

Church of Saint Mel

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Sunday, October 22, 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.

“Can you lend me a hand?”



“I’ll do one better. I’ll give you an arm; my arm of support!”

St. Jude is one of the Church’s most popular saints. The patron of hopeless and impossible cases, his heavenly mailbox gets more requests than Santa’s.

I am happy to share with you that Santa isn’t the only one coming to town!

On Sunday, November 26th at the church of Saints Simon and Jude (185 Van Sicklen Street, Brooklyn), Bishop Brennan will celebrate a Mass at 3:00 PM, at which the relic – the arm of St. Jude – will be venerated. Veneration of his relic will continue after the Mass until 9:00 PM.

The timing of the relic’s pilgrimage is providential. So many people today live without hope. Catastrophic events and the intensity of one’s own personal stress have emotionally overwhelmed many people, making them feel lost.

May the nearness of St. Jude alleviate all inordinate fears. May his holy example and trusting faith as a disciple of Jesus Christ move all believers to find their hope in God in whom all things are possible.

For more information about the life of St. Jude and the pilgrimage of his relic: <https://apostleoftheimpossible.com/>

Next weekend the Little Sisters of the Poor will make an appeal at all the Masses. As always, thank you for your generous support of God’s work in our parish and beyond.

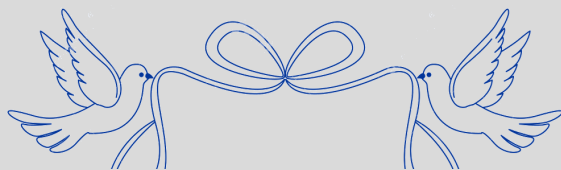
Father Fonti

Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron of difficult cases, of things almost despaired of, pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Intercede with God for me that He bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, particularly [make your request here] and that I may praise God with you and all the saints forever. I promise, O Blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor granted me by God and to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen.



Mass Intentions - October 22, 2023

SAT	10/21
5:00	Michael Bedosky & Andrew Orlando
SUN	10/22
7:30	The People of The Parish
9:00	Stefano Inzalaco Colagero & Giuseppa Cinquemani
10:30	Robert & Marlene Johnston
12:00	Joan Conners
MON	10/23
7:00	Jamie Gunkel
9:00	James Bonano
TUES	10/24
7:00	Grace Mary Flemming
9:00	Margie McAuley
WED.	10/25
7:00	Zygmunt (Ziggy) Wartski (Happy 98th Birthday in Heaven)
9:00	Irene Pariselli
THURS.	10/26
7:00	Lieselotte Freels
9:00	Colm Murphy
FRI.	10/27
7:00	Bridget Sullivan
9:00	Teresa & Giuseppe Matrullo
SAT	10/28
9:00	Joseph Connors Sr. & Joseph Connors Jr. Evangelista Concetta Cassiano Leo Gomes, Lucy Gomes, & Rebeca D'Costa Charlie Edman (16th Anniversary in Heaven)
5:00	Arlene Millette
SUN	10/29
7:30	Sammy Geraci
9:00	Gennaro Consoli Benedetto Pezzino & Benny James Pezzino Raymond & Gerarda Tamburro People of The Parish
10:30	Vincent Cianfaglione
12:00	Helen Reilly & Mary Murphy



Bread & Wine

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

Irene Pariselli

***Given by: Her Loving
Husband and Daughters***



Altar Candles

*This week the Altar Candles
are donated in Thanksgiving
to:*

St. Jude for Favor Received

***Given by: John & Theresa
Holmes***



Sanctuary Candles

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

Irene Pariselli

***Given by: Her Loving
Grandchildren and Great
Grandchildren***



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

September, 2023

***James P. Farnochi
Edward Crimmins
Nicoletta Marino***

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

We pray for those recently deceased from our parish:
Gina Picerno, June and Bob Murphy, & Frank Canale



**Annual Catholic
Appeal 2023**
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

“United in Communion / United in Charity”

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

Already Pledged: \$120,243.64

165 Pledges

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

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.

October 15, 2023

Mass Attendance Total = 684

5:00 PM—143

7:30 AM—109

9:00 AM—93

10:30 AM—204

12:00 PM—135



Condemning the violence in the Middle East and calling on Catholics to pray for the peace, Pope Francis is asking Catholics throughout the world to join him in observing a **Day of Prayer, Fasting, and Penance for Peace, Friday, October 27th**. To unite ourselves with the Holy Father who will lead prayers from Rome at 6 PM, we will pray a Holy Hour on Friday, October 27th at 12 PM. All are encouraged to attend.



