



St. Joseph Church



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

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*...from the cloud came a voice,
"This is my beloved Son.
Listen to Him."*

*Mark 9:7
The Transfiguration of Christ*

Second Sunday of Lent February 24 & 25, 2024

Saturday, February 24 – Vigil Mass – 5:15PM

Betty Ann Shoemaker

Greeters: B. & G. Kutulis

Altar Servers: M. Arruda; R. & A. Shoemaker

Commentator/Lector: M. Andrews; R. Wasatonic

Eucharistic Minister: Deacon Paulus;

R. Wasatonic

Sunday, February 25 – 9:00AM

Stephen Weber

Greeters: Huber Family

Altar Servers: E. Rasley; M. & P. Serna

Commentator/Lector: D. Ward; M. Mann

Eucharistic Ministers: S. Dale; K. Flounders;

L. Tkaczuk

Sunday, February 25 – 11:00AM

John Bodisch

Greeters: D. & G. Sago

Altar Servers: A. Koutsouroumbas; J. Pavis;

J. Zientara

Commentator/Lector: A. Ellenberger; C. Zientara

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Krafczyk; G. Schultz;

M. Zientara

Today's Readings

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Responsorial: Psalms 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19

"I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living."

Second Reading: Romans 8:31b-34

Gospel Acclamation: *"From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, listen to Him."*

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

Upcoming Mass Schedule

Monday, February 26 - 8AM Mass

Living & Deceased of St. Joseph Parish

Stations of the Cross w/ St. Mike's - 9AM

Tuesday, February 27 - 8AM Mass

Dennis Mohan

Wednesday, February 28 - 8AM Mass

Dorothy Lukasaczyk

Thursday, February 29 - 8AM Mass

Dennis Silfies

Friday, March 1 - 9AM School Mass

Margaret Buckley

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 2 - 8AM Mass

Don Lees



Please remember in your prayers our young parishioners preparing to receive the sacrament of First Reconciliation on March 2nd!



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.

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@stjoescoopburg.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.



The Disciple Maker Index

Survey is LIVE!

February 14 through March 27

The Disciple Maker Index Survey is LIVE! Please

Please help us participate by completing a 10-15 minute survey as soon as possible. There are also opportunities to complete the survey after daily and Sunday Mass and you can obtain a paper copy in the vestibule of the church or by contacting the rectory at 610-965-2877. The survey will only be available from February 14 to March 27 and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole. We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Father Buckley and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

Scan the QR code with your phone to take the survey now!

Thank you for helping with this important project!



OUR PARISH & COMMUNITY CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

- 2/24 & 2/25 - CYO Basketball Games - Parish Center Gym
- 2/26 - Stations of the Cross for Children w/ St. Mike's - 9AM in the church
- 3/1 - Stations of the Cross - 7PM in the church
- 3/2 - First Reconciliation - 10AM in the church
- 3/3 - In-Person PREP Classes for All Grades
- 3/4 - Stations of the Cross for Children w/ St. Mike's - 9AM in the church
- 3/4 - Monthly Rosary Gathering in the church 6PM
- 3/8 - Stations of the Cross - 7PM in the church
- 3/11 - Stations of the Cross for Children w/ St. Mike's - 9AM in the church
- 3/13 - KOC Monthly Meetings - 6:15PM
- 3/14 - St. Mike's HSA Meeting in the gym

✠ PRAYER LIST ✠

Please remember in your prayers all of the sick and homebound of our parish family, especially:

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| • Joseph Allison | • Barbara Huber |
| • James Busfield | • Jack Klinges, father of Sarah Klinges Shultz |
| • Dottie Brehm, sister of Susan Zola | • Dennis & Maureen Krasnai |
| • Dolores Brown | • Martin Leposa |
| • June Campbell | • Kevin Maucere, nephew of Pam & Kurt Metzler |
| • Joseph Chase | • Alyssa Morrissey, sister of Briana Davis |
| • Richard DeFiore | • April Nauroth |
| • Sherry Ellenberger, sister-in-law of Anna Ellenberger | • Margaret J Perez |
| • Cooper Godown, infant son of Erin Siegfried Godown | • Ron Reinhardt, father of Tara Tobin |
| • John Flok, father of Joe Flok | • Cathy Ricciuto, sister of Phil Isabella |
| • Tracy Flok | • Miriam Rohrbach, sister-in-law of Janessa O'Donnell |
| • James Frankenfield, husband of Carol Frankenfield & father of Andrea Hinkel | • Charlie Ruppert |
| • Elaine Haas | • Lily Tapler |
| • Jack Hankee | • Janet Vannatta |
| • Keith Heffelfinger | • Anonymous Special Intention |
| • Thomas and Claire Hoban | |

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Best Bet Based on Inflation - 2023-2024 Budget

Last Week 02/18/24	Fiscal Year To Date 07/01/23-06/30/24
Operating Expenses \$11,682.	Operating Expenses \$397,238.
Sunday/Holy Day Collections \$11,741.	Sunday/Holy Day Collections \$372,195.
Over/(Under) Budget \$59.	Over/(Under) Budget (\$ 25,043.)

