

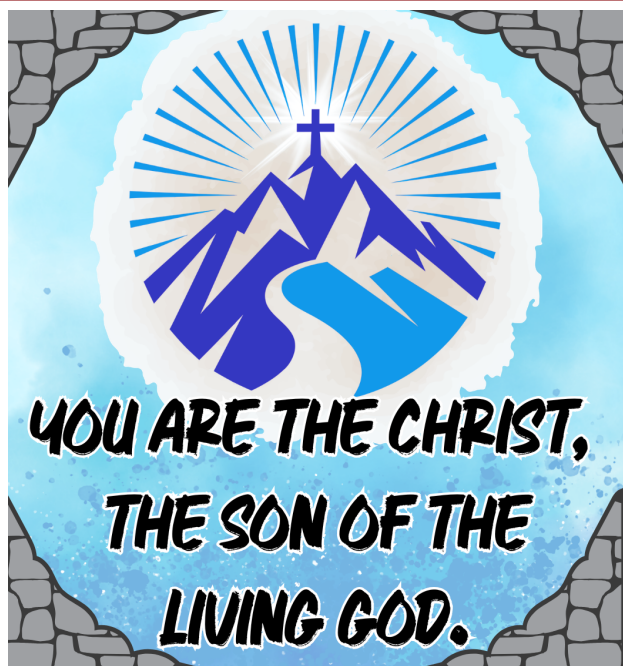


# St. Joseph Church



Limeport-Coopersburg  
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## 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Saturday, August 22, 2026 - 5:15PM Vigil Mass**  
*Michael Pancoast*

Altar Servers: T. DaSilva; J. Shultz; Z. Steiner  
Greeters: R. & M. Carlin  
Commentator/Lector: C. & V. Miller  
Eucharistic Ministers: S. Moyer; G. Schultz;  
B. Wallerich

**Sunday, August 23, 2026 - 9:00AM Mass**  
*Henry & Catherine Soltys*

Altar Servers: T. Reinert; A. & A. Zabinski  
Greeters: S. Bartholomew; C. Ehresman  
Commentator/Lector: M. Zabinski; B. Reinert  
Eucharistic Ministers: J. & P. Patterson;  
H. Stankewicz

**Sunday, August 23, 2026 - 11:00AM Mass**  
*Judith Zelenz*

Altar Servers: M. & P. Arruda; J. Zientara  
Greeters: B. Busfield; S. Dale  
Commentator/Lector: A. Arruda; E. Reichenbach

## TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8

Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36

Gospel Acclamation: "You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it."

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

## UPCOMING MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday, August 24 - 8AM Mass**  
*William Carter*

**Tuesday, August 25 - 8AM Mass**  
*Msgr. Joseph Sobesiak*

**Wednesday, August 26 - 8AM Mass**  
*Dorothy Collins*

**Thursday, August 27 - 8AM Mass**  
*Living & Deceased of St. Joseph Parish*

**Friday, August 28 - 8AM Mass**  
*50th Wedding Anniversary of  
Maureen & Dennis Krasnai*

**Saturday, August 29 - 8AM Mass**  
*Karen Buckley*

## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday, August 29, 2026 - 5:15PM Vigil Mass**  
*Cecilia D'Annibale*

**Sunday, August 30, 2026 - 9:00AM Mass**  
*Gretel Ruppert*

**Sunday, August 30, 2026 - 11:00AM Mass**  
*Mr. & Mrs. Meinrad Schnellman*



# 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](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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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.



## 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 at  
[janessa.odonnell@stjoescoopersburg.org](mailto:janessa.odonnell@stjoescoopersburg.org)  
for dates & more information!





## 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](mailto: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.

#### **GIVING ENVELOPES DELAY CONTINUES**

Please follow the important steps below if you are missing Giving Envelopes.

If you are donating by check, simply write your envelope number (if you know it) on the memo line. You may place the unfolded check, without an outside envelope, in the collection basket.

If you are donating with cash, print your name and envelope number (if you know it) on the outside envelope (do not seal envelope) and place it in the collection basket.

If you have an unused envelope, you may use it, just cross-off the date and print the current date on the address side of the envelope.

**IN ALL CASES, PLEASE NO SEALED OUTSIDE ENVELOPES!**

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

- Through 9/16 - Wednesdays 8:45-10AM - Women's Book Study in Church Meeting Room
- 8/29 - Altar & Rosary Society Hoagie Sale Pickups - Order forms on website & in the back of church
- 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
- 9/13 - PREP Grades 1-7 Book Pickup and Teacher Meet & Greet - 10-10:45AM
- 9/13 - Confirmation Student & Family Mass & Meeting - 5PM
- 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

## BACK TO SCHOOL



### PRAYER



## TO KICK OFF THE YEAR!

ALMIGHTY GOD,

WE THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT OF LEARNING AND PRAY YOUR BLESSING OVER STUDENTS, EDUCATORS, AND LEADERS AS A NEW SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS. GRANT SAFETY, HEALTH, WISDOM, AND JOY IN EVERY CLASSROOM AND HOME. MAY THIS YEAR BE FILLED WITH GROWTH, PURPOSE, AND A DEEP AWARENESS OF YOUR PRESENCE. AMEN.

#### **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** throughout August will feature different saints each week according to their feast days. You may find coloring sheets, medals and prayer cards as well as other information on these remarkable people. We will continue to have coloring sheets that reflect the Sunday Gospel as well. The Parish Ministry being highlighted for the rest of the month of August is the Handbell Choir. Please look for information about the choir as well as a way to sign up to join.

#### **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](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!
- \* **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](mailto: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](mailto:st.joesph.coopersburg.rcia@gmail.com). You may also speak with Father Buckley after Mass, or email the Rectory at [rectory@stjoescoopersburg.org](mailto: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](mailto:stjoes@ptd.net)
- \* **CAUTION - ROAD WORK!** Upper Saucon Township will begin sewer line work on St. Joseph's Rd. beginning next week. Please use caution when coming to and from the church, and do not park in the lot across the street from St. Joseph's Parish Center. Flaggers should be present to direct traffic.



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## ST. JOSEPH CHURCH 100TH ANNIVERSARY



**SHARE YOUR MEMORIES AT OUR  
PHOTO SCANNING EVENTS!**  
Share your photos from over the years to use for our hundredth year celebration!

- **August 23rd**, Sunday, after Masses from 10:00 am until 12:30 pm in the Meeting Room at church.
- **September 20th**, Sunday, from 12:00 until 2:00pm in the Parish Center.  
Contact Kim Flounders  
(KFlounders@yahoo.com) with questions!

### MULTIGENERATIONAL INTERVIEWS

We're gathering the stories, memories, and photographs that have made our parish such a special place over the past 100 years. Parishioners, we'd love to hear your stories! Students, become Parish History Detectives! **September 20, 2027 12:30-2:30 p.m.** in the Parish Center. Lunch will be served. Please reply by September 13th to [pdsd1@ptd.net](mailto:pdsd1@ptd.net) if you can join us!

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