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