#### **Church of Saint Mel** 2615 154th St., Flushing, NY 11354 (718) 886-0201 - Fax: (718) 886-0882

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#### 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 (718) 539-8211 Fax (718) 539-6563 www.stmelsacademy.org Board Chair: Dominick Yezzo Principal: Lauren Giacalone,M.S.Childhood Ed., M.S. School Leadership

> DIRECTOR OF MUSIC Kelsey Sheldon

**DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION** 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.

#### **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.

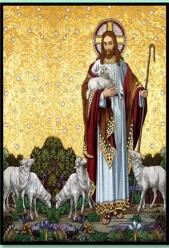
## The Faithful Departed of St. Mel's November 2023 - October 2024

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

Benedetto Salamone Antonío Lalicata Domeníco Lobasso Patrícía O'Sullívan John Nagrí Evon LaMagna Eileen Lucchi Ríta Ríccardí Genevieve Eichert Anthony Rubinich Paquale DePaola Sílvana Magagna Josephine Proietto James Martíno Mary Pandone Valentíno Basandella Joseph DeAnnuntís Raymond Moran Maríe Castoro Luígí Macrí Mary Long Rose Galeota Gloría Staíano Frank Círrí Raffaela Natale Anna Vítale Mary Giegerich

Thomas Vanella Davíd Kínkela Víta Petruso Emília Foschi Víncent Panaro Mínníe Tombolo Mírella Mírabíle Maríe Mattichio Barbara Loscalza Kathleen Gaglio Míchael Hand Carmelo Acquísta Vírgínía Hoffmann Frank Startarí Anthony Pompa Marío Sumberac Arsen Grgas Lucílle Falco John Poverelli Ríchard Carmelo Sosa Rochelle Cassidy Salvatore Toríno Benedict Tockarshewsky Maríon Courtney Odíle Ruddy Nancy Alvízurí Paul Asaro Gerardo Rívíello

Míchael Turturro Díane Hynes María Leone Dorothy Nelson Maríe Brown Giovanní Cangialosi Maríe Blatus Mary Muggeo Nícholas Círíllo Rose Ricks Thomas DeCarlo Ríchard Gagliardotto Calogero Gambíno Louíse Ríckdeschel Jos<mark>eph</mark>íne Falcí Jane Scuarto Fríeda Gaun Patrícía McKenna **Irene** Baccante Gíacomo Indelicato Patrick Falci Ingríd Donovan Emília Belulovích Carlos Acosta Lucílle Cava-Stonebrídge **Tames** Rombone Rocco Panetta Catheríne Maríno



This is a week of races.

The first starts today in Staten Island, the NYC Marathon, and the second ends at the polls on Tuesday, Election Day.

Yes, this is a week of races, a week when we will hear the cheers of victory and the sobs of defeat, the news that one has won, and another has lost.

I am sure you agree, neither race is an easy one. Whether one is trotting the asphalt of the 5 boroughs or clocking in hours shaking hands and kissing babies, each competitor truly knows there is a price, personal sacrifice and a pressure, proving to others: "I'm the best!"

Life can seem at times like a race, as if we are in competition with one another: "Look at me, I'm better than she, stronger than him."

When we feel this way, it is important to remember that none of us is completely perfect; that while we have many corresponding parts each of us has been uniquely gifted by God with our own array of strengths and weaknesses.

In the end God will not judge us on our winnings or losses, whether we have a gold medal or a seat in the White House. Rather, God will judge us on how we used the gift of life to reveal His love and lead others to know, love, and serve Him and not ourselves.

