



# St. Joseph Church



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

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## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"I am baptizing you with water, for repentance,  
but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I...  
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

Matthew 3:11



### **The Second Sunday of Advent**

**Saturday, December 6 - 5:15PM Vigil**

*Anne Mary Burr*

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

Greeters: A. & M. Garguilo

Commentator/Lector: L. Rohrbach; M. Garguilo

Eucharistic Ministers: A. Arruda; A. & L. Sumner

*The Adult Choir will be singing at this Mass.*

### **Sunday, December 7 - 9AM**

*Deceased of the Edwin J. Fox Family*

Altar Servers: E. Gridley; M. Stolzer; G. Wetterau

Greeters: D. & G. Sago

Commentator/Lector: D. Ward; B. Reinert

Eucharistic Ministers: S. Dale; K. Landman;

L. Tkaczuk

### **Sunday, December 7 - 11AM**

*James C. Busfield*

Altar Servers: A. & A. Davis; J. Zientara

Greeters: G. Bender; S. Dale

Commentator/Lector: B. & M. Michalerya

Eucharistic Ministers: K. & P. Metzler; S. Moyer

### **Today's Readings**

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17  
*"Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace  
for ever."*

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Gospel Acclamation: *"Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation  
of God."*

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12



### **SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

*Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.  
May it be done to me according to your word."*

### **Monday, December 8 - 9AM School Mass**

*Intentions of the Altar & Rosary Society*

Greeters: B. Busfield; S. Dale

Eucharistic Ministers: S. Dale; T. Lynch;

K. Reichenbach

### **Monday, December 8 - 7PM Mass**

*Mary Beth DiEmedio*

Altar Servers: M. & P. Arruda; E. Tran

Greeters: Wenner Family

Commentator/Lector: A. Arruda; P. Moreira

Eucharistic Ministers: K. Flounders;

C. & M. Zientara



# 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.

*The Rosary is said after 8 am weekday morning Masses throughout the year, and at 6PM on the first Monday of the month.*

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@stjoescoopersburg.org](mailto:janessa.odonnell@stjoescoopersburg.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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## Secretary for Youth Protection

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### Upcoming Mass Schedule

**Tuesday, December 9 - 8AM**

*Living & Deceased of St. Joseph Parish*

**Wednesday, December 10 - 8AM**

*Gretel Ruppert*

**Thursday, December 11 - 8AM**

*Eugene & Mary Flanley*

**Friday, December 12 - 8AM**

*Intentions of the Altar & Rosary Society*

**Saturday, December 13 - 8AM**

*Aiden Charles Andreno*

**The Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday**

**Saturday, December 13 - 5:15PM Vigil**

*Edith & Arthur Fischer*

**Sunday, December 14 - 9AM**

*William Carter*

**Sunday, December 14 - 11AM**

*Gary Metzler*

### **OUR PARISH & COMMUNITY CALENDAR AT A GLANCE**

- 12/14 & 21 - Junior Choir Practice - Follows the 11AM Mass
- 12/14 - Gaudete Sunday Parish Family Christmas Party - 12PM - RSVP by TODAY 12/7!
- 12/24 - Christmas Eve Masses - 5:15PM, 7PM & 10PM
- 12/25 - Christmas Day Masses - 9AM & 11AM
- 12/31 & 1/1 Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God - NYE Mass at 5:15PM, NYD Masses at 9AM & 11 AM

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*The **Altar Flowers** for the weekend of December 6/7 are sponsored by a parishioner in honor of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Schedule Altar Flowers for the New Year! If you are interested in purchasing the altar flowers for a special occasion or in memory of someone in 2026, please contact Reg Hartung at regh@ptd.net. or 610-965-3268. A triangular arrangement is \$100., and a bouquet is \$45. As a reminder, this is not a fundraiser, but rather a special way to participate in the Mass. Thank you!*

**INCLEMENT WEATHER REMINDERS** -- All weather or other emergency cancellations of weekend Masses will be announced on WFMZ. Daily Mass is cancelled whenever Southern Lehigh School District announces either a delay or cancellation for winter weather.

