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MASSES

Weekend

Saturday Evening 5:00

Sunday

AM 8:30 10:30

PM 12:30 **FILIPINO MASS**

1st & 3rd Sundays Bilingual (English and Tagalog)

2nd & 4th Sundays English

Weekdays

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM

Holy Day Masses 8:00 AM 7:00 PM

DEVOTIONS - SCHEDULE

Weekdays

Except Wednesday 7:30 am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 7:30 am Mother of Perpetual Help

Saturday 4:15 pm Eucharistic Adoration

Sunday 8:00 am Morning Prayer

First Friday of the Month

6:00 p.m. Holy Hour (Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, Sacred Heart of Jesus Novena, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary)

7:00 p.m. Mass

Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament

Monday to Friday immediately after the 8:00 am Mass until 4:30 pm ** Except Thursday until 12:30 pm.

Every 3:30 pm, we have Holy Hour and on Thursday 11:30 am with Benediction

Eloise Gonzales, Coordinator 215-208-0648

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

Saturday 4:20 - 4:50 PM or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Those who are seriously ill or impaired by age are invited to contact Father Andrew to administer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Those who are unable to join in celebrating Sunday Mass will be visited by Father Andrew and by parish Ministers for Communion. If a hospitalization is to take place, please request the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick after Sunday/Saturday Vigil Mass.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents planning on the Baptism of a child are asked to contact Father Andrew to make arrangements. Baptism is administered on Saturday morning or after the 12:30 Mass or within the Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples planning to marry at St. James Church are asked to contact Father Andrew at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date to make arrangements and attend the marriage Pre-Cana classes.

RECTORY OFFICE

Monday through Friday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Director, Religious Education, Jeanna Lane

Business Manager, Jackie Padua

Music Director, Frank Klose

Secretary, Doreen Walker

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Father Andrew Laboratorio, James Amons, William Kiefer, Daniel Kovatich, Jeanna Lane, Eloise Gonzales

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Father Andrew Laboratorio, Ferdie Aczon, Hermie Aczon, Michael Foell, Charles Halpin, Imelda Tan, Frank Wlodarczyk

PARISH REGISTRATION

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO REGISTER IN OUR PARISH. PLEASE CALL AND MAKE APPOINTMENT WITH FATHER ANDREW.

Please note that the Sunday bulletin is submitted to the publisher the Sunday before the bulletin date. Please submit all requests to Father Andrew by that Thursday for approval.

0056 St. James, Elkins Park, PA

Readings #1111 or 1113

Entrance Antiphon: *Cf. Mt 3:16-17*
 After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

Entrance Hymn:
 # 993 Baptized in Water

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 29:1-4, 9-10
 The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Offertory Hymn:
 # 996 Down to the River to Pray

Communion Antiphon: *Jn 1:32, 34*
 Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

Communion Hymn:
 # 640 Come to the Water

Recessional Hymn:
 # 471 Joy to the World

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST (UNITY PRAYER)

My Adorable Jesus,
 May our feet journey together,
 May our hands gather in unity,
 May our hearts beat in unison,
 May our souls be in harmony,
 May our thoughts be as one,
 May our ears listen to the silence together,
 May our glances profoundly penetrate each other,
 May our lips pray together to gain mercy from the Eternal Father. Amen.

Message from Father Andrew:

Like many of parishes, we have seen significant increase of Mass attendance during this Christmas and New Year 2025 celebrations compared to last year. It is always a sign of hope to see people coming back to Church regardless the season. Here at St James, we are so blessed with parishioners who remained steadfast with their faith and commitment to the parish. Your generosity this year has been overwhelming.

On the Christmas Eve, Pope Francis ushered the Catholic Church to enter into the Jubilee Year 2025. He encourages us to be pilgrims of hope. In his Christmas Day message, Pope Francis recalled, “the door of God’s heart is always open; let us return to him. Let us return to the heart that loves us and forgives us.”

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord Jesus this Sunday, let us renew our baptismal promises. Our church needs hopeful disciples. As we begin this Jubilee Year, I wish you all renewed hope, charity and faith. Let us continue to live in peace, harmony and gratitude.



Reading I: Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7

The servant of God fulfills his mission quietly. He will have a gentle respect for others, and he will heal those who acknowledge their need for it.

Reading II: Titus 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7

We as Christians are given help to live virtuously now and for the future through the power of Christ. He has saved us by the bath of rebirth.

The Gospel: Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

After His baptism and while He was praying, heaven opened up. This followed John the Baptist’s preaching about the “mightier One” coming.

The Baptism of the Lord (Feast)

January 11-12, 2025

*The Adoration
Candle this week is
dedicated to*

**+ Karol &
Leonardo Kostek**

If you wish to dedicate the Adoration Candle for someone, please notify the rectory or drop an envelope with your offering in the basket. \$5.00 offering is requested.