Father Fonti

## In the evening of life, we will be judged on love alone.

St. John of the Cross

#### Mass Intentions - November 3, 2024

Saturday	, November 2
5:00	Alex R. Fazzi
Sunday,	November 3
7:30	Rocco & Nicoletta Signore, & Roseann Genese
9:00	Anthony Donatelli (2nd Anniversary in Heaven)
	Pietro Gagliano
	Domenico & Maria Casabianca & Maria Petruso
	Americo Chima, & Anna & Angelo Graci
	Salvatore Cinquemani, Anna & Rosario Curto, & Maria
	& Francesco Cinquemani
	Luigi Maruca
	Susan Marino
	Palma Romano
	Antonio Rosselli
	Giuseppina LoBrutto
	The People of The Parish
10:30	Giuseppe & Teresa Matrullo
12:00	Thomas Piazza
Monday,	November 4
7:00:	All Souls Novena
9:00	James Brady
Tuesday,	November 5
7:00	All Souls Novena
9:00	Grace Jackson (5th Anniversary in Heaven)
Wednesd	lay, November 6
7:00	All Souls Novena
9:00	Stephen Brian Mocarski (Happy 20th Anniversary in Heaven)
Thursday	v, November 7
7:00	The Intentions of Simon & Sophia An & Children
9:00	All Souls Novena
Friday, N	ovember 8
7:00	All Souls Novena
9:00	Ada Bruzzese
Saturday	, November 9
<i>.</i> 9:00	Marie P. Nicholson
	Filomena Nonti fraraccio
	Hui Zeng
	The Intentions of Paul Freehill
	The Intentions of Bernie Diskin
	Carlos Acosta
5:00	Giuseppina LoBrutto
	November 10
7:30	Jane & Frank DiTaranto
9:00	Sebastian Parisi
	Carmelo Giardina & Angela Bacarella
	Vito & Giuseppa Decimati & Rosario & Ignazi Damici
	Giovanni Cangialosi
	Mary Muggeo
	The People of The Parish
10:30	Frederick H. Kelly
12:00	Giuseppina & Antonio Guccione
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#### Bread and Wine

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

Helen Piazza

*Given by: The Sullivan & Nocera Families* 

#### Altar Candles

This week the <mark>Al</mark>tar Candles are donated In Loving Memory of:

Dr. Victoria Tripodi Remembering you always Given by: <mark>Yo</mark>ur friends

#### Sanctuary Candles

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

*Given by: The Sullivan & Nocera Families* 

> Newly Enrolled in the Purgatorial Society

> > October 2024 Laraine Goldman Joshua Galarza Marie Bischoff

#### 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:

Alida Addeo

Yolanda Gatti

Patricia Parrish

Carmen A. Leites

Anthony Marino

Mario Sumberac

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We pray for those recently deceased from our parish:

RoseAnn Dell Apenna

- Matt Z.
- 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

- 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
- Angela Infantino
- Giovanna Palmese
- Olga Scopa
- Tom Hummel
- Bob Mistretta
- Patricia Lamagna

- Lester Kuczynski
- Beverly llchert
- 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
- Isabella Peragine

#### Anthony Curatolo, Joseph Frey, & Marie Bischoff

Ital	ITALIAN American Association	
	You are invited to join The St. Mel's Italian American Association A great opportunity to experience, share, enjoy and continue our rich Italian Traditions.	R
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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

#### 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.



#### **Bundle Saturday**

#### St. Vincent de Paul

The next bundle Saturday will be January 11th . St. Vincent de Paul will have a truck in the St. Mel's parking lot from 9:00am - 12:00pm.

Lightly used clothing is needed. They also accept shoes, handbags, towels, and linens. Thank you for your generosity.

> October 27, 2024 <u>Mass Attendance Total = 844</u> 5:00 PM—132 7:30 AM—95 9:00 AM—106 10:30 AM—371 12:00 PM—140



#### 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.

Sponsored by The Men's Club

Save the Pate

arish Christmas

#### SATURDAY DECEMBER 14TH

More Information will follow

# St. Mel's Italian American Association

Join us for good food, good music, good company, and lots of fun!

## Sunday, December 8th at 2:00 PM In Father O'Malley Hall Tickets - \$65 per person

Cash or checks payable to St. Mel Italian-American Assn Must be received by December 3rd in person or by mail St. Mel's Church - 26-15 154th Street, Flushing NY 11354 We will not accept payments on December 8th

RSVP NOW!

Anna Greco - 718-539-2987 or Maria Medaglia 718-309-6193

## WILDCAT NEWSLETTER



Miss Jess' class focused on pumpkin dissection. With the help of their teachers, the little ones opened a pumpkin and took a look at the inside. The little ones were able to put their hands in the pumpkin and feel the texture. They were able to take home some seeds as well.