Thank you!



FOR LENT FOR LIFE

WHAT YOU GIVE
UP FOR LENT
CHANGES LIVES.

CRS Operation Rice Bowl -- Operation Rice Bowl, an annual giving program that began in the Diocese of Allentown almost 50 years ago, is a great way to answer the

Church's call for almsgiving during Lent. Operation Rice Bowl has grown into a national and international effort that combines prayer, fasting and almsgiving to help those in need in our Diocese, and around the world. **OPERATION RICE BOWL DONATIONS** may be placed in the rice bowl in the sanctuary to the right of the altar, or you can pick one up at the exits of the church to take home.



Altar and Rosary Society will be having their St Patrick's Day shepherd pie sale. Each container serves 2 people and costs \$14.00. **Orders will be taken through March 3.** Order forms are available on the website and in the back of church. **Pick up will be on Saturday March 16 from 9am to 10am in the Parish Center.**



What is Night of Knights?

Night of Knights is a 3 - Day Virtual Auction with an In Person Live Event on 4/20 at DeSales University

How can you participate?

- Sponsor the event!
- Purchase tickets to our LIVE Event
- Purchase tickets for the basket raffles
- Bid on some amazing items!
- Spread the word & donate!

What is our goal?

\$55,000 that goes to our Operating Budget. Any additional dollars raised will go towards wish list items from our Faculty & Administration to make St Mikes even better!

Did you know the cost to educate a child is almost \$10,000? This means tuition alone only covers about 50% of this cost. We need YOUR SUPPORT through events like these to make a difference!

Sponsorships & Live Event Ticket Sales go LIVE March 1st
Auction Site Coming in April!
Stay tuned.....

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to our Sponsors!

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In Loving Memory of Frank D'Angelo
In Loving Memory of Lou & Winnie Melinsky



The seven weeks of Lent makes for an opportune time to incorporate the 7 Corporal Works of Mercy into your spiritual life. Embracing these "charitable actions by which we help our neighbors in their bodily needs" will help you grow closer to Christ as you follow His example of serving others. This guide will help you on your mission to living the 7 corporal works of mercy throughout Lent.

Week 1: Feed the hungry. Action: Get a group together to make care packages. Fill ziplock bags with apples, granola bars, chips, peanut butter packets, and other snack foods. Drop off at a local shelter, food pantry, or pass out on the streets to the homeless. Prayer: *Lord, fill the hungry with Your love and mercy. Provide for their physical and spiritual needs. I pray that each person who receives this care package would only hunger for more of You!*

Week 2: Give drink to the thirsty. Action: Donate baby formula to a pregnancy center or foster care agency in your city. Prayer: *Lord, we pray for all those who thirst, especially for newborn babies in need of nourishment. May this gift of formula help their caregivers to find hope in You and learn to trust in Your ways.*

Week 3: Shelter the homeless. Action: A quick Google search will help you find instructions on how to make DIY No-Sew Fleece Blankets. Take the time to make one or more of these blankets to donate to a shelter or distribute to the homeless in your area. Prayer: *Lord, provide the warmth of Your love to all those who are without a home. Send your angels to protect them and keep them safe in You.*

Week 4: Visit the sick. Action: Call a nursing home and ask if there are any residents needing a visitor. Schedule a time to visit. Bring games and prepare questions to start conversations. Prayer: *Lord, the elderly are a gift to our generation. Help me to value them, love them, and care for them. Comfort them as they prepare to spend eternity with you.*

Week 5: Visit the prisoners. Action: Make Easter cards with joyful scripture verses and send them to a prison. Prayer: *Lord, show your mercy to prisoners. Help them find freedom and courage in Your unending love.*

Week 6: Bury the dead Action: Bring flowers and visit the grave of a deceased loved one. Clean up the area where they are buried. Prayer: *Lord, we pray for all the souls who have gone before us. May they find eternal happiness and joy in Your presence.*


Week 7: Clothe the naked Action: It's time to clean out your closet and donate the clothes you no longer use. Don't stop there! Give away a few of your beloved items, or buy a new outfit to donate. Prayer: *Lord, provide for those lacking basic necessities. Help me to remember to give what I can to help those in need.* – By Becky Roach, churchpop.com



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