



St. Joseph Church



Limeport-Coopersburg

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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF *Lent*



First Sunday of Lent

Saturday, February 21, 2026 - 5:15PM Vigil Mass

Michael Fitzpatrick

Altar Servers: B. Kelhart; R. & A. Shoemaker

Greeters: A. & M. Garguilo

Commentator/Lector: R. Wasatonic; L. Rohrbach

Eucharistic Ministers: A. & L. Sumner; R. Wasatonic

Sunday, February 22, 2026 - 9:00AM Mass

Mary Handlon

Altar Servers: T., P. & S. Grubb

Greeters: E. & K. Reichenbach

Commentator/Lector: C. Grubb; R. Hartung

Eucharistic Ministers: K. Flounders; K. Landman;

T. Lynch

The Adult Choir will be a part of this Mass.

Sunday, February 22, 2026 - 11:00AM Mass

Thomas Trinkle

Altar Servers: P. Ebert; F. Morris; C. Lindenmoyer

Greeters: The O'Connor Family

Commentator/Lector: K. Mosko; A. Ellenberger

Eucharistic Ministers: P. & K. Metzler; G. Schultz

Today's Readings

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17
"Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned."

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19
Gospel Acclamation: *"One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."*

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Upcoming Mass Schedule

Monday, February 23 - 8AM

Cecilia D'Annibale

Stations of the Cross - 9AM

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after the morning Mass on Mondays, with the church open for private adoration until Benediction concludes Stations.

Tuesday, February 24 - 8AM

Living & Deceased of St. Joseph Parish

Wednesday, February 25 - 8AM

Deceased of the Altar & Rosary Society

Thursday, February 26 - 8AM

Bernard Horniak

Friday, February 27 - 8AM

Claire Emig

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 28 - 8AM

Rev. Joseph Sheehan

Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday, February 28, 2026 - 5:15PM Vigil Mass

Charles Gergits Sr.

Sunday, March 1, 2026 - 9:00AM Mass

Maryanne Baus

Sunday, March 1, 2026 - 11:00AM Mass

Diane Handlon



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.

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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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.

DIOCESAN FAMILY EVENT

SHAPING Saints

- ★ Help Unlock Your Children's God-Given Gifts!
- ★ Live Music
- ★ Talk For Parents & Children (grades 5 and up)
- ★ Vigil Mass with Bishop Schlert @ 4:30

THE SCALLY BROTHERS

MARIE MILLER

BISHOP SCHLERT

28TH FEB 2026

1:30 - 5:30 PM

BETHLEHEM CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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CONTACT: ZHODGSKIN@ALLENTOWNDIOCESE.ORG

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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@stjoescoopersburg.org. Names are not removed from the list until we are asked to remove them - please advise if a name appears in error.

OUR PARISH & COMMUNITY CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

- 2/25-4/1 - Women of Grace "Mary, through the eyes of the mystics" - Wednesdays 8:45-10:30 AM in the church meeting room
- 2/26-3/26 - "Into His Likeness" Lenten Video Study - Thursdays at 7PM in the church
- 2/27 - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8 AM Mass, with Benedictions after the conclusion of Stations of the Cross - 7PM
- 2/28 - CYO Basketball Games in the Gym
- 3/2 - Monthly Rosary Gathering - 6PM in the church
- 3/6, 13, 20, 27 - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8 AM Mass, with Benedictions after the conclusion of Stations of the Cross - 7PM
- 3/7 - First Reconciliation - 10AM
- 3/14 - A&R Society Shepherd's Pie Sale - Order by 3/2: More info below...

Altar and Rosary Society annual St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser -- Additional options this year! Shepherds Pie (lamb), Cottage Pie (beef), Fisherman's Pie (shrimp and cod), Sweet Potato Pie (mixed veggies), and Chicken Pot Pie are all available for sale this year -- something for every appetite! Order forms are available in the back of the church, weekly newsletter, or on the website. The pickup day will be Saturday, March 14, with orders needing to be in by March 2. Questions, please contact Linda Hoffstetter at hoffphotos@aol.com or 610-653-9542.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP Best Bet Based on Inflation 2025-2026 Budget

Last Week 02/15/26	Fiscal Year To Date 07/01/25-06/30/26
Operating Expenses \$12,744.	Operating Expenses \$407,768.
Sunday/Holy Day Collections \$12,655.	Sunday/Holy Day Collections \$396,318.
Over/(Under) Budget (\$ 89.)	Over/(Under) Budget (\$ 11,450.)

