

# Church of Saint Mel

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Sunday, December 31, 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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Paula Migliore  
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.



***“The object of a New Year is not that we should have a new year.  
It is that we should have a new soul...” - G. K. Chesterton***

We thank John Golden and our friends at Gleason’s Funeral Home for gifting us with 2024 calendars.

Prepared by the Office of the Propagation of Faith to support the work of the Missions, this “Catholic” calendar is designed not only to help us keep track of the passing of days, but also to help us keep the Lord in mind throughout our days.

And so, crafted to guide our daily, weekly, and monthly steps in the ways of the Lord, our parish calendar offers us:

- A monthly passage of Scripture to shape our thoughts with the wisdom of God.
- The Feast Days of the Saints to inspire our holy and virtuous living.
- Christian Art to beautify our homes and to keep them dwelling places of God.

Acquiring a “new soul” this year as Chesterton encourages takes time and effort.

The time will be governed by the calendar.

Our success will be determined by our effort.

Blessings & Love in 2024,

Father Fonti

***"Till the end of my days, O, Lord,  
I Will Bless Your name,  
Sing Your praise,  
Give You Thanks, all my days "***

**ST. MEL'S R.C. CHURCH**  
**Statement of Revenues and**  
**Expenditures**  
**For Year Ended August 31,**  
**2023**

Ordinary Income

Sunday & Other Collections	\$ 450,648	
Rental Income	\$ 180,000	
Votive Shrines	30,076	
Poor Box	13,380	
Religious Education Income	12,145	
Other Income	11,784	
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Total Ordinary Income		\$ 698,033

Ordinary Expenses

Salaries & Benefits	473,609	
Rectory Expenses	29,794	
Office Expenses	42,040	
Religious Education Expenses	18,032	
Other Parish Programs	7,407	
Church Expenses	26,156	
Utilities	43,482	
Repair & Maintenance	54,637	
Insurance	70,997	
Diocesan Assessment	65,973	
Donations to Other Charities	9,934	
Other Expenses	8,800	
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Total Ordinary Expenses		<hr/> 850,861

Net Deficit From Ordinary Operations 

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(152,828)

Extraordinary Income

Donations & Bequests	259,761	
Annual Catholic Appeal	35,935	
Employee Retention Tax Credit	43,951	
Investment Income	51,589	
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Total Extraordinary Income		391,236

Extraordinary Expenses

Church, Rectory & School Major Repairs	66,329	
Deferred Maintenance	36,000	
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Total Extraordinary Expenses		<hr/> 102,329

Net Surplus From Extraordinary Items 

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288,907

Net Surplus 

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\$ 136,079

## Mass Intentions - December 31, 2023

<b>SAT</b>	<b>12/30</b>
5:00	Marino Foschi
<b>SUN</b>	<b>12/31</b>
7:30	Tony Mirkov
9:00	Peter Evangelista
	Pasquale Tamburro
	Jim Kelly
	The People of The Parish
10:30	Teddy, Carmela, & Christopher Kwiath
12:00	Kristopher Ennis
5:00	Norma & Ugo Ciacco, & Teresa Ribarich
<b>MON</b>	<b>1/1</b>
9:00	Christmas Novena
11:30	The Deceased Members of the Fonti Family
<b>TUES</b>	<b>1/2</b>
7:00	Viola Viglietta
9:00	Giuseppina Guccione (10 Years in Heaven), Graziella Valenza (11 Years In Heaven)
<b>WED.</b>	<b>1/3</b>
7:00	John Viccaro Jr.
9:00	Josephine Magliano
<b>THURS.</b>	<b>1/4</b>
7:00	Christopher McCarthy
9:00	Rita Carney (Living)
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>1/5</b>
7:00	Purgatorial Society
9:00	Joseph, Josephine, & Anna Camarda
<b>SAT</b>	<b>1/6</b>
9:00	Josephine Proietto
5:00	James Cioffi & Rocco Bona Sr.
<b>SUN</b>	<b>1/7</b>
7:30	People of The Parish
9:00	John & Augy Schiaetta, Robert & Ugo Gatto, & Joseph & Palmira Gatti
	Carmelo Giardina
10:30	Salvatore & Isabella LoBrutto
12:00	Josephine & Bill Spellman



