

Church of Saint Mel

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Sunday, October 20, 2024

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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Board Chair: Dominick Yezzo

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School Leadership

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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 Faithful Departed of St. Mel's

November 2023 - October 2024

"They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead... but they are at peace."

Benedetto Salamone

Antonio Lalicata

Domenico Lobasso

Patricia O'Sullivan

John Nagri

Evon LaMagna

Eileen Lucchi

Rita Riccardi

Genevieve Eichert

Anthony Rubinich

Paquale DePaola

Silvana Magagna

Josephine Proietto

James Martino

Mary Pandone

Valentino Basandella

Joseph DeAnnuntis

Raymond Moran

Marie Castoro

Luigi Macri

Mary Long

Rose Galeota

Gloria Staiano

Frank Cirri

Raffaella Natale

Anna Vitale

Thomas Vanilla

David Kinkola

Vita Petruso

Emilia Foschi

Vincent Panaro

Minnie Tombolo

Mirella Mirabile

Marie Mattichio

Barbara Loscalza

Kathleen Gaglio

Michael Hand

Carmelo Acquista

Virginia Hoffmann

Frank Startari

Anthony Pompa

Mario Sumberac

Arsen Grgas

Lucille Falco

John Poverelli

Richard Sosa

Rochelle Cassidy

Salvatore Torino

Benedict Tockarshewsky

Marion Courtney

Odile Ruddy

Nancy Alvizuri

Michael Turturro

Diane Hynes

Maria Leone

Dorothy Nelson

Marie Brown

Giovanni Cangialosi

Marie Blatus

Mary Muggeo

Nicholas Cirillo

Rose Ricks

Thomas DeCarlo

Richard Gagliardotto

Calogero Gambino

Louise Rickdeschel

Josephine Falci

Jane Scuarto

Frieda Gaun

Patricia McKenna

Irene Baccante

Giacomo Indelicato

Patrick Falci

Ingrid Donovan

Emilia Belulovich

Carlos Acosta

Lucille Cava-Stonebridge

James Rombone



Over 100 people registered for this weekend's Alumni event.

Open to all our alumni, this gathering of the St. Mel's Wildcats is a great opportunity for them to rekindle friendships with former classmates and to take a tour of our recently refurbished school building.

Founded to enlighten the mind and inspire the soul, St. Mel's School / Catholic Academy has been providing a "home away from home" for our Flushing / Whitestone youth for 64 years.

Proud of our past success, we are particularly grateful for our present blessing...the miraculous rebirth of our school!

Faced with the hardship of closure 5 years ago because of low enrollment, our trust in God and our determination as a parish and school to keep education alive at St. Mel's has yielded an enrollment of 243 students this year!

As we eagerly await the school's finishing touch, an 8th Grade Class, I want to thank all those who have helped to make the restart possible:

- Thank You: Principals Amy Barron (2019-2024) and Lauren Giacalone, for your loyalty and leadership.
- Thank You: Dedicated Teachers and Staff past and present, for your tireless and selfless efforts in and out of the classroom.
- Thank You: Academy Board Members, for your guidance and care of our students and school.
- Thank You: Amazing Parents, for entrusting your child to our care.
- Thank You: Benefactors, for your generosity and investment in the Academy.
- Thank You: Parishioners, for your faithful prayer and constant support.

Dear Alumni of St. Mel's: May your visit to the school this weekend awaken within you a renewed gratitude for the lessons taught, the friendships made, and the faith you came to know and believe.

St. Mel's is truly a special place. Pledging to keep it that way, please continue to help me/us secure its present and future success.

Father Fonti



Mass Intentions - October 20, 2024

Saturday, October 19

5:00 The Moschetta Family

Sunday, October 20

7:30 Patricia Occhipinti

9:00 Luigi Muraca

Lisa M. Acquista

Giacomo Indelicato

Parma Romano

Antonio Rosselli

Franco Canale

The People of The Parish

10:30 Vincent Cianfaglione

12:00 Sammy Geraci

Monday, October 21

7:00: Richard Higgins

9:00 Romano & Maria Flaim

Tuesday, October 22

7:00 Marica Donadic

9:00 James Bonano

Wednesday, October 23

7:00 Enza Tiplado

9:00 Margie McAuley

Thursday, October 24

7:00 Grace & Mary Fleming

9:00 Giovanna, Pietro, & Salvatore Barretta

Friday, October 25

7:00 Marion Fray

9:00 Tom Thacher

Saturday, October 26

9:00 Joseph Connors Sr. & Joseph Connors Jr.

Xi Liu Dai

Grace Doherty

Palma Romano

Antonio Rosselli

Luidi Verni

All Souls in Purgatory

5:00 Robert & Marlene Johnston

Sunday, October 27

7:30 Edward Sitler

9:00 Carmine Cavaliere & Concetta Evangelista

Luigi Maruca

Luigi Verni

Antonio Rosselli

The People of The Parish

10:30 Irene Pariselli

12:00 Helen Reiley & Mary Murphy



Bread and Wine

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

Sammy Geraci

*Given by: His Wife,
Christine Gioe-Geraci*

Altar Candles

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

Irene Pariselli

*Given by: Her Loving Husband,
Guido Pariselli*

Sanctuary Candles

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

Mary Grace Fleming

Given by: The Zaput Family

*Newly Enrolled in the
Purgatorial Society*

September, 2024

Gilbert Rosa Jr.

