



# St. Joseph Church



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

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Have no anxiety at all,  
but in everything,  
by prayer and petition,  
with thanksgiving,  
make your requests  
known to God.

Then the peace of God  
that surpasses all  
understanding  
will guard your hearts  
and minds  
in Christ Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 4:6



## 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Saturday, October 3, 2026 - 5:15PM Vigil Mass**

*Art & Edie Fischer*

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

Greeter: A. & L. Sumner

Commentator/Lector: C. & V. Miller

Eucharistic Ministers: S. Moyer; A. & L. Sumner

**Sunday, October 4, 2026 - 9:00AM Mass**

***New Altar Server Investiture***

*Fred Lanshe Jr.*

Altar Servers: T. Reinert; A. & A. Zabinski

Greeter: R. Hartung; R. Luna

Commentator/Lector: M. Zabinski; B. Reinert

Eucharistic Ministers: S. Bartholomew; S. Dale; T. Lynch

**Sunday, October 4, 2026 - 11:00AM Mass**

*Judith Zelenz*

Altar Servers: A. & A. Davis; E. Tran

Greeter: O'Connor Family

Commentator/Lector: K. Mosko; C. Ehresman

Eucharistic Ministers: G. Schultz; C. Ehresman

## TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20

*"The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel."*

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel Acclamation: *"I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go and bear fruit that will remain."*

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

## JOIN US OR THE RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

Throughout the month of October,  
in the church before each Mass:

Saturdays -- 4:45PM;

Sundays -- 8:30AM & 10:30AM.

*We thank the members of our Altar & Rosary Society for leading us in this meaningful devotion. The Rosary is also recited after the 8AM Weekday Mass, and on the first Monday of the month (every month!) at 6PM in the church.*

## UPCOMING MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday, October 5 - 8AM Mass**

*Living & Deceased of St. Joseph Parish*

**Tuesday, October 6 - 8AM Mass**

*Terrence Duggan*

**Wednesday, October 7 - 8AM Mass**

*Intentions of the Altar & Rosary Society*

**Thursday, October 8 - 8AM Mass**

*Rev. Paul Da Damio*

**Friday, October 9 - 8AM Mass**

*Msgr. Robert J. Coll*

**Saturday, October 10 - 8AM Mass**

*Michael Pancoast*

**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, October 10, 2026 - 5:15PM Vigil Mass**

*Michael Fitzpatrick*

**Sunday, October 11, 2026 - 9:00AM Mass**

*John T. Spaar*

**Sunday, October 11, 2026 - 11:00AM Mass**

*Deceased of Schuster Family*



# 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@stjoescoopburg.org](mailto:janessa.odonnell@stjoescoopburg.org).

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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.

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## Shower of Roses



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3551 LANARK ROAD  
Coopersburg, PA. 18036

(6 mi. south of Allentown - 3 mi. North of Coopersburg)  
(Just west of Route 309 off West Saucon Valley Rd.)  
[carmelitemonasterylehighvalley@gmail.com](mailto:carmelitemonasterylehighvalley@gmail.com)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026  
at 2:00 P.M.

✽ HOLY MASS IN HONOR OF SAINT THÉRÈSE ✽

Come to Carmel of Allentown to honor Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus  
♦ Blessing of Roses in the name of Saint Thérèse  
♦ Distribution of 1,000 Blessed Roses

All are WELCOME to the Solemn Services to glorify our Heavenly Father,  
for the Graces bestowed upon Saint Thérèse of Carmel.

Every Pilgrim receives special Blessed Rose in the Name of Saint Thérèse

ASSORTED REFRESHMENTS - BAKED GOODS  
FOLLOWING DEVOTIONS

## 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.**

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP Best Bet Based on Inflation 2026-2027 Budget

|                                                                                        |                                           |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Last Week<br>09/27/26                                                                  | Fiscal Year To Date<br>07/01/26-06/30/27  |
| Operating Expenses<br>\$13,254.                                                        | Operating Expenses<br>\$172,302.          |
| Sunday/Holy Day Collections<br>\$ 8,826.                                               | Sunday/Holy Day Collections<br>\$134,466. |
| Over/(Under) Budget<br>(\$ 4,428.)                                                     | Over/(Under) Budget<br>(\$ 37,836.)       |
| Latin America Church Collection: \$2,035.00, NOT reflected in the above.<br>Thank you! |                                           |

