

SAINT MEL

Catholic Church

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SAINT MEL

Mel is said to have been the son of Conis and his wife, Darerca, the sister of Saint Patrick. Mel accompanied his uncle to Ireland and helped to evangelize in that country. Mel is said to have had no fixed diocese, which might be explained by his being a missionary. Saint Patrick himself built the church at Ardagh and to this he appointed his nephew, Mel. The cathedral at Ardagh is dedicated to Saint Mel. Acting upon the counsel of Saint Paul, Mel supported himself by working with his hands, and what he gained beyond bare necessities, he gave to the poor. The Feast of Saint Mel is on February 6th.

PARISH INFORMATION

PHONES

Rectory Office: 216-941-4313
Fax: 216-941-1093
Email: church@stmel.net
Website <http://www.stmelparish.net>

Weddings: Couples need to make arrangements at least six months prior to the wedding date. No date may be reserved until after a discussion with the priest of the parish.

Funerals: Arrangements must be confirmed with the rectory office by the funeral director before any publication in the newspaper.

Baptisms: On the first and third Sundays of the month, following the 11:30 AM Mass. Arrangements should begin to be made about three months before the birth of the child.

Rite of Christian Initiation: Persons interested becoming members of the Catholic Church are asked to call the rectory office for information.

Anointing of the Sick: In the case of an emergency, please call the rectory office immediately. Please notify the rectory office for communion calls to the homebound, or visits to parishioners in the hospital.

Registration: New parishioners are asked to call the rectory office to register. Please call if there is a change in address or when moving out of the parish.

Rectory Office Hours: Monday through Friday: 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon; 1:00 to 4:00 PM

Hall available for catered events. Call Catered Affairs of Cleveland at 216-671-9833.

Share-a-Meal Program: Sponsored by St. Ignatius Church and supported by St. Mel Parish. Meal is held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at St. Ignatius Church, 10205 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland. Doors open at 5:00 PM. Dinner is served at 5:30 PM.

MASSES

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 7:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM

Weekday Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 6:45 AM
Thursday 5:45 PM

Holy Day Masses other than Christmas & New Years

Weekday evening before the Holy Day: 5:45 PM
Holy Day: 6:45, 10:00 AM

Confessions: Thursdays 5:00 - 5:30 PM
Saturdays 3:00 - 4:00 PM

MASS INTENTIONS**MONDAY DECEMBER 31 - Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I**

6:45 AM Patricia Kettel - Tom & Barb Maloney

- Vigil of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

4:30 PM Jim Gallagher - Family

TUESDAY JANUARY 1**- The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God; The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

8:30 AM Marie Misconish - Nancy & Sue

11:00 AM Scot Fisher - Paul & Jeanie Roth

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 2**- Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen**

6:45 AM Ronald G. Johnson - Wife, Joyce

THURSDAY JANUARY 3**- The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

5:45 PM Robert Monroe - Susan Mitchell

FRIDAY JANUARY 4**- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; First Friday**

6:45 AM Longina Morgan - Susan Mitchell

SATURDAY JANUARY 5**- Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord**

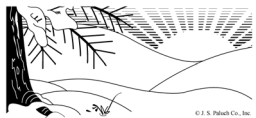
4:30 PM Gerry Rini - Petti Family

SUNDAY JANUARY 6 - The Epiphany of the Lord

7:00 AM St. Mel Parishioners

9:30 AM Dorothy Veverka - Doris Colombo

11:30 AM Fernando Paez - Family



Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. 1 John 3:2a

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Tuesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

HYMNS AT ST. MEL**Opening Hymns for Masses**

12/30 #216 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

**Memorial Acclamation**

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.

Communion Refrain (Christmas Season)

Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

<u>12/16/18:</u> Offertory \$5246	<u>2017:</u> Offertory \$4410
Monthly \$309	Monthly \$517
Repairs/Maintenance \$612	Capital Improve \$335
(Extra Ordinary)	

In December 572 packets of envelopes were mailed out. On the weekend of December 15/16, 129 parish families/households contributed to Saint Mel Church. Thank you.

*On Behalf of the Staff at St. Mel,
We Wish You a Wonderful New Year!*

ST. MEL NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE**Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