## Bread & Wine

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

***John Fennell & Family & Ari Ortiz***

***Gift Given by: The Fennell, Ruderman & Ortiz Families***



## Altar Candles

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

***Tony Mirkov***

***Gift Given by: Lily, Sam & Eric***



## Sanctuary Candles

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

***Teddy, Carmela, & Christopher Kwiath***

***Gift Given by: Peter, Linda, Laura, & Great Grandchildren***



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

**November, 2023**

***Edward Sitler  
Mary Anne Lyons  
John A. Fernandez***

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

**We pray for those recently deceased from our parish:  
James Martino & Giuseppe LaFronza**



First Friday Adoration January 5th following the 9:00 AM Mass. Benediction 12:00 PM. In the event of a funeral adoration will be held in the chapel.

## **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.



Thank you

Each year Robert Pancheri, son of parishioner Graziella Pancheri and owner of RP Rentals graciously

donates a cherry picker to help us decorate our outdoor Christmas tree. We thank Robert for his continued generosity and support to St. Mel's.



A BIG  
thank  
you

Our thanks to: Betty and John Rucker, Pat Farrell, Chris Corr, Marian Flood, and Lina Vlakancic for making the church bright and beautiful this Christmas.

We also thank Joey Pecchinenda and Robert Kenny for decorating the outside of the church with Christmas brightness.

To everyone who donated towards the Christmas flowers (with the help of A & S Florist) , a sincere thank you for making St. Mel's beautiful this Christmas.

#### A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new  
You bring hope  
alive in our hearts  
And cause our Spirits  
to be born again.  
Thank you for this new year  
For all the potential it holds.  
Come and kindle in us  
A mighty flame  
So that in our time,  
many will see the  
wonders of God  
And live forever to praise  
Your glorious name.

Amen



Have a Happy and  
Blessed New Year!







**ST. MEL'S**  
CATHOLIC ACADEMY

# OPEN HOUSE



**JANUARY**  
**28TH**  
**11:30AM**

Please join us for our  
annual Open House!

Enrollment for  
2024-2025 School Year  
will begin during  
Catholic Schools Week  
January 28th to  
February 3rd



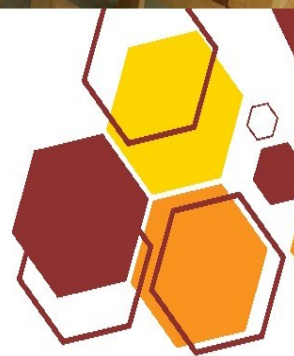
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**ST. MEL'S**

CATHOLIC ACADEMY

**Saturday, February 3, 2023**

**7:00pm - 11:00pm**

**St. Mel's O'Malley Hall**

**154-24 26th Avenue**

**Flushing, NY 11354**

**IT'S NAME THAT TUNE  
MEETS BINGO!**

**We play the songs, you mark the  
songs on your game board when  
you hear them.**

**When you win you call out**

**BINGO!**

**\$60pp (21 & over only)**

**Includes bingo card, soda/water,  
dessert, coffee/tea, and a  
door prize ticket  
BYOB & Snacks**



**TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE  
FROM THE MAIN OFFICE  
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT  
ST. MEL'S CATHOLIC ACADEMY**



*Thank you to all who supported our Christmas bulb campaign!*

*Matthew Fajardo  
For my family  
For my health*

*Chang Family  
Dylan Chang  
Aaron Chang*

*Vickie Hung  
Keo Ma  
Koey Ma  
Leo Ma  
Vickie Hung*

*Sienna Salvio  
Richard Lund  
Kerry Dinkleman*

*Rose Bedowsky  
In honor of the Bedowsky  
For our 12 grandchildren...Michael,  
Celena Rose, Matthew, Natasha,  
Jonathan, Rebecca, Samantha,  
Stephen, Andrew, Brianna, Frank,  
Michael, and Isabella Rose*

