

SAINT MEL

Catholic Church

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PARISH INFORMATION

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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 second Sundays of the month, following the 10:00 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; 12:30 to 4:30 PM

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.



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.

MASSES

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 7:00, 10:00 AM

Weekday Masses

Tuesday & Friday..... 6:45 AM

Confessions: Saturdays 3:00 - 4:00 PM

PAPAL INTENTION

Pope's Intention for September: Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Scripture readings can be found online at:
bible.usccb.org

Monday, September 22 -

8:30 AM Mass @ St. Mark

Tuesday, September 23 - St. Pius of Pietrelcina

6:45 AM Mass.....John & Angelina Petti

Wednesday, September 24 -

No Mass

Thursday, September 25 -

8:30 AM Mass @ St. Mark

Friday, September 26 - Ss. Cosmas & Damian

6:45 AM Mass.....David Tidyman

Saturday, September 27 - St. Vincent de Paul

3:00 PM Confessions @ St. Mark

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4:00 PM Mass @ St. Mark

4:30 PM Mass.....Margaret Burke

Sunday, September 21 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM Mass.....St. Mel Parishioners &
St. Mark Parishioners

8:30 AM Mass @ St. Mark

10:00 AM Mass.....John & Teresa Forrestal

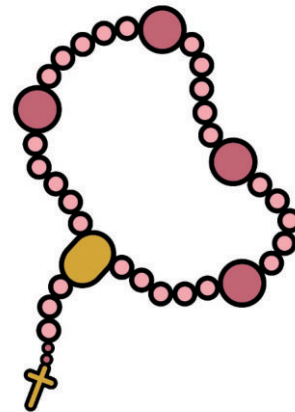
11:30 AM Mass @ St. Mark

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Offertory	\$2876
Monthly	\$25
Food Collection	\$150
Repairs/Maintenance	\$75
(Extra Ordinary)	

ST. MEL ROSARY RALLY

We are inviting all to join with fellow friends and parishioners in prayer for a Rosary Rally Saturday October 11 at 12 PM at the shrine of Our Lady between the church building and the school. The Blessed Mother is a great intercessor and the Rosary is one of our most powerful and meaningful ways to pray and ask for God's help in our world. Please feel free to bring a lawn chair if you need one and for any questions please contact Pat Kerrigan at 440-223-2995.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Laura Burgess	Roger Burgess
Judy Collins	Dave Corrigan
Olga Corrigan	Noreen Dlouhy
Emily Finazzo	Suzanne Gambol
Shiela Henson	Ann Jones
Ken K.	Colleen Moore
Eileen Mangan-Stull	John O'Brien Jr.
Shirley O'Donohoe	Madison Ramser
Jan Retzer	Rosemary Ristagno
Aimee Roscoe	Anthony Prosowski
Sue Solenne	Mark Struhar
Matthew Struhar	Andrew Valek

If you or someone you know needs prayer support, please call the Rectory office to have their name included in our bulletin. Please be respectful of other's wishes and only submit a name with full permission from the intended.

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PARISH CALENDAR

Wed. Sept. 24 Rosary 10:00 AM
Sat. Sept. 27 Confession 3:00-4:00 PM

FAITH SHARING GROUPS

Parishioners of St. Mel are invited to sign up for Faith Sharing Groups where they can reflect on the Gospels. Groups will meet for a six week session in the group leader's home. If you are interested in participating as a leader or joining a group, please sign up next weekend after all masses. For more information, please contact Renee Brickman at 440-725-7373 or renee4thpoor@gmail.com.

THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST

For Adults 40 & Over Join us on Monday, Oct. 13 7 – 8:30pm Westside Irish American Club 8559 Jennings Rd. Olmsted Twp. How can we agree to disagree in a world that seems to be centered around oneself? Join us for a transformative evening where we will explore practical strategies to withstand the challenges of today. Our guests: Fr. Jim Winings, Deacon Ken DeLuca, PhD, Judith Marinich, M.ED, LPCC-S, LICDC-CS, LSW and Dr. Ted Raddell, PhD will take us on a journey to finding Peace & Joy in our Lives! The cost is \$15.00 per person. Light appetizers included. Cash Bar is available. Advance tickets recommended. Register in advance: www.theologyontherockswest.com. Doors open at 6:30pm.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEN'S SOCK AND UNDERWEAR DRIVE

New men's sock and underwear in any size for the homeless and needy. Cash donations will be used to purchase socks and underwear. Collection box's will be located in all Church Vestibules. This year recipients will be Holy Name Parish on Broadway and La Sagrada Familia on Detroit Ave. Please be generous to this very needed drive. Call or email Jim Cocita at 216-470-3643 or jimcocita@gmail.com

