

# Church of Saint Mel

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Sunday, May 31, 2026

## 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 - 8:00 A.M. (Bilingual),  
10:00 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.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & NOVENA

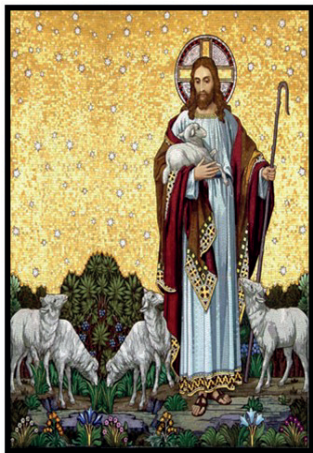
Each Monday after the 9:00 A.M. Mass.  
Blessed Sacrament Devotions:  
First Friday Adoration 9:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.  
Daily Recitation of the Rosary: 8:30 A.M.

## 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.



On June 11th, the bishops of the United States will consecrate our nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in anticipation of the 250th Anniversary of America. Every pastor has been encouraged to participate in the bishops' call for God's blessing, mercy, and protection upon our country by organizing a parish observance of this historic milestone.

The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus has its roots in the Gospel itself, especially in the image of Christ's heart being pierced on the Cross out of love for humanity. Over the centuries, the Church deepened this devotion, particularly through the visions received by St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in the 17th century, in which Jesus revealed His Sacred Heart burning with love, mercy, and compassion for all people. The Sacred Heart remains a powerful reminder of Christ's endless love and His desire to draw all people closer to Himself.

To consecrate ourselves and our nation to the Sacred Heart is to place our trust in Jesus Christ and to entrust our lives, families, communities, and future to His loving care. It is a public act of faith acknowledging that true peace, healing, justice, and unity come not merely through human effort, but through God's grace. In a time marked by division, anxiety, and uncertainty, this consecration invites us to turn back to the Heart of Christ, seeking renewal in holiness, charity, mercy, and hope.

In this week's bulletin you will find a copy of the consecration prayer. We will pray this prayer at the conclusion of each daily Mass from June 3–11. For those unable to join us for worship, please unite with us in prayer from your home or workplace.

Believing that there is strength in prayer and in numbers, may our sincere efforts to consecrate our country and its citizens to the Heart of Jesus bring forth an abundance of grace and renew every American in upholding the dignity and respect of every human life — especially the unborn, the elderly, the marginalized, refugees, and the vulnerable — while fostering common decency, restraint, civility, compassion, and a deeper reverence for God and neighbor.

We will also celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus at our morning Masses on Friday, June 12th, at 7:00 AM and 9:00 AM. At 12:00 PM, I will expose the Blessed Sacrament for a period of Eucharistic Adoration. We will pray the Litany of the Sacred Heart and conclude with Benediction. All are warmly invited to join us for this beautiful celebration of the Lord's merciful and loving Heart.

Father Fonti

P.S. Next Sunday, June 7th, is the Solemnity of Corpus Christi — the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Following the 12:00 PM Mass, there will be a small Eucharistic procession around the block with Benediction on the front steps of the church. In the event of inclement weather, the procession will take place inside the church.

As part of the 250th anniversary year of our Nation's founding, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has announced that the bishops of our country will consecrate the United States to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on Thursday, June 11, 2026, during the Spring Plenary Assembly of the USCCB in Orlando, Florida.

This sacred act of prayer and entrustment asks the Lord to bless our Nation with healing, peace, unity, conversion, and a renewed commitment to live the Gospel faithfully. We invite all parishioners to join spiritually in this national consecration by praying the Prayer of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for our country and our people.

#### Prayer of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus:

You know the longings of our hearts, and you desire that we enjoy friendship with you.

From your pierced side, you have poured out the wellspring of life, for which we thirst.

Your heart burns with a love for all people to return to a right relationship with you.

We celebrate the abundant gifts you have given this nation, founded on the self-evident truths that our Creator has endowed all people with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

We make reparation for the offenses against you and against human dignity that have taken place in this Nation.

