



# St. Joseph Church



Limeport-Coopersburg

A Parish Family - Living the Word, Loving Through Christ

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## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

"I am the resurrection and the life;  
whoever believes in Me, even if he dies, will live,  
and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die.

Do you believe this?"

John 11:25-26



### Fifth Sunday of Lent

#### **Saturday, March 21, 2026 - 5:15PM Vigil Mass**

*Michael Brendan Pancoast*

Altar Servers: A. & A. Carl; J. Shultz

Greeters: A. & L. Sumner

Commentator/Lector: M. Andrews; M. Glavin

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Figuli; S. Moyer; G. Schultz

#### **Sunday, March 22, 2026 - 9:00AM Mass**

*The Burns Family*

Altar Servers: B. & M. Ellis; M. Serna

Greeters: D. & G. Sago

Commentator/Lector: T. Yaeger; P. Moreira

Eucharistic Ministers: T. Lynch; P. Patterson; H. Stankewicz

#### **Sunday, March 22, 2026 - 11:00AM Mass**

*Adeline Harbits*

Altar Servers: C. Lindenmoyer; M. O'Donnell; P. Wenner

Greeters: B. Busfield & Wenner Family

Commentator/Lector: B. & M. Michalerya

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Zabinski; C. & M. Zientara

### Today's Readings

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

*"With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption."*

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel Acclamation: *"I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die."*

Gospel: John 11:1-45

### Upcoming Mass Schedule

#### **Monday, March 23 - 8AM**

*Sr. Winifred Marie*

#### **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. This is the final week for the Monday morning Stations of the Cross service.

#### **Tuesday, March 24 - 8AM**

*Living & Deceased of St. Joseph Parish*

#### **Wednesday, March 25 - 8AM**

*Donald Streeter*

#### **Thursday, March 26 - 8AM**

*Intentions of the Altar & Rosary Society*

#### **Friday, March 27 - 9AM School Mass**

*Michael Lynn*

#### **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. This is the final week for the Friday evening Stations of the Cross service.

#### **Saturday, March 28 - 8AM**

*Dolores Devinentis*

### Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

*Regular Mass Schedule*

#### **Saturday, March 28, 2026 - 5:15PM Vigil Mass**

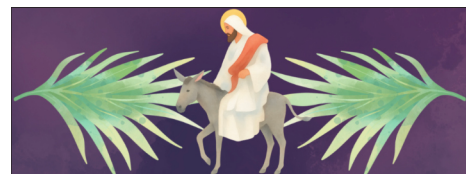
*Michael Brendan Pancoast*

#### **Sunday, March 29, 2026 - 9:00AM Mass**

*The Burns Family*

#### **Sunday, March 29, 2026 - 11:00AM Mass**

*Adeline Harbits*





# 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.

### 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).

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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](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 1-800-276-1562.



YOU'RE INVITED:

*Holy Hours*

### FOR THE 65<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN

IN PREPARATION FOR THE DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONSECRATION

**Thursday, March 26:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Bethlehem

**Thursday, April 9:** Holy Guardian Angels, Reading

**Thursday, April 23:** Notre Dame of Bethlehem, Bethlehem

**Tuesday, April 28:** St. Ambrose, Schuylkill Haven

**Thursday, April 30:** St. John XXIII, Tamaqua



6:30pm Doors Open  
6:45pm - Welcome  
7:00pm - Exposition  
7:55pm - Benediction  
8:00pm - Social Time



Music & Reflections provided by Live Vertical

Live Vertical is a missionary movement that has served the Diocese of Allentown for many years, helping people know, love, and serve Jesus in the Eucharist and one another. Through guided prayer in Eucharistic Adoration, they have facilitated over 500,000 encounters with Jesus.

# 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](mailto: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

- Wednesdays through 4/1 - Women of Grace "Mary, through the eyes of the mystics" - 8:45-10:30 AM in the church meeting room
- Thursdays through 3/26 - "Into His Likeness" Lenten Video Study - 7PM in the church
- 3/24 - Altar & Rosary Society Meeting - 7PM in the church meeting room
- 3/27 - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8 AM Mass, with Benedictions after the conclusion of Stations of the Cross - 7PM
- 3/28 - Cemetery Spring Cleanup - 8:30-10:30AM
- 3/28 - Fr. Buckley's Annual Easter Egg Hunt - 11AM Sharp; Rain or shine!
- 3/28-3/29 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of our Lord - Regular Mass Schedule
- 3/29 - KOC Palm Sunday Breakfast - More info on back page!
- 3/29 - Parish Groups Activities Fair - During the breakfast - More info on back page!

