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# 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

<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>
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**MONDAY JANUARY 7 - St. Raymond of Penyafort**

6:45 AM Tish Kettel  
- Maura Mangan-Wyroch & Family

**TUESDAY JANUARY 8**

6:45 AM Father's Day Intentions

**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 9**

6:45 AM Mother's Day Intentions

**THURSDAY JANUARY 10**

5:45 PM William Scanlon - Tom & Karen Jubeck

**FRIDAY JANUARY 11**

6:45 AM James Rovito - Tom & Barb Maloney

**SATURDAY JANUARY 12****- Vigil: The Baptism of the Lord**

4:30 PM Margaret Mary Smith & James Frank  
- Family

**SUNDAY JANUARY 13 - The Baptism of the Lord**

7:00 AM St. Mel Parishioners  
9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Colombo Family  
- John Colombo  
11:30 AM Amelio, Maria, & Salvatore Leanza - Family



*Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!  
Your light has come, the glory of  
the Lord shines upon you.  
Isaiah 60:1*

**WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER** Veronica Eyerma who died on December 23, 2018. *May God grant peace and comfort to her family and friends.*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;  
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13;  
Mk 6:45-52  
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;  
Lk 4:14-22a  
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16  
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30  
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30;  
Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7;  
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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

1/6 #235 We Three Kings



**Memorial Acclamation** Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free.

**Communion Refrain** Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

**SUNDAY'S COLLECTION**

<u>12/23/18:</u> Offertory \$3723	<u>2017:</u> Offertory \$4450
Monthly \$75	Monthly \$80
Repairs/Maintenance \$45	Capital Improve \$105
(Extra Ordinary)	

In December 572 packets of envelopes were mailed out. On the weekend of December 22/23, 125 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.

**CHRISTMAS THANK YOU**

On behalf of all the members of St. Mel parish, I wish to express my gratitude to the many individuals whose efforts contributed to the beauty of our celebration of the Christmas season. These include: the lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, Mass servers, and ushers who faithfully fulfilled their duties within a varied schedule; Bobby Bolin, the cantors and the members of the choir who sang at the liturgies; Carol and Pat Kerrigan who assisted in the sacristy; and Keith Beringo, Eugene Nuckels, John Houghtling, and Spencer Harrington, who did outstanding work in setting up the decorations both outdoors and in the church; and Candice and Sharon Link, Stephen Cingle, and Christian Stefanowicz, who helped in some final decorating in the church. These efforts provide a warm and prayerful environment to our celebration. More especially, they are a genuine expression of praise and thanksgiving to God whose presence with us is the true meaning of the celebration of the Christmas season. *Father Fedor*

**BAPTISM CLASS AT ST. MARK CHURCH**

**15800 Montrose Avenue, Cleveland 216-226-7577**

**Thursday, January 17 at 7:00 PM**

All parents expecting their first child must attend a Baptism Class prior to having their child baptized. It is suggested that you attend this class during the second trimester of pregnancy. Call to register.

**SERVERS**

4:30 PM Sunday January 12 *Server is Needed*

7:00 AM Sunday January 13 Susan Mitchell

9:30 AM Sunday January 13  
Mark, Erin, and Julia Houghtling



11:30 AM Sunday January 13 Zoltan and Emma Nagy

**THIS WEEK'S ADVERTISER**  
**P.C.S. AUTO REPAIR & BODY SHOP I & II**

**PARISH CALENDAR**

TUES. 8 PSR: 6:30-7:30 PM in the church hall.

THUR. 10 Confessions: 5:00-5:30 PM.

SAT. 12 Confessions: 3:00-4:00 PM.

**ANNUAL VISITATION HOME REUNION DANCE**

*Friday, January 18 from 8:00 PM to Midnight*

*St. Clarence Hall, 30106 Lorain Road, North Olmsted*

This event benefits the Community of Little Brothers and Sisters of the Eucharist and supports the vital work and ministry of Fr. Jim O'Donnell and Sr. Maggie Walsh-Conrad, as they minister to the poor in Cleveland. Come dance to the music of the Portersharks. Tickets are \$25 each and include light refreshments and FREE valet parking. For more information and tickets call 216-251-4075.

**CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION  
MONTHLY GRIEF SUPPORT**

**3rd SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH**

Please join us for an hour of learning and healing along your grief journey. Our Grief Support leaders are certified as Ministers of Consolation by the National Catholic Ministry to the Bereaved, Inc. Our Catholic-based support can be supplemental to your existing support groups. We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month at 3:00 PM, except on holidays, then we meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. **The next Support Group is Sunday, January 20th** at St. Joseph Cemetery, Avon (temporary trailer office); Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron (office); and Holy Cross Cemetery, Brook Park (office).

The topic for January will be:

*"Grief's Gentle Journey: One Foot in Front of the Other"*

No registration is required; Just come and join us.

For more information, visit our website

<https://www.clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx> or contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866 [rabrams@clecem.org](mailto:rabrams@clecem.org).

**GANDALF'S PUB & RESTAURANT AND THE  
FRANKIE KONG PLAYERS PRESENT:**

***Flanagan's Wake: The Hilarious Interactive Irish Wake***

For two special benefit performances in celebration of St. Augustine Health Ministries' 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Sunday, January 27**

**2 Shows! 1:30 PM & 5:30 PM**

Kennedy's Theater at Playhouse Square  
1505 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH, 44115  
\$50 Per Person ~ Seats are Limited

Tickets available online at [www.staugministries.org/flanaganswake](http://www.staugministries.org/flanaganswake) or by calling 216-939-7711

All proceeds benefit St. Augustine Health Ministries' sensory stimulation program.



**Growing in FAITH**

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

**GOD WATCHES GOOD EFFORTS  
WITH LOVING EYES**

We start the New Year with the best of intentions, but life can get in the way of success. Household expenses leave little for charity, work encroaches on family time, daily tasks distract from prayer time, and healthy habits fall away. It can be discouraging when we stumble, but it's important to keep trying. God watches our efforts with loving eyes.

**God knows our limits.** Our Father understands that we are weak and that we struggle. Even Peter, Jesus' close friend, promised devotion but later denied knowing him (John 13: 37-38). Not only did Jesus forgive him, he made Peter the first head of his beloved Church.

**Don't let fear of failure keep you from trying again.** *"Fear not, I am with you; be not dismayed; I am your God. I will strengthen you, and help you"* (Isaiah 41:10). The key is to get back to the plan.

**We aren't meant to do it alone.** Jesus is the source of our true strength and wants to help us get it right. *"Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me"* (John 15:4). *"Finally, draw your strength from the Lord and from his mighty power"* (Ephesians 6:10).



**Why do Catholics call  
Mary the Mother of God?**

When we refer to Mary as "Mother of God," we are saying that Jesus is God. The Church has always taught that Jesus is both God and sinless man. As the Word of God, he always existed. He took on flesh and "became man" in history through Mary (John 1:14). Mary is truly his mother: she gave birth to him and raised him. Since Jesus is God, Mary, his mother, is the "Mother of God" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #495).

**FEASTS AND CELEBRATIONS**

**Jan. 2 – St. Gregory Nazianzen (389).** Born in Cappadocia, Turkey, St. Gregory was awarded the title of "The Theologian" for his faithfulness and eloquence. Preferring the quiet life of a monk, he was unwillingly made a bishop of Sasima by his friend, St. Basil the Great. With St. Basil and St. Gregory of Nyssa, St. Gregory helped clarify the Church's teachings about the Holy Trinity.

**Jan. 3 – Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus.** We honor Jesus' name, which means, "God saves," and refers to his mission as Savior (Matthew 1:21). Jesus is *"the name above all names,"* at which *"every knee should bend ..."* (Philippians 2:10).