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Most Reverend Bishop Efren V. Esmilla in residence

Reverend Andrew Laboratorio, Parochial Administrator

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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

Maintenance Supervisor, John Vanet

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

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 #1138, Gospel #1141

The Commemoration of the Lord's
Entrance into Jerusalem

Entrance Hymn:

535 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24*

My God, my God, why have you abandoned
me?

Offertory Hymn:

549 O Sacred Head Surrounded

Communion Antiphon: *Mt 26:42*

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my
drinking it, your will be done.

Communion Hymn:

1005 We Remember

Recessional Hymn:

554 Were You There?

Message from Father Andrew

Happy Palm Sunday! Let us welcome Jesus in
our lives triumphantly! Light has covered
the darkness!

Please remember our Easter Triduum schedule
for this year 2025:

Holy Thursday (April 17) 6:00PM –

Good Friday (April 18) – 3:00PM

Saturday Easter Vigil (April 19) – 7:00PM

Easter Sunday Masses (8:30AM; 10:30AM;
NO 12:30PM)

I also encourage you to participate in the
stations of the cross on Good Friday starting at
2:15PM. It will be followed with the Good
Friday of the Lord's Passion celebration at
3:00PM.

I hope that this year's celebration will bring
some renewed hope in our hearts. As we
journey as pilgrims of hope this Jubilee Year
2025, may we continue to support our parishes
ministries and future activities. My prayers and
blessings to each and every one of you!

**Lenten Season Mass Parts**

Penitential Act: Mass of Joy and Peace
#248

Gloria: None in Lent

Gospel Acclamation: Mass of Joy and
Peace #252

Holy: Mass of Joy and Peace #258

Lamb of God: Mass of Joy and Peace
#259

**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.

Reading I: Isaiah 50: 4-7

This passage is called by scholars the "Third Servant
Song." The servant here is the prophet himself, who
speaks God's word, even as he suffers persecution for
doing so.

Reading II: Philippians 2: 6-11

Possibly an early Christian hymn, this passage speaks of
the mystery of Christ, who suffered brutally for our
salvation.

The Gospel: Luke 22: 14– 23:56, pr 23: 1-49

St. Luke's Passion account opens with the Last Supper
and ends with the Lord's burial. True to his calling, Luke
writes with the details of an observant doctor.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 12-13, 2025

*The Adoration
Candle this week is
dedicated to*
+ **Janet Mair**

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*
+ **Janet
Mair**

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*
+ **Janet Mair**


MASS Intentions

Saturday	04/12/2025
5:00	+ Nilda & Noemi Talunay
Sunday	04/13/2025
8:30	St. James Parishioners
10:30	+ Eugenio Fernando
	+ Nestor Fernando
	+ Rosario Fernando, Sr.
12:30	+ Aurora Q. Clamor Areralo Family
Monday	04/14/2025
8:00	+ Jason Nunez
	+ Rosario Garcia
Tuesday	04/15/2025
8:00	+ Basilisa Antonio - birthday
	+ Helene Spause
Wednesday	04/16/2025
8:00	+ Jacky Finlan
	+ Ted Reese Roville Argulles & Family
Thursday	04/17/2025
6:00 pm	St. James Parishioners
Friday	04/18/2025
3:00pm	St. James Parishioners

PRAY for the sick

Hugh Bailey, Anna Beans, Bishop Herbert Bevard, Patty Biddle, Anthony Bonannoi, Andrea Cardwell, Phylis ChiarLanza, Bob Coccagna, 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, 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

	April 19/20	5:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM	12:30 PM
	ALTAR SERVERS		Daniel Kovatich	Matthew Arguelles	Gigi Pabustan Anton Asistido
	COMMUNION MINISTERS	A. Mahoney E. Gonzales	N. Callahan D. Kovatich	M. Fittery M. Goodman	Lilia Pidlaoan Rose Ponce
	LECTORS	E. Callery D. Campbell	J. Parisi R. Tan	J. Amons J. Kolen	Trining Bagamasbad Marissa Perez
	MUSIC MINISTRY	TBD		TBD	Collegetown Choir

