



St. Joseph Church



Limeport-Coopersburg
A Parish Family - Living the Word, Loving Through Christ

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Brothers and sisters...

whatever you do,

do everything

for the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 10 & 11, 2024

Saturday, February 10 – Vigil Mass – 5:15PM

Frank & Sophie Stayer

Greeters: R. & M. Carlin

Altar Servers: O., M. & L. Wilde

Commentator/Lector: A. Sumner; T. Yaeger

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Paulus; L. Sumner

Sunday, February 11 – 9:00AM

Scout Sunday Mass

Rudolph Schuster

Greeters: D. & G. Sago

Altar Servers: C., T. & A. Grubb

Commentator/Lector: D. Ward; R. Hartung

Eucharistic Ministers: S. Bartholomew;

P. Patterson; M. Zabinski

Sunday, February 11 – 11:00AM

Intentions of the Altar & Rosary Society

Greeters: B. Busfield

Altar Servers: P. Ebert; M. & J. Pavis

Commentator/Lector: P. Moriera; C. Ehresman

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Hendricks;

C. & M. Zientara

Today's Readings

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

Responsorial: Psalms 32: 1, 2, 5-11

"I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Gospel Acclamation: "A great prophet has arisen in our midst, God has visited his people."

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

St. Joseph Church invites you to our annual

Mardi Gras CaRNiVal

To benefit the charitable efforts of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Joseph Church

JOIN US THIS WEEKEND!

February 11, 2024

10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

in the Parish Center Gym

ALL ARE WELCOME!

featuring:

**Games of Chance! Craft Corner! Raffle!
Snack Bar! Cool Prizes!
and of course...**

DONUTS!

Tickets for all activities & refreshments will be for sale at the door. **Cash sales only.**

Proceeds from this event will go towards the Saint Vincent de Paul Society of St. Joseph Church, which assists those in our parish and in our community in a variety of ways.



WELCOME TO THE ST. JOSEPH PARISH FAMILY

We are a faith-filled community that rejoices in, grows in, and spreads the Love of God the Father as revealed through the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit, and the Teachings of the Holy Roman Catholic Church through Word, Sacrament and Service.

Mass & Confessions Schedule

Weekday Mass - 8:00AM

Saturday Evening Vigil - 5:15PM

Sunday Morning - 9:00AM and 11:00AM

Confessions are held Saturday afternoons from
4:30pm to 5:00pm.

Our parish is a Sacrificial Giving Parish committed to serving the Lord with God-given time, talents and treasures.

Pastor: Rev. Thomas R. Buckley, M. Div.

Deacon: Conrad Paulus

Parish Administration:

Rosemarie Lanning

Janessa O'Donnell

All wage earners should be receiving and using their envelopes regularly. Active parish membership of no less than six months duration is required to be a sponsor, to be married in the parish, and/or to have a child baptized. Contact the Rectory for more information.

New members are asked to register at the church following the 5:15 PM or 9:00 AM Masses on weekends. Please notify the parish office of a change of address or phone number. Information regarding Anointing of the Sick, Baptism, Marriage, Prayer Requests, Parish Religious Education, and more, is available on our website.

Stay up-to-date on our Parish News by joining our e-newsletter mailing list! Join via the link on our webpage, or email: janessa.odonnell@stjoescopersburg.org.

Parish Bulletin & Newsletter Submissions & Deadlines - All copy for the bulletin & newsletter must be submitted no later than 10:00 A.M. Monday. Print advertisements are on a set schedule. See website for more info.

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For information regarding the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People adopted by the USCCB, please visit the USCCB Website. To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy and Code of Conduct, please visit the Diocesan website. Please view the Volunteers page of our parish website for Pennsylvania & Diocesan Volunteer Requirements at St. Joseph Church.

Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service

If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or by calling 1-800-276-1562.

Upcoming Mass Schedule

Monday, February 12 - 8AM Mass

Living & Deceased of St. Joseph Parish

Tuesday, February 13 - 8AM Mass

Fred Lanshe Jr.

Ash Wednesday, February 14 - 9AM School Mass



Msgr. John P. Murphy

Ash Wednesday, February 14 - 7:00PM Mass

Gertrude O'Donnell

Thursday, February 15 - 8AM Mass

Helen & John Spaar

Friday, February 16 - 8AM Mass

Frank & Lovey Korich

Stations of the Cross - 7PM

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after the morning Mass on Fridays, with the church open for private adoration throughout the day. Benediction will conclude at Stations on Friday evenings.

Saturday, February 17 - 8AM Mass

Rev. Charles J. Dene

February 18, 2024, is the First Sunday of Lent.



Our Parish & Community Calendar At a Glance Winter 2024



- 2/13 - Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - 7PM
- 2/14 - Disciple Maker Index Survey Begins- More info is available on our website.
- 2/14 - Ash Wednesday - Masses at 9AM & 7PM
- 2/15 - KOC Monthly Meetings - 6:15PM
- 2/16 - Stations of the Cross - 7PM in the church
- 2/16 - KOC Lenten Fish Dinner - 5:30-8PM in the Parish Center
- 2/17 & 2/18 - CYO Basketball Games - Parish Center Gym
- 2/20 - SvdP Meeting - 7PM in the Parish Center
- 2/23 - Stations of the Cross - 7PM in the church
- 2/24 & 2/25 - CYO Basketball Games - Parish Center Gym

✠ PRAYER LIST ✠

Please remember in your prayers all of the sick and homebound of our parish family, especially:

