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Sunday, July 19, 2026

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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 - 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.

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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

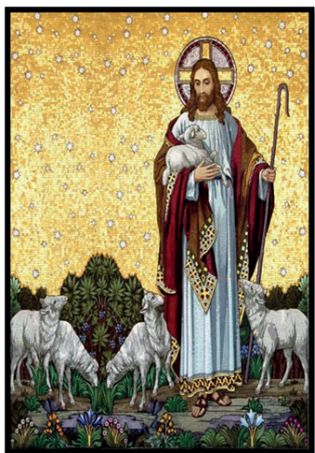
If you know of any Catholic, who is not attending Church or receiving the Sacraments and desires help in returning, please call or refer them to one of the priests at 718-886-0201. All information is confidential.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Weekends by Appointment Only

Emergencies any time.



As I write these few lines for the bulletin, the excitement over who will face Spain in the FIFA World Cup Final is palpable. Even if soccer is not your sport, living this close to MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey, it is impossible to escape the enthusiasm. It's on every news channel, in every conversation, and all-over social media. By the time you read this, either England or Argentina will have earned the opportunity to compete for soccer's greatest prize. **The World Cup Final will be played today, Sunday, July 19, at 3:00 p.m.**

Whichever team advances deserves our respect and admiration. Reaching the World Cup Final requires extraordinary talent, discipline, perseverance, and teamwork.

Once considered a sport with only limited appeal in the United States, soccer has become one of the most popular games among young people. Its growing popularity is due in part to expanded television coverage over the years, but also to its fast pace and continuous action. We live in a culture where patience is often in short supply. Baseball, for all its beauty and tradition, asks fans to savor the strategy of each pitch, every swing of the bat, and the slow, deliberate movement of runners around the bases. There are, of course, many devoted baseball fans who cherish the game, but it rewards those willing to appreciate its measured rhythm.

Perhaps there is a lesson in that. Whether on the soccer pitch or the baseball diamond, success is rarely achieved in a single spectacular moment. It is built through countless hours of practice, discipline, teamwork, and perseverance. The same is true of the Christian life. Holiness is not won overnight. It is cultivated one prayer, one act of kindness, one sacrifice, and one faithful decision at a time.

Life will bring us victory goals and heartbreaking misses, home runs and strikeouts, triumphs and disappointments. Yet for those who persevere, who "run so as to win" (1 Corinthians 9:24), an imperishable crown awaits them. In the end, it is not simply the speed at which we live that matters, but the faithfulness with which we run the course that God has set before us.

Father Fonti



Mass Intentions - July 19, 2026

Saturday, July 18

5:00 Margaret, Jacquin, Tony, & Jack Cruz

Sunday, July 19

8:00 Maria Mattrella

Giovanni Cangialosi

Angela Avenia

Vincenza Bentimiglia

Thomas Wise

Elisa G. Barone

Jack Brucculeri

10:00 Ronald J. Siracusa

12:00 Bridie Sullivan

Monday, July 20

8:00 The Intentions of Simon & Sophia An & Children

Tuesday, July 21

8:00 Patricia Dillon

Wednesday, July 22

8:00 Angelo Curto

Thursday, July 23

8:00 Thomas Wise

Friday, July 24

8:00 Stosia Lucic

Saturday, July 25

9:00 Guido Pariselli

Giuseppe Furani

Peter J. Lupoli

Joseph Philip Joyce

5:00 Mom Cioffi (In Heaven)

Sunday, July 26

8:00 Philip Fortino

Cristina Abruzzese

Vincenza Ventimiglia

Ann O'Gorman

Charles Joshua Epstein & Family

10:00 Maria Palma, Giuseppe Bonforte, Maria & Stefano

Smolizza, Livio Smolizza, Mafalda Vucina, & Peter

Bonforte

12:00 Peter Adamo

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June, 2026

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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:

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| • Roseann Orlando | • Rosa Annibale | • Giovanna Mazzoni | • Amber |
| • Tom Sammel | • Mia Elizabeth Skaats | • James Burns | • Joanne Fennell |
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| • Assunta Goldone | • Jimmy Caraher | • Kaylie Santana | • Anna Somers |
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| • RoseAnn Dell Apenna | • Lynn Gallagher | • Denise Breidenbach | • Marie Caraher |
| • Alida Addeo | • Niki Angelopoulous | • Kathleen O'Connell | • Nina Pellegrino |
| • Yolanda Gatti | • Bryan Day | • Luisa Frustaci | • Anna Giovaniello |

We pray for those recently deceased from our parish:

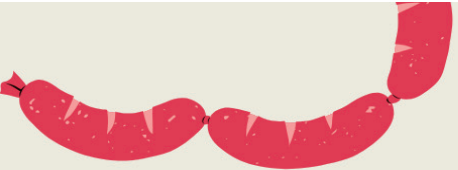
Ruben La Torre

The generous giving of so many parishioners and friends has sustained our pastoral ministry and outreach. If you would like to make a donation simply scan the QR code.

Your gift will help us to continue celebrating the Sacraments, servicing those in need, deepening the faith, hope, and love of our parish community. Thank you for your support and prayers.

-Father Fonti





SAVE THE DATE

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**FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 18TH
RAIN DATE:
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SEPTEMBER 25TH**

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Stay Connected to St. Mel's Church

Go to: <http://stmelsrccchurch.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.

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.

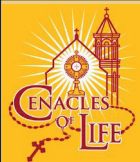
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St. Mel's hosts 3 Weekly Meetings:

Mondays – 6:00 PM (Big Book)

Mondays – 7:30 PM (Beginners)

Thursdays – 8:00 PM (Open Meeting)



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Tutti sono benvenuti!

Parable of the Wheat and Tares

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World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

In 2021, Pope Francis established the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly to be celebrated annually on the fourth Sunday of July. He chose the date because of its proximity to July 26, which is the memorial of Sts. Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. Meanwhile, here in the US, since Grandparents Day has been celebrated as a secular holiday since 1978, the US bishops chose to transfer the Church's celebration here to the Sunday after Labor Day, in early September.

The timing of the feast of Ss. Joachim and Anne and Grandparents Day may allow for more than a month of opportunities that might begin with prayer together or going to Mass on July 26 and culminating with the national observance in September. This period need not be restricted to living grandparents but also those who have entered eternal life (with a possible cemetery visit). Parents can share stories about their own grandparents, emphasizing the intergenerational continuity not only of a family but also of the Church community. Such bonds can be enhanced with pictures, photographs, videos, or other keepsakes.

You can find some suggestions for celebrating at <https://www.usccb.org/topics/marriage-and-family-life-ministries/grandparents-elderly>.

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