**NOURISHING OUR FAITH:
"IT'S A CATHOLIC THING"**

Why Pray the Stations of the Cross? (By Kevin Cotter April 3, 2017)

The Stations of the Cross are an ancient tradition in the Catholic Church going back to the fourth century when Christians went on pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Like many of our Catholic traditions, the Stations of the Cross can be rich, deep, and meaningful, but at the same time we can lose sight of their significance and how to relate them to our everyday lives. Here are 8 reasons from our Holy Father on why we should pray the Stations of the Cross:

1. They Allow Us to Place Our Trust in Him
2. They Put Us into the Story
3. They Remind Us That Jesus Suffers with Us
4. They Compel Us to Action
5. They Helps Us Make a Decision for or Against Christ
6. They Reveal God's Response to Evil in the World
7. They Give Us the Certainty of God's Love for Us
8. They Guide Us from the Cross to the Resurrection

More beautifully, by praying the stations of the cross, we can look at suffering with a new perspective. With patience and humility, Jesus embraced His suffering. Jesus did not condemn His accusers. Instead, He prayed for them. Jesus responded with love amidst persecution. From His example, we can learn to love with humility and patience despite our broken world.

Saint James Stock's Pound Cake Fundraiser May, 2025

St. James Parish is sponsoring a Stock's Pound Cake Fundraiser for the weekend of May 10th and 11th, 2025. Standard Pound Cake comes with Vanilla or Chocolate icing. Also, Marble Pound Cakes are available with Vanilla icing. Each Pound Cake will cost \$18.00. Please complete the order form below and either place it in the box in the vestibule of church, drop in the collection basket, or place it in the basket on the back porch of the rectory on or before Sunday, April 27th. All orders must be prepaid and checks may be made payable to "ST JAMES CHURCH". PICKUP WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE BROOKSIDE ROAD ENTRANCE TO THE SCHOOL HALL ON SATURDAY, MAY 10* between 4-5 PM and on SUNDAY, MAY 11** between 9:30AM-10:30AM Please help us make this fundraiser a success for our Church. Thank you so much for your participation. You will not be disappointed —these cakes are delicious and they freeze very well. Any questions, please call the Rectory at 215-635-6210. If you are unable to participate in this fundraiser, please consider making a monetary donation. Thank you!

There will be no Adoration on Wednesday April 19th.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE March 5 - April 13

HELP SAVE LIVES IN PHILADELPHIA! You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 30 coordinated campaigns:

- Over 25,000 saved babies
- More than 150 closed facilities
- More than 250 converted workers

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

- Vigil Locations

Philadelphia Women's Center

777 Appletree St., Phila., PA 19106

Tues-Fri. - 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday - 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Elizabeth Blackwell Planned Parenthood

1144 Locust St., Phila., PA 19107

Mon-Fri. - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday - 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

40daysforlife.com/philadelphia

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR CALENDAR OUR TRIDUUM CELEBRATION (HOLY WEEK 2025):

HOLY THURSDAY (April 17) 6:00PM

GOOD FRIDAY (April 18) 3:00PM

SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL (April 19) 7:00PM

EASTER SUNDAY (April 20) 8:30AM and 10:30AM

Stations of the Cross every Friday of Lent after the 8:00am Mass. Please find time to meditate and reflect on the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Carol Sheckler died on April 4th. Her funeral will be held on Monday, April 14th. Visitation will be from 9:45 to 10:45 and Mass will be at 11:00.

Jason Sheckler class of 2028 at Father Judge High School has achieved Academic Honors for the Third Quarter of the 2024-2025 school year.

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...

Ray Shaw

April 6th winner

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Online Giving: \$760



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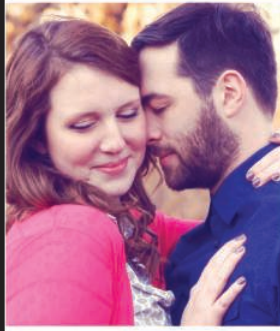
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