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| • Joseph Allison | • Barbara Huber |
| • James Busfield | • Jack Klinges, father of Sarah Klinges Shultz |
| • Dottie Brehm, sister of Susan Zola | • Dennis & Maureen Krasnai |
| • Dolores Brown | • Jackie Lanning, daughter-in-law of Roe Lanning |
| • June Campbell | • Martin Leposa |
| • Joseph Chase | • Kevin Maucere, nephew of Pam & Kurt Metzler |
| • Richard DeFiore | • Alyssa Morrissey, sister of Briana Davis |
| • Sherry Ellenberger, sister-in-law of Anna Ellenberger | |
| • Cooper Godown, infant son of Erin Siegfried Godown | • April Nauroth |
| • John Flok, father of Joe Flok | • Margaret J Perez |
| • Tracy Flok | • Ron Reinhardt, father of Tara Tobin |
| • James Frankenfield, husband of Carol Frankenfield & father of Andrea Hinkel | • Cathy Ricciuto, sister of Phil Isabella |
| • Elaine Haas | • Miriam Rohrbach, sister-in-law of Janessa O'Donnell |
| • Jack Hankee | • Charlie Ruppert |
| • Keith Heffelfinger | • Lily Tapler |
| • Thomas and Claire Hoban | • Janet Vannatta |
| | • Anonymous Special Intention |

The Sanctuary Candle for the week of February 11th burns in loving memory of Michael Petrash.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Best Bet Based on Inflation - 2023-2024 Budget

Last Week 02/04/24	Fiscal Year To Date 07/01/23-06/30/24
Operating Expenses \$11,682.	Operating Expenses \$373,874.
Sunday/Holy Day Collections \$13,431.	Sunday/Holy Day Collections \$351,724.
Over/(Under) Budget \$1,749.	Over/(Under) Budget (\$ 22,150.)

Additional Poverty Relief Collection: \$85.00,
NOT reflected in the above. Thank you!



Catholic Leadership
INSTITUTE

Next Generation DIOCESE

Saint Joseph Parish will be participating in a survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute! This brief survey will be accessed through an online link from February 14, 2024 (Ash Wednesday) to March 27, 2024 (Wednesday of Holy Week), and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish. The link to the survey will be released this week, and paper copies will also be located in the vestibule of the church, for those without computer access. Thank you for helping with this important project!



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Preparing our
hearts for

Lent



Bishop David L. Ricken of Green Bay, Wisconsin, former chairman of the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), offers "10 Things to Remember for Lent":

1. Remember the formula. The Church does a good job capturing certain truths with easy-to-remember lists and formulas: 10 Commandments, 7 sacraments, 3 persons in the Trinity. For Lent, the Church gives us almost a slogan—Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving—as the three things we need to work on during the season.

2. It's a time of prayer. Lent is essentially an act of prayer spread out over 40 days. As we pray, we go on a journey, one that hopefully brings us closer to Christ and leaves us changed by the encounter with him.

3. It's a time to fast. With the fasts of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, meatless Fridays, and our personal disciplines interspersed, Lent is the only time many Catholics these days actually fast. And maybe that's why it gets all the attention. "What are you giving up for Lent? Hot dogs? Beer? Jelly beans?" It's almost a game for some of us, but fasting is actually a form of penance, which helps us turn away from sin and toward Christ.

4. It's a time to work on discipline. The 40 days of Lent are also a good, set time to work on personal discipline in general. Instead of giving something up, it can be doing something positive. "I'm going to exercise more. I'm going to pray more. I'm going to be nicer to my family, friends, and coworkers."

5. It's about dying to yourself. The more serious side of Lenten discipline is that it's about more than self-control—it's about finding aspects of yourself that are less than Christ-like and letting them die. The suffering and death of Christ are foremost on our minds during Lent, and we join in these mysteries by suffering, dying with Christ and being resurrected in a purified form.

6. Don't do too much. It's tempting to make Lent some ambitious period of personal reinvention, but

it's best to keep it simple and focused. There's a reason the Church works on these mysteries year after year. We spend our entire lives growing closer to God. Don't try to cram it all in one Lent. That's a recipe for failure.

7. Lent reminds us of our weakness. Of course, even when we set simple goals for ourselves during Lent, we still have trouble keeping them. When we fast, we realize we're all just one meal away from hunger. In both cases, Lent shows us our weakness. This can be painful, but recognizing how helpless we are makes us seek God's help with renewed urgency and sincerity.

8. Be patient with yourself. When we're confronted with our own weakness during Lent, the temptation is to get angry and frustrated. "What a bad person I am!" But that's the wrong lesson. God is calling us to be patient and to see ourselves as he does, with unconditional love.

9. Reach out in charity. As we experience weakness and suffering during Lent, we should be renewed in our compassion for those who are hungry, suffering, or otherwise in need. The third part of the Lenten formula is almsgiving. It's about more than throwing a few extra dollars in the collection plate; it's about reaching out to others and helping them without question as a way of sharing the experience of God's unconditional love.

10. Learn to love like Christ. Giving of ourselves in the midst of our suffering and self-denial brings us closer to loving like Christ, who suffered and poured himself out unconditionally on the Cross for all of us. Lent is a journey through the desert to the foot of the Cross on Good Friday, as we seek him out, ask his help, join in his suffering, and learn to love like him.

Pray ♦ Fast ♦ Give



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Lenten Fish Dinner
Friday, February 16th 2024
St. Joseph's Parish Center
5:30-8:00PM



\$10.00 per person, Children 10 and under \$5.00

Please join us for an enjoyable sit down Lenten fish dinner including: Breaded fish filets, Macaroni & Cheese, French Fries, Coleslaw, roll and butter, dessert,

and a beverage (water, soda, or coffee). Take Out Also Available! When paying, please make checks payable to Knights of Columbus #14840. Venmo is also available.

Please include name, time, and how many dinners.

Order/reservation forms are available in the back of church. If you choose to mail a form and payment, it will be kept on file and your dinner will be ready when you arrive or pick it up!

Please R.S.V.P by February 12th!



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