

Church of Saint Mel

2615 154th St., Flushing, NY 11354

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Sunday, October 29, 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.

"They seemed, in the view of the foolish , to be dead... but they are at peace."

The Faithful Departed of St. Mel's

November 2022—October 2023

*Dorothy Pagano
Christine Albanese
Anthony Donatelli
James Brady
Francis Skuse
Francesco Leone
John Donelan
Rosemarie D'Angelo
Luigi Coppola
Maria Scoparino
Thomas Walsh
Rosita DiTrollo
Louis Lucchi
Josephine Magliano
Deborah DiGennaro
Maureen Clifford
Giuseppa Brusca
Anthony Casasso
Benedetta Marabeti
Antonietta Golia
Stella Nicoletti
Anthony Lucchese
Noelle Lennon
Anna Pizzurro
Robert Casal
Angelina Giacomino
Peter Papadopoulos*

*Mary Paront-Gorman
Joan Kruger
Florence Artinger
Joan Repice
Vincent DeLucia
Leonard Bohlig
Louise Gambino
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Louis Fonti III
Marie Speranza
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Catalina Galvio
Jean Gagliardotto
Florence Morea
Rose Dallo
Dorothea Addeo
Kathleen Woelfel
Pasquale Tamburro
Donald Harold
Joseph Augustine
Marc Pagnozzi
Daniel Iljasic*

*Gloria Ubertini
Maria Colella
Ruthann Poole
Thomas Prunella
Nicoletta Signore
Joan Andreani
Bridget Sullivan
Jeanette Coletti
Zygmunt Wartski
Lieselotte Freels
Stefano Inzalaco
Brian Finn
Diomera Tansey
Millie Graziano
James Farnochi
Elizabeth DiCamppli
Helen Piazza
Nicoletta Marino
Justino Lopez
Myles McPartland
James Pollard
Carmen Scifo
Marie Sansone
Maria Nacinovich
Esther Malena
Gina Picerno
Francesco Canale*



Pretending is the happiness of Halloween. Witnessing the joy of All the Saints.

Halloween invites our children to use their imaginations to have fun for a day whereas All Saints Day invites us to be like Christ every day.

It's easy to pretend.

It is much harder to live according to what is right, good, and holy.

Our society, and sadly, our Church, has many phonies, people pretending to be someone who they are not, people who say one thing and do another.

On All Saints Day we recall the countless men and women who inspire us to be authentic, that is to be like Jesus in thought, word, and deed.

Opting to live according to faith and not to popular opinion, they overcame the temptations of their day by relying on the wisdom and strength of the Holy Spirit.

That same Spirit will help and strengthen us if like the saints you and I stop pretending and start living more authentically like Christ.

Father Fonti

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." (Galatians 2:20)



Mass Intentions - October 29, 2023

SAT 10/28

5:00 Arlene Millette

SUN 10/29

7:30 Sammy Geraci

9:00 Gennaro Consoli

Benedetto Pezzino & Benny James Pezzino

Raymond & Gerarda Tamburro

Maria Petruso

Pietro & Salvatore Vitale

Giuseppe & Stefanova Vitale

Martina, Salvatore, Angelo, & Francesco Bacarella

Francesco Canale

The People of The Parish

10:30 Vincent Cianfaglione

12:00 Helen Reilly & Mary Murphy

MON 10/30

7:00 Tom McCarty (Living)

9:00 James Cotumaccio

TUES 10/31

7:00 Rita & Christos Rentos

9:00 Anthony Donatelli

WED. 11/1

7:00 Adriano Papi

9:00 Mary Augustine

7:00pm The Deceased Members of Fonti & Vacca Families

THURS. 11/2

7:00 All Souls Novena

9:00 All Souls Novena

7:00pm Annual Mass of Remembrance

FRI. 11/3

7:00 Purgatorial Society

9:00 Giovanni & Angela Messina

SAT 11/4

9:00 Leo & Catherine Lipinski

Mary Paront-Gorman

Nicoletta Marino

Laura Maffei

5:00 Thomas Piazza

SUN 11/5

7:30 Dolores Gioe

9:00 Domenico & Maria Csabianca & Domenico Petruso

Giovanna & Vito LaPuma & Martina & Salvatore Bacarella

Maria Petruso

Francesco Canale

10:30 Peter LaRocca

12:00 Giuseppina LoBrutto



Bread & Wine

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

Plinio Lucciola

***Given by: Wife, Children,
& Grandchildren***



Altar Candles

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

Yolanda Tipograph



Sanctuary Candles

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

Adriano Papi

***Given by: Rita Papi &
Family***



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

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 22, 2023

Mass Attendance Total = 670

5:00 PM—160

7:30 AM—89

9:00 AM—105

10:30 AM—181

12:00 PM—135



First Friday Adoration November 3 following the 9:00 AM Mass. Benediction 12:00 PM. In the event of a funeral adoration will be held in the chapel.

