

# Church of Saint Mel

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Sunday, November 5, 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

154-24 26th Ave., Flushing, NY 11354  
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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.

## 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  
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Eileen Ryan  
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Catalina Galvio  
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*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 DiCampfi  
Helen Piazza  
Nicoletta Marino  
Justino Lopez  
Myles McPartland  
James Pollard  
Carmen Scifo  
Marie Sansone  
Maria Nacinovich  
Esther Malena  
Gina Picerno  
Francesco Canale*





I grew-up like many who are reading these few lines with a rotary phone, a transistor radio, and a TV with “bunny ears.”

While these are considered primitive and outdated today, they did not always need technical support when they went on the fritz. A good slam on the side of the television or fresh 9 V battery seemed to snap them back into shape.

So much for advancement. In these modern times you lose one service, you lose all service.

Earlier in the week the rectory lost its internet service. For over 24 hrs. we had no phones, TV, doorbell, or live-stream capability.

Would you believe that after 2 Spectrum service calls, the problem was resolved by a simple plug-in; the first tech unplugged a key power plug from the wall socket.

Imagine if all of life’s problems were so easily resolved.

Prayer is our “plug-in” to God.

Concerned about the challenges of this present age, let us stay connected to our true “power source” for He never fails to provide us with direction, comfort, and hope.

Father Fonti



## Mass Intentions - November 5, 2023

<b>SAT</b>	<b>11/4</b>
5:00	Thomas Piazza
<b>SUN</b>	<b>11/5</b>
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
<b>MON</b>	<b>11/6</b>
7:00	All Souls Novena
9:00	Carlos Alberto Espinosa
<b>TUES</b>	<b>11/7</b>
7:00	Margaret Naughton, Annie Bauer, Margaret & Ben Bauer
9:00	Alberto Frisoni
<b>WED.</b>	<b>11/8</b>
7:00	All Souls Novena
9:00	Ada Bruzze
<b>THURS.</b>	<b>11/9</b>
7:00	All Souls Novena
9:00	Stephen Brian Mocarski (19th Anniversary in Heaven)
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>11/10</b>
9:00	Frederick H. Kelly
<b>SAT</b>	<b>11/11</b>
9:00	Plinio Lucciola & Pasqualina Lucciola (Living) Ziggy Wartski
5:00	Alex Fazzi
<b>SUN</b>	<b>11/12</b>
7:30	The People of The Parish
9:00	Rita DiCamillo Sebastian Parisi Lina Pellarin Americo Chima, Anna & Angelo Graci, & Carmelo Giardina Giuseppe Zuccarello Francesco Canale Domenick Lobasso Antonio Lalicata
10:30	Filomena Monti Fraraccio
12:00	Giovanni Pancheri



## Bread & Wine

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

***The Iemma & Soressi  
Families***

***Given by: Mr. & Mrs.  
James Soressi***



## Altar Candles

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

***Thomas Piazza***

***Given by: The Sullivan &  
Nocer Families***



## Sanctuary Candles

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

***Dr. Victoria Tripodi  
We will always remember  
you.***

***Given by: Your Friends***



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

**September, 2023**

***Mario Andreani  
Flavia Contratti  
Marie Guerriero  
Carmen Rivera  
Bob & June Murphy***

*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.             | • 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       |
| • Nick O'Donnell      | • Siena Rose Romagnuolo |
| • 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 Rubinch       |
| • Helen Sumberac      | • Olga Scopa            |
| • George Behringer    | • Tom Hummel            |
| • Avery Santiago      | • Edda Iacona           |
| • Ari Ortiz           |                         |

**We pray for those recently deceased from our parish:**  
**Domenico Lobasso & Antonio Lalicata**

## **Friday, November 10th Veterans Day will be observed.**

There will only be one Mass at 9:00 AM and the Rectory office will be closed.



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 29, 2023**

**Mass Attendance Total = 760**

**5:00 PM—136**

**7:30 AM—87**

**9:00 AM—109**

**10:30 AM—308**

**12:00 PM—120**

### **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.

# 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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**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
Bread & Wine Altar Candles Sanctuary Candle			
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# St. Mel's Catholic Academy

## The Saints Come Marching In



Here at St. Mel's Catholic Academy, not only do our students get into the spirit of Halloween, but they also get into the spirit of All Saint's Day. On Halloween, they may have dressed as a ghoul or goblin, but on All Saints day, they dressed as a saint, either one they admired, or their patron saint. In today's society, children tend to look towards celebrities and social media "influencers" as role models but in our Catholic faith, we only need to look to the saints as role models. They lived just like us, they weren't perfect, they sinned as we sometimes do, yet because of their faith and love of God and humankind, they left the world a better place. They are the true "influencers".