*Victor Mercieca  
Special Intention*

*Siena & Oliver Lascano  
Andy Papi*

*Luca Perez  
My brother Liam in Heaven*

*Abigail & Nicholas Cirri  
The Cirri Family*

*Filisa Betgilan  
Angela Buzzerio  
Dennis Nolan  
Niki Sesaridou*

*Nicholas Velez  
For all those who are suffering*

*Rita Cammarata  
Frank Martino  
Tracy McGrath  
Vanessa Testani*

*Marisa Bordone  
Antonietta Demarinis*

*Roseanne Maselli  
Rita Maselli  
Roseanna Della Penna  
Charles Maselli  
Paola Masello  
Michelina Maselli  
Lorzano Gambino*

*Sara Milano  
Baby Luigi Milano  
Serafina Curatolo  
Angelo Curatolo  
Armando Ferrante  
Teresa Ferrante  
Luigi Milano*

*Olivia Deninno & Jennifer Brady  
William Brady  
Susan Brady  
Raymond Martin  
Christine Albanese  
Breda Witt  
Eugene Witt*

*Anita Garcia  
In loving memory of Anna Maria &  
Vinicio DiNardo  
In loving memory of Karen Garcia  
In loving memory of Kristen Kessler  
& Allison Ruddick*

*Niko Begonja  
Miro Begonja*

*Asllani Family  
Isabella Asllani  
Peter Asllani*



*Thank you to all who supported our Christmas bulb campaign!*

*Lukis Family  
Coral Lukis  
Sashenka Lukis*

*Emiliano Torres  
Special Intention*

*Richard & Ann DeSimone  
Anna & Raymond Schellati*

*Carmelo Giardino  
Special Intention*

*Christina Mancuso  
Jerry Mancuso  
Esther Mancuso  
Joe McConville  
Mary McConville*

*Paul Pellarin  
Antonio Pellarin  
Lina Pellarin  
Felice DeMarinis  
Antonietta DeMarinis  
Serge Fabris  
Ray Fabris  
Anthony Todero*

*Luca Cota  
Francesco Santillo  
Giovanni Santillo*

*Joan Kaefer  
My Children  
My Husband  
My Friends  
My Family  
My Grandchildren*

*Mr & Mrs Joseph DiNubila  
Bryan Hamill*

*Tommy Benigno  
Ann T. Derosmo  
David Benigno  
Anthony Pullini  
Crio Gentile*

*Mr & Mrs Terence Tarpey  
In Memory of Joseph and Germaine  
Tariol  
In Memory of Sally and Jack Tarpey  
In Memory for Lori Lavelle-Jardin  
In Honor of NYPD & FDNY Members  
For Success of St. Mel's Catholic  
Academy*

*Maria & Suverio Ferrante  
In Loving Memory of Filippo Fabrizio  
In Loving Memory of Adele Fabrizio  
In Loving Memory of Antonio  
Ferrante  
In Loving Memory of Giacinta  
Ferrante*

*Madeline Bauer  
George J. Bauer  
Helen and John Jacobs  
Thomas "Tip" DeLora  
Mary & George Polochick  
Deceased Members of The Bauer  
Family  
Deceased Members of The Jacobs  
Family*

*Anthony Malave  
Merry Christmas to my beautiful  
grandmother, Joyce Marmo!*

*Frank & Karen Sullivan  
In Memory of Papa Tommy Piazza  
In Memory of Nanny Helen Piazza  
In Memory of Francis Sullivan  
In Memory of Gloria Sullivan*

*Esteban Martinez  
Martinez Family  
Miranda Family*

*Adrian Kuhnle  
For My Family, Good Health  
For our Friends who have lost someone*

*Elizabeth Sperrazza  
In Memory of Louis Aresu*



## *Thank you to all who supported our Christmas bulb campaign!*

Vincent C Papa Jr. & Eugenia  
Vincent & Mildred Papa  
Frank & Rose Perretti  
Victor Papa & Velerie Maccone  
Ann Marie Tedaldi & Tony Calvano  
Pappa, Perretti, Mirro, Giordano  
Family & Friends John Bellini, & Rose  
Paroula

Carolyn & Bob Sitler  
In Loving Memory of Bobby Sitler  
In Loving Memory of Scott Brower

Christopher Gabris  
Monique Saoud

Saveria Wink  
In Memory of Douglas Gerard Wink Sr  
In Memory of Mary & Jerry Wink

JJ Paladino  
JJ Paladino  
Vincent Paladino  
Christopher Paladino  
Michael Paladino  
The Late Vincent Paladino Sr.