May our hearts be united to yours, so that our families and communities enjoy peace and happiness; may broken relationships be reconciled, injustices repaired, and the wounds of our land be healed.

May your holy Catholic Church serve as a sign, pointing all people to your infinite love.

O Desire of Nations and Center of History, we ask you to bless these United States of America.

Who live and reign with God the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.



## Mass Intentions - May 31, 2026

### **Saturday, May 30**

5:00 Dad Cioffi (in Heaven)

### **Sunday, May 31**

8:00 Maria Mattrella  
Vincenza Ventimiglia  
Gina LoBrutto  
Elisa Barone  
Eduardo Agliata

10:00 Nicoletta & Umberto Guadagno

12:00 Ellen McDumott & Nellie Cafferky

### **Monday, June 1**

7:00 Intentions of Simon & Sophia An & Family

9:00 Patrick Marron

### **Tuesday, June 2**

7:00 Louis & Bernice Amen

9:00 Rosa Mannuzza

### **Wednesday, June 3**

7:00 Dorathea Addeo (3rd Anniversary in Heaven)

9:00 Frank Rappa

### **Thursday, June 4**

7:00 Jenny Fiorino

9:00 John Viccaro Sr.

### **Friday, June 5**

7:00 Purgatorial Society

9:00 Maria Carreca

### **Saturday, June 6**

9:00 Joyce Cetta  
Deceased Members of the Connors & Cox Families  
Antonio Pellarin  
Intentions of Fr. Fonti (Happy Birthday)  
Janko Herceg  
Antony Perez

5:00 Alex Fazzi

### **Sunday, June 7**

8:00 Elizabeth Sperrazza  
Isabella, Salvatore, & Giuseppe LoBrutto  
Angela Avenia  
Vincenza Ventimiglia  
Thomas Wise  
Elisa Barone

10:00 Anna, Arthur, & Donald Halmy

12:00 Thomas Piazza

## *Bread and Wine*

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

*Janko Herceg*

*Given by: His Loving Family*

## *Altar Candles*

*This week the Altar Candles are  
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*Angela Cangialosi*

## *Sanctuary Candles*

*This week the Sanctuary Candle  
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*Newly Enrolled in the Purgatorial  
Society*

*April 2026*

<i>Jennifer Fiorino</i>	<i>Angela Cangialosi</i>
<i>Francesco Amato</i>	<i>John Hudson Dilgen</i>
<i>Rosaria Brucculeri</i>	<i>Thomas R. Wise</i>
<i>Anthony Flores</i>	<i>Patricia Cardaro</i>



## 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 Sperrazza
- 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
- Carmen A. Leites
- Anthony Marino
- George Behringer
- Avery Santiago
- 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
- Niki Angelopoulos
- Bryan Day
- Theresa Bedell
- Angela Infantino
- Giovanna Palmese
- Olga Scopa
- Tom Hummel
- Bob Mistretta
- Lester Kuczynski
- Beverly Ilchert
- Patricia Suarz
- Lena Bae
- Antoinette Ruotolo
- Giovanna Mazzoni
- James Burns
- Giovanni Badalamente
- Kaylie Santana
- Michelle Milano
- Joseph Onorato
- Jean Cettina
- Jean Felts
- Denise Breidenbach
- Kathleen O'Connell
- Ann Edman
- Angela Natale
- Luisa Frustaci
- Gabriel Angulo
- Thomas McNamara
- Joan Brennan
- Lorretta Iamielli
- Susan Lang
- John McDwer
- Joey Ortiz
- Patricia Lamagna
- Paul Malichek
- Tom Everitt
- Eileen Lennon
- Francie Woods
- Amber
- Joanne Fennell
- Francesca Yelleco
- Anna Somers
- Donna Kozlowski
- Bettyann Wong
- Peter Cettina

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[mfrc@capemaymarianists.org](mailto:mfrc@capemaymarianists.org)





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# HONORING

★ THOSE WHO ★

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**A**s our Nation approaches the celebration of the **250th Anniversary** of its founding, we are reminded with gratitude of the many men and women who have served our country with courage, sacrifice, and love. Their willingness to defend the blessings of liberty reflects the words of our Lord: *“No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”*



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In preparation for Independence Day and our Nation’s upcoming 250th Anniversary celebration, we would like to honor the service men and women of our own parish family of **St. Mel’s** — both living and deceased.



