



St. Joseph Church



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

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JESUS SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES,
"Whoever wishes to
come after Me must
deny himself,
take up his cross,
and follow Me."

MATTHEW 16:24

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, August 29, 2026 - 5:15PM Vigil Mass

Cecilia D'Annibale

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

Greeters: DaSilva Family

Commentator/Lector: A. Stankewicz; T. Yaeger

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Figuli; S. Moyer;

G. Schultz

Sunday, August 30, 2026 - 9:00AM Mass

Gretel Ruppert

Altar Servers: A. Grubb; E. Hayward; P. Serna

Greeters: D. & G. Sago

Commentator/Lector: D. Ward; S. Bartholomew

Eucharistic Ministers: S. Dale; C. Grubb;

K. Landman

Sunday, August 30, 2026 - 11:00AM Mass

Mr. & Mrs. Meinrad Schnellman

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

Greeters: G. Bender; C. Manning

Commentator/Lector: M. Andrews; A. Ellenberger

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Hendricks;

C. & M. Zientara

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

"My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God."

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Gospel Acclamation: "May the Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts,
that we may know what is the hope that belongs to
our call."

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

UPCOMING MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, August 31- 8AM Mass

Living & Deceased of St. Joseph Parish

Tuesday, September 1 - 8AM Mass

Theodore Sheppelman Jr.

Wednesday, September 2 - 8AM Mass

Stephen Figuli Jr.

Thursday, September 3 - 8AM Mass

Michael Lynn

Friday, September 4 - 8AM Mass

Dave Newcomer

Saturday, September 5 - 8AM Mass

Kate Miller

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Michael Laser

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

John Lynn

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

Judith Zelenz



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.

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Don't forget to register for our 2026-2027 PREP year! 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 will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45AM for children in grades 1-8, from mid-September through early May. Registration packets are available on our website, as well as limited paper copies in the back of church. Kindly send in your registration materials no later than this Sunday, August 30th!

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+. Grandpas of PREP students always welcome! :) Contact Janessa O'Donnell for dates & more information!

St. Joseph Parish Family



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

08/23/26	Fiscal Year To Date
Operating Expenses	07/01/26-06/30/27
\$13,254.	Operating Expenses
Sunday/Holy Day Collections	\$106,032.
\$ 9,546.	Sunday/Holy Day Collections
Over/(Under) Budget	\$ 83,583.
(\$ 3,708.)	Over/(Under) Budget
	(\$ 22,449.)

Additional Assumption Envelopes: \$85.00 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 - 1PM
- 9/7 - Monthly Rosary Gathering - 6PM in the church
- 9/12 - A&R Society Mum Sale Pickups - 9-10AM
- 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
- 9/20 - 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

ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

FALL MUM SALE

9" MUM \$10.00 EACH, 3 FOR \$ 25.00
11" TRI-COLOR MUMS IN PLANTER \$18.00
13" MUM WITH RED GRASS \$25.00
MUM COLORS: YELLOW, RED, BRONZE/ORANGE, PINK/PURPLE, WHITE

ORDER FORMS AVAILABLE IN THE BACK OF CHURCH
ORDERS MUST BE IN BY SEPT. 5TH
PICKUP AT PAVILION
ON SEPT. 12TH 9-10AM

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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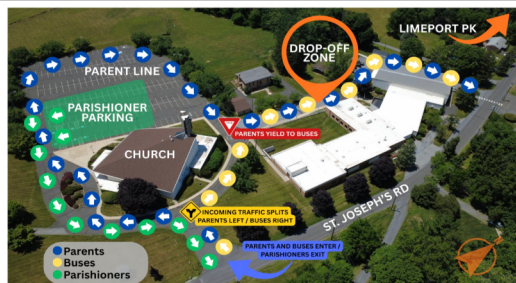
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In Loving Memory of Lou & Winnie Melinsky

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SAFETY ALERT: New Weekday traffic plan for Church and School

Beginning with the first day of school, Monday August 31st, we will institute 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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