



# St. Joseph Church



Limeport-Coopersburg

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## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world;  
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

John 4:42, 15



### Third Sunday of Lent

#### **Saturday, March 7, 2026 - 5:15PM Vigil Mass**

*Michael Fitzpatrick*

Altar Servers: A. & T. DaSilva; Z. Steiner

Greeters: R. & M. Carlin

Commentator/Lector: C. & V. Miller

Eucharistic Ministers: S. Moyer; G. Schultz;

R. Wasatonic

#### **Sunday, March 8, 2026 - 9:00AM Mass**

*MaryBeth DiEmedio*

Altar Servers: K. Hafler; C. Mulhern; M. O'Donnell

Greeters: S. Bartholomew; C. Ehresman

Commentator/Lector: S. Dale; S. Bartholomew

Eucharistic Ministers: S. Dale; K. Flounders;

R. Hartung

#### **Sunday, March 8, 2026 - 11:00AM Mass**

*John Bodisch*

Altar Servers: M. Arruda; N. Lounsberry; P. Wenner

Greeters: O'Connor Family

Commentator/Lector: N. Lounsberry; A. Arruda

Eucharistic Ministers: A. Arruda; C. & M. Zientara

#### Today's Readings

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel Acclamation: "Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again."

Gospel: John 4:5-42

### Upcoming Mass Schedule

#### **Monday, March 9 - 8AM**

*Living & Deceased of St. Joseph Parish*

#### **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 10 - 8AM**

*Sick & Homebound of St. Joseph Parish*

#### **Wednesday, March 11 - 8AM**

*Julia Schuster*

#### **Thursday, March 12 - 8AM**

*Phillip James Conti*

#### **Friday, March 13 - 9AM School Mass**

*Carol Streeter*

#### **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 14 - 8AM**

*Art & Edie Fischer*

#### Third Sunday of Lent

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

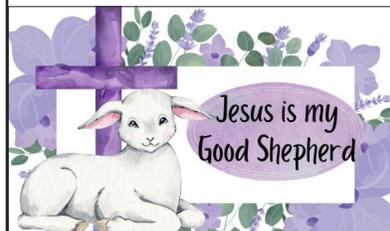
*Dave Newcomer*

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

*Sara & Matthew Burns*

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

*Fred Stappung*



*The name cards along the stairs before the altar are of the children of our parish family who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this weekend! Please remember them in your prayers. May they continue to come to know Jesus' love in a very special way.*



# 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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# 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.

### 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
- 3/14 - A&R Society Shepherd's Pie Sale Pickups
- 3/15 - Confirmation Retreat & Practice - 11AM-4PM
- 3/16 - Confirmation - 4:30PM
- 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!
- Update: we will not be having a night of Adoration in honor of the 65th Anniversary of the Diocese on March 19th. We are looking to reschedule the event for later in the year.

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

Last Week 03/01/2026	Fiscal Year To Date 07/01/25-06/30/26
Operating Expenses \$12,744.	Operating Expenses \$433,256.
Sunday/Holy Day Collections \$13,391.	Sunday/Holy Day Collections \$420,248.
Over/(Under) Budget \$ 647.	Over/(Under) Budget (\$ 13,008.)

Additional Ash Wednesday Collection: \$120.00 reflected in the above.  
Additional Home Missions Collection: \$110.00 NOT reflected in the above.  
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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](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!

\* **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.

\* A **St. Monica Ministry Holy Hour of Petition and Hope** will take place at St. Theresa Church (1408 Easton Road, Hellertown) on Tuesday, March 10 at 6:00pm. Presiding will be Rev. Christopher Zelonis, pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Lehighton. Please come join in prayer for the return of Catholics who have left the Church. For more information on the St. Monica Ministry, please call the St. Theresa rectory at 610-838-7045 or email Celeste at [StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com](mailto:StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com)

\* **Did you know...**the Catholic Mass had its beginnings at the Last Supper? It is sometimes called the Lord's Supper or the Breaking of the Bread. Other names for the Mass include the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass; the Holy and Divine Liturgy, or simply the Liturgy; the Sacred Mysteries; the Most Blessed Sacrament; and the Holy Mass, from the Latin 'missa,' a form of a word meaning 'to send forth.'

**Please pray for our confirmands who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday, March 16, 2026.** 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.



**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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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.



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