Sarah Sirju  
Olivia Sirju

Keira Farrell  
The Farrell Family  
The Vitaliano Family

Lorenzo Urena  
Our Second baby in Heaven  
Aunt Laura  
Mama and Papa  
Grandma and Grandpa

Michelle Urena  
Marlene Johnston  
Robert Johnston

Anna Gagliano  
Pietro Gagliano

Geraldine Meyers  
Raymond Meyers  
Raymond Meyers  
Mary Meyers  
Vincent Meyers  
Dorothy Burke  
Gerald Burke

Mr. & Mrs. Paolo Magana  
Dear Friends & Neighbors  
Emma & Rudy Hrvatin

Denise DeRosa  
In Memory of Julie Pascuzzo  
In Memory of Jay Hays  
In Memory of Bill King  
For healing of Nancy R

R. Antonino Prainito  
Giuseppe Anna Rosetta Prainito  
Martina—Angela—Bacarella  
Francesco-Angelo Bacarella  
Giuseppa Valenra

Rosa Del Greco  
Camillo & Clorinda Carullo  
Maria Carullo & Rosaria Del Greco  
Filippo & Minuccia Del Greco  
Antonia & Maria Carullo  
Albert DiBenedetto

Pat Feeley  
Alex O'Brien by mom Maureen  
Alex O'Brien by Aunt Pat

Joyce Marmo  
In Loving Memory of the Palladino  
Family  
Merry Christmas Joey, Anthony,  
Nick, Matt, & Christian!

Margherita Papi  
Adriano Papi  
Mr. & Mrs. A. Papi  
Mr. & Mrs. J Bonoz

Joanna Saladino  
Special Intention



*Thank you to all who supported our Christmas bulb campaign!*

*Julia Mariotti*

*Dino Mariotti*

*Mr. & Mrs. Domenico Mariotti*

*Mr. & Mrs. Giuseppe Bona*

*Patrick & Marie Crowley*

*Michael—Gelsomena-Matthew  
Mangini*

*Patrick & Mary Crowley*

*Thomas Crowley Mary Kreuger*

*Frank & Theresa Elio*

*Frank Elio Jr.—Marie Leo*

*Anna Westergard—Walter & Stella*

*Michael Perricelli*

*The Perricelli Family*

*Pecchinenda Family*

*Nicola Pecchinenda*

*Antonio & Giuseppina Vricella*

*Meri Bozicevich*

*Vincent Campagnola*

*Beverly Ilchert*

*Blessings to the Flynn Family at  
Christmas Maryirene, Tony, Katie,  
Kelly, & Sean*

*Merry Christmas to my husband  
Walter in Heaven*

*Merry Christmas to my parents in  
Heaven Irene & Emory Smith &  
Brother Walter*

*Theresa Zazzi*

*Zazzi Family*

*Maligno Family*

*Ilde Vergiati & Fernanda Zoni*

*Ben Tockarshewsky*

*The Tockarshewsky Family*

*Tockarshewsky & Gualtieri Families*

*Karen Reinah*

*Nanny*

*Papa Tony*

*Mitch Kadota*

*Falsone & Reinah Families*

*Mary Jeanne Hopkins*

*Merry Christmas in Heaven to Joan &  
Joe Hopkins*

*Merry Christmas in Heaven to Kevin  
& Dennis Hopkins*

*Merry Christmas in Heaven in  
Memory of the deceased members of  
Hopkins & Hill families*