Calogera Alaimo

John DiVanna

Irene M. Baccante

Lisa M. Acquista

Ingrid Donovan



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
- 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 Angelopoulos
- Valerie Albano Krug
- Bryan Day
- Theresa Bedell
- Angela Infantino
- Giovanna Palmese
- Olga Scopa
- Tom Hummel
- Bob Mistretta
- Patricia Lamagna
- Lester Kuczynski
- Beverly Ilchert
- Danielle Byrd
- Patricia Suarz
- Lena Bae
- Antoinette Ruotolo
- Giovanna Mazzoni
- James Burns
- Giovanni Badalamente
- Vivian Dunne
- Kaylie Santana
- Michelle Milano
- Joseph Onorato
- Jean Cettina
- Jean Felts
- Denise Breidenbach

We pray for those recently deceased from our parish:

James Rombone



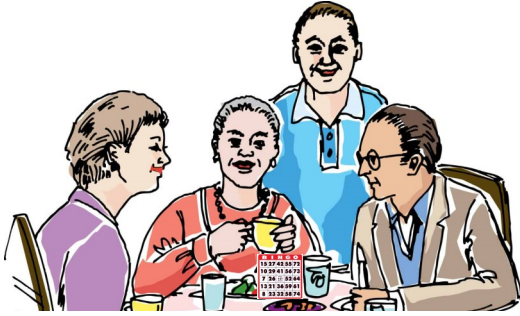
St. Mel's Adult Choir

"You express, when you sing, your soul in song. And when you get together with a group of other singers, it becomes more than the sum of the parts. It becomes magic." - John Rutter

St. Mel's Music Ministry strives to provide joy, comfort and inspiration for our liturgies and festive parish celebrations through the musical gifts, generosity and commitment of its members. If you can carry a tune, want to learn and deepen your worship experience, and have a desire to try singing, please contact Kelsey. Happy singing!

~ ksheldon@stmels-queens.org ~





St. Mel's Leisure Club

The Leisure Club meets every Monday at 1:30pm in Fr. O'Malley. Entrance through the main doors of the church.

We warmly welcome any senior who would like to join us. We have bingo, cards, board games, and friendly conversation. You can pass the time sharing your interests with friends and neighbors. New tables for book clubs and crafts are encouraged. Cake and coffee are served at every meeting. Around the holidays we enjoy a festive meal together.

Give the club a chance. Come to cultivate friendships and to learn about community events and information. Please leave a message for Ann at the rectory office with any questions.

Ann Farrelly
President



Because no marriage is beyond hope...

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

Retrouvaille can help.

**Our Next Weekend is
November 1-3, 2024
at The Immaculate Conception Seminary,
Huntington**

**To register or for more information:
1-800-470-2230
HelpOurMarriage.org**

Retrouvaille is a practical program for married couples facing difficult challenges. It is not counseling and you will not be asked to share the personal details of your story.

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.



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.

WILDCAT NEWSLETTER



The 4th graders have been learning about energy and motion with Ms. Cangemi! The students used books and rulers to create a ramp. Then, they compared the speed of a marble vs. the speed of a large ball. It's great to see the kids using their science workbook as a reference. They look like they are having a blast!



FEATURING

**FOURTH
GRADE**

Ms. Cangemi's 4th graders were also learning about St. Michael this week in religion! To show what they learned, the students made their own replica of St. Michael. They put it on their desk, so St. Michael can watch over them throughout the school day.

Mass of Hope and Healing

Thursday October 24, 2024 at 7pm

St. Pancras Church 72-22 68 Street, Glendale

All those affected by the trauma of abuse are invited on this evening to come together to pray for healing and peace.





Religious Education

REGISTER NOW

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 age-appropriate curriculum. The program also prepares the children to complete their initiation into the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Penance/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 haven't already, new and returning students should register for the 2024-2025 school year as soon as possible by completing the on-line registration form at:

<https://stmels-queens.org/religious-education>. The tuition fee for the 2024-2025 school year is \$150 for one child, \$200 for two children and \$225 for three or more children. Tuition can be paid through one of the following three options:

- **By Check** - Please make all checks payable to St. Mel Religious Education. You can mail the check to the St. Mel Rectory clearly marked to the attention of the Office of Faith Formation with your child's full name noted on the check or cover note accompanying your payment.
- **Zelle** - To make payment via Zelle send to faith@stmels-queens.org Please include a note indicating your child's full name.
- **Cash** - Payments in cash can be dropped off at the St. Mel Rectory in an envelope clearly marked to the attention of the Office of Faith Formation with your child's full name noted on the envelope.

May all the children/catechists and their families have a restful summer! If you have any questions regarding St. Mel's Religious Education program, please email us during the summer months at stmelfaithformation@gmail.com and mariamarotta@stmels-queens.org.

Who Will Sit Next to Jesus



recognized	indignant	prepared	baptized	exercise
Teacher	servant	ransom	wishes	rulers
drink	glory	right	grant	Jesus
slave	serve	left	mad	cup
ask	sit			



Liturgical Postures: Standing

– Sitting – Bowing – Kneeling

The predominant postures for the faithful at Holy Mass are: *Standing* signifies the congregation's respect during the entrance and exit processions at Mass. During the Liturgy of the Word, all stand exclusively for the Gospel proclamation, which recounts the life, teachings, and miracles of the Lord Jesus. Additionally, as for our Jewish ancestors in the faith, standing signifies active prayer, encompassing body and soul.

Sitting signifies active listening, being receptive to Holy Scripture and the preaching of the bishop, priest, or deacon. Sitting also allows for meditation during the Presentation of the Gifts and after the reception of Holy Communion.

Bowing is an ancient custom of reverence for a sacred object (such as the altar) or office (the priest-celebrant). During the Creed (Profession of Faith), we bow in reverence of the Incarnation of Jesus in the flesh as we recite the words: "by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary and became man." We also bow our heads when instructed by the deacon before a blessing.

Kneeling has come to embody the adoration due to God alone. This occurs at Mass during the Eucharistic Prayer and after the Lamb of God until the Communion procession. One may also kneel in prayer after receiving Holy Communion.

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