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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

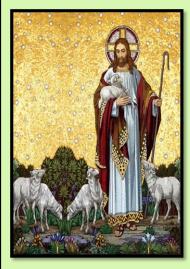
Each Monday after the 9:00 A.M. Mass. Blessed Sacrament Devotions: First Friday Adoration 9:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Daily Recitation of the Rosary: 8:30 A.M.

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.



The 4th Sunday of Easter is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday. It is a day when the Church prays more fervently for vocations, especially to the priesthood.

Directed by Christ Himself to "ask the harvest master for more laborers for his harvest," we beseech the Lord: "Give us shepherds after your own heart."

Hearing each day of wars, senseless violence, and the blatant disregard for human life we can get discouraged, lose hope.

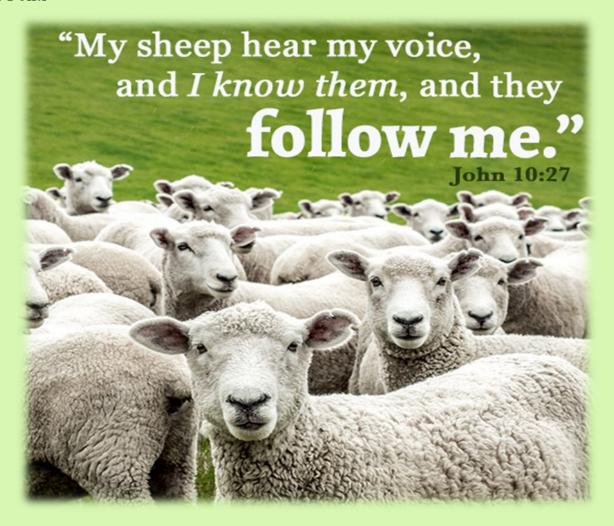
But history has proven that during times spiritual drought, suffering, persecution, and moral depravity, vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life increase.

So, continue to pray and to hope in the Lord!

He is a "Good Shepherd!"

And Good Shepherds always lead their sheep out of darkness into new light.

Father Fonti



Mass Intentions - April 21, 2024

SAT 4/20 5:00 Dominick Falivene (Happy Birthday in Heaven) **SUN** 4/21 7:30 Patricia Occhipinti 9:00 Carmelo Acquista Giuseppe Barretta, Tony Rappa, Frank Rappa, & Joseph Giamo Lucia Taormina The People of The Parish 10:30 Dr. Ralph Parisi 12:00 Mary Viccaro MON 4/22 7:00 Tony Mirkov 9:00 Rita & Vito Lestingi TUES 4/23 7:00 Thomas J. Snee 9:00 Domicielle, Joseph Sr., Donald, & Joseph Tockarshewsky WED. 4/24 7:00 Mary Fitzgerald 9:00 Monica & David Garren **THURS. 4/25** 7:00 Vice Paskalda, & Jerko Antolos 9:00 Joseph & Anna Salimeno FRI. 4/26 7:00 Philip Passarella Alex R. Fazzi (Happy 55th Birthday in Heaven) 9:00 SAT 9:00 Rose, Joseph, & Sister Kathleen Cox Fred Inzerillo Santo Giardina 5:00 Renato Ljubicic **SUN** 4/28 7:30 Ante Grando 9:00 Josephine Camarda Joseph Iccari Lucia Taormina Carmelo Acquista Giuseppe Barretta Salvatore Cinquemani & Angelo LoBrutto The People of The Parish

10:30

12:00

Maria Carullo

Giuseppina Guccione, Graziella Velenza, & Anna Graci



Bread & Wine

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

Vincenza Zolla



Altar Candles

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

Alex R. Fazzi



Sanctuary Candles

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

Louis Fonti III



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
- 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

We pray for those recently deceased from our parish:

- 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

Join us for Scripture Reading Starting Monday, April 22nd at 7:00PM Every Monday until May 20th Men's Club - entrance on 27th Avenue Focusing on Acts of the Apostles Bring your own Bible

CONFIRMATION 2024













The National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be on a Eucharistic Revival tour from May to July 2024, to point us to the Eucharist.

