

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
School: 216-941-6879
Fax: 216-941-1093
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 a 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 PM to 4:00 PM

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

MASSES

Sunday Masses:

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

Weekday Masses

Monday & Wednesday 6:45 AM
Tuesday & Friday 8:15 AM
Thursday 5:45 PM

Holy Day Masses other than Christmas & New Years

Weekday evening before the Holy Day: 5:45 PM
Holy Day: 7:00, 10:00 AM, 7:00 PM

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

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY JUNE 30**- The First Holy Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church;****Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

6:45 AM Robert Christner - Family

TUESDAY JULY 1 - Blessed Junípero Serra

8:15 AM Joseph Paul Blazek - Al Blazek

WEDNESDAY JULY 26:45 AM Living & Deceased Members of the
Josie & Mae Lynch Family**THURSDAY JULY 3 - St. Thomas**

5:45 PM Joseph Andrew Blazek - Al Blazek

FRIDAY JULY 4 - St. Elizabeth of Portugal;**Independence Day; First Friday***Note: Special Holiday Mass Time*

9:00 AM Patricia Ann Malloy - Friend

SATURDAY JULY 5**- Vigil: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

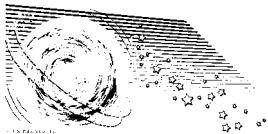
4:30 PM John Roth - Mancuso Family

SUNDAY JULY 6**- Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00 AM St. Mel Parishioners

9:30 AM Mary Helen Ostrowski - Family

11:30 AM Henry Cavanagh - Wife & Family



*Through all the earth their voice
resounds, and to the ends of the
world, their message. Psalm 19:5*

BAPTISMS We welcome into God's family, the following, who were baptized on June 22, 2008:

Addison Olivia Misconish and Mia Michelle Strauss

REMEMBER IN PRAYER Helen A. Kolesar who died on June 20, 2008. *May God grant peace and comfort to her family and friends.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Mt 8:2-27

Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29

Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Mt 9:9-13 or, for
Independence Day, any readings from the
Mass "For Public Needs," nos. 882-886, or
"For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891

Saturday: Am 9:11-15; Mt 9:14-17

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145; Rom 8:9, 11-13;
Mt 11:25-30

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

2008: Regular	\$3425
Monthly	\$65
Capital Improvement	\$230
2007: Regular	\$2874
Monthly	\$160
Capital Improvement	\$245

**TODAY IS SOMETHING OF A****RARITY:** the celebration of a saint's day

that replaces the Sunday liturgy. Only a handful of these days, given the official rank of "solemnity," are considered so foundational and primal to the mission of the Church that they can interrupt the Sunday sequence. And so it is with Peter and Paul today.

In a way, they each have personality traits with which we can identify. They are both impetuous, sometimes acting or speaking thoughtlessly, contradicting the spiritual gifts given to them by God. At such times, they might receive a nudge from God, much the same as many of us experience. On the positive side, these men were deeply rooted in their faith in Christ, tireless and fearless in living out their call to spread the Good News of his death and resurrection. Perhaps we might identify more with one or the other, but the essential truth we celebrate today is this: Through the Spirit, Christ built and continues to build the Church and make the kingdom known through fragile, remarkable human beings, each graced in a particular way for the work of the reign of God. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
OF HOLY COMMUNION - JULY**

- 4:30 Pat Hartwig, Kathleen Hough, Pauline Joseph
7:00 Stephanie Finlin, Rachel Gooding, Carol Kerrigan
9:30 Sandy Esber (6th & 20th), Tammie Newsom, Doris Colombo (13th & 27th), John Colombo, Colette Harris, Lois Wincek
11:30 Peter Roth, Eileen Mangan-Stull, Rosy Szucs

