

SAINT MEL

Catholic Church

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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 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 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 & 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 FEBRUARY 13

6:45AM James Roba - Family

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 14 - Ss. Cyril and Methodius

8:15 AM James Mitchell - Susan Mitchell

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 15

6:45 AM Deceased Members of the Farrell Family - Family

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 16

5:45 PM Helen Lecky - Family

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17**- The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order**

8:15 AM Special Intention of Ann & Matt Skvarek

SATURDAY FEB. 18 - Vigil: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM Vince & Mildred Czajkowski - Family

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19 - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM St. Mel Parishioners

9:30 AM Noreen Woloszyn - Kay Bitterman

11:30 AM Frank Cieslak - Family & Friends



Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. 1 Corinthians 10:31

BAPTISMS We welcome into God's family, Colin Jacoby Eubank, who was baptized on February 5, 2012.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS Walter A. Hastings, who died on February 5, 2012. *May God grant peace and comfort to his family and friends.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Jas 2:1-9; Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Mk 8:34 — 9:1

Saturday: Jas 3:1-10; Mk 9:2-13

Sunday: Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25; Ps 41;
2 Cor 1:18-22; Mk 2:1-12**SERVERS**

4:30 PM Saturday February 18

Valerie Brinkhoff, Paul Kuzma, Molly Mertus

7:00 AM Sunday February 19 Susan Mitchell

9:30 AM Sunday February 19

Jeffery Jenkins, Attila & Olivia Nagy

11:30 AM Sunday February 19

Larry Jones, Elise Hardony, Curtis Harrington

**YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

If you would like a copy of your 2011 contributions, please drop a self-addressed stamped #10 envelope (long envelope) into the collection basket and it will be mailed to you.

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

2012: Offertory \$5477	2011: Offertory \$4420
Monthly \$665	Monthly \$385
Capital Improve \$1276	Capital Improve \$1075

In February 708 packets of envelopes were mailed out. Last week, 200 parish families/households contributed to St. Mel Church. Thank you.

MESSAGE OF THE HOLY FATHER ON THE OCCASION OF THE 20TH WORLD DAY OF THE SICK (February 11, 2012)

Dear Brothers and Sisters, On the occasion of the World Day of the Sick, which we will celebrate on 11 February 2012, the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, I wish to renew my spiritual closeness to all sick people who are in places of care or are looked after in their families, expressing to each one of them the solicitude and the affection of the whole Church. In the generous and loving welcoming of every human life, above all of weak and sick life, a Christian expresses an important aspect of his or her Gospel witness, following the example of Christ, who bent down before the material and spiritual sufferings of man in order to heal them. *Pope Benedict XVI*

2012 CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL APPEAL BEGINS in earnest this weekend. Please read the tabloid about the Appeal that has been included in the bulletin and view stories of inspiration at our website: www.catholiccommunity.org/2012Appeal

This is not a "special collection." As in the past, an in-pew commitment process will take place next weekend, February 18-19. All who have not received the mailing, or have not had a chance to respond to it, will be asked to consider making a generous pledge to support the ministries and services provided by Catholic Charities. If you have received the mailing, please respond to it. There is a box on the in-pew envelope to indicate that you have responded by mail.

This year's appeal theme is: **"I am Catholic."** We ask that each parishioner consider the blessing God has given to us as well as the good that can accomplish when we act with the unity and strength of our faith. The impact of Catholic Charities cannot be understated. Over 300,000 people from every suburb and city in Northeast Ohio benefit from their programs and services each year. Please consider a generous gift to the Catholic Charities 2012 Annual Appeal, and please pray for the success of this important Appeal.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to the following high school students who have earned academic honors based on grades for the first semester of the 2011-2012 school year:

St. Joseph Academy

Honor Roll: Emily Armstrong, Halle Armstrong, Valerie Brinkhoff, Jaime Kelly, Carol Martincic, Margaret Mertus, Caelin Mills, Regina Russo, Rebecca Sedlak, Bailey Williams

BRING IN YOUR USED PALM BRANCHES and place them in the baskets located in the Gathering Area of the church. They will be burned and the ashes will be used for distribution on Ash Wednesday.

PARISH CALENDAR

- MON. 13 Choir: 7:30 PM in the church.
- TUES. 14 Rosary: 11:00 AM in the church.
- THURS. 16 Confessions: 5:00-5:30 PM.
Confirmation Catechesis: 5:45-7:00 PM.
- SAT. 18 Confessions: 3:00-4:00 PM.
Catholic Charities In-Pew Solicitation: See page 2
- SUN. 19 Catholic Charities In-Pew Solicitation: See page 2
Food Collection
Coffee and Donut Shop: 10:15-11:30 AM in the church hall.



CHURCH OF SAINT MEL LENTEN FISH FRY



Now Serving Talapia As Our Fried Fish

Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent
February 22 (Ash Wednesday), February 24;
March 2, 9, 16, 18, 30; April 6 (Good Friday)

St. Mel Hall 4:30-7:00 PM

Dinner Menu

Baked Fish Haddock: \$9.75 Macaroni & Cheese: \$7.50
Fried Fish 2 pieces Tilapia: \$9.75 3 Pierogi: \$8.00

Dinners include:

Bread, Butter & Choice of 2 side dishes:

Cole Slaw	Macaroni & Cheese	French Fries
Apple Sauce	Cabbage & Noodles	1 Pierogi

Complimentary beverage and dessert are offered
to Dine-in customers at no additional charge.

Dine-in with Table Service
For Carry Out call: 216-671-9833

Phone orders taken after 3:00 PM for pick-up after 4:30 PM

Saint Mel Hall is Handicapped Accessible

<p><i>The Lenten Fish Fry is the major parish fund raiser. Your support is greatly appreciated.</i></p>

THANK YOU FROM THE WEST SIDE CATHOLIC CENTER

You rang bells of hope for the underserved people in Cleveland this holiday season. Many came to our doors laden with new bundles of hand-knit mittens and hats to protect heads and hands from the cold, socks and sweatshirts to warm feet and bodies; and beautifully wrapped gifts of household goods and toiletries to warm the soul. All of these gifts provided a wonderful Christmas for the homeless and needy of our community.

Because of your warmth, care, and generosity, the West Side Catholic Center **Giving Tree Program** was able to distribute 1,750 packages of new warm winter wear and toiletries to those who patiently came through our doors to receive "basic necessi-

ties" this past Christmas. It was truly a season of hope and promise, joy and celebration.

May God bless you for your generosity, and may the spirit of peace and joy fill your life and world in 2012.

Very sincerely, Anita Cook, Executive Director and
Terrie Garr, Coordinator of Volunteer & Donor Services

A BAPTISM CLASS AT ST. MARK CHURCH, 15800 Montrose Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 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 216-226-7544.

DIOCESAN SOCIAL ACTION

Support Respect for Rights of Conscience Act

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced last week that almost all employers, including Catholic employers, will be forced to offer their employees' health coverage that includes abortion-inducing drugs, sterilization, and contraception.

Bishop Lennon calls this a severe assault and denial of the most fundamental First Amendment freedom, religious liberty. Below is the list of our local Congressional Representative and the two Senators from Ohio.

Here is a message you can write, call, fax or email at:
www.usccb.org/conscience

Dear Senator or Representative,

As a constituent, I am asking that you please co-sponsor or at least support the "Respect for Rights of Conscience" act (H.R. 1179, S. 1467). This measure ensures that the rights of conscience of all participants in our nation's health care system will be respected.

Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH)

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Senator Rob Portman (R-OH)

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