



# St. Joseph Church



Limeport-Coopersburg

A Parish Family - Living the Word, Loving Through Christ

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**WITH ALL MY HEART  
I SEEK YOU;  
DO NOT LET ME STRAY FROM  
YOUR COMMANDMENTS.**



## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday, February 14, 2026 - 5:15PM Vigil Mass**

*Michael Petrash*

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

Greeters: R. & M. Carlin

Commentator/Lector: A. Garguilo; E. Petrash

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Figuli; G. Schultz;

R. Wasatonic

**Sunday, February 15, 2026 - 9:00AM Mass**

*Fred Lanshe Jr.*

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

Greeters: S. Bartholomew; R. Hartung

Commentator/Lector: D. Ward; B. Reinert

Eucharistic Ministers: K. Flounders; A. & P. Lohr

The Bell Choir will be a part of this Mass.

**Sunday, February 15, 2026 - 11:00AM Mass**

*Gloria Strauch*

Altar Servers: A. & A. Davis; P. Wenner

Greeters: S. Dale; C. Ehresman

Commentator/Lector: B. & M. Michalerya

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Ehresman;

J. & M. Krafczyk

## Today's Readings

First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

*"Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!"*

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel Acclamation: *"Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom."*

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

## Upcoming Mass Schedule

**Monday, February 16 - 8AM Mass**

*Living & Deceased of St. Joseph Parish*

**Tuesday, February 17 - 8AM Mass**

*Sick & Homebound of St. Joseph Parish*

**Ash Wednesday - February 18, 2026**

**School Mass -- 9:00AM**

*Ronald Reinhardt*

Greeters: G. Bender; S. Dale

Eucharistic Ministers: S. Dale, T. Lynch, P. Patterson

**Evening Mass -- 7:00PM**

*Peggy Zabatany*

Altar Servers: M. O'Donnell; Z. Steiner; A. Zabinski

Greeters: S. Bartholomew; C. Ehresman

Commentator/Lector: T. Yaeger; P. Moreira

Eucharistic Ministers: S. Bartholomew; C. Ehresman;  
K. Flounders

**Thursday, February 19 - 8AM Mass**

*Maureen Schofield*

**Friday, February 20 - 8AM Mass**

*MaryBeth DiEmedio*

**Stations of the Cross - 7PM**

**Saturday, February 21 - 8AM Mass**

*Michael Lynn*

## First Sunday of Lent

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

*Michael Fitzpatrick*

**Sunday, February 22, 2026 - 9:00AM Mass**

*Mary Handlon*

The Adult Choir will be a part of this Mass.

**Sunday, February 22, 2026 - 11:00AM Mass**

*Thomas Trinkle*



**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**Sunday 2/15**

**10AM to 12PM**

**in the Parish**

**Center Gym**

Benefits the St. Vincent dePaul Society of St. Joseph Church



# 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).

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

### DIOCESAN FAMILY EVENT



\* Help Unlock Your Children's God-Given Gifts!

\* Live Music

\* Talk For Parents & Children (grades 5 and up)

\* Vigil Mass with Bishop Schlert @ 4:30

**THE SCALLY BROTHERS**

**MARIE MILLER**

**28TH FEB 2026**

**1:30 - 5:30 PM**

**BETHLEHEM CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

**BISHOP SCHLERT**

2133 MADISON AVE, BETHLEHEM  
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# 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.

## OUR PARISH & COMMUNITY CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

- 2/20, 27 - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8 AM Mass, with Benedictions after the conclusion of Stations of the Cross - 7PM
- 2/25-4/1 - Women of Grace "Mary, through the eyes of the mystics" - Wednesdays 8:45-10:30 AM in the church meeting room
- 2/26-3/26 - "Into His Likeness" Lenten Video Study - Thursdays at 7PM in the church
- 2/28 - CYO Basketball Games in the Gym
- 3/2 - Monthly Rosary Gathering - 6PM in the church
- 3/6, 13, 20, 27 - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8 AM Mass, with Benedictions after the conclusion of Stations of the Cross - 7PM

**Altar and Rosary Society annual St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser -- Additional options this year!** Shepherds Pie (lamb), Cottage Pie (beef), Fisherman's Pie (shrimp and cod), Sweet Potato Pie (mixed veggies), and Chicken Pot Pie are all available for sale this year -- something for every appetite! Order forms are available in the back of the church, weekly newsletter, or on the website. The pickup day will be Saturday, March 14, with orders needing to be in by March 2. Questions, please contact Linda Hoffstetter at hoffphotos@aol.com or 610-653-9542.

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* **INCLEMENT WEATHER REMINDERS** -- All weather or other emergency cancellations of weekend Masses, PREP classes, and/or parish events will be announced on WFMZ. It will also be added to the website and/or a special newsletter will be sent out whenever possible. Daily Mass is cancelled whenever Southern Lehigh School District announces either a delay or cancellation for winter weather.