If you wish to participate in the ancient tradition of providing the bread and wine for our liturgies as a memorial for your family or your deceased loved ones, please notify the rectory or drop an envelope with your offering in the collection basket. \$10.00 offering is requested.



*The Bread &
Wine*

MASS Intentions

Saturday 01/11/2025
5:00 St. James Parishioners

Sunday 01/12/2025
8:30 + Evelyn Bucciarelli
+ Mark Walsh
10:30 + Marge Garrison
12:30 + Arcadio Nepomuceno
+ Celia Barzibal

Monday 01/13/2025
8:00 + Donald Korba - 5th anniversary
John Dave & John Aron
Sajul

Tuesday 01/14/2025
8:00 + Regina Saul

Wednesday 01/15/2025
8:00 + Carl Cullen
Brian Walheim - healing

Thursday 01/16/2025
8:00 St. James Parishioners

Friday 01/17/2025
8:00 St. James Parishioners

If you wish to have a Sanctuary Candle burn for a full week in memory of a loved one, please notify the rectory or drop an envelope with your offering in the basket. \$5.00 offering is requested.

*The Sanctuary
Candle this week is
dedicated to*

**+ Thaddeus
Krupa**



Hugh Bailey, Judy Beahn, Anna Beans, Bishop Herbert Bevard, Patty Biddle, Anthony Bonannoi, Andrea Cardwell, Phylis ChiarLanza, Barbara Cohen, Patricia Edinger, Nolan Forst, Pat Geisler, Vincent Gonzalez, Katie Green, Liam Hagadorn, Joseph Holland, Matthew Kelly, John Knowlton, David Korba, Heather Korba, Sam Kuchna, Stella Lukiewski, Mary MacFarland, Sally Maida, Janet Mair, Colleen McKeever, Bob McNulty, Ryan McNulty, Kate McManus, Shane Metto, Frank Nerney, Ralph Naccarato, Eddie O'Connell, Irvin Quinn, Joseph Reilly, Bernadette Sanchez, Salvatore Sioani, Joe Stanton, Ally Turner, Frank Walsh, Karen Walsh, Frank Wlodarczyk, John Vogl
Remembering those serving in the military
Timothy Bride, Lt. Nicholas J. Thomas, Sgt. 1st Class Glenn Schumacher, Tom Chlebda, SSG Owen Ochs, Major Peter Shayhorn, Sgt. Daniel Steenstra, Ben Clifton, Thales Nesio Freitas, Lt. Shannon Smith, Gy. Sgt. Dan Reilly, Regan Loughney Air Force Academy

January 18/19	5:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM	12:30 PM
ALTAR SERVERS		Daniel Kovatich	Matthew Arguelles	Gigi Pabustan Anton Asistido
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**NOURISHING OUR FAITH:
“IT’S A CATHOLIC THING”**

Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

As the Universal Church looks toward the Jubilee Year 2025 (the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord), the USCCB is thrilled to support the Holy Father in this “event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church.” Pope Francis stated in his February 2022 letter announcing the Jubilee 2025: “We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire...” The Jubilee Year will offer the faithful opportunities to participate in various jubilee events at the Vatican and in their own dioceses. The great tradition of opening the Holy Door will begin when Pope Francis opens the Holy Door of St. Peter’s Basilica on December 24, 2024. Other holy doors will be opened at the Rome basilicas of St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major and St. Paul Outside the Walls. For pilgrims who cannot travel to Rome, bishops around the world are expected to designate their cathedrals or a popular Catholic shrine as special places of prayer for Holy Year pilgrims, offering opportunities for reconciliation, indulgences and other events intended to strengthen and revive faith. (USCCB)

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

December 22 Collection: \$4324
Online Giving: \$4450

Christmas Collection: \$16,552.00

December 29 Collection: \$7523
Online Giving: \$1655.00

January 5 Collection: Will be posted next week.



20 Week Club

Please send in your 20 week club tickets! The first drawing will be on January 27th. If you need tickets please call the rectory. Thank you!

Winter Basket Winner

Thank you everyone who purchased tickets for the Winter Basket. The winner drawn was Chris Simpson. — The Event Planning Committee.

HELP NEEDED

Tab collection for the Ronald McDonald House will be ongoing. Boxes will be inside the meeting room in the vestibule of the church. Thank you!



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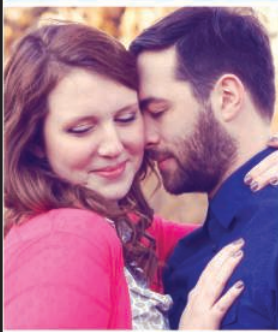


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