### OUR PARISH & COMMUNITY CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

#### Weekly Meetings & Events

##### Sundays

PREP Classes - 9:45-10:45AM in the school,  
September through May

##### Mondays

Adult Choir Practice - 7PM in the church, September  
through May

##### Tuesdays

DSE Small Group Faith-Sharing Program - 7PM in the  
Parish Center, ends 11/10

##### Wednesdays

Women's Book Study - 8:45-10AM in Church Meeting  
Room

Hand Bell Choir Practices - 6:30PM in the Church

OCIA Classes - 7PM in the Church Meeting Room,  
through Holy Week

#### Dates of Importance & Special Events

- 10/7 - Living Rosary Prayer Service - 6PM in the church
- 10/10 - Blessing of the Pets - 10AM Under the Pavilion
- 10/11 - KOC Breakfast & Parish Groups Fair - 7:30-11AM in the Parish Center
- 10/11-10/13 - Forty Hours of Devotion - Church open for private adoration each day and concludes with Benediction at 7PM each night
- 10/17 - A&R Rosary Making Workshop - 9:30AM-12PM in the Parish Center
- 10/17-18 - Blood Pressure Screenings after All Masses - Church Meeting Room
- 10/18 - Confirmation Investiture Mass - 11AM
- 10/18 & 25 - Junior Choir Rehearsal after the 11AM Mass
- 10/25 - Centennial Photo Scanning - After 9AM & 11AM Masses - Meeting Room of Church
- 10/25 - Fr. Buckley's Annual Fall Family Festival - 3-5PM in the Parish Center
- 11/1, 15 & 22 - Junior Choir Rehearsal after the 11AM Mass
- 11/8 - Healing Service - Follows the 11AM Mass

### WEEKLY REMINDERS

- \* Saturday Confessions are held from 4:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.
- \* October is the month of Our Lady of the Rosary, and the Free Table will contain rosaries and pamphlets in her honor.

### SPECIAL PARISH & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* **Mass & Sanctuary Candle Offerings** - MASSES and/or SANCTUARY CANDLES for the deceased or to honor a special occasion can be requested by downloading & printing the form on our website. 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.

\* **The Altar flowers for the weekend of October 3/4 are for the special intention of a parishioner.** Please be aware as you plan to order altar flowers, that from November 9-28 only bouquets may be ordered. From November 29 until January no orders will be taken as Advent is a penitential season. To place orders for flowers, 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!

\* **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. If you have any questions about making a charitable gift, please feel free to contact Bob Carlin of the Parish Finance Committee @ 610-798-7220 or [robertcarlin@rtcarlin.com](mailto:robertcarlin@rtcarlin.com) with any questions.

\* **Help shape the celebration of our 100th Anniversary** by creating a memorable slogan and/or a unique logo to capture the mission of St. Joseph Church: 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 the Christ, the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit, and the Teachings of the Holy Roman Catholic Church through Word, Sacrament, and Service. DEADLINE: October 31, 2026; ELIGIBILITY: All parishioners, of any age. GUIDELINES: Slogans and logos must be original, legible, handwritten or hand drawn, black & white OR color, and on 8 1/2x11" paper. Slogans should be 8 words or fewer. Place entries in the designated box in the vestibule. The 100th Anniversary committee will choose the winning entries and they will be announced during the anniversary kickoff weekend, November 21-22, 2026 QUESTIONS: Contact Diane [atecaca522@gmail.com](mailto:atecaca522@gmail.com) or Josephine at [thecacace4@gmail.com](mailto:thecacace4@gmail.com).

\* **SAFETY REMINDER:** We have started a new traffic pattern for Sunday mornings during PREP classes. Families are required to park in the church lot and walk their students to/from class. We ask that on PREP days, ALL VEHICLE TRAFFIC should follow the path outlined above for the safety of our parishioners both walking to/from PREP classes as well as trying to enter or leave the parish grounds. Please remember that the entrance to the church is for two-way traffic; do not drive in the middle of the road, be prepared to stop for those exiting the handicap circle, and be mindful of those both coming and going through the entrance/exit area. We thank everyone for their cooperation in both the new weekday morning Mass and Sunday morning Mass traffic plans. It has made a huge difference for the safety of the children and other people.



## PLEASE JOIN US IN THANKING OUR 2026 BULLETIN SPONSORS!

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# St. Joseph

Catholic Church

*Knights of Columbus*  
invites you to our

## PARISH ACTIVITY FAIR Breakfast

Enjoy a delicious breakfast while you learn about the many ministries and groups that make our parish special!

*All are Welcome!*



**Date:**  
Sunday,  
October 11<sup>th</sup>



**Time:**  
7:30 AM to  
11:00 AM



**Location:**  
Parish Center

### Menu:

Pancakes, sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, hash browns, coffee, tea, juices, and desserts provided by Altar & Rosary.



venmo @knights16840

### Our Church Groups



Altar Rosary



Knights of Columbus



Hospitality Committee (greeters - welcome parishioners to mass, weekly and holy days)



Eucharist Minister (serve at Mass)



Commentators (read at Mass)



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