\* **OUR LENTEN OBLIGATIONS - Lent will begin on Wednesday, February 18, 2026** - Church law considers every Friday and the season of Lent as penitential days and times. The practice of penance is a part of our faith and Christian life. When we do penance, we imitate Jesus, who Himself recommended it as necessary to His followers, and gave them the example of His prayer and fasting. The Lenten obligation, as determined for Catholics in the United States by our bishops, requires that fasting be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The law of abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. **Who must fast?** All Catholics who are between the ages of 18 and 59. The obligation ceases when one begins his/her 60 th year on his/her 59th birthday. **Who must abstain?** All Catholics who are 14 years and older. **What does fasting mean?** The observance of fasting means that those obliged may take only one full meal on the day of fast. Two lighter meals (not equal to another full meal) may be taken to maintain strength according to one's needs. **What does abstinence mean?** The law of abstinence forbids the eating of meat, including poultry. Voluntary abstinence refers to refraining from lawful pleasures in a spirit of penance. **Can anyone be dispensed or excused from fast and/or abstinence?** Individuals for a just cause may be dispensed by their pastor or by a priest with the faculty to do so. In our Diocese all priests may dispense individuals who are committed to their pastoral care. Those who are ill or have a similar serious reason are excused from the observance of fast and abstinence. Catholics are reminded that they should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation. **Are there other obligations which we should fulfill?** Catholics are obliged to fulfill what has been called their "Easter Duty." They are required to receive Holy Communion during the Easter time. In the United States this obligation can be fulfilled from the First Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday (February 18 until May 27, 2018). Those conscious of serious sin are reminded of the obligation to confess their sins once a year. Catholics also are encouraged to make Lent a time of more intense prayer and to practice almsgiving and other works of charity, including the Operation Rice Bowl collection.

\* **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 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!

\* **Stations of the Cross will be held Friday Evenings at 7:00 PM, February 20th through March 27th.** 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. **Stations of the Cross for Children w/St. Mike's will be held Monday mornings at 9AM, February 23rd through March 23rd.** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be after the 8:00 A.M. Daily Mass as well, with Benediction at the conclusion of Stations.

\* **Little Parishioners Chapel:** Anyone who has bible story books (age 0-5) or bible story coloring books that they would like to donate to the little Parishioners Chapel is invited to leave them in a bag on the table in the usher's room. Please, no toys. Thank you.

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Coopersburg PA  
Statement of Income and Operating Expenditures  
For the Period July 1, 2024 -- June 30, 2025

	Fiscal Year Ending 06/30/2025	Change From Previous Year Increase (Decrease)
<b>Income</b>		
Church Collections	\$555,205	\$6,409
Diocesan Collections	42,507	(3,118)
Christmas Collection	31,932	(2,252)
Easter Collection	24,156	(1,669)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>653,800</b>	<b>(630)</b>
<b>Operating Expenditures</b>		
Administration	216,588	10,730
Diocesan and other Special Assessments	146,144	(15,112)
School Subsidy, P.R.E.P. and Preschool	217,702	(64,958)
Operating and Maintenance:		
Church	130,475	
Rectory	38,152	
Parish Center	37,078	
Sub Total Operating & Maintenance	205,705	49,289
Insurance and other Taxes	31,933	(2,930)
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>818,072</b>	<b>(22,981)</b>
<b>Deficit of Collections Over Operating Expenses</b>	<b>(164,272)</b>	<b>(22,351)</b>
<b>OTHER SOURCES OF INCOME</b>		
Donations	134,370	42,847
Fundraising (Net of Expenses) and Other Income	79,545	(8,942)
Capital Improvement Campaign and Diocesan Rebates	37,828	(12,764)
<b>Total of Other Sources of Income</b>	<b>251,743</b>	<b>21,141</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$87,471</b>	<b>\$43,497</b>

Disposition of Income

Residual: Reserved for 2025-2026 Anticipated Capital Expenditures.

**Thank  
You!**

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**Sunday, February 15, 2026**

**10:00AM to 12:00PM**

in the Parish Center

*All Are Welcome!*

join us for:

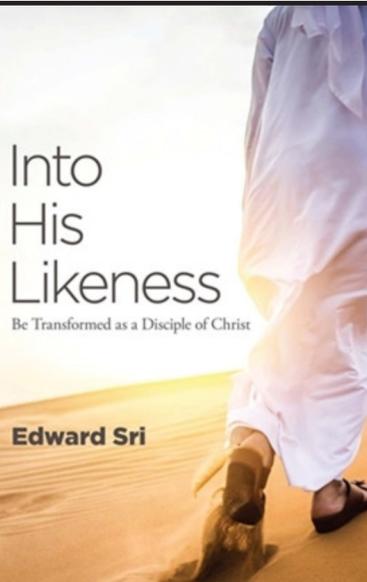
**Games of Chance! Craft Corner!**

**Raffle! Snack Bar! Cool Prizes!**

and of course...



Tickets for all activities & refreshments will be for sale at the door.  
Cash sales only.



**YOU ARE INVITED  
THIS LENT TO A 5-  
WEEK VIDEO  
SERIES!**

ST JOSEPH'S  
CHURCH 7:00 PM  
(Ending by 8:00 PM)  
30 MINUTE VIDEO  
FOLLOWED BY  
DISCUSSION  
Meetings on  
Thursdays - Feb 26,  
March 5, 12, 19, 26



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