Church of Saint Mel

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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.

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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.



My age group and those older remember a time when we dressed up not only for Easter, but also for Sunday Mass. You wore "your best" because Sundays were for God and family. Unfortunately, God and family receive little or no respect these days. And so, I was elated to see many of our parishioners, especially our little ones, dressed in Easter finery last weekend. This radiant vision rivaled the beauty of our sanctuary!

We Catholics need to reclaim Sunday as our day of worship and rest.

Treated by many like any other day of the week, Sunday should not be a day "to get things done" but a day when we refrain from doing so to allow God to do more for us.

While I know that personal circumstances and responsibilities may make it difficult for some, I hope that at St. Mel's you and I can try to enhance Sunday's dignity by being more conscious of our attire and our activity on Sundays in and outside of church.

Today I will install Madeleine (Maddy) Chicavich, Koey Ma, and Christine Marino in St. Mel's Altar Server Society.

Prepared and ready to begin this holy ministry in our parish, each of these young ladies will pledge to serve God at His altar reverently and faithfully.

Donning the cassock and surplice, may their distinct dress of service in the Church move each of us to give God more and to put our gifts more generously at the service of others.

Father Fonti



Mass Intentions - April 7, 2024

SAT	4/6
5:00	Camillo Martelli
SUN	4/7
7:30	Isabelle Sullivan
9:00	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
MON	4/8
7:00	Easter Novena
9:00	Brian Juodzevich
TUES	4/9
7:00	Easter Novena
9:00	Geraldine Gilmore
WED.	4/10
7:00	Easter Novena
9:00	Alma Paternoster
THURS.	. 4/11
7:00	Easter Novena
9:00	Luigi Macri
FRI.	4/12
7:00	Easter Novena
9:00	Enzo Cecchetti & Angela Cecchetti
SAT	4/13
9:00	Josephine Proietto
	Barbara Loscalzo
	Joseph Mattone Sr.
	Francesca Laconca
	All Souls in Purgatory
5:00	Josip, Antonio, Ferucio, Albino, & Elio Boneta
SUN	4/14
7:30	Josephine Proietto
9:00	Victor & Ida Riglione
	The People of The Parish
10:30	Joseph Cangialosi
12:00	Robert & Marlene Johnston



Bread & Wine

This week the Bread and Wine are donated in Loving

Memory of:

Plinio Lucciola

Gift Given by: His Wife, Children, & Grandchildren



Altar Candles

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

All The Souls in Purgatory



Sanctuary Candles

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

Angelo Prestifilippo



Newly Enrolled in the Purgatorial Society

March, 2024

Francesca Laconca Antonella DiMassa Barbara Loscalzo Maddalena Pace Joseph Mattone Sr.

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

- Martha Catul
- Dominick Fortino
- RoseAnn Dell Apenna
- Alida Addeo
- Yolanda Gatti
- Patricia Parrish
- Carmen A. Leites
- 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
- Vivian Dunne

Pray for our Children Preparing to Receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 12, 2024



Luke Anthony Belczynski

Kameron Teresa Brennan

Nora Bridget Brosnan

Julian Joseph Castellano

Jonathan Antonio Delvey

Valentina Nicole DiFava

Anthony Anthony Gallo Angelina Michelle Gattoni

Marco Genesius Iuliano

Concetta Lucy Kraljic

Samantha Catherine Lalley

Joseph Luke LaSala

Gabriella Agatha Lopez

Sean Carmine Lopez

Mateo John Matovinovic

Dylan James McGovern

Domenic Michael Mercieca

Isabella Marina Molinari

Nicholas Francis Nici

Matteo Michael Pancheri

Niko John Patrikis

Abigail Joan Reid

Enzo Antonio Stergion

Brandon Paul Szeligowski



How to Gray
The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

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Make the Sign of the Cross

2. (Optional*) Pray,

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelope the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!

3. "Our Father,"

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

"Hail Mary,"

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

"The Apostles' Creed."

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead....

... I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

On the Our Father beads

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, In atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

5. On the Hail Mary Beads pray,

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

6. Pray three times,

 Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

(Optional*) Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

Close with the Sign of the Cross.

Jesus' promise to St. Faustina:

"Say unceasingly this chaplet that I have taught you. Anyone who says it will receive great Mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as the last hope. Even the most hardened sinner, if he recites this Chaplet even once, will receive grace from My Infinite Mercy. I want the whole world to know My Infinite Mercy. I want to give unimaginable graces to those who trust in My Mercy....

"....When they say this Chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person not as the just judge but as the Merciful Savior."

*Optional Prayers are taken from The Diary of St. Faustina. Used with permission of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M.



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



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



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John George Spicijaric

Gift Given by: Blanche Spicijaric



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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 Howell & McCabe Families



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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



In Loving Memory of Joseph J. DeAnnuntis Given by: Vivian, David, and Cathy



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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Our Lord's promises attached to the praying of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy as revealed to Saint Faustina Kowalska

- 1. "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image (of Divine Mercy) will not perish. I also promise victory over (its) enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory."
- 2. "The two rays denote Blood and Water...These two rays issued from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. These rays shield souls from the wrath of My Father...! desire that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy...whoever approaches the Fount of Life on this day will be granted complete remission of sins and punishment. Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy."
- **3.** "I desire that the Feast of Mercy...be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter...The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion (in a state of grace on this day) shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."
- 4. "Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death."
- **5.** "Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy...I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy."
- **6.** "The souls that say this chaplet will be embraced by My mercy during their lifetime and especially at the hour of their death."
- 7. "Souls who spread the honor of My mercy...at the hour of death I will not be a Judge for them, but the Merciful Savior."
- **8.** "The prayer most pleasing to Me is prayer for the conversion for sinners. Know, my daughter, that this prayer is always heard and answered."
- 9. "My mercy is greater than your sins and those of the entire world."
- **10.** "To priests who proclaim and extol My mercy, I will give wondrous power; I will anoint their words and touch the hearts of those to whom they will speak."
- 11. "Through this chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will."
- 12. "When hardened sinners say it, I will fill their souls with peace, and the hour of their death will be a happy one."
- 13. "When they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as a just Judge but as a merciful Savior."
- **14.** "At three o'clock, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony...! will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion."

How to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet

using the Rosary

- **1.** Begin with the Sign of the Cross, **1** Our Father, **1** Hail Mary and The Apostles' Creed.
- **2.** Then, on the Our Father beads, say the following: Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.
- **3.** On the 10 Hail Mary beads say the following: For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (Repeat step 2 and 3 for all five decades).
- 4. Conclude with (three times): Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.





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Contact Damiana at 718-746-6269 for information.

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 14th, 2024, at 10:30 am Mass

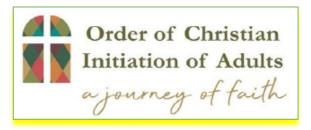
Family Grade Mass for Children from St, Mel's School of Religion - Grade 8

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,



- 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 31, 2024 Mass Attendance Total = 1549

5:00 PM— 7:30 AM—190 9:00 AM—249 10:30 AM—690 12:00 PM—420

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.

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.

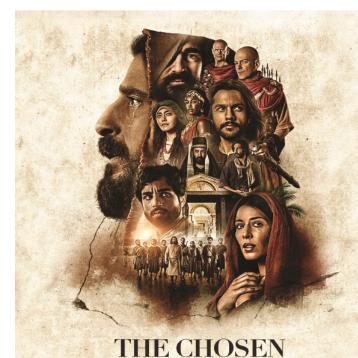
I Cenacoli della Vita sono gruppi di preghiera che pregano come pregarono la Madonna e gli Apostoli nel Cenacolo, in attesa dello Spirito Santo a Pentecoste. Pregano—come dovrebbero tutti i cattolici—per fermare l'uccisione di nascituri, malati e disabili. L'obiettivo del gruppo di preghiera: ripristinare il rispetto per las santitá 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.

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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Season 4 - Episode 1



Sacred Vestments: Amice,

Alb, Cincture, and Surplice

After looking at the various liturgical colors used at Mass, we explore the vestments themselves. The first three of these combined are not reserved to the bishop, priest, or deacon but may be used by all the baptized while exercising a ministry at the sacred liturgy.

Let's consider them in the order they're put on. The *amice* is a white linen, about the size of a hand towel, with two strings that tie at the waist; it may be worn if the alb (next vestment put on) does not completely cover one's street clothing (or the hoods of religious habits) at the neck. Next, is the *alb*, a long white robe covering from neck to toes, like a baby's christening gown. A *cincture*, a rope or fabric belt, may be used to make the alb more manageable, is worn at the waist if desired. Often the cincture is of the same liturgical color as the outer vestments. It can, however, always be white.

On those occasions apart from Mass, a *surplice* may replace the alb, amice, and cincture. The surplice resembles half an alb, with an open collar that usually extends to just above knees. It is worn by the priest or deacon over the cassock (long robe with many buttons) or the religious habit. The surplice is also worn by seminarians in chapel.

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