



# St. Joseph Church



Limeport-Coopersburg

A Parish Family - Living the Word, Loving Through Christ

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## Gaudete, Christus Natus est!

A holy day has dawned upon us.  
Come, you nations, and adore the Lord.  
For today a great light has come upon the earth.

### Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

**Children's Mass - 5:15PM**

*Deceased of the Lanning & O'Donnell Families*

Junior Choir & Instrumentalist Prelude at 4:45PM

Altar Servers: Z. Steiner; J. Brewer; L. Wilde

Greeter: B. Busfield

C/L: A. Sumner; S. Bartholomew

EMs: S. Bartholomew; K. Flounders; J. Krafczyk

**7:00PM Mass**

*Christian Baus*

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

Greeters: R. & M. Carlin

C/L: N. & B. Wallerich

EMs: R. Wasatonic; B. Wallerich

**10:00PM Mass**

*Deceased of the Buckley Family*

Adult Choir & Bells Choir Prelude at 9:30PM

Altar Servers: E. Gridley; M. Stolzer; G. Wetterau

Greeter: G. Bender

C/L: A. Arruda; T. Yaeger

EMs: S. Dale; K. Metzler

### Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25, 2025

**9:00AM Mass**

*Curtis Fox*

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

Greeters: D. & G. Sago

C/L: D. Ward; E. Reichenbach

EMs: J. & P. Patterson; K. Reichenbach

**11:00AM Mass**

*Deceased of the White Family*

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

Greeters: O'Connor Family

C/L: N. & O. Lounsberry

EMs: T. Lynch; G. Schultz

*Sing joyfully to the Lord,  
all you lands; break into song...  
Sing praise to the Lord with the harp  
and melodious song.  
With trumpets and the sound of the  
horn sing joyfully before the King,  
the Lord.*







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

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## Secretary for Youth Protection

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



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## Closing Celebration of the JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

DECEMBER  
2025

28

2PM  
4PM

## THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



2:00 PM: A choral presentation of  
Vivaldi's Gloria by the Cathedral Choir

2:00-3:00 PM: The Sacrament of Penance

3:00 PM: The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass  
celebrated by Bishop Schlert



The Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown

### **UPCOMING MASS SCHEDULE**

**Friday, December 26 - 8AM Mass**

*Thomas Trinkle*

**Saturday, December 27 - 8AM Mass**

*Donald Vasta*

### **Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**Saturday, December 27, 2025 - 5:15PM Vigil Mass**

*Mary Elizabeth DiEmedio*

Altar Servers: A. & T. DaSilva; Z. Steiner

Greeters: A. & L. Sumner

C/L: M. Andrews; N. Wallerich

EMs: B. Wallerich; A. & L. Sumner

**Sunday, December 28, 2025 - 9:00AM Mass**

*Intentions of the Altar & Rosary Society*

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

Greeters: R. Luna; R. Hartung

C/L: S. Dale; B. Reinert

EMs: S. Bartholomew; K. Flounders; R. Hartung

**Sunday, December 28, 2025 - 11:00AM Mass**

*Fred Lanshe Jr.*

Altar Servers: M. & P. Arruda; E. Tran

Greeters: G. Bender; B. Busfield

C/L: E. Petrash; A. Ellenberger

EMs: C. Hendricks; J. Krafczyk; G. Schultz

### **Looking Forward**

There will be daily 8AM Masses on December 29, 30, 31, and January 2 & 3. **January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.** There will be a Vigil Mass on New Year's Eve at 5:15PM. The New Year's Day Masses will be at 9AM & 11 AM.

## **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@stjoescopersburg.org](mailto:janessa.odonnell@stjoescopersburg.org). Names are not removed from the list until we are asked to remove them - please advise if a name appears in error.

### **MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER**

**Pope Francis - December 2025: For Christians in areas of conflict.** Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

**Pope Leo XIV - January 2026: For prayer with the Word of God.** Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

### **OUR PARISH & COMMUNITY CALENDAR AT A GLANCE**

- 12/31 & 1/1 Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God - NYE Mass at 5:15PM, NYD Masses at 9AM & 11 AM
- 1/5 - Monthly Rosary Gathering - 6PM in the church
- 2/2 - Monthly Rosary Gathering - 6PM in the church
- 2/7 - A&R Society Soup & Sandwich Sale - More info to come!
- 2/7 - KOC Bingo Night - More info to come!
- 2/15 - Mardi Gras Mission Sunday Carnival - More info to come!
- 2/18 - Ash Wednesday - Masses at 9AM & 7PM
- 2/20, 27 - Stations of the Cross - 7PM
- 3/2 - Monthly Rosary Gathering - 6PM in the church
- 3/6, 13, 20, 27 - Stations of the Cross - 7PM
- 3/7 - First Reconciliation - 10AM
- 3/14 - A&R Society Shepherd's Pie Sale - More info to come!
- 3/15 - Confirmation Retreat & Practice - 11AM-4PM
- 3/16 - Confirmation - 4:30PM
- 3/28 - Fr. Buckley's Annual Easter Egg Hunt - 11AM Sharp; Rain or shine!



### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\* **Schedule Altar Flowers for the New Year!** If you are interested in purchasing the altar flowers for a special occasion or in memory of someone in 2026, 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!

\* **INCLEMENT WEATHER REMINDERS** -- All weather or other emergency cancellations of weekend Masses will be announced on WFMZ. Daily Mass is cancelled whenever Southern Lehigh School District announces either a delay or cancellation for winter weather.

\* **BLESSED CHRISTMAS WAFERS** or "Oplatki" are available in the vestibule of the church. There are four wafers per pack at \$2.00 per pack. An instructional pamphlet is enclosed with each pack of Christmas Wafers explaining this centuries old Christmas tradition. The entire family, at Christmas Eve or Christmas Day dinner, traditionally shares the Christmas Wafers after the blessing, prior to eating the meal. Each family member may offer a prayer for the family while breaking off a piece of the Christmas Wafer, then passes the wafer to the next family member. This would be a nice family custom to begin, or continue, by adding another spiritual dimension to your holiday celebrations.

\* **GIVING TREE 2025** -- At this time, all tags have been removed from the tree. Please be sure to bring your gift no later than this Sunday, December 28th. All items should be new & unopened and UNWRAPPED please. Thank you!

\* **ORNAMENTS FOR PARISH FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE** - All families, especially those who have joined recently, are invited to add an ornament to our Parish Family Tree, which is located in front of the baptismal font. The tree will remain up through the Feast of the Epiphany.

\* **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA UPDATE** - There has been some interest to take advantage of the by-one-get-one deal being offered by Wreaths Across America this year. The offer runs until December 31 and wreaths are \$17. Order online at <https://wreathsacrossamerica.org/Shop/Product/597?tid=E04B5366-679C-42DE-81AB-7A1C65943B26&pagelds=174916> When you purchase, please make sure the wreaths are purchased under our KofC "Sponsorship Group" ID (PA0763) NOT the Cemetery "Location" ID (PASJCE). Wreaths purchased off the website front page will not apply to our cemetery and wreaths purchased to our "Location" will not benefit from the buy-one-get-one deal. It's a bit convoluted, so just remember "Sponsorship Group PA0763." If you have any questions, please contact Alex Arruda at [alexander.gray.arruda@gmail.com](mailto:alexander.gray.arruda@gmail.com). Thank you!





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