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Parishioners are invited to submit the names of family members, relatives, or parishioners who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States.

Names may be emailed to the rectory office at [office@stmels-queens.org](mailto:office@stmels-queens.org) or dropped off in writing at the rectory office, Monday through Friday, from 9:00am–3:00pm, **no later than Monday, June 15th.**



These names will be featured in a special bulletin tribute leading up to the July 4th celebration and again as part of our parish observance of America’s 250th Anniversary.

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MAY WE NEVER TAKE FOR GRANTED THE SACRIFICES  
MADE ON OUR BEHALF, AND MAY WE CONTINUE TO PRAY  
FOR ALL WHO SERVE OUR NATION, FOR OUR VETERANS,  
FOR THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN SERVICE,  
AND FOR PEACE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.



*God bless  
America,*

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and have served her so nobly  
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## St. Mel's Leisure Club

**Mondays at 1:30 PM.**

June 15 is the last meeting until we resume in September.

Come join us for an afternoon of cards, bingo, games, refreshments, and—most importantly—good company. It's a lovely way to reconnect, share some laughs, and enjoy the simple joy of being together.

## Bundle Saturday – St. Vincent dePaul

The next bundle Saturday will be **July 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.

## Pilgrimage to the FEAST DAY OF ST. ANTHONY DE PADUA

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**Cost of Bus \$45 per person**  
Please RSVP by June 10, 2026 / No Refunds!

**2 Location Pick Up**  
St. Francis of Assisi Church 21-17 45th St, Astoria @ 8:00 AM Pick Up  
St. Mel's Church 26-15 154th Street, Flushing @ 8:20 AM Pick Up

Mass will be celebrated in English and Italian  
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Please bring lunch if desired if not food will be available after the Procession  
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St. Mel's Call: Giuseppe (347) 255-2215  
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**SAN**  
**CALOGERO**

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*Edda Jacona*

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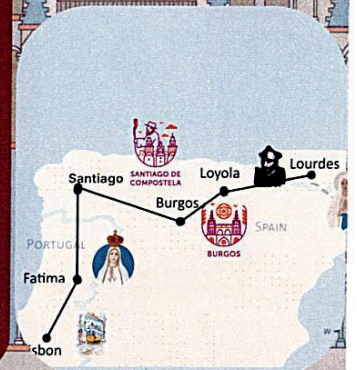
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EVERLASTING BELIEVES  
LOVED LIFE  
GAVE HIM  
FOR

WHOEVER  
HAVE  
SON

WORLD  
ONLY  
GOD



## Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (Trinity Sunday)

While the Ascension and Pentecost recall individual biblical events, Trinity Sunday celebrates one of the central biblical and doctrinal truths of the Christian faith, the Most Holy Trinity. Celebrating this liturgical feast began in the early 1300s.

In the Collect (Opening Prayer) of this Mass, the Church prays: “God our Father, who by sending into the world the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification made known to the human race your wondrous mystery, grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith, we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty.”

As we recall from catechism class, our God is Triune, that is, three (*tri-*) Divine Persons in a unity (*-une*) of one Godhead. Our God was revealed to us by Jesus Christ as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Christian God is not static but rather a community of those Three Blessed Persons. It’s no wonder that the communal life of the Church became such an important part of Christian life, as Christ’s followers attempt to mirror the very nature of their God.

So central is this belief for the Christian that everything (including our prayers) begins: “In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” Trinity Sunday is an important annual reminder.

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