December 31: 4:30 PM

January 1: 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

LECTORS - NEW YEAR'S

4:30 PM Mary Elizabeth Tinnirello 8:30 AM Rich Beil

11:00 AM Eileen Mangan Stull

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - NEW YEAR'S

4:30 PM Paul Filippi, Kathleen Hough, Pauline Joseph

8:30 AM John & Doris Colombo, Michael George

11:00 AM Judith Gedeon, Brenda Gilbride, Lori Hardony

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - JANUARY

4:30 Sally Armstrong, Pauline Joseph, Sharon Szoradi

7:00 Karen Crandall, Carol Kerrigan, Marilyn Varouh

9:30 John & Doris Colombo

11:30 Judith Gedeon, Eileen Mangan Stull, Eva Stanton

LECTORS - JANUARY

4:30 Tim Armstrong

9:30 Rich Beil

7:00 Tom Pasko

11:30 Eileen Mangan Stull

SERVERS4:30 PM Monday December 31 *New Year's Eve*

Susan Mitchell

8:30 AM Tuesday January 1 *New Year's Day*

Michael Prcela

11:00 AM Tuesday January 1 *New Year's Day*

Chiemela & Daberechi Onunkwo

4:30 PM Sunday January 5 Timothy Tinnirello

7:00 AM Sunday January 6 Mary Adkins

9:30 AM Sunday January 6 Jacob Novak

11:30 AM Sunday January 6

Christian Braquet, Collin McCray, Audrey Harrington



PARISH CALENDAR

- MON. 31 New Year's Eve Mass: 4:30 PM.
- TUES. 1 New Year's Day Masses: 8:30 & 11:00 AM.
Parish Office Closed
- THUR. 3 Confessions: 5:00-5:30 PM.
- FRI. 4 First Friday Communion Calls
- SAT. 5 Confessions: 3:00-4:00 PM.

NEW PARISHIONERS AT ST. MEL St. Mel Parish extends a warm welcome to Dennis Weber.

LOOKING FOR NEW LECTORS FOR 2019

You might wonder how lectors stand before you during Mass and proclaim the word of God, even those who are terrified of public speaking. This is the Holy Spirit at work, guiding us and providing a calming sense as we read God's message. Don't think of it as public speaking, because the words are right there in front of us, and we have heard them repeatedly through the years, so we are already familiar with them. Could the Holy Spirit be calling you be a lector in 2019? If so, please call Ann at 440-334-4361 for more information.

BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, December 31 8:00 AM-2:00 PM

St. Patrick Church, 4427 Rocky River Drive, Cleveland

Due to the many natural disasters the Red Cross Blood Bank is in dire need of blood. Free long-sleeved Red Cross T-shirts when you come to donate while supply lasts. To schedule an appointment: RedCrossBlood.org.

GENTLEWOMAN FELLOWSHIP

First Friday, January 5

St. Clarence Parish, 30106 Lorain Rd, North Olmsted

Schedule

9:30 AM: Rosary; 10:00 AM: Mass;

11:00 AM: Potluck Luncheon Followed by Speaker

Speaker and Celebrant is Father Robert Gonser who has written three books, including *Nobody Calls Me Father Anymore* and *Are There Golf Courses in Heaven?* His topic: "The Reflections of a Retired Priest."

Please bring a cold salad, cheese sandwiches, veggies with a dip, fresh fruit or something similar to share. Dessert will be provided! No reservations needed. For more information call Mary at 440-235-6258.

THIS WEEK'S ADVERTISER

SLONE & CO. FUNERAL DIRECTORS

The parish staff extends a special "Thank You" to all the merchants who use our bulletin to advertise.



Growing in FAITH

Discovering **hope** and **joy** in the Catholic faith

from Scripture

Luke 2:41-52 Living in the World

In this reading, the Holy Family went to Jerusalem when Jesus was twelve years old. This was an important time in Jesus' life. Back then, a Hebrew boy became a man around that age, and was recognized in a ceremony called a Bar Mitzvah. On this occasion, Jesus decided to stay behind, causing anxiety to his parents.

This was the first time Jesus spoke in the Gospels and the first time he referred to his identity as God's Son. He spoke of his unique mission of saving the world. He knew his duties to his heavenly Father but he understood the time to fulfill them would come later. Meanwhile, he returned obediently with his earthly parents to Nazareth and fulfilled his duties to them.

Jesus respected his family, yet he continued to pursue his place in God's plan. The lesson is that we can grow in holiness in wherever God has placed us. Christians can be found in neighborhoods, schools, and workplaces. In all these places, we have to find ways to live a holy life in the world.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's feast is new as feasts go, and it sets us this year in a very modern crisis. Amid conflicting schedules and commitments, a young man, testing the limits, has strayed from his parents and gone off to the big city. Mary and Joseph search frantically, only to find the child Jesus in the temple, conversing with the elders and scholars of the law, who are amazed at his wisdom.

In the time of Jesus, the temple was the religious center of Jewish ritual. Outside of Jerusalem, people gathered in the synagogues, centers of learning, for daily prayer and study. Still, everyone longed to journey to the temple to participate in the offerings, and to fulfill certain obligations of the law that could only be done there. On this feast, we catch a glimpse of the family of Jesus: parents dealing with the normal stresses of raising a child, and yet completely grounded in the ways of faith and tradition.

There has always been an appreciation in Christianity for the value of pilgrimage—the journey to holy places that is a symbol of our life's journey to God, and a sense of connection to important events in our family history. During the Christmas season, many of us undertake pilgrimages to the family homestead for festival meals, to the parishes where we were formed in the faith, or perhaps even to a beautiful manger scene or festival of lights. There are few better days than this in our calendar for spending time with the family, especially on a short pilgrimage to a favorite place. Just make sure that no one gets left behind!

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