FOOTBALL FUN'D CRAZR

It's that time of year again! Football Craz'r is a ticket with ten chances to win over ten weeks. Cost is \$10. Winners: "Highest" and "Lowest" points across all sweepstakes entries win a prize each week for that 10-week professional football season. \$1,000 in prizes will be awarded weekly for 10 weeks, for a total of \$10,000. For more information and tickets, email Jim Cocita at jimcocita@gmail.com



Growing in FAITH

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith

WHY DO CATHOLICS DISPLAY CRUCIFIXES INSTEAD OF CROSSES

Jesus is risen in glory, having conquered sin and death. Yet we, though united to Him in Baptism, remain on our earthly journey, still vulnerable to temptation and suffering. The Crucifix stands as a powerful reminder of the cost of sin and the price of our redemption.

More than a symbol of pain, the Crucifix reveals the depth of God's mercy and love: "*God so loved the world that He gave His only Son*" (John 3:16). It reminds us that Jesus is "*a compassionate high priest*" (Hebrews 4:15) who knows human suffering firsthand—rejection, sorrow, and even death (cf. Psalm 22:14; 69:20).

In every Catholic church, the Crucifix also points to the reality of the Eucharist. The sacrifice of the Mass is not separate from Calvary—it is the same sacrifice, made present to us (*Catechism*, 1545). Christ offers Himself to the Father, and we receive the fruits of that offering: grace, healing, and strength.

The Crucifix is not just a symbol—it is the visual proclamation of love that saves, heals, and invites us into deeper communion with Christ.

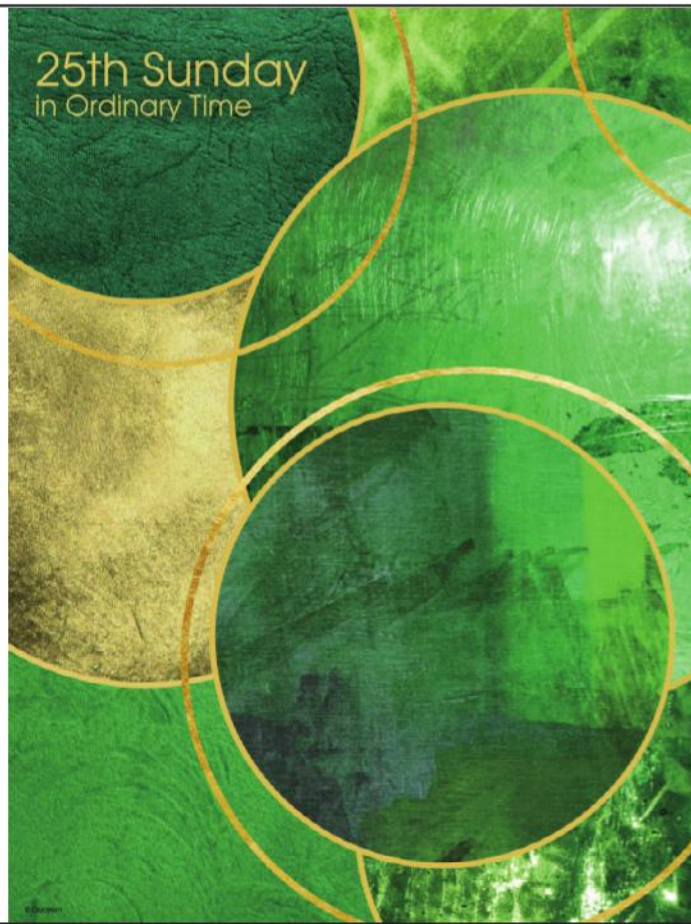
JESUS TURNS SORROW INTO JOY

Each September, the Church celebrates the Exaltation of the Holy Cross—not because we glorify suffering, but because the Cross reveals a Love that is total, faithful, and fearless. Christ embraced suffering, rejection, and death—and triumphed over them. His Cross is the ultimate sign that love is stronger than pain. When we bring our trials and sorrows to Jesus, He transforms them—through a kind of divine alchemy—into strength, healing, joy, and even glory. In Him, suffering is never the end of the story.

ST. LAWRENCE JUSTINIAN

Born into a noble Venetian family, St. Lawrence Justinian desired sanctity from an early age. He entered the Order of the Augustinian Canons Regular of St. George, where he became known for his zeal, penitential lifestyle, and deep charity—especially toward the poor. He eventually became the general of the order. Recognized for his holiness, he was appointed Bishop, and later Patriarch, of Venice by the pope. He served faithfully until his death at the age of seventy-five.

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