LECTORS - JULY

- 4:30 Peggy Maloney 9:30 Tom Keating
7:00 Tom Pasko 11:30 Rich Beil

SERVERS THIS WEEK

- 4:30 PM Saturday July 5
Valerie Brinkhoff, Lindsay Hartwig, Paul Kuzma
7:00 AM Sunday July 6
Jim Graham
9:30 AM Sunday July 6
Rachael & Jeffery Jenkins, Curtis Harrington
11:30 AM Sunday July 6
Bride & Samantha Sweeney, Lori Hardony

PARISH CALENDAR

- TUES. 1 ROSARY: 11:00 AM in the church.
- THURS. 3 COMMUNION CALLS
CONFESSIONS: 5:00-5:30 PM.
- FRI. 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY: We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. Parish offices closed.
INDEPENDENCE DAY MASS: 9:00 AM.
- SAT. 5 CONFESSIONS: 3:00-4:00 PM.
- SUN. 6 COFFEE & DONUTS: Open between the 9:30 and 11:30 AM Masses.

ST. MEL SCHOOL NEWSSummer Hours:

The school office will be closed the month of July and reopen August 4, 2008.

Recycle:

Please do not forget that the green and yellow recycling containers are available year round, so please drop-off your papers.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today is an exceptional event on our calendar: the Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time is eclipsed by a solemnity honoring two saints who didn't spend much time together in their earthly ministry, and who have distinct feasts so they probably don't mind sharing this one. Yet each suffered a similar fate in the same city, Rome, during the persecution of the Emperor Nero. Nero probably ordered the destruction of many of the residential neighborhoods in service to his building projects, and when the homeless began to look for someone to blame for the fires, Nero targeted the Christians. Soon, Peter was crucified, upside down, on the Vatican hill. Excavations (called *scavi*) under the Vatican basilica have proven the authenticity of his burial place near the place of his death. Paul, a Roman citizen, was later granted a swifter execution by sword, and is remembered at a vast basilica on the city's outskirts.

Peter and Paul were just about polar opposites. Peter rough and ready, Paul poetic and polished. Peter carried a burden of regret for his denials, Paul had his own issues with which he struggled. Peter leapt over barriers to go to the Gentiles, Paul strove with and surrendered to the same call. True, they spent very little time together in this life, but the same Spirit filled their hearts and by their witness changed the face of the earth.

—Rev. James Field, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

NEW PARISHIONERS Our parish community extends a warm welcome to Carl and Riley Ramser.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who have recently earned academic honors for the second semester or fourth quarter of the 2007-2008 school year:

Magnificat High School

1st Honors: Hali Simonelli

Holy Name High School

Honors: Lindsay Hartwig, Brian Sizemore, Aaron Sulzer

ST. MEL LOST AND FOUND is located in the St. Mel Holy Family Card Shop which is in the back corner of the church off the Gathering Area.

ON FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

In making these decisions, it is essential for Catholics to be guided by a well-formed conscience that recognizes that all issues do not carry the same moral weight and that the moral obligation to oppose intrinsically evil acts has a special claim on our consciences and our actions. These decisions should take into account a candidate's commitments, character, integrity, and ability to influence a given issue. In the end, this is a decision to be made by each Catholic guided by a conscience formed by Catholic moral teaching. (*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility*, #37) How are you evaluating candidates?

DINE & SUPPORT ST. AUGUSTINE

Eat at the *Westgate Applebee's* on *Wednesday, July 9th* from 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM and 15% of your bill will come back to St. Augustine Health Campus to support Resident needs. You must present a flier when ordering (available at the St. Mel rectory office during business hours or at www.staugustinemanor.org) or by calling 216-939-7711. Good for take-out orders also. Thank you!

DIVORCE MINISTRY

A new online newsletter, "Earthen Vessels," with articles and resources for the divorced is available at <http://www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/mfm/divorce.htm>

**ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK
TOP DOG HOT DOGS & MORE****SILLY SUNDAY**

While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand-printed sign . . . "Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust." *courtesy of Bruce Laurent*