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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

Business Manager, Jackie Padua

Music Director, Frank Klose

Secretary, Doreen Walker

Maintenance Supervisor, John Vanet

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 #1210

Entrance Antiphon: *Cf. Ps 31 (30):3-4*
 Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Entrance Hymn:
 # 715 Seek Ye First

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 1:1-4, 6
 Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Offertory Hymn:
 # 814 Rejoice! Be Glad

Communion Antiphon: *Cf. Ps 78 (77):29-30*
 They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Communion Hymn:
 # 1032 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Recessional Hymn:
 # 666 Canticle of the Turning

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

The Beatitudes can be read in the gospels of Matthew and Luke. However, there is a contextual difference on their presentation of the beatitudes. Matthew focuses on the virtues and attitudes that are valued in the Christian faith, to guide for our ethical living and spiritual growth. While Luke’s version of the Beatitudes serves as a call to action, challenging us to embody the virtues of compassion, humility, and solidarity with the marginalized and oppressed. Pope Francis said that the Beatitudes should serve as our “identity card” as Christ followers today. Living the spirit of the beatitudes is living a blessed life. A blessed life is a happy life. Everyday we are confronted with many issues that easily divide us. It is disturbing to see some people rejoicing in the misery of others. Our faith teaches us that the suffering and fear of our brothers and sisters must touched and challenge us. In witness to our faith and life of beatitudes, let me may ask you, “Can others see and experience Christ in you?”



Reading I: Jeremiah 17: 5-8

The prophet contrasts the wicked of Judah, who resemble a desert shrub, with the righteous, who are like a thriving fruit tree drawing life a nearby stream.

Reading II: I Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20

Corinthian skepticism about Christ’s resurrection and the future of our bodies led to a decline of morality among the community. Paul teaches the truth of the resurrection and our true destiny of life eternal.

The Gospel: Luke 6: 17, 20-26

Here is “The Sermon on the Plain,” much like Matthew’s “Sermon on the Mount.” (Mt. 5-7) Jesus envisions the negative conditions of this life being overturned in the next. The blessed will experience lasting peace.

*The Adoration
Candle this week is
dedicated to*

**+ Evelyn
Bucciarelli**

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
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MASS Intentions

Saturday 02/15/2025

5:00 St. James Parishioners

Sunday 02/16/2025

8:30 Santo Caruso - birthday

10:30 + Tito Tangco

Gloria Tangco

**12:30 + Palasol Family, A. - deceased
Andrew & Linda Ward
Ophelia Devera - healing**

Monday 02/17/2025

8:00 St. James Parishioners

Tuesday 02/18/2025

8:00 + Carmencita Sayoc

+ Lucia Aurora Quero

Wednesday 02/19/2025

8:00 St. James Parishioners

Thursday 02/20/2025

8:00 + Rogelio Sajul

Friday 02/21/2025

8:00 + Ingrid Funtanila

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
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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, Gale Trusky, 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

<i>February 22/23</i>	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”**

Why does the priest wash his hands during Mass?

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal #76, states; “The priest then washes his hands at the side of the altar, a rite that is an expression of his desire for interior purification.” The priest says these words quietly, “*Lava me, Domine*” (*Lord, wash away my iniquity*).

The priest washes his hands as a symbol of his unworthiness to offer the sacrifice of the Mass and his need for purification. This is symbolic because the hands that are “washed” are the hands that will hold the host and the chalice for the consecration. This gesture is a sign of the priest’s desire for purity of heart as he offers the Sacrifice of the Mass.

The washing of the hands is a symbol of the priest’s need to have his soul cleansed that he may undertake a holy task. He may or may not have dirty hands, but this is really not the essential point which is that he should have a desire for inward purification before daring so holy a task. (Msgr. Charles Pope)

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...

Eileen Heron

February 1st winner

Adoration Schedule

February 3rd - March 4th

There will be one hour of adoration immediately after the 8:00 A.M. Mass.

The regular adoration schedule will resume on March 7th.

La Salle College High School—6th and 7th Grade Practice Tests

La Salle College High School, located in Springfield Township, Montgomery County, will administer a practice test on Saturday, March 1, 2025 at 8:30 am for 6th and 7th grade boys. To register, please visit www.lschs.org or call the Admissions Office at (215) 402-4800.

St. James Pancake Breakfast

Sponsored by the Event Planning Committee

Date: Sunday March 23rd, 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.

Forms will be available at the Church exits in the next couple of weeks.

The 2025 Catholic Charities Appeal collection will be taken on the weekend of February 22 - 23, 2025. Envelope for this appeal is provided in the church. Thank you for your generosity in helping the important work of charity of our church.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

February 2nd Collection: \$3235

Online Giving: \$830



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