Mrs. Day's PreK class began their pumpkin unit last week!

The class focused on exploring pumpkins hands-on. The PreK kids used a magnifying glass to get an up close look. The little ones used describing words to tell about the pumpkin. They used describing words to talk about how the pumpkin looked, felt, smelled, and sounded. The little ones took a look at the seeds from the pumpkin as well.

Our little ones are going to be pumpkin experts when their unit is done!

FEATURING

### **2025 MASS BOOK OPENING**

## Tuesday, November 12th

#### **Rectory opens at 9AM**

#### We will be accepting forms from 8:00AM—3:00PM

#### Mass Offerings are for January through June 30th ONLY

#### **2 Masses and/or 2 Weekly Gifts ONLY**

Bishop Brennan has put a moratorium on all 2025 Mass Books throughout the Diocese. We will accept Mass intentions for 2025 at 2 separate times:

#### Session 1 - January - June

Session 2 - July - December

The 2025 Mass Book will open Tuesday, November 12th. Once again we ask those who will be offering Masses to fill out the Mass Offering form and drop it off on November 12th. When you drop off your form we will indicate your number of receipt and process the Masses you request in the order we received them. We will be processing the forms that are hand delivered to us on Tuesday, November 12th first. If you leave a form with us anytime prior to November 12th it will not be processed until we process all forms dropped off and numbered from the rectory on November 12th. We cannot accept anymore than two Masses and or two weekly gifts. We are trying to be fair to all parishioners and will have another Mass book opening for the remainder of the year once we know what the Mass schedule is.

Please fill out the form completely: your name, phone number, amount, the names, dates, and times of your Mass intention and/or weekly gifts (bread and wine, altar candles, and sanctuary candle) requests. The usual offering of each announced Mass intention is \$15 and \$50 for each weekly gift request. Please have your offering with your requests. Checks should be made out to St. Mel's Church. We do ask that you give alternative days and times in case we cannot accommodate your first choice. Your Masses will be confirmed by phone as soon as we have completed the first batch of dropped off requests.

We would like to give families who have recently buried a love one or will be in the upcoming year the opportunity to have available Masses. We cannot accept any additional Mass requests after you have submitted your form. Please be sensitive to this request.

We do have two Masses each week with collective/multiple intentions at 9:00 am on Saturdays and Sundays. We can accommodate 10 families for these Masses.

Any questions contact the rectory office at 718-886-0201 ext. 110.

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## St. Mel's CYO Girls Volleyball



#### **Competitive Team** girls grades 3-8

season runs January-April fee \$150 per player

email PAR Cathy Quinn with any questions cquinn@stmels-queens.org

Scan to Register



Registration closes Jan 13

## St. Mel's CYO Boys & Girls Basketball



#### Intramural boys & girls grades k-8

season runs December-February fee \$50 per player

email PAR Cathy Quinn with any questions cquinn@stmels-queens.org





**Registration closes Nov 15** 



## 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 <u>faith@stmels-queens.org</u> 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.

## Matthew and Mark

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#### Liturgical Postures: Kneeling

#### - Breast Striking - Prostration

Besides being an expression of adoration, kneeling was originally and still is a sign of penance. If fact, at times in Church history, particularly in religious communities, publicly kneeling for a period of time was a common penance given during the sacrament of Reconciliation. Today we might kneel together during a reconciliation service before or after individual confessions.

EGERIA INSERTS

Striking one's breast is another gesture that signifies sorrow, remorse, and penitence. While its meaning has long disappeared from our wider culture, we are still instructed to strike our breast during the Penitential Rite at the beginning of Mass, if the "I confess" (Confiteor) prayer is recited together as an act of sorrow.

Prostration is the act of lying on the floor before another, implying unworthiness as a result of sin. Today, those receiving Holy Orders prostrate themselves during the Litany of the Saints at ordinations, and many religious orders include prostration in their various welcoming rites. At the liturgy of Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, the priest and deacon prostrate themselves before the altar after the silent entrance procession, while the congregation is asked to kneel in silent prayer.

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