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP Best Bet Based on Inflation 2025-2026 Budget

Last Week 03/15/26	Fiscal Year To Date 07/01/25-06/30/26
Operating Expenses \$12,744.	Operating Expenses \$458,744.
Sunday/Holy Day Collections \$ 9,103.	Sunday/Holy Day Collections \$441,134.
Over/(Under) Budget (\$ 3,641.)	Over/(Under) Budget (\$ 17,610.)
Additional Ash Wednesday Collection: \$25.00, reflected in the above.	
Additional Home Missions Collection: \$50.00;	
Carmelite Nuns Collection: \$4,878.50; both not reflected in the above.	
Thank You!	



Night of Knights, St Mike's BIGGEST fundraiser of the year, consists of a two day online auction, a live event, and more! Our 2026 theme is CASINO NIGHT! Our live event will be April 18th and our online auction site will be live April 18th and April 19th. We need YOU to help make this night a success! Families and businesses can donate items like experiences, gift cards, and more to make our auction unforgettable. Event Sponsors are also needed. Visit [NOK2026.givesmart.com](http://NOK2026.givesmart.com) or contact Lindsey Heil, Advancement Director, for more info!

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✦ **Holy Week Confession Schedule** -- Saturday, March 28th 4:00 – 5:00 PM; Monday, March 30th 6:00 – 7:00 PM; Tuesday, March 31st 6:00 – 7:00 PM.
- ✦ **Cemetery Cleanup** -- Our post winter cleanup in the cemetery will be Sat. March 28 from 8:30-10:30 am. We recognize that there are many things going on this weekend in our parish and appreciate as much help as possible, as this is the big cleanup after Christmas and all the snow. We ask people to remove all old plants and decorations off their family gravesites before this day. Please feel free to throw non-biodegradable items into the blue bin at the edge of the cemetery. Questions, please contact Linda Hoffstetter at [hoffyphotos@aol.com](mailto:hoffyphotos@aol.com).
- ✦ **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](mailto: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.
- ✦ **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.
- ✦ **CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS** -- Charitable Contributions to St. Joseph Church, Coopersburg, can provide support to the Parish, while providing financial and tax benefits for you and your family. For those that are over age 70½, a very popular method of making charitable contributions is by a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA. This QCD amount is excluded from your taxable income. Talk to a professional tax advisor before you take any action regarding your IRA. If you have any questions about making a charitable gift, please feel free to contact Bob Carlin of the Parish Finance Committee at [robertcarlin@rtcarlin.com](mailto:robertcarlin@rtcarlin.com) with any questions.
- ✦ **HOLY WATER REFILLS** - Anyone who is looking to fill personal holy water bottles, please use the gold holy water wall dispenser near the usher's room. Thank you.
- ✦ **LAST YEAR'S PALMS** may be placed in the large basket in the vestibule of the church, through this weekend.
- ✦ **Additional Newsletters for Holy Week & Easter** -- We will be emailing out several newsletters during Holy Week. In addition to the regular Wednesday newsletter, special newsletters will be sent out via email Thursday, Friday, Saturday (PM), and Sunday. Information on the Blessing of the Easter Foods will be included in the Wednesday newsletter on April 1st.



**PREP CLASSES THIS WEEKEND!** Please be alert for extra pedestrian traffic in the church lot after the 9AM Mass and prior to the 11AM Mass on Sunday morning, and be sure to stop at the pedestrian crossing leading to the school building. Thank you!

**Thank  
You!**

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# EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026

11:00AM

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**RAIN, SNOW OR SUNSHINE  
DRESS FOR THE WEATHER!**

HELD IN THE FIELDS BEHIND THE RECTORY,  
OR IN THE PARISH CENTER IF NECESSARY.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Sunday, March 29th, 2026

St. Joseph's Parish Center

7:30-11:00AM

\$12.00 per person.

Children 8 and under are free.

*Please join us for breakfast! We will be serving an assortment of breakfast foods including omelets, pancakes, bacon, sausage, and hash browns. You may pre-purchase tickets using the flyer in the back of church or on our parish website.*



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# Spring ACTIVITIES FAIR

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

7:30AM-11:00AM

IN THE PARISH CENTER VESTIBULE

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