Ash Wednesday Collection: \$3,434.00.
Additional Christmas Collection: \$35.00
both reflected in the above.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ **INCLEMENT WEATHER REMINDERS** -- All weather or other emergency cancellations of weekend Masses, PREP classes, and/or parish events will be announced on WFMZ. It will also be added to the website and/or a special newsletter will be sent out whenever possible. Daily Mass is cancelled whenever Southern Lehigh School District announces either a delay or cancellation for winter weather. You can also find this information on WFMZ. If a cancellation is not announced, always use your common sense to decide whether or not it is possible to safely get to and from the church. Please always use caution when driving or walking around campus - slippery spots will remain even after cleanup; large snow piles can restrict vision; drifting snow may cover signs or pavement markings. Take care of yourselves and each other. Thank you!

❖ **Mass & Sanctuary Candle Offerings** -- MASSES for the deceased or to honor a special occasion are available for a \$10 stipend. SANCTUARY CANDLE requests may also be made for a separate stipend of \$5.00. Click here to download & print the form on our website to make your request(s). Place your request(s) through the contribution basket, or mail to the Rectory. Please be sure to give multiple dates if you have a request for a specific Mass. We will do our best to schedule on your request or the closest date to it. For questions, please contact Roe Lanning at the rectory office at 610-965-2877.

❖ **Altar Flowers** - Because Lent is a penitential season there will not be flowers in the church from 2/18 to 4/11. Flower orders may still be placed for other times of the year. To place orders 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!

❖ **OPERATION RICE BOWL DONATIONS** may be placed in the rice bowl in the sanctuary to the right of the altar.

❖ **Little Parishioners Chapel:** Anyone who has bible story books (age 0-5) or bible story coloring books that they would like to donate to the little Parishioners Chapel is invited to leave them in a bag on the table in the usher's room. Please, no toys. Thank you.

❖ **TAX STATEMENTS** - If you would like a contribution statement for your 2025 tax return, please write "2025 Statement Requested" on the outside of your next giving envelope. Pick up will be in the back of church in an envelope with your name on it, within 2 weeks of the request receipt. If you have questions or concerns, please call the Rectory.

LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE



Fasting

Ash Wednesday
Good Friday

Ages 18-59

Abstinence

Every Friday
during Lent

Ages 14+

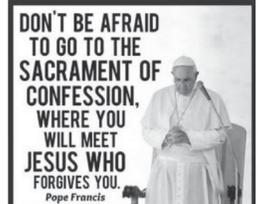
How do we fast?

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Am I excused from fasting and abstinence?

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women.

For more information on fasting and abstinence, visit uscbb.org.



The Lenten season is a time of preparation for the liturgical celebration of the suffering, death, and Resurrection of Christ. Many Catholics spend that time on the three practices of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It is also a time to participate in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. **Confessions are held weekly on Saturday afternoons from 4:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. at St. Joseph Parish!**

**Thank
You!**

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- Six week study starting Wednesday, February 25 through Wednesday, April 1. Classes will be in the back meeting room in the church from 8:45-10:30 AM. You will need to order a workbook from womenofgrace.com. To register, email Rose Newcomer at newcomer@womenofgrace.com.

Into
His
Likeness

Be Transformed as a Disciple of Christ

Edward Sri

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WEEK VIDEO
SERIES!**

ST JOSEPH'S
CHURCH 7:00 PM
(Ending by 8:00 PM)
30 MINUTE VIDEO
FOLLOWED BY
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Meetings on
Thursdays - Feb 26,
March 5, 12, 19, 26



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SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026

11:00AM

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Held in the fields behind the rectory,
or inside the gym if necessary!