

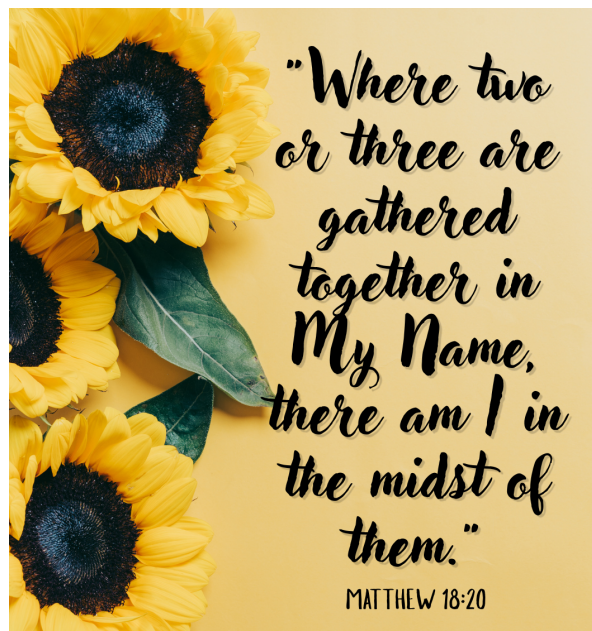


St. Joseph Church



A Parish Family - Living the Word, Loving Through Christ

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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, September 5, 2026 -
5:15PM Vigil Mass
Michael Laser

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

Greeters: B. Busfield

Commentator/Lector: C. & V. Miller

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Figuli; R. Wasatonic

Sunday, September 6, 2026 - 9:00AM Mass
John Lynn

Altar Servers: J., L. & D. Dale

Greeters: S. Bartholomew; R. Luna

Commentator/Lector: S. Dale; B. Reinert

Eucharistic Ministers: S. Bartholomew;
K. Flounders

Sunday, September 6, 2026 - 11:00AM Mass
Judith Zelenz

Altar Servers: M. Arruda; C. Lindenmoyer;
P. Wenner

Greeters: O'Connor Family

Commentator/Lector: B. & M. Michalerya

Eucharistic Ministers: A. Arruda; J. & P. Patterson

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel Acclamation: *"God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation."*

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

UPCOMING MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, September 7 - 8AM Mass
Dominick D'Annibale

Tuesday, September 8 - 8AM Mass
Intentions of the Altar & Rosary Society

Wednesday, September 9 - 8AM Mass
John Handlon

Thursday, September 10 - 8AM Mass
Living & Deceased of St. Joseph Parish

Friday, September 11 - 8AM Mass
Agnes Bodisch

Saturday, September 12 - 8AM Mass
Intentions of the Altar & Rosary Society

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 12, 2026 -
5:15PM Vigil Mass
Fred Lanshe, Jr.

Sunday, September 13, 2026 - 9:00AM Mass
Dave Newcomer

Sunday, September 13, 2026 - 11:00AM Mass
Joseph & Esther Hoffstetter



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.

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.

YOU ARE INVITED: Daily Mass with Bishop Schlert

Join Bishop Schlert for Daily Mass at parishes throughout the Diocese as we come together in faith and unity:

- Wednesday, September 9 – 6:00 p.m. St. Peter the Fisherman, Lake Harmony
 - Wednesday, September 16 – 8:00 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Bethlehem
 - Thursday, September 17 – 8:00 a.m. Holy Family (St. Michael the Archangel Church), Minersville
- All are welcome to join in these special celebrations of the Eucharist, part of the Diocese's *Because We Are Catholic* initiative.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Our volunteer staff at St. Joseph Church looks forward to another year of sharing the teachings of Christ with the children of our Parish Family through our Parish Religious Education Program. Our PREP program is held on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45AM for children in grades 1-8, from mid-September through early May. We will begin the 2026-2027 year on Sunday, September 13. Pre-registration is required for both new & returning students.

If you missed the registration deadline, please email Mrs. O'Donnell TODAY to make sure your family is included in our planning process. Information packets are available for download on our website, and include registration forms as well as the full 2026-2027 calendar.

We are in need of volunteers for the following PREP positions: 4th grade aide; substitute catechists (all grades); traffic directors; and hallway monitors.

High School students are welcome to volunteer as classroom aides and hallway monitors if they are in need of community service hours. Volunteers aged 18+ must complete all of the clearance requirements set forth by the State of Pennsylvania and the Diocese of Allentown. If you have any questions, please contact Janessa O'Donnell at janessa.odonnell@stjoescoopersburg.org.

TRAFFIC DIRECTORS AND CROSSING GUARDS NEEDED FOR EACH WEEK OF PREP!!! We need at least 3 volunteers each weekend of PREP, after the 9AM Mass and at the conclusion of PREP at 10:45AM. Must be 18+. Contact Janessa O'Donnell for dates & more information!

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.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP Best Bet Based on Inflation 2026-2027 Budget

Last Week 08/30/26	Fiscal Year To Date 07/01/26-06/30/27
Operating Expenses \$13,254.	Operating Expenses \$119,286.
Sunday/Holy Day Collections \$ 8,679.	Sunday/Holy Day Collections \$ 92,262.
Over/(Under) Budget (\$ 4,575.)	Over/(Under) Budget (\$ 27,024.)

