



St. Joseph Church



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

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**The kingdom of heaven is like
a treasure buried in a field...**



...like a merchant searching for fine pearls...

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, July 25, 2026 - 5:15PM Vigil Mass

Richard & Elva Barrett

Altar Servers: T. DaSilva; J. Shultz; Z. Steiner

Greeters: R. & M. Carlin

Commentator/Lector: M. Andrews; M. Glavin

Eucharistic Ministers: S. Moyer

Sunday, July 26, 2026 - 9:00AM Mass

Robert & Frank Stayer

Altar Servers: T. Reinert; A. & A. Zabinski

Greeters: G. Bender; C. Manning

Commentator/Lector: B. Reinert; R. Hartung

Eucharistic Ministers: K. Flounders; K. Landman;
B. Reinert

Sunday, July 26, 2026 - 11:00AM Mass

Paul & Helen Wisser

Altar Servers: M. & P. Arruda; M. O'Donnell

Greeters: The Lindenmoyer Family

Commentator/Lector: A. Ellenberger; E. Petrash

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Hendricks; K. & P. Metzler

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77,
127-128, 129-130

"Lord, I love your commands."

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

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

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

UPCOMING MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, July 27 - 8AM Mass

Living & Deceased of St. Joseph Parish

Tuesday, July 28 - 8AM Mass

Sick & Homebound of St. Joseph Parish

Wednesday, July 29 - 8AM Mass

David Newcomer

Thursday, July 30 - 8AM Mass

Theodore Sheppelman

Friday, July 31 - 8AM Mass

Stephen Figuli, Jr.

Saturday, August 1 - 8AM Mass

Theresa M. Crooke

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 1, 2026 - 5:15PM Vigil Mass

Art & Edie Fischer

Sunday, August 2, 2026 - 9:00AM Mass

Msgr. Robert Coll

Sunday, August 2, 2026 - 11:00AM Mass

Michael F. Fitzpatrick, Sr.



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.

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.

VOLUNTEERS AND CATECHISTS NEEDED!

We are looking for Catechists and room aids to share their faith with
our Parish Religious Education Program!

SHARE YOUR FAITH.

INSPIRE THE YOUTH.

GIVE YOUR TIME AND TALENT TO SERVING THE LORD!

Contact Janessa O'Donnell at
janessa.odonnell@stjoescoopersburg.org
for more info!



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.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP Best Bet Based on Inflation 2026-2027 Budget

Last Week 07/19/26	Fiscal Year To Date 07/01/26-06/30/27
Operating Expenses \$13,254.	Operating Expenses \$ 39,762.
Sunday/Holy Day Collections \$ 9,601.	Sunday/Holy Day Collections \$ 33,320.
Over/(Under) Budget (\$ 3,653.)	Over/(Under) Budget (\$ 6,442.)
Additional Mission Co-Op Collection: \$545.00; Churches in Central & Eastern Europe Collection: \$1,815.75, both not reflected in the above. Thank you!	

OUR PARISH & COMMUNITY CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

- *Through 8/16:* Laundry Detergent Collection for Betty Lou's Pantry
- *Through 9/16* - Wednesdays 8:45-10AM - Women's Book Study in Church Meeting Room
- 7/28 - Altar & Rosary Society Meeting - 7PM Under the Pavilion
- 7/29 - Parish Safety Committee Meeting - Church Meeting Room
- 8/2 - Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship following the 9AM & 11AM Masses - Weather permitting; look for the tent outside.
- 8/3 - Monthly Rosary Gathering - 6PM in the church
- 8/8 - VBS Experience - "Camp WWJD" - 9AM-2PM in the Parish Center - Pre-registration required
- 8/8 and 8/22 - St. Joe's Help with BLP Distribution - 7:45 - 11:30 am
- 8/29 - Altar & Rosary Society Hoagie Sale - More info to come
- 9/6 - Coffee, Donuts & Fellowship following the 9AM & 11AM Masses - Weather permitting; look for the tent outside.
- 9/7 - Monthly Rosary Gathering - 6PM in the church

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** for the remainder of July will focus on the many Saints feast Days, as well as coloring/early reader worksheets based on each weekend's Gospel reading.



**VBS IS ON! And, we're still
accepting Campers!**

**Email janessa.odonnell@stjoescoopersburg.org
to RSVP for your child/ren TODAY!**

SPECIAL PARISH & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

✳ **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. 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** - To place orders for flowers, 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!

✳ **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 70½, 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 with any questions.

✳ The Parish Cemetery Committee is expanding and would love your help. We are becoming a **Garden and Grounds Group** who will maintain the flowers and shrubs around the Church and cemetery area. There is a weekly schedule of volunteers and each volunteer will have a copy of the areas we will focus on. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Linda Hoffstetter at hoffyphotos@aol.com or 610-653-9542.

✳ Our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) program runs from mid-September through late-April, Sunday mornings from 9:45AM-10:45AM, for grades 1-8. **We are in need of volunteers for the following PREP positions:** 5th grade catechist; 5th grade aide; 3rd grade aide; substitute catechists (all grades); traffic directors; and hallway monitors. High School students are welcome to volunteer as classroom aides and hallway monitors if they are in need of community service hours. Volunteers aged 18+ must complete all of the clearance requirements set forth by the State of Pennsylvania and the Diocese of Allentown. If you have any questions, please contact Janessa O'Donnell at janessa.odonnell@stjoescoopersburg.org.

✳ **St. Mike's CYO Announcement** - There is plenty of time to still enjoy your summer, but CYO planning for the 2026-2027 season has begun. CYO is open to all students of St. Michael the Archangel and PREP students of both St. Joseph's and Assumption BVM. CYO is a once per year registration/charge for as many programs as are offered in your age group. You want to select all the programs you may have interest in when you register in order to receive the communication. Please reach out with questions about any of our programs! Here are the links to register for the 2026-2027 school year: Registration for students: <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/526931>

Registration for coaches: <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/526932>

Questions, contact: Colleen Fitzpatrick Colfitzpat@gmail.com



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St. Joseph Church invites you to

CAMP WWJD

a VBS experience

Come learn s'more about Jesus!

He LIGHTS our way and GUIDES our path
as we walk in His LOVE at Camp WWJD!

Saturday, August 8, 2026
9:00AM to 2:00PM

in the Parish Center Gym & Grounds

This unique, one-day VBS experience is designed for children in Pre-Kindergarten through 4th grade, with 5th through 12th grade students invited to be our Special Assistants.

EMAIL TODAY TO RSVP YOUR CAMPERS!

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