnus, Steve Somers (Class 1974), and the creative talent of Anduluz the Artist, the foyer of the Academy has a fresh, new look!

See Mrs. Barron's page in this week's bulletin to learn about this project. I have included pictures on the next page of the colorful mural that now adorns our school.

As the Board of the Academy continues to work together to advance the school's curriculum and increase its enrollment, I

encourage all our parishioners to share the good news of the Academy's growth and success with others.

Seeking to uplift the spirits of our present students, we hope that modernizing the school will also attract new ones.

If coming to this Friday's BBQ, be sure to visit the school to see the mural.

Father Fonti















	Mass Intentions - September 10, 2023
SAT	9/9
5:00	Philip D'Alessio
SUN	9/10
7:30	Rose Paroula
9:00	Salvatore & Martina Bacarella
	Giuseppe & Giuseppina Cangialosi
	Giuseppe & Giuseppina Valenza
	Domenico Antonino Casabianca & Leonarda Romano
	Anna & Angelo Graci, Carmelo Giardina, & Americo Chima
	Pietro, Salvatore, Filippo, & Giuseppe Vitale
	Salvatore Pitino
	Angelo Roselli
	Vittorio Todaro
	The People of The Parish
10:30	Vincenza LaRocca
12:00	James Brady
MON	9/11
7:00	For All Those Who Perished on September 11
9:00	Matteo Pinto
TUES	9/12
7:00	Dorothea Addeo
9:00	Maria Antonini
WED.	9/13
7:00	Dorothea Addeo
9:00	Alex Fazzi
THURS.	9/14
7:00	Dorothea Addeo
9:00	Sister Ann Fahey R.G.S.
FRI.	9/15
7:00	Ante Grando
9:00	Dominick Pugliese
SAT	9/16
9:00	Beniamo Pirozzi
	Michael O'Connell
	Myra May Kokoska
	Deceased Members of The Mazzoni & D'Alessio Families
5:00	Angelo Messina & The Rosselli Family
SUN	9/17
7:30	Mia Magurno Hunt
9:00	Vito & Giovanna LaPuma
	Joe Zuccarello
	Giuseppina Curto
	Giuseppe Zuccarello
	Deceased Members of The Mazzoni & D'Alessio Families
	The People of The Parish
10:30	Frank Rappa (15th Anniversary in Heaven)
12:00	Alberto Frisoni



Bread & Wine

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

Frank Rappa

Given by: Francis Rappa



Altar Candles

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

Mary Kaiser

Given by: Marilyn DeVito



Sanctuary Candles

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

Ante Grando

Given by: His Loving Family



Newly Enrolled in the Purgatorial Society

August, 2023

Marko Bradica John Williams Dorothy J. Saluga Stefano Inzalaco Darko Kovacic Ava Salonia Trinidad Munoz John F. Rossi

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:

- 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
- Robert Muller
- Lee Ragusa
- Paul Adessa
- Joanne Perricelli Drenckhahn
- Dottie Giordano
- Siena Rose Romagnuolo
- David G.
- Rosa Annibale
- Patricia White
- Patricia Feelev
- Mia Elizabeth Skaats
- Nicky O'Donnell
- Jimmy Caraher
- John Holmes
- Venice Hernandez
- Gloria Ubertini
- Eileen McBride
- Cami Yandoli
- Lynn Gallagher
- John Paul Yezzo
- Niki Angelopoulous
- Valerie Albano Krug
- Bryan Day
- Theresa Bedell
- Karen Youdell
- Elizabeth DiCamtli
- Angela Infantino

We pray for those recently deceased from our parish:

Monsignor Paul Jervis, Millie Graziano, & Diomera Tansy

To be a grandparent is to experience the Joy of unconditional love.



Happy Grandparents Day!



"United in Communion / United in Charity"

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

Already Pledged: \$119,480.64

164 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.