*Merry Christmas in Heaven Walter  
Ilchert*

*Merry Christmas in Heaven Marylyn  
& John Tie*

*Merry Christmas in Heaven to  
Roseann & Lou Angelico*

*Merry Christmas in Heaven to Bobby  
& Teresa Hill*

*Vito Cetta*

*Joyce Cetta*

*Josephine Cetta*

*William Cetta*

*Paul Massaro*

*Ben Trocca*

*Aldina Trocca*

*Margaret Chatterton*

*Louis D. Marzo*

*Kate Scarmato*

*Giovanniello Family*

*In Memory of Charles Giovanniello*

*In Memory of Eileen Joyce*

*In Memory of Michael Metelitz*

*In Memory of Donald Bagur*

*In Memory of Lieselotte Freels*

*In Memory of Isabel Correa*

*Kenny Family*

*Merry Christmas in Heaven Grandpa,  
we miss you! Love Carilann,*

*Marygrace, Robby*

*Merry Christmas Grandma, we love  
you! Love, Carolann, Martgrace, and  
Robby*

*Elena Tatta*

*The Tatta Family*

*The Massaro Family*



*Thank you to all who supported our Christmas bulb campaign!*

*Maria Medaglia*

*Tullio*

*Vincenzo & Marianna*

*Rose & Jim*

*Rest in Peace*

*God Bless You*

*Love you always*

*Ines Davila*

*Take care Mathias*

*Grandpa Alfredo health*

*Bless all our Family*

*Elianna Campbell*

*Wishing Yaya Julie a quick recovery  
from breaking her pelvis*

*Sending love to our angels in heaven  
(Yaya Vickie, Pappou Teddy, Nanny  
Jean, & Pappop)*

*Annette Freda*

*Josephine Proietto*

*Francesco Proietto*

*Nicholas Occhiogrosso*

*Vincent Cucinella*

*Antoniette Cucinello*

*The Freda Family*

*Judith Freda*

*Mr. & Mrs. Martin Freda*

*Debbie Freda*

*Mr. & Mrs. William Quinn*

*Mr. & Mrs. James Walsh*

*Francesco Proietto*

*Harley Leo*

*Robert Muller*

*Margaret Sansone*

*Adrienne Leo*

*Shaun Martin*

*Theresa Storms*

*Jackson Rowland*

*Jefferson Rowland*

*Denis Schug*

*The Krauland Family*

*Konrad & Helebe Krauland*

*Franz & Luci Wolf*

*Otto & Gertrud Wolf*

*Wilhelm & Hilde Wolf*

*Erwin & Berta Martinek*

*Otto & Hilde Gaspar*

*Gohfried & Marie Koenig*

*Karlheinz & Inge Schneider*

*Richard Seifried*

*Robert M. Donovan*

*Marianne D'Onofrio*

*Frank D'Onofrio*

*Frances Logins*

*Theodore Chesnick*

*Debbie DiGennaro*

*Filomenia D'Onofrio*

*Mary DiGennaro*

*Joseph D'Onofrio*

*Ingrid Donovan*

*Maria Montag*

*Henry Montag*

*Luci*

*Robert Matthew Donovan*

*Tina Marino*

*Joan Connors*

*Patricia Finn & Family*

*In Loving Memory of Brian Finn*

*Julianna DeClara*

*The DeClara Family*

*Ninette Parisi*

*Sebastian Parisi*

*Ronald J. Siracusa*

*Sebastian Gallagher*

*Christopher Gallagher*

*Nicoletta Guadagno*

*Umberto Guadagno*

*Raffaele Parisi*

*Antoinette Parisi*

*The Military & Our Veterans*



## 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.

## 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.



### Because no marriage is beyond hope...

- Is your marriage tearing you apart?
- Do you feel hurt and angry?
- Does talking make it worse?
- Thought of leaving or divorce?
- Is your marriage heading in the wrong direction?

### Retrouvaille can help.

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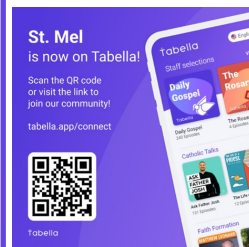


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## The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

While many think we gather for Mass on January 1 because it's New Year's Day, the day is actually much richer for Catholics. January 1 includes three religious celebrations: the Octave Day of Christmas, the circumcision and naming of Jesus, and the Divine Maternity of Mary.

The Christmas mystery, like Easter, is so packed with meaning that one day cannot do it justice. The Church established eight days to explore the Incarnation mystery. January 1 is the eighth day of Christmas. Luke's Gospel tells us: "When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb" (2:21). Not to be lost in the celebration of the Nativity is the young Mary who, through her humble faith, submission, and cooperation with the Triune God, has become the Mother of God.

Pope Saint Paul VI explained: "This celebration, placed on January 1 . . . is meant to commemorate the part played by Mary in this mystery of salvation. It is meant also to exalt the singular dignity which this mystery brings to the 'holy Mother . . . through whom we were found worthy to receive the Author of life.'"

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