



# St. Joseph Church



Limeport-Coopersburg

A Parish Family - Living the Word, Loving Through Christ

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"Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.  
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.  
Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be satisfied.  
Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.  
Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.  
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of  
righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and  
utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.  
Rejoice and be glad,  
for your reward will be great in heaven."

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday, January 31, 2026 - 5:15PM Vigil Mass**

*James Hartnett*

Altar Servers: S. & C. Krupka; L. Wilde

Greeters: A. & M. Garguilo

Commentator/Lector: C. & V. Miller

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Figuli; A. & L. Sumner

**Sunday, February 1, 2026 - 9:00AM Mass**

*Raymond Bushner*

Altar Servers: B. & M. Ellis; M. Serna

Greeters: R. Hartung; R. Luna

Commentator/Lector: T. Yaeger; E. Reichenbach

Eucharistic Ministers: A. & P. Lohr; K. Reichenbach

**Sunday, February 1, 2026 - 11:00AM Mass**

*Carl Liebl*

Altar Servers: A. Davis; E. Tran; P. Wenner

Greeters: B. Busfield & Wenner Family

Commentator/Lector: C. Zientara; A. Ellenberger

Eucharistic Ministers: J. & M. Krafczyk; M. Zientara

*Catholic Schools Week Closing Weekend - Families will speak briefly at each of our Masses about their experiences in Catholic Schools. An Open House at St. Mike's elementary building will follow the 11AM Mass.*

## Today's Readings

First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10  
*"Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!"*

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel Acclamation: *"Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven."*

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

## Upcoming Mass Schedule

**Monday, February 2 - 8AM**

*Sam Moran*

**Monthly Rosary in the Church - 6PM**

**Tuesday, February 3 - 8AM**

*Living & Deceased of St. Joseph Parish*  
**Blessing of Throats & Prayer Service - 7PM**  
*Feast Day of St. Blaise*

**Wednesday, February 4 - 8AM**

*Christian & Maryanne Baus*

**Thursday, February 5 - 8AM**

*Eileen Wolf*

**Friday, February 6 - 8AM**

*Michael Phillip Genusso*

**Saturday, February 7 - 8AM**

*Intentions of the Altar & Rosary Society*

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

*Mary Beth DiEmedio*

**Sunday, February 8, 2026 - 9:00AM Mass**

*Donald Lees*

*Scout Sunday Mass -- Awards will be presented; all Scouts encouraged to wear their uniforms.*

**Sunday, February 8, 2026 - 11:00AM Mass**

*Carl Liebl*



# 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](mailto:janessa.odonnell@stjoescoopersburg.org).

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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.

### Letter of the Fifth Bishop of Allentown On the 65th Jubilee Anniversary Year of the Diocese of Allentown A Eucharistic and Marian Year of Grace

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On Wednesday, 28 January 2026, we celebrated the Sixty-Fifth Anniversary of our beloved Diocese of Allentown and the beginning of a Jubilee Year of Grace, which will continue until 28 January 2027.

This sacred year will be both Eucharistic and Marian—giving thanks for the blessings we have received and asking for new graces for the future of our local Church, especially for vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Religious Life.

Our Diocese was established by Pope Saint John XXIII on 28 January 1961, formed from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to serve the faithful of Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Northampton, and Schuylkill Counties. Since then, generations of clergy, religious, and laity have worked together to build a vibrant Catholic community rooted in faith, education, and service.

From our first Bishop, Most Reverend Joseph McShea, to his successors—Bishops Welsh, Cullen, and Barres—each shepherd has guided our Church through the joys and challenges of the times. Today, we continue that legacy with gratitude, standing on the faith and dedication of those who came before us.

The Holy Eucharist is at the heart of our Diocese. During this Jubilee Year, I encourage every parish, school, and household to deepen devotion to the Eucharist through Adoration, processions, catechesis, and the reverent celebration of Holy Mass. Let our parishes become truly Eucharistic communities, alive in faith and overflowing in charity.

This Jubilee is also a Marian Year. Under the maternal care of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we are called to grow in love for her Son, Jesus Christ. I invite every parish to promote the Rosary, Marian devotions, and consecration to her Immaculate Heart. May Mary guide us in faith, hope, and joyful discipleship.

During this Jubilee Year, let us pray for two special intentions:

- An abundance of holy vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Consecrated Life.

- The return of those who have drifted from the practice of the faith, that they may rediscover the mercy and joy of Christ in His Church.

As we celebrate sixty-five years of grace, let us walk together—clergy, religious, and laity—as a family of faith, united in the Holy Eucharist, devoted to Mary, and committed to bringing Christ's light to every soul.

Through the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church, and Saint Catharine of Siena, Patroness of our Cathedral, may this Jubilee Year be a time of renewal, healing, and joy for all.