*"I am not a saint, unless you think of a saint as a sinner who keeps on trying" - Nelson Mandela*





# 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](mailto:stmelfaithformation@gmail.com) and [mariamarotta@stmels-queens.org](mailto:mariamarotta@stmels-queens.org)



## SAVE THE DATE – Sunday, Nov. 19, 2023 at 10:30 am Mass

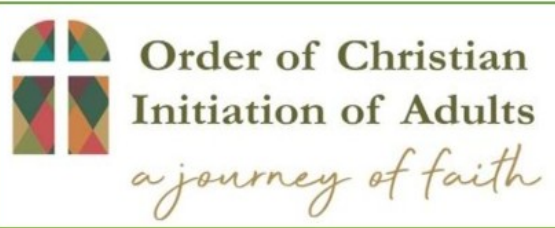
Family Grade Mass for Children from St. Mel's Academy and School of Religion – Grade 4

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 Sunday, May 28th. 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 [stmelsdderosa@gmail.com](mailto:stmelsdderosa@gmail.com) or at 718-461-9840**

# Family Mass Grades 1 & 3

A big THANK YOU to all the families that attended and donated to Sunday's Family Mass. The children shared their special thoughts on how they show their love for GOD. It was a great turnout!







## 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

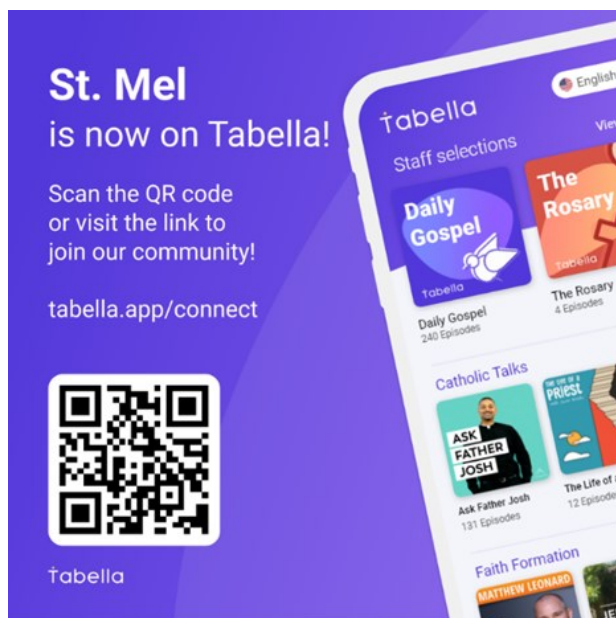


Tabella is a fully Catholic app where you can enjoy Catholic content to grow in the faith. The Tabella app is available in English/ Spanish and has the biggest library of Catholic audio devotional content.

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 18<sup>th</sup>.](#) 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.



**SAVE THE DATE**

**2nd Annual Parish  
Christmas Party**

**December 9th**

**Sponsored by:  
The Men's Club**

**Details to Follow**

## Pennies for Presents

November 18—19

The Girls Scouts will be having their Annual Pennies for Presents collection. Each year they have collected loose change after each Mass to help some needy families celebrate Christmas. As in the past we hope St. Mel's parishioners can generously support this outreach.



# DIALECTS NIGHT

**Saturday, November 11**

**6:30 PM**

**St. Lukes Church**

**Join us in  
Monsignor Tosi Pastoral Care Center**

**Bring dessert if you can**

**Call Damiana (718)746-6269  
If you would like to recite in your own dialect.**

**All are welcome! Venite Tutti!**



With Thanksgiving near, our neighbors at St. Andrew's invite us to join them in stocking the shelves at two of our deanery Food Pantries: St. Michael's and St. Fidelis. Non-perishable food items will be collected at St. Andrew's the weekend of Nov 18th-19<sup>th</sup> before and after all weekend Masses. Mass times: Saturday: 4 PM, Sunday: 8 AM, 9:30 AM, & 11 AM.

## 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**

## NARANON OPEN MEETING

Looking for support?  
A loved one struggling with addiction?

**YOU ARE NOT ALONE**

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 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:dvanarsdale@stmelsschool.org)

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



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## Lectern

As discussed previously “the dignity of the Word of God requires that in the church there be a suitable place from which it may be proclaimed and toward which the attention of the faithful naturally turns during the Liturgy of the Word.” (GIRM 309) This is done at the “ambo.”

There are other times, however, when the congregation needs to be addressed. The priest-celebrant may do so from the chair, others on these occasions do so from the lectern.

While rarely used anymore the missal speaks of a “commentator” who would help explain the celebration. (cf GIRM 105) More common today, the lectern is used for parish announcements and perhaps guest speakers. An example of the former might be the explanation of special national/diocesan collections or other unique parish events, while the latter could be a guest representative explaining and inviting parishioners to an upcoming Blood Drive, and the like.

Additionally, cantors and song leaders who need visible contact with the rest of the congregation might use the lectern if there is not another designated place from which they can adequately perform their ministry. Nevertheless, the singing of the Responsorial Psalm should by rule normally occur at the ambo.

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