**BLESSED CHRISTMAS WAFERS** or "Oplatki" are available in the vestibule of the church. There are four wafers per pack at \$2.00 per pack. An instructional pamphlet is enclosed with each pack of Christmas Wafers explaining this centuries old Christmas tradition. The entire family, at Christmas Eve or Christmas Day dinner, traditionally shares the Christmas Wafers after the blessing, prior to eating the meal. Each family member may offer a prayer for the family while breaking off a piece of the Christmas Wafer, then passes the wafer to the next family member. This would be a nice family custom to begin, or continue, by adding another spiritual dimension to your holiday celebrations.

**THE JESSE TREE** located in front of the steps to the altar, is an Advent tradition named after Jesse, the father of King David. Biblical symbols representing the ancestry of Jesus, either in faith or in bloodline, are added one by one to the tree starting December 1st and ending on December 24th. Feel free to take a look! Ornaments featured through this coming weekend:

December 1st – In The beginning (Planet Earth)  
December 2nd – The Fall (Apple)  
December 3rd – Mother Of All The Living (Mary)  
December 4th – Noah & The Ark (Ark & Rainbow)  
December 5th – The Blessing Of Abraham (Camel)  
December 6th – The Sacrifice Of Isaac (Lamb)  
December 7th – Joseph In Egypt (Colorful Coat)

**GIVING TREE 2025** -- This holiday season, please consider choosing a tag from the tree in the vestibule of the church and donating a gift to a needy infant within the Diocese of Allentown. All items should be new & unopened. Gifts are to be returned to the church UNWRAPPED please, and the tag returned to the tree for reuse. Thank you!

**ORNAMENTS FOR PARISH FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE** - All families, especially those who have joined recently, are invited to add an ornament to our Parish Family Tree, which will be erected the third weekend of Advent, in front of the baptismal font. Add your ornament to the tree, or bring it with you to the Gaudete party and one of our "elves" will gladly add it for you!

**RSVP TODAY to join us on the "joyful" third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday - December 14, 2025 - from 12-3PM in the gym, to celebrate the season as a Parish Family. See info on the back page of the bulletin!**

## *St. Joseph Parish Family*



### *Newsletter*



**Scan this box with your device to be taken to our weekly newsletter, which contains the most up-to-date news, including our full prayer list.** Please remember in your prayers all of the recently deceased, sick and homebound of our parish family, especially those whose names appear on our prayer list. If you are a parishioner who would like to be added to our prayer list, please feel free to contact Fr. Buckley, or [janessa.odonnell@stjoescopersburg.org](mailto:janessa.odonnell@stjoescopersburg.org). Names are not removed from the list until we are asked to remove them - please advise if a name appears in error.



**PREP Classes This Weekend -- Watch for Pedestrians & Extra Traffic!** Please be sure to use extra caution & follow all applicable traffic signs when on the parish grounds today. Please be sure to stop at the pedestrian crossing leading to the school building. Thank you!

### **PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

**Best Bet Based on Inflation  
2025-2026 Budget**

Last Week 11/30/25	Fiscal Year To Date 07/01/25–06/30/26
Operating Expenses \$12,744.	Operating Expenses \$267,584.
Sunday/Holy Day Collections \$13,662.	Sunday/Holy Day Collections \$228,026.
Over/(Under) Budget \$ 918.	Over/(Under) Budget (\$ 39,558.)

**Air Conditioning Collection: \$2,197.00.**

**All Souls Collection: \$1,667.00**  
both reflected in the above.

**Poverty Relief Collection: \$3,722.25**  
**and Additional St. Vincent DePaul Collection: \$524.00**  
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*Thank you!*





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**Sunday, December 14, 2025**  
**12PM-3PM in the Parish Center**  
**Potluck Luncheon, Carols with the Choir,**  
**visit with Santa Claus, and more!**  
**Please RSVP by TODAY, Dec. 7th!**



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