With heartfelt gratitude and every prayerful wish, I remain

Faithfully yours in Christ,  
Bishop Alfred A. Schliert

# 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

- 2/1 - Catholic Schools Week Closing Mass - 11AM - Open House follows 12PM-2PM in the school
- 2/1, 2/14, 2/28 - CYO Basketball Games in the Gym
- 2/2 - Monthly Rosary Gathering - 6PM in the church
- 2/3 - Feast of St. Blaise Throat Blessings - 7PM in the church
- 2/7 - A&R Society Soup & Sandwich Sale Pre-orders pickup - in the Parish Center
- 2/7 - KOC Bingo Night - More info below!
- 2/8 - Scout Sunday Mass - 9AM - Awards will be presented; all Scouts encouraged to wear their uniforms.
- 2/15 - Mardi Gras Charity Carnival - 10AM-12PM
- 2/18 - Ash Wednesday - Masses at 9AM & 7PM
- 2/20, 27 - Stations of the Cross - 7PM

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

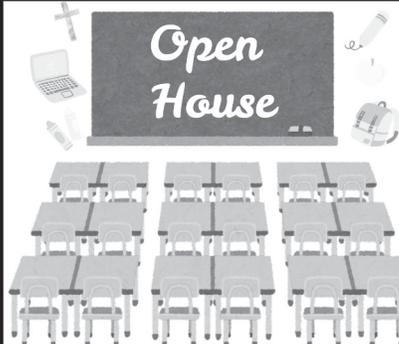
Last Week 01/25/26	Fiscal Year To Date 07/01/25-06/30/26
Operating Expenses \$12,744.	Operating Expenses \$369,536.
Sunday/Holy Day Collections \$9,116.	Sunday/Holy Day Collections \$356,266.
Over/(Under) Budget (\$3,628.)	Over/(Under) Budget (\$13,270.)

December online contributions: \$2,050.00, reflected in the above;  
Mary's Shelter Collection: \$790.00; Catholic Relief: \$617.00, both NOT reflected in the above. **Thank you!**



### Feast of St. Blaise Blessing of Throats

Prayer Service  
Tuesday,  
Feb. 2nd  
7:00PM  
in the church  
*All are welcome!*



St. Michael the  
Archangel School  
Grades Pre-K to 4  
**OPEN HOUSE**  
Sunday,  
February 1st  
12PM-2PM

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

✿ **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.

✿ **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.

✿ **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](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!

✿ **Holy Hour for Peace** -- "Your faith matters. Your prayers matter. Your acts of love and works of justice matter," said Archbishop Paul S. Coakley, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. "The current climate of fear and polarization, which thrives when human dignity is disregarded, does not meet the standard set by Christ in the Gospel," he continued, and as a step toward healing, invited bishops and priests across the United States to offer a Holy Hour for Peace. In his message, he also invites "Catholics everywhere to participate, whether in parishes, chapels, or before the Lord present in the quiet of their hearts for healing in our nation and communities." Go to <https://www.usccb.org/news/2026/archbishop-coakley-calls-holy-hour-moment-renewal-our-hearts-and-our-nation> for the full message. Go to <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/adoration/holy-hour-for-peace> for details about a Holy Hour of Peace.

✿ **Registration for spring CYO activities is open!** Come join the Co-ed Volleyball teams (grades 4-8) or the Track & Field Team (Grades 3-8). Track & Field events include 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1600m, sprint relay, long jump, javelin, and shot put, plus discus and high jump for 6th-8th. If you have already registered or participated in a CYO activity this school year you do NOT need to register again. New registrants, please email [Colfitzpat@gmail.com](mailto:Colfitzpat@gmail.com) for the link. As always, we are looking for a few more coaches! We are looking for track & field coaches as well as Co-ed volleyball coaches to help the younger age group. Reach out to [Colfitzpat@gmail.com](mailto:Colfitzpat@gmail.com) to help or with questions!

✿ **Teen Helpers Needed - Mardi Gras Charity Carnival on February 15** -- Helpers needed 9:30AM-11:30AM. Bring a friend to help you, while you have fun running games or crafts & earn service hours! Email Mrs. O'Donnell, or sign up online here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C48ADAD22A0FC1-61556880-mardi>

✿ **"INTO HIS LIKENESS" Lenten Video Series** -- Be transformed as a disciple of Jesus Christ in this 5-week video series by Edward Sri. Meetings will be held on Thursday evenings in the church on February 26, March 5, 12, 19 and 26. The meetings will begin at 7PM. There will be a 30 minute video followed by discussion (meetings to end by 8PM).

✿ **Celebrate National Marriage Week February 7 to 14** -- This year's theme from the USCCB is "Man and Woman, He Created Them: Together with Purpose," inviting couples to recognize their unique gifts and how they might use them to build one another up in joy and complementarity. For more information visit [foryourmarriage.org](http://foryourmarriage.org).

Thank  
You!

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# SUPER BOWL BINGO NIGHT!



When? Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Doors Open: 5:30 PM

Games Begin: 6:30 PM



Where? St. Joseph Church  
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Sunday, February 15, 2026

10:00AM to 12:00PM

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