

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 JANUARY 21 - St. Agnes**

6:45 AM William Cook - Judy & Diana

TUESDAY JANUARY 22 - Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

6:45 AM Veronica T. Eyerman - Mary Chura

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 23**- St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope**

6:45 AM Mother's Day Intentions

THURSDAY JANUARY 24 - St. Francis de Sales

5:45 PM Father's Day Intentions

FRIDAY JANUARY 25**- The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle**

6:45 AM All Souls' Day Intentions

SATURDAY JANUARY 26**- Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 PM Henry Hout, Sr. - Family

SUNDAY JANUARY 27**- Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00 AM St. Mel Parishioners

9:30 AM Kathleen Laurent - Don Bothwell

11:30 AM Rudolph Weber - Family



Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory. Isaiah 62:2

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c;
Mk 2:23-28, *or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer*

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2;
Mk 16:15-18Saturday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 or
Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:20-21Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21**HYMNS AT ST. MEL****Opening Hymns for Masses**

1/20 #374 Gather Us In

1/27 #496 Glory and Praise to Our God



Memorial Acclamation When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Communion Refrain Christ be our light, shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness. Christ be our light, shine in your Church, gathered today.

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

<u>2019:</u>	Offertory	\$4515	<u>2018:</u>	Offertory	\$3586
	Monthly	\$185		Monthly	\$185
	Repairs/Maintenance	\$732		Repairs/Maintenance	\$190
	(Extra Ordinary)			(Extra Ordinary)	

In January 571 packets of envelopes were mailed out. Last week, 124 parish families/households contributed to Saint Mel Church. Thank you.

YEAR END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like a copy of your 2018 contributions email your request to church@stmel.net and it will be emailed to you or drop a self-addressed stamped #10 envelope (long envelope) into the collection basket and it will be mailed to you.

**LATIN AMERICAN-EL SALVADOR COLLECTION
January 26-27**

The Latin American Collection is next weekend. This is the only appeal made by the Diocesan Mission Office for the Cleveland Latin American Mission in El Salvador. It is the main support for two diocesan priests who work in the two parishes served by our Mission Office. This appeal also makes a contribution to the Collection for the Church in Latin America that is managed by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops and benefits projects and the formation of seminarians, religious and lay leaders in 23 countries across Latin America. Please be generous. An envelope for this collection was provided in your bi-monthly packet of envelopes. Drop it in with the regular collection next week.

SERVERS

4:30 PM Sunday January 26 Timothy Tinnirello

7:00 AM Sunday January 27 Mary Adkins

9:30 AM Sunday January 27

Mark, Erin, & Julia Houghtling



11:30 AM Sunday January 207 Zoltan & Emma Nagy

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at 216-334-2999 or via email at response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org. You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior

**THIS WEEK'S ADVERTISER
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PARISH CALENDAR

- TUES. 22 PSR: 6:30-7:30 PM in the church hall.
- THUR. 24 Confessions: 5:00-5:30 PM.
- SAT. 26 Confessions: 3:00-4:00 PM.
- SUN. 27 Violinist, Mary Beth Ions: 11:30 AM Mass.

GETTING MARRIED? PRE-CANA DAY

Put aside your wedding plans for the day and focus on your marriage instead! Attend our Pre-Cana Day—which satisfies Diocesan requirements—on Saturday, March 2 from 9:30 AM to 7:00 PM at St. Rita’s in Solon. The fee is \$70.00 per couple; pre-registration is required at www.StRitaParish.com/Sacraments/Marriage. For more information, call Greg or Cheryl at 440-836-3401 or e-mail us at StRitaPreCana@gmail.com. Register early.

ANNUAL WEST PARK PIZZA BAKE-OFF

Monday, January 21 from 5-8 PM

St. Pat's Gym, 4427 Rocky River Drive, Cleveland

Tickets at the door are \$12 adult (13 and up), \$6 children (5-12) and children under 5 are free. Discount pre-sale tickets are available at St. Pat's rectory during business hours, after the weekend Masses or at participating pizza shops. Raffle tickets for a 50" HD TV are available at \$5 each or five for \$20. Only 500 raffle tickets will be sold. Raffle tickets for an autographed Bernie Kosar football are \$1 each or six for \$5. More information: 216-402-7621.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SUPERBOWL PARTY

February 3 Doors Open at 4:00 PM

West Park Council, 3556 W. 130, Cleveland, OH

Main Board Ticket \$65 Walk-in Cost \$25

Includes Food, Beer, and Set Ups

Main Board Pay Out

1st, 2nd, & 3rd Quarters \$500 Final Score \$,1500

Twelve \$50 Door Prizes for Main Board Players

Plenty of Side Boards Available

Contact Mike (216-310-8065 or Tom (216-889-9715

ST. MARY SEMINARY WINTER FESTIVAL

Friday, February 22 from 5:00-8:00 PM

Center for Pastoral Leadership, 28700 Euclid Ave.

In order to support the human formation of the seminarians at St. Mary Seminary, the Student Activities Staff and seminarians are putting on a Winter Festival fundraiser in order to have monetary resources to use for various activities throughout the year. These formational community activities include events like attending the Cleveland Orchestra, going to a Cleveland Indians game, or visiting other cultural venues in the Cleveland area. This Festival features Eastern European style food and raffles. Call 440-943-7600 for more information.



Growing in FAITH

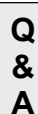
Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The cause of church unity is commended to Christians for prayer and action every year around this time. This week is not so much to focus on the many divisions within the Christian family, but on bonds of faith and mission. Even though Christians have always shown an inclination to fracture, spin off, and mutate into new expressions, recent history shows some new points of convergence and agreement. Catholics are more firmly rooted in the word of God, for example, and many Protestants are more likely to celebrate Communion than in years past. Some denominations are merging and pooling resources, and people from various traditions are collaborating on projects.

The call of this week is to be mindful of the diversity of our traditions and customs while treasuring what we hold in common. The old advice to “lighten up” is good medicine, because sometimes our differences are delightful and amusing. If someone says, “Let us pray,” a Catholic might close the eyes, bow the head and fold hands; a Protestant reach out and clasp hands with the person in the next chair; and someone belonging to an Orthodox tradition might stand up with eyes wide open. Each has taken a different path, but the goal is always the same. This is a week not for focusing on the well-worn paths of divergence, but for mutual delight in a common goal.

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What is a “holy hour?” A “holy hour” is a devotion during which one sets aside an hour for prayer and meditation before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Try these ideas to make a holy hour:

Find a tabernacle with a lit sanctuary lamp. The lamp signifies the presence of Christ. Silence yourself both interiorly and exteriorly. Clear your mind of daily stresses or outside distractions.

Start the conversation. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you, then make acts of faith, hope and charity. Tell God how you believe, trust and love him. Ask for more faith, hope and love.

Adore God. Rather than recite prayers, focus on adoration. God is all powerful, all good, more beautiful than we can imagine, and more real than the distractions on which we focus.

Imagine Christ sitting with you. It’s not your love for God, but his for you that saves. God delights in the company of his children (Proverbs 8:31). If you can’t pray, then just be with him. That itself is a prayer pleasing to God.