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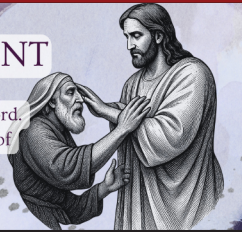
Limeport-Coopersburg

A Parish Family - Living the Word, Loving Through Christ

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.
Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of
goodness and righteousness and truth.
Ephesians 5:8-9



Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 14, 2026 - 5:15PM Vigil Mass

Dave Newcomer

Altar Servers: S. & C. Krupka; L. Wilde

Greeters: A. & M. Garguilo

Commentator/Lector: R. Wasatonic; A. Sumner

Eucharistic Ministers: N. & O. Lounsberry;

R. Wasatonic

Sunday, March 15, 2026 - 9:00AM Mass

Sara & Matthew Burns

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

Greeters: R. Hartung; R. Luna

Commentator/Lector: P. Moreira; S. Bartholomew

Eucharistic Ministers: A. & P. Lohr; T. Lynch

Sunday, March 15, 2026 - 11:00AM Mass

Fred Stappung

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

Greeters: E. & K. Reichenbach

Commentator/Lector: K. Mosko; A. Ellenberger

Eucharistic Ministers: J. & M. Krafczyk; M. Zabinski

Today's Readings

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall
want."

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel Acclamation: "I am the light of the world, says
the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life."

Gospel: John 9:1-41

Upcoming Mass Schedule

Monday, March 16 - 8AM

Sr. Winifred Marie

Stations of the Cross - 9AM

*The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after the
morning Mass on Mondays, with the church open for
private adoration until Benediction concludes Stations.*

Tuesday, March 17 - 8AM

Living & Deceased of St. Joseph Parish

Wednesday, March 18 - 8AM

Donald Streeter

Thursday, March 19 - 8AM

Intentions of the Altar & Rosary Society

Friday, March 20 - 8AM

Michael Lynn

Stations of the Cross - 7PM

*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.*

Saturday, March 21 - 8AM

Dolores Devinentis

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 21, 2026 - 5:15PM Vigil Mass

Michael Brendan Pancoast

Sunday, March 22, 2026 - 9:00AM Mass

The Burns Family

Sunday, March 22, 2026 - 11:00AM Mass

Adeline Harbits



*Please remember in your prayers the
young men & women of our Parish Family
who will receive the Sacrament of
Confirmation on Monday, March 16, 2026.
May they realize the power of the
Sacrament they have received, and the
importance of the gifts of the Holy Spirit in
their lives. Many thanks to all of our
catechists who have helped to prepare
the Confirmands on their journey,
especially Ms. Diane Ward, Mr. David
Grubb, and Mrs. Christina Durback.*



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.

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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

- Wednesdays through 4/1 - Women of Grace "Mary, through the eyes of the mystics" - 8:45-10:30 AM in the church meeting room
- Thursdays through 3/26 - "Into His Likeness" Lenten Video Study - 7PM in the church
- 3/13, 20, 27 - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8 AM Mass, with Benedictions after the conclusion of Stations of the Cross - 7PM
- 3/17 - St. Vincent dePaul Society Meeting - 7PM in the school library meeting room - All are welcome
- 3/24 - Altar & Rosary Society Meeting - 7PM in the church meeting room
- 3/28 - Fr. Buckley's Annual Easter Egg Hunt - 11AM Sharp; Rain or shine!
- 3/28-3/29 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of our Lord - Regular Mass Schedule
- 3/29 - KOC Palm Sunday Breakfast - More info on back page!
- 3/29 - Parish Groups Activities Fair - During the breakfast - More info on back page!

PARISH STEWARDSHIP Best Bet Based on Inflation 2025-2026 Budget

Last Week 03/08/26	Fiscal Year To Date 07/01/25-06/30/26
Operating Expenses \$12,744.	Operating Expenses \$446,000.
Sunday/Holy Day Collections \$11,783.	Sunday/Holy Day Collections \$432,031.
Over/(Under) Budget (\$ 961.)	Over/(Under) Budget (\$ 13,969.)

Additional Ash Wednesday Collection: \$40.00.

Mail in contributions: \$2,500.00, both reflected in the above. Thank you!

*Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on
my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the
mouth of every man who speaks of me, Christ in the eye that sees
me, Christ in the ear that hears me.*

- St. Patrick

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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. You can also find this information on WFMZ. If a cancellation is not announced, always use your common sense to decide whether or not it is possible to safely get to and from the church. Please always use caution when driving or walking around campus - slippery spots will remain even after cleanup; large snow piles can restrict vision; drifting snow may cover signs or pavement markings. Take care of yourselves and each other. Thank you!

* **Mass & Sanctuary Candle Offerings** -- MASSES for the deceased or to honor a special occasion are available for a \$10 stipend. SANCTUARY CANDLE requests may also be made for a separate stipend of \$5.00. Click here to download & print the form on our website to make your request(s). 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.

* **Altar Flowers** - 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!

* **OPERATION RICE BOWL DONATIONS** may be placed in the rice bowl in the sanctuary to the right of the altar.

* **TAX STATEMENTS** - If you would like a contribution statement for your 2025 tax return, please write "2025 Statement Requested" on the outside of your next giving envelope. Pick up will be in the back of church in an envelope with your name on it, within 2 weeks of the request receipt. If you have questions or concerns, please call the Rectory.

* **HOLY WATER REFILLS** - Anyone who is looking to fill personal holy water bottles, please use the gold holy water wall dispenser near the usher's room. Thank you.

* **LAST YEAR'S PALMS** may be placed in the large basket in the vestibule of the church, through this weekend.



A Message from Deacon Conrad

Thank You! Thank you Fr. Buckley and all the parishioners of St. Joseph's for permitting me to provide 10 years of Diaconal service.

Since 2016 I have been blessed to provide St. Joseph's with Diaconal ministry services ranging from assisting at daily and weekend Masses to performing Baptisms, witnessing marriages and teaching about our faith. However, my physical condition is such that I am not able to continue in this ministry. Therefore, I have elected to formally retire, and Bishop Schlert has accepted my request.

Again, Thank You! Your acceptance of me as your deacon has made these last 10 years the most rewarding time of my life. My prayers are with you.

Your brother in Christ,
Deacon Conrad Paulus



PREP CLASSES THIS WEEKEND! Please be alert for extra pedestrian traffic in the church lot after the 9AM Mass and prior to the 11AM Mass on Sunday morning, and be sure to stop at the pedestrian crossing leading to the school building. Thank you!

Thank
You!

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SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026

11:00AM

AGES 0-13

RAIN, SNOW OR SUNSHINE
DRESS FOR THE WEATHER!

HELD IN THE FIELDS BEHIND THE RECTORY,
OR IN THE PARISH CENTER IF NECESSARY.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Sunday, March 29th, 2026

St. Joseph's Parish Center

7:30-11:00AM

\$12.00 per person.

Children 8 and under are free.

Please join us for breakfast! We will be serving an assortment of breakfast foods including omelets, pancakes, bacon, sausage, and hash browns. You may pre-purchase tickets using the flyer in the back of church or on our parish website.



ST. JOSEPH PARISH INVITES YOU TO A

Spring ACTIVITIES FAIR

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

7:30AM-11:00AM

IN THE PARISH CENTER VESTIBULE

COME SEE WHAT GROUPS ARE DOING IN OUR PARISH AND HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED!

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