CALLING ALL ALUMNI!


WE ARE UPDATING OUR ALUMNI LIST AND NEED YOUR INFO!

If you're a former wildcat, please scan the QR code below or email Ms. Dani (class of 2000) dvanarsdale@stmelsschool.org

And we'll send you the link to update your contact info!



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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 mariamarotta@stmels-queens.org



SAVE THE DATE – Sunday, October 29, 2023, at 10:30 am Mass

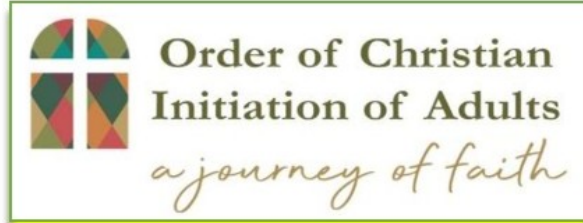
Family Grade Mass for Children from St. Mel's Academy and School of Religion – Grades 1 & 3

All are invited for light refreshments and breakfast treats following Mass in O'Malley Hall.



- ◆ 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. 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



St. Mel's Catholic Academy



Alumni Spotlight

Bridget Jiang—Class of 2020

Recent St. Mel's Catholic Academy Alumna, and current senior at Archbishop Molloy HS, Bridget Jiang ('20) was recently invited to participate in a conference in Oxford, England as a result of the essay she submitted for the John Locke Institute annual essay competition. Out of over 19,000 submissions, Bridget's was chosen among the few to be invited to the annual conference. As an avid writer, beginning during her time at St. Mel's, Bridget wrote her essay to respond to the theology prompt: *If you cannot persuade your intelligent, sympathetic friends to embrace your religious belief system, do you have enough reason to believe that you believe?* Within her essay, she argued that "The validity of one's own religious beliefs rests on internal coherence and personal conviction". During her time at Oxford, Bridget had the opportunity to attend academic conferences in Oxford and Cambridge, seminars on philosophy and theology, as well as the award ceremony and gala reception. Bridget also had the opportunity participate in debates with students from around the world while defending her own essay arguments. It is clear that Bridget not only possess strong writing and persuasive skills, but she is also a young woman grounded in her faith. Bridget is grateful for the opportunities that were provided to her as a result of her participation in the essay contest and commitment to her craft. She credits the contest for strengthening her persuasive writing skills and helping to prepare her for the writing she will be doing in college. After graduation, Bridget hopes to continue her education at Columbia University. Congratulations Bridget on your achievements, we know you will go far!





Stay Connected to St. Mel's Church

Go to: <http://stmelsrchurch.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.

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 was 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.




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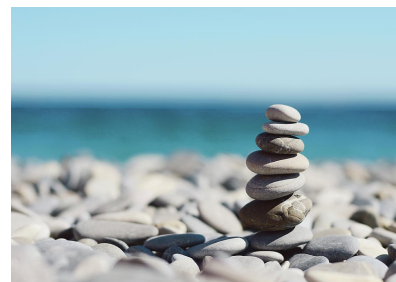
Please Save the Date Mass of Hope and Healing

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



Thank you from Denise DeRosa



Thank you to the families, children, Catechists, St Mel Staff and fellow parishioners for all your kindness, generosity and well wishes upon my retirement as Co- Director of Faith Formation. It was so wonderful to see all those who stopped by last Sunday after 10:30 am Mass and to share in all the memories of these past 11 years! It has been a privilege serving in this ministry! Look forward to seeing you at Mass on Sundays and other parish gatherings as St. Mel's will always remain home to me. God Bless you!



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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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

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NARANON OPEN MEETING

Looking for support?
A loved one struggling with addiction?

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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



Candles and Altar Cross

"The candlesticks required for the different liturgical services for reasons of reverence or the festive character of the celebration should be appropriately placed either on the altar or around it, according to the design of the altar and the sanctuary, so that the whole may be harmonious and the faithful may not be impeded from a clear view of what takes place at the altar or what is placed upon it." (307) "Candles for liturgical use should be made of a material that provides "a living flame without being smoky or noxious." To safeguard "authenticity and the full symbolism of light," electric lights as a substitute for candles are not permitted." (Living Stones 93)

"Likewise, either on the altar or near it, there is to be a cross, with the figure of Christ crucified upon it, a cross clearly visible to the assembled people. It is desirable that such a cross should remain near the altar even outside of liturgical celebrations, so as to call to mind for the faithful the saving Passion of the Lord." (308)

"The candles and the cross adorned with a figure of Christ crucified may also be carried in the Entrance Procession." (117)

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