St. Mel's Catholic Academy Gets a New Look



St. Mel's Catholic Academy has a whole new look this year. Not only did the hallway get new flooring, lighting and a fresh coat of paint, but we are excited to showcase a new mural in the school's main entrance. We were excited to partner with renowned artist Efren Andaluz. who took our vision of launching St. Mel's into the future, while remaining true to our Catholic identity and incorporated them into the mural. The work took about a month to complete over the summer starting out as just a simple sketch, and slowly adding color, definition and detail to create the amazing art that now graces our entrance. The kids were amazed when they walked into he building on the first day of school! Efren, also known as "Andaluz the artist", was born and raised right here in Queens, but now his work is showcased around the county. We were excited to work with him on this project and to have an "Andaluz original" in our building. Come by a take a peek!!





"Every child is an artist, the problem is how to remain an artist when we grow up" - Pablo Picasso









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.

The first day of classes for the 2023-2024 school year is Wednesday, September 20th. We cannot wait to welcome back the children to a new school year! 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.

Attention Parents of first graders or parents of children new to St. Mel's Religious Education Program: There will be a parent's meeting on Wednesday, September 13th at 7 pm in St. Mel's Men Club.

If you have any questions regarding St. Mel's Religious Education program, please email us at stmelfaithformation@gmail.com and stmelsdderosa@gmail.com.

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 stmelfaithformation@gmail.com and stmelsdderosa@gmail.com.

Italian Heritage Month

To honor Italian Heritage Month, October 2023, the Italian American Association of St. Mel's is hosting a Christopher Columbus Dinner -Dance at Verdi's Catering Hall (149-58 Cross Island Pkwy.) on Sunday, October 15th from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

Join us for an afternoon of tasty Italian food, dancing, and fun.

The sit-down dinner includes beer, wine & soda, antipasto, pasta, a choice of 5 entrees, cassata cake, espresso, coffee, or tea.

Dinner cost: \$70 per person.

Message to Our Members: Moving forward, the Association will no longer be hosting monthly meetings; many of our members are uncomfortable going out at night. Communication of future events will be sent to members via mail. Information will also be available in subsequent parish bulletins.

We are grateful to all our members for their loyal support and for helping us maintain our Italian traditions at St. Mel's these past 30 years.

To reserve your place at the table on October 15th, call either: Gerardo (718) 767-0411 or Julia (718) 961-1102.

Checks to pay for the dinner can either be brought or mailed to: St. Mel's Rectory 26-15 154th Street, Flushing, N.Y. 11354.

St. Mel's Leisure Club



Saint Mel's Leisure Club meets every Monday at 1:30 PM in Father O'Malley Hall. Some come for bingo. Some to play cards or board games. All come for what the Club offers: friendship and camaraderie. We extend a warm welcome to all parish seniors and to all seniors living within our neighborhood: Consider spending Monday afternoons with us. You could start your own table with those who share your interests. Chess, checkers, mahjong, book club - the possibilities are endless! Coffee and cake are at every meeting and during the holidays we host special celebrations. Our First Meeting for 2023-2024 is on Monday, September 18th. Entrance to O'Malley Hall is through the main doors of the church. For more information or to leave a message for the Leisure Club President, Ann Farrelly, call the rectory office: (718) 886-0201 x 110.



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





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://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.

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 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.



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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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

St. Mel's 2nd Annual Cigar Night



Thursday
October 5th, 2023



6:30 - 10:30PM



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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



Back to School





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The Tabernacle

The practice of preserving after the celebration of the liturgy a portion of the consecrated bread for the Communion of the sick was observed as early as the second century AD. While the ways of keeping some of the Eucharist varied from place to place, the extreme antiquity of the practice cannot be disputed. "God is with us" in a unique and intimate way in the Blessed Sacrament.

The word *tabernacle* means "dwelling place." The tabernacle in a Catholic church is so named because it is a place where Christ dwells in the Holy Eucharist. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal explains:

"In accordance with the structure of each church and legitimate local customs, the Most Blessed Sacrament should be reserved in a tabernacle in a part of the church that is truly noble, prominent, conspicuous, worthily decorated, and suitable for prayer.

The tabernacle should usually be the only one, be irremovable, be made of solid and inviolable material that is not transparent, and be locked in such a way that the danger of profanation is prevented to the greatest extent possible. Moreover, it is appropriate that before it is put into liturgical use, the tabernacle be blessed according to the rite described in the Roman Ritual." (GIRM, 314)

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