All Souls Day Mass Thursday, November 2nd at 7:00 PM



Each year we celebrate a special All Souls Day Mass for the intention of all deceased members of our parish community who passed away during the year. Letters have been sent to their grieving families. If you have not received one, please contact the rectory office. The names of the deceased are on the first page. If you believe your loved one's name is missing please let us know.

2024 MASS BOOK OPENING

Tuesday, November 7th

9:00 am—3:00 pm

The Mass Book for 2024 will open Tuesday, November 7th. Once again we ask those who will be offering Masses to fill out the Mass Offering form and drop it off on November 7th from 9am until 3pm. When you drop off your form we will indicate your number of receipt and process the Masses you request in the order we received them.

Please fill out the form completely: your name and phone number, the names, dates, and times of your Mass intention and/or weekly gifts (bread and wine, altar candles, and sanctuary candle) requests. The usual offering of each announced Mass intention is \$15 and \$50 for each weekly gift request. Please have your offering with your requests. Checks should be made out to St. Mel's Church. We do ask that you give alternative days and times in case we cannot accommodate your first choice. Your Masses will be confirmed by phone starting the following week. As usual we are limiting each parishioner to **only 3 Masses** and **3 weekly gifts**. Your requests will be fulfilled according to the number you will receive at the time of drop off.

We would like to give families who have recently buried a love one or will be in the upcoming year the opportunity to have available Masses. Please be sensitive to this request. We do have two Masses each week with collective/multiple intentions at 9:00 am on Saturdays and Sundays. We can accommodate 10 families for these Masses.

Any questions contact the rectory office at 718-886-0201 ext. 110.

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office@stmels-queens.org





St. Mel's RC Church
2024 Mass Intention Request Form
Return to the rectory office Tuesday, November 7th

Fill out the information below and bring with you on **November 7th** Enclose a check for each Mass offering: \$15 per Announced Mass and \$50 per weekly gift. We will take your requests in the order we received them. Only three (3) Masses are allowed at this time. Masses will be confirmed by phone the following week.

Please neatly print your information.

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Mass Intention Information

Date	Time	For	Alternate date/time

Weekly Gifts

Circle one	Week of	For	Given by
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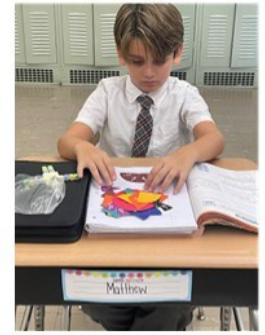


St. Mel's Catholic Academy

Math Matters



We don't always think about it, but we often use math in our everyday lives, from cooking and shopping to sports and art. Here at St. Mel's, we strive to make math more meaningful for our students. Ms. Turturro has set up an interactive math bulletin board where she posts a new challenge each month. This month's challenge was to build a robot using only circles, rectangles and triangles. Whether they are exploring the concepts of greater and less than, practicing their multiplication skills, or figuring out if fractions are equivalent, they are honing their critical thinking and problem solving skills at the same time. Calculus....here we come!



"Life is like a math problem, if you want to gain the most, you have to turn the negatives into positives" - anonymous



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

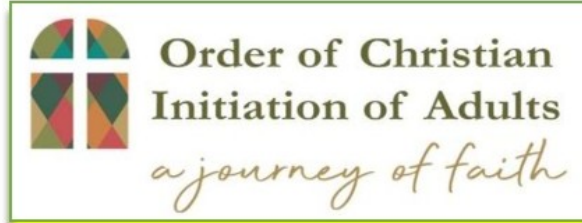
Family Grade Mass for Children from St. Mel's Academy and School of Religion – Grades 1 & 3

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



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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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
A DEEP & MEANINGFUL
JESUS, 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 TURN OFF CELL PHONES



Thank you!

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



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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Lower level of St. Mel School

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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



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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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.

Bundle Saturday

Our next Bundle Saturday will take place on **January 13** 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

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 pregano 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.

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



The Altar Rail

When addressing the sanctuary, the General Instruction of the Roman Missal is silent concerning an altar rail, stating: “The sanctuary is the place where the altar stands, the Word of God is proclaimed, and the Priest, the Deacon, and the other ministers exercise their functions. It should be appropriately marked off from the body of the church either by its being somewhat elevated or by a particular structure and ornamentation. It should, moreover, be large enough to allow the Eucharist to be easily celebrated and seen. (295)

“The challenge to those responsible for its design is to convey the unique quality of the actions that take place in this area while at the same time expressing the organic relationship between those actions and the prayer and actions of the entire liturgical assembly. The sanctuary must be spacious enough to accommodate the full celebration of the various rituals of word and Eucharist with their accompanying movement, as well as those of the other sacraments celebrated there.” (Living Stones 54)

Where they exist, the Holy See has expressed that altar rails should be seen considering the historical value of the entire sanctuary/church or even their artistic merit. In places where crowds might gather for touristic visits or simply high volume an altar rail can deter visitors from wandering.

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