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Most Reverend Bishop Efren V. Esmilla in residence

Reverend Andrew Laboratorio, Parochial Administrator

Mark Salvatore, Permanent Deacon

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

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Secretary, Doreen Walker

Maintenance Supervisor, John Vanet

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

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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.

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Readings #1298

Entrance Antiphon: *Cf. Ps 48 (47):10-11*
Your merciful love, O God, we have received in
the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God,
like your name, reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Entrance Hymn:
652 Christ Be Our Light

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 24:7-10
Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

Offertory Hymn:
767 Love Divine, All Loves
Excelling

Communion Antiphon: *Lk 2:30-31*
My eyes have seen your salvation, which you
prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

Communion Hymn:
1038 Ang Katawan Ni Kristo

Recessional Hymn:
857 City of God

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

On January 4, 2025, our “vintage” school boiler broke down and will need to be replaced. Since the availability of a suitable replacement boiler was not readily available our contractor was able to reconfigure the broken boiler (with reduced capacity) to get us through the winter.

I want to publicly thank David Dudo and John Vanet for their responsiveness to the emergency created by the boiler breakdown. Their responsiveness and actions kept our plumbing systems from being damaged during the single digit temperatures we experienced in January.

A new boiler will need to meet current code requirements and system upgrades will be needed. We are hoping that a new boiler will be installed during the summer months. This is, of course, a major capital expenditure and the proceeds from the 2024 Fall Collection will go a long way to meet a major portion of the costs incurred.

Our school building is important to the ministry of our parish. It is a place where we teach our children the catholic faith. It is a place where our parish family and friends gather to celebrate the events of our lives. Once we determined the actual cost of this project, we will present it to the parish. Already, I am grateful for your generosity.

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me; Body of Christ, save me;
Blood of Christ, inebriate me; Water from the side of Christ, wash me; Passion of Christ, strengthen me;
O good Jesus hear me; Within your wounds hide me;
Separated from you, let me never be;
From the evil one protect me;
At the hour of my death, call me;
And close to you bid me; That with your saints,
I may be praising you forever and ever. Amen.

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

The Presentation of the Lord (Feast)

February 1-2, 2025

*The Adoration
Candle this week is
dedicated to*
+ **Mark Walsh**

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 this week
is dedicated to*
+ **Mark
Walsh**

MASS Intentions

Saturday 02/01/2025
5:00 + **Veronica M. Donahue**
Janet Mair - birthday

Sunday 02/02/2025
8:30 **Santos & Tess Ochabillo, Jr.**
10:30 **St. James Parishioners**
12:30 + **Barbara Seneca Dempsey**
Nilo & Precy Miranda

Monday 02/03/2025
8:00 + **Candelaria Castillo**

Tuesday 02/04/2025
8:00 + **Antonio Santos**

Wednesday 02/05/2025
8:00 **St. James Parishioners**

Thursday 02/06/2025
8:00 + **Jerry Smith**


Friday 02/07/2025
8:00 **St. James Parishioners**
7:00 + **Deceased members of Aida Zoleta**
& Romera Families
+ **Deceased members of Salvador de**
Guzman Family

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*
+ **Mark Walsh**

PRAY for the sick

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

	February 8/9	5:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM	12:30 PM
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**NOURISHING OUR FAITH:
“IT’S A CATHOLIC THING”**

What are ANGELS in Catholic understanding?

The Catechism clearly affirms, “The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls ‘angels’ is a truth of faith. The witness of Scripture is as clear as the unanimity of Tradition” (#328). Given that we do believe in angels, we define them as pure spirits and personal beings with intelligence and free will. They are immortal beings. As the Bible attests, they appear to humans as apparitions with a human form.

Accordingly, there are nine choirs or types of angels. The first three choirs see and adore God directly. The seraphim, which means “the burning ones,” have the most intense “flaming” love for God and comprehend Him with the greatest clarity. The cherubim, which means “fullness of wisdom,” contemplate God’s divine providence and plan for His creatures. Lastly, the thrones, symbolizing divine justice and judicial power, contemplate God’s power and justice.

The next three choirs fulfill God’s providential plan for the universe. These are the: dominations or dominions, the virtues, and the powers.

The last three choirs are directly involved in human affairs: the principalities, the archangels, and the guardian angel. The guardian angel is the most popular one. (Catholic Answers)

Who still remembers the guardian angel prayer? “Angel of God, my guardian dear, To whom God’s love commits me here, Ever this day be at my side, To light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.”

20 Week Club

There will be a drawing each week for 20 weeks.

If your ticket is drawn, you win \$100 for that week. Your ticket is then put back into the pot for additional chances to win. With 20 drawings, you could win up to \$2,000!

There are more 20 week club tickets in the church. Each ticket is being sold for \$20.00.

CONGRATULATIONS...
BISHOP EFREN
January 27 winner

St. James Pancake Breakfast
Sponsored by the Event Planning Committee

Date: Sunday, February 23, 2025

Time: 9am-12pm

Place: St. James Social Hall

Cost: Adults \$11, Kids \$6

Price includes: pancakes, sausage, OJ, and coffee

If you cannot attend please consider a donation.

The 12th Annual Cardinal John Foley Lecture is approaching soon. It will be at the Julia Ball

Auditorium at Gwynedd Mercy University at 7:00 pm on February 3rd. The guest speaker this year will be Montse Alvarado —COO / President at EWTN News. The event is open to the public with free admission.

If you need a statement for tax purposes please call the rectory.

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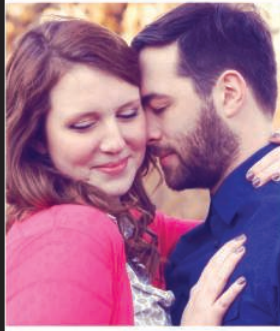
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