Additional Assumption Envelopes: \$50.00 reflected in the above. Thank you!

OUR PARISH & COMMUNITY CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

- Through 9/16 - Wednesdays 8:45-10AM - Women's Book Study in Church Meeting Room
- 9/6 - Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship following the 9AM & 11AM Masses - Weather permitting; look for the tent outside.
- 9/6 - Diocesan CYO Cross Country Track Meet - 2PM
- 9/7 - Monthly Rosary Gathering - 6PM in the church
- 9/12 - A&R Society Mum Sale Pickups - 9-10AM - Last Day to Order 9/5
- 9/13 - PREP Grades 1-7 Book Pickup and Teacher Meet & Greet - 10-10:45AM
- 9/13 - Confirmation Student & Family Mass & Meeting - 5PM
- 9/14 - Adult Choir Practices Begin - 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM in the church
- 9/15 - DSE Small Group Faith-Sharing Program - 7PM in the Parish Center - Weekly, ending 11/10
- 9/16 - Handbell Choir Practices Begin - 6:30PM in the church
- 9/16 - OCIA, Order of Christian Initiation of Adults Begins - 7 PM in the Church Meeting Room
- 9/19-9/20 - Blood Pressure Screenings after All Masses - Church Meeting Room
- 9/20 - Centennial Photo Scanning - After 9AM & 11AM Masses - Usher's Room of Church
- 9/20 - Centennial MultiGenerational Interviews & Photo Scanning - 12-2:30PM in the Parish Center
- 9/23 - Next Women's Book Study Begins - Wednesdays 8:45-10AM - Church Meeting Room
- 9/27 - First PREP Class for Grades 1-8 -9:45-10:45AM



Visit stmikeswalk2026.givesmart.com to support our school, purchase a sponsorship, and check out our weekly challenges. For more school announcements and information, visit our website at www.st-mikes.com and our Facebook page!

WEEKLY REMINDERS

* **Saturday Confessions** are held from 4:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.
* **The Rosary** is recited after the 8AM Weekday Mass, and on the first Monday of the month (every month!) at 6PM in the church.

* **The Free Table** continues to offer something for everyone, with coloring sheets, medals, prayer cards, Parish Group highlights, sign up sheets, and more. Check it out today!

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** - To place orders for flowers, 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!

* **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 70 1/2, 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 @ 610-798-7220 or robertcarlin@rtcarlin.com with any questions.

* **OCIA, Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, will begin Wednesday, September 16th, at 7 PM in the Church Meeting Room**, off the Narthex. OCIA is for anyone who would like to come into full communion with the Catholic Church, anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Church including current Catholics who desire a deeper understanding of the faith. If you would like more information or have questions, please contact Andrew Sumner at (484-264-8565) or st.joesph.coopersburg.rcia@gmail.com. You may also speak with Father Buckley after Mass, or email the Rectory at rectory@stjoescoopersburg.org.

* **NEW ALTAR SERVERS:** Any boy or girl in the fourth grade or older who would like to be an Altar Server is asked to attend a meeting on Saturday, September 12th at 10:00 A.M. in the church. This introductory meeting should last one hour. If, for some reason, you are unable to attend and would like to be an Altar Server, call Father Buckley 610-965-2877 or email at stjoes@ptd.net

* **Attention Confirmation Class of 2027** -- On Sunday, September 13, we invite all of our Confirmation candidates (students) & their families to a special Mass with Fr. Buckley in the Parish Center at 5PM, which will be followed by a brief information session, and a light meal & fellowship. At this meeting, each candidate will receive their red Confirmation preparation folder, full of important forms & relevant information. Candidates will have the opportunity to participate in the Mass, and get to know each other better as we enjoy our meal. Attendance is expected by all candidates. Kindly RSVP by September 7th on our Google Form: <https://forms.gle/wNzmz9sx3xLmoYXz8>



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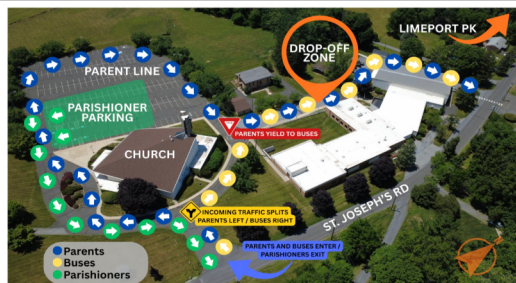
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SAFETY ALERT REMINDER: New Weekday traffic plan for Church and School

We have instituted a new traffic pattern for parishioners and parents of St. Michael students for morning drop-off and afternoon pickup. The plan is necessary to eliminate potential traffic congestion on St. Joseph Road and Limeport.

All vehicles (cars, buses) will enter the parish grounds at the upper right entrance near the church. Only buses are permitted to stay in the right lane and proceed to the school entrance to drop off students. Parishioners coming to a morning Mass or other activity/meeting in the church will enter the grounds at the upper right entrance near the church. Parishioners may either drop-off passengers at the church or proceed to the first two rows of parking (nearest the church). When exiting during drop-off or pick-up times, please exit by the TOP entrance and turn left onto St. Joseph Road.

Vehicles are asked to stop and yield to vehicles coming into the parking lot when leaving.

There will be signs to assist with school drop-off. We ask everyone to cooperate for the safety of the children and other people. Speed limit in parking should be 5 mph!

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