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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.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & NOVENA

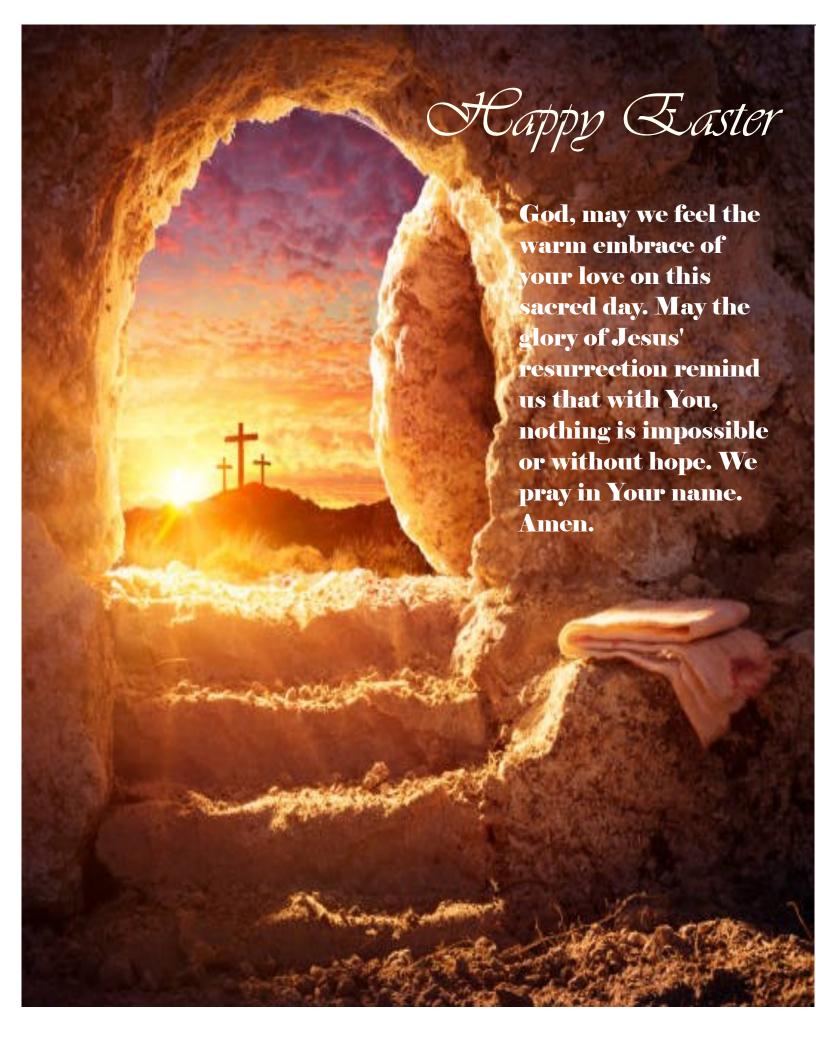
Each Monday after the 9:00 A.M. Mass. Blessed Sacrament Devotions: First Friday Adoration 9:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Daily Recitation of the Rosary: 8:30 A.M.

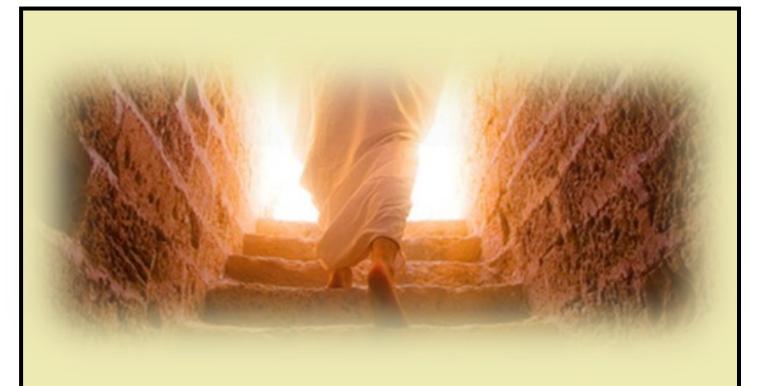
EVANGELIZATION

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.





"You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here.

Behold the place where they laid him." - Mark 16:6

We believe that the Holy Sepulcher is "the place where they laid him."

Considered the holiest site in Christendom, Christians have been making pilgrimages to the Holy Sepulcher since the fourth century.

Sadly, the Israel-Hamas War has significantly diminished the number of these pilgrimages.

As we earnestly pray for an end to war and violence in the Middle East and throughout the world, we remain hopeful that Christians will soon resume making pilgrimages to the Holy Land.

The present volatility of the Holy Land reminds us that these sacred places can quickly come and go.

And so, it is important that we remember that our faith in the Resurrection of Jesus is built on conviction, not convenience.

What is vital is that we believe in "an empty tomb" not that we visit it.

Risen from the dead, Jesus lives among us 24/7 - Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity - under the appearance of bread and wine in the gift of His Holy Eucharist

We do not have to travel far to see "the place where He presently lives!"

All we need to do is to approach the altar and say, "Amen! Jesus, I believe that You are here!"

Blessed Easter...Buona Pasqua!

Love, Father Fonti

Mass Intentions - March 31, 2024

SAT 3/30

7:30PM Easter Vigil - Easter Novena

SUN 3/31 Easter

7:30 The Stalloni, Rizzo, DiTaranto, Marano, & Corrigan Families

9:00 Americo Chima, Anna & Angelo Graci

Carmelo Giardina Joseph Iccari Francesca Laconca

Zlatko Bacich

The People of The Parish

10:30 John Varallo12:00 Frank Canale

MON 4/1

9:00 Fred Inzerillo

TUES 4/2

7:00 Easter Novena9:00 Silvana Bacich

WED. 4/3

7:00 Easter Novena9:00 Joseph DeAnnuntis

THURS. 4/4

7:00 Easter Novena

9:00 Benedetto DiPietro

FRI. 4/5

7:00 Purgatorial Society

9:00 Frederick & Linda Mare

SAT 4/6

9:00 Americo Pariselli, Luigi Pariselli, Angela Fionda, &

Marylisa Pariselli-Sandoni

Josip Sirotic, Peter Sirotic, & Mariaj Golcic

5:00 Camillo Martelli

SUN 4/7

7:30 Isabelle Sullivan9:00 Augustine Torres

Carmelo Giardina & Americo Chima

Maddalena Pace

Emilia & Giovanni Remo & Lorenzo Tosi & Paulo & Maria Ferrari

The People of The Parish

10:30 Deceased Members of St. Mel's Choir

12:00 Plinio Lucciola



Bread & Wine

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

Deceased Members of The Ljubicic & Boneta Family

Gift Given by: Renata Ljubicic & Family



Altar Candles

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

Adriano Colalillo and all Deceased Members of the Colalillo Family

Gift Givenby: Antonietta Colalillo & Family



Sanctuary Candles

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

Domenico LoBasso

Gift Given by: The St. Mel's Italian American Association



Newly Enrolled in the Purgatorial Society

February, 2024

Rose Galeota
Eugenia Madonna
Thomas Nicosia
Regina Modica, RN
Lelio & Robert Mazzoni
Michele & Maria Scopa
Emilia Foschi

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

- Yolanda Gatti
- Patricia Parrish
- Carmen A. Leites

Alida Addeo

Martha Catul

Dominick Fortino

RoseAnn Dell Apenna

- Carollynn Freeda
- Anthony Marino
- Mario Sumberac
- Helen Sumberac
- George Behringer
- Avery Santiago
- Ari Ortiz
- Susan Caraher
- **Brian Finnerty**
- Lee Ragusa
- Paul Adessa
- Joanne Perricelli Drenckhahn

- Dottie Giordano
- Siena Rose Romagnuolo
- David G.
- Rosa Annibale
- Patricia White
- Mia Elizabeth Skaats
- Nicky O'Donnell
- Jimmy Caraher
- John Holmes
- Venice Hernandez
- Eileen McBride
- Cami Yandoli
- Lynn Gallagher
- John Paul Yezzo
- Niki Angelopoulous Valerie Albano Krug
- Bryan Day
- Theresa Bedell
- Karen Youdell
- Angela Infantino

- Carol VitoBello
- Giovanna Palmese
- Olga Scopa
- Tom Hummel
- Edda Iacona
- Bob Mistretta
- Patricia Lamagna
- Lester Kuczynski
- Beverly Ilchert
- Danielle Byrd
- Patricia Suarz
- Lena Bae
- Antoinette Ruotolo
- Charles Ragnauth
- Giovanna Mazzoni
- James Burns
 - Giovanni Badalamente

We pray for those recently deceased from our parish: Michael Hand



In Observance of Easter their will be only one Mass on Monday, April 1st at 9:00AM.

The Rectory office will also be closed on Monday, April 1st.





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

In Loving Memory of Thomas J. Farrell Forever in our Hearts



In Loving Memory of James Zaput Gift Given by: The Zaput Family



In Loving Memory of George Spicijaric &

John George Spicijaric

Gift Given by: Blanche Spicijaric



In Loving Memory of Dino Marriotti
Gift Given by: Julia Marriotti



In Loving Memory Adriano Papi Gift Given by: Rita Papi



In Loving Memory of Antonella DiMassa-Raco



In Loving Memory of Rose & Gerard DeRosa



In Loving Memory of Breeda & Eugene Witt Gift Given by: Their Daughter, AnnMarie Brady, Grandchildren, & Great Grandchildren



In Loving Memory of Irene Pariselli Gift Given by: Her Loving Husband & Children



In Loving Memory of Teddy, Carmela, &
Christopher Kwiath
Gift Given by: Peter & Linda Kwiath, and their
Great Grandchildren

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The Living & Deceased Members of the Ray, Cassata, & Morell Families



The Living & Deceased Members of the Howell & McCabe Families



Gift Given by: Mark & Arlene Kemmerer & Genevieve & Elizabeth Pizzo



In Loving Memory of Tony Mirkov With Love, Lilly, Sam & Eric



For the Special Intention of George & Juliana Grzic



In Loving Memory of Josephine Proietto Gift Given by: Joseph & Annette Freda



For the Special Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Longo



In Loving Memory of My Parents

Raffaela & Louis Fonti

"They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead...but they are in peace." (Wisdom 3:2-3)



In Loving Memory of Patricia Dillon

"Charm is deceptive, and beauty does not last; but a woman who loves the Lord will be greatly praised. Reward her for all she done." (Proverbs 31:30)



The Living & Deceased Members of the Joyce and Ghee Families



In Loving Memory of My Brother Louis Fonti III

"Why do you seek the living one among the dead?

He is not here; he has been raised."(Lk 24:6)



In Loving Memory of Raymond Meyers

From Your, Loving Family



In Loving Memory of my Husband, Michael J. Smith

Given by: Denise Smith



In Loving Memory of My Parents and Brothers

Joan & Joe, Kevin & Dennis Hopkins



In Loving Memory of The Deceased Members of The Hopkins & Hill Families



In Loving Memory of Walter Ilchert, Marylyn & John Tie, & Roseann & Lou Angelico



15th. Saint Mel Golf Outing & Kevin Hopkins Golf Classic



Monday-May 13, 2024 at The Glen Cove Golf Club

All proceeds benefit the Saint Mel Catholic Academy- Brunch-18 holes of golf-banquet dinner to follow at The Knights of Columbus-Glen Cove. With Awards for our winning Golf Teams and Championship Golfers.

<u>This years Golf Outing will be Honoring- Judge Dominick Yezzo-Chairperson of the Board of Directors -"The Saint Mel Catholic Academy".</u>

Check in- Begins at 11:00 AM-Brunch at Noon-Tee Off at 1:00 PM

<u>Dinner to Follow at The Knights of Columbus, Glen Cove, New York</u>
<u>Buffet Dinner-Full Open Bar-Awards and Raffle Prizes.</u>

Golfers- \$250.00 per. person and Dinner Only Guests \$110.00

Contact for this Event:

Tony Flynn at (917) 376-5286 and ma2kflynn@yahoo.com

Frank Keppel at (718) 873-6759 and kepsenior@aol.com

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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 April 21°, 2024 at 10:30 am Mass

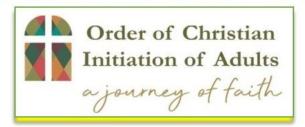
Mass for Children and Families of First Communion Candidates from the

St. Mel's Catholic Academy and the School of Religion



 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 stmelfaithformation@gmail.com or at 718-461-9840

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.



March 24, 2024 Mass Attendance Total = 1308

5:00 PM—110 7:30 AM—147 9:00 AM—178 10:30 AM—543 12:00 PM—330

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.



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.

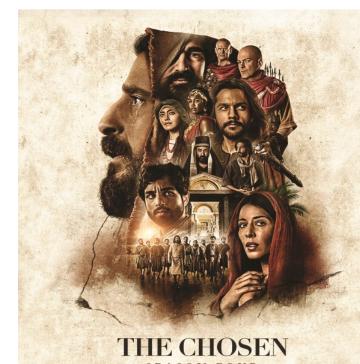
Then you will just follow the directions on the site. Once all is complete you will be set up to receive updates from Fr. Fonti.

Bundle Saturday—St. Vincent de Paul



The next bundle Saturday will be April 13th. St. Vincent de Paul will have a truck in the St. Mel's parking lot from 9am—12:00pm.

Lightly used clothing is needed. Thank you for your generosity.



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Tuesday, April 16 at 7:00 PM

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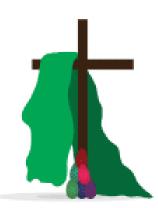
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Easter Word Search

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Holy Saturday – The Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday – The Resurrection of the Lord

"In accord with ancient tradition, this night is a night of vigil for the Lord, and as the memorial of the holy night of Christ's Resurrection, the Vigil celebrated is the mother of all holy vigils. The Church this night awaits the Lord's resurrection and celebrates it with the sacraments of Christian Initiation." (Ceremonial of Bishops)

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, which St. Augustine described as the "Mother of All Vigils," has four parts: the Service of Light, the Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgy of Baptism, and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Even though it is longer than Sunday Mass, it has something for everyone, with some of the Church's most ancient rituals.

While "the Easter Vigil is the supreme, most exalted of all solemnities in the liturgical year" (Ceremonial of Bishops), it is only the first Mass of Easter. There is an additional Mass text for Easter Sunday during the Day.

In the USA, in all the Masses of Easter the recitation of the Creed is replaced by the Renewal of Baptismal Promises and Sprinkling of the Faithful with Easter Water. Beginning at the Vigil, the practice of dismissing the congregation at the end of Mass with the double "alleluia" continues on all the Sundays of the Easter season.

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