



St. Joseph Church



Limeport-Coopersburg

A Parish Family - Living the Word, Loving Through Christ

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,
which means "God is with us."

Matthew 1:23



The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 20 - 5:15PM Vigil

Michael Lynn

Altar Servers: J. Brewer; A. & A. Carl

Greeters: R. & M. Carlin

Commentator/Lector: C. & V. Miller

Eucharistic Ministers: P. Metzler;

N. & O. Lounsberry

Sunday, December 21 - 9AM

Peggy McGinn

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

Greeters: C. Ehresman; R. Luna

Commentator/Lector: S. Bartholomew; E.
Reichenbach

Eucharistic Ministers: K. Landman; T. Lynch;
K. Reichenbach

Sunday, December 21 - 11AM

Schuster & Bodisch Families

Altar Servers: A. Davis; A. & A. Koutsouroumbas

Greeters: D. & G. Sago

Commentator/Lector: B. & M. Michalerya

Eucharistic Ministers: S. Moyer; J. & M. Krafczyk

Today's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6.

"Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory."

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel Acclamation: *"The virgin shall conceive,
and bear a son, and they shall name him
Emmanuel."*

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24





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.

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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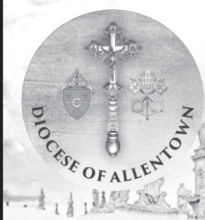
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Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service

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.



YOU'RE INVITED TO THE:

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

Monday, December 22 - 9AM School Mass

Living & Deceased of St. Joseph Parish
Confessions - 6:00-7:00PM

Tuesday, December 23 - 8AM

Sick & Homebound of St. Joseph Parish
Confessions - 6:00-7:00PM

Wednesday, December 24 - No 8AM Daily Mass today.

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

7:00PM Mass

Christian Baus

10:00PM Mass

Deceased of the Buckley Family
Adult Choir & Bells Choir Prelude at 9:30PM

Christmas Day - Thursday, December 25, 2025

9:00AM Mass

Curtis Fox

11:00AM Mass

Deceased of the White Family

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 janesa.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.



As Christmas approaches, our Parish Family has an additional reason to celebrate -- Today is Fr. Buckley's birthday. Please join us in wishing Fr. Buckley a very Happy Birthday! Please, no gifts -- your prayers & well-wishes are the greatest gifts he could receive.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP **Best Bet Based on Inflation** **2025-2026 Budget**

Last Week	Fiscal Year To Date
12/14/25	07/01/25-06/30/26
Operating Expenses	Operating Expenses
\$12,744.	\$293,072.
Sunday/Holy Day Collections	Sunday/Holy Day Collections
\$10,411.	\$255,581.
Over/(Under) Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
(\$ 2,333.)	(\$ 37,491.)
Immaculate Conception: \$2,016. reflected in the above.	
Retired Religious Collection: \$1,851. NOT reflected in the above.	
Thank you!	

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. 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.

* **THE JESSE TREE** located in front of the steps to the altar, is an Advent tradition named after Jesse, the father of King David. Biblical symbols representing the ancestry of Jesus, either in faith or in bloodline, are added one by one to the tree starting December 1st and ending on December 24th. Feel free to take a look! Ornaments featured this past week through the 23rd:

December 14th -- Prophecy: Prince Of Peace (Dove & Crown)

December 15th -- Prophecy: The Good Shepherd (Shepherd's Staff)

December 16th -- Prophecy: The Suffering Servant (Cross)

December 17th -- The New Covenant (Heart With Writing)

December 18th -- Bethlehem Prophecy (Bethlehem)

December 19th -- Exile & Persecution: The Fiery Furnace (Fiery Furnace)

December 20th -- Christmas Star (Star)

December 21st -- Light Of The World (Candle)

December 22nd -- Angels Proclaim The Miraculous Birth (Angel)

December 23rd The Birth Of Jesus (Baby In Manger)

* **GIVING TREE 2025** -- This holiday season, please consider choosing a tag from the tree in the vestibule of the church and donating a gift to a needy infant within the Diocese of Allentown. All items should be new & unopened. Gifts are to be returned to the church UNWRAPPED please, and the tag returned to the tree for reuse. 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 will be erected the third weekend of Advent, in front of the baptismal font. Add your ornament to the tree, or bring it with you to the Gaudete party and one of our "elves" will gladly add it for you!

WE NEED YOUR VOICES!!!

* **Sing with the St. Joseph Church Junior Choir at Christmas Eve Mass!** Kids in Grades 3 thru 12 are invited to participate. ONLY ONE REHEARSAL LEFT! Join us after the 11am Sunday Mass on December 21. Rehearsal will last approx. an hour. Contact Jim D'Annibale to let him know you can join in the praise & fun, or if any questions. 610-533-8503 or jdanni54@rcn.com

* **12/31 & 1/1 is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God - Holy Day of Obligation** - We will have a NYE Mass at 5:15PM; NYD Masses at 9AM & 11 AM.



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