You will have a chance to venerate the historic National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima given to the United States by the Bishop of Fatima after being blessed by Pope St. Paul VI in 1967, at the following Parishes.

Friday May 17th, 2024:

St Michael RC Church 136-76 41st Ave Flushing, NY 11355 Phone: (718) 961-0295 8:00AM to 1:00PM St Kevin RC Church 45-21 194th Street Flushing, NY 11358 Phone: (718) 357-8888 2:00PM to 8:00PM

Saturday May 18th, 2024:

St Paul Chong Hasang RC Church 32-15 Parsons Blvd Flushing, NY 11354 Phone: (718) 321-7676 8:00AM to 1:00PM

St. John Vianney RC Church 140-10 34th Ave Flushing NY 11354 Phone: (718) 762-7920 2:00PM to 6:30PM

Sunday May 19th, 2024:

Sacred Heart RC Church 215-35 38th Avenue Bayside, NY 11361 Phone: (718) 428-2200 8:00AM to 1:30PM St Josaphat RC Church 34-32 210th Street Flushing, NY 11361 Phone: (718) 229-1663 2:00PM to 8:00PM



For Parish schedule of their planned activities, please call the Parish or check their bulletins.



At St. Mel's Catholic Academy... We are Honest!



January Students of the Month

Our value of the month of March was honesty. Here at St. Mel's teaching and living out gospel values is part of our mission. There is a saying that honesty is the best policy, but it is also important to be honest with ourselves. We would like to congratulate the following students for their sense of honesty during the month of March:

3KA Noah Nisco PKA Oliver Lascano K1 Karen Carbone Gr. 2 Matthew Morlando Gr 5 Faith Ziraschi 3KB Luca Perez PKB Kaiden Ledesma K2 Xavier Morgan Gr. 3 Joseph Herman Gr. 6 Liam Murphy

3KC Eliana Kozakis PKC Victoria DePaola Gr. 1 Jonah Bonilla Gr. 4 Soraya Mercado

Congratulations!



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 <a href="mailto:

SAVE THE DATE - Sunday April 21°, 2024 at 10:30 am Mass

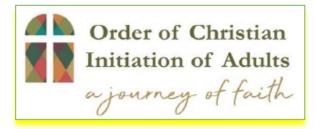
Mass for Children and Families of First Communion Candidates from the

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

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 Brother Silvano & Sister Gemma Matrullo Gift Given by: Wanda Prestifilippo



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



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





April 14, 2024 Mass Attendance Total = 809

5:00 PM— 147 7:30 AM—105 9:00 AM—130 10:30 AM—257 12:00 PM—170

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.



Bundle Saturday St. Vincent de Paul



The next bundle Saturday will be July 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. They also accept shoes, handbags, towels, and linens. Thank you for your generosity.





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

* Glen Cove Golf Club	* Knights of Columbus
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Sacred Vessels: Chalice, Paten,

Ciborium, Communion Chalice

"Among the requisites for the celebration of Mass, the sacred vessels are held in special honor, and among these especially the *chalice* (cup which holds the Precious Blood of the Lord) and *paten* (dish that holds the Holy Eucharist), in which the bread and wine are offered and consecrated and from which they are consumed." (GIRM 327)

"As regards (Communion) chalices and other vessels that are intended to serve as receptacles for the Blood of the Lord, they are to have a bowl of material that does not absorb liquids. For the Consecration of hosts, a large paten may fittingly be used, on which is placed the bread both for the Priest, Deacon and also for the other ministers and for the faithful. (GIRM 330-31)

A *ciborium* (*ciboria* plural) is a covered container which can also be used to distribute the Sacred Host to the faithful and store them in the tabernacle as needed.

"Sacred vessels should be made from precious metal. If they are made from metal that rusts or from a metal less precious than gold, they should generally be gilded on the inside. In the Dioceses of the USA, sacred vessels may also be made from other solid materials which in the common estimation in each region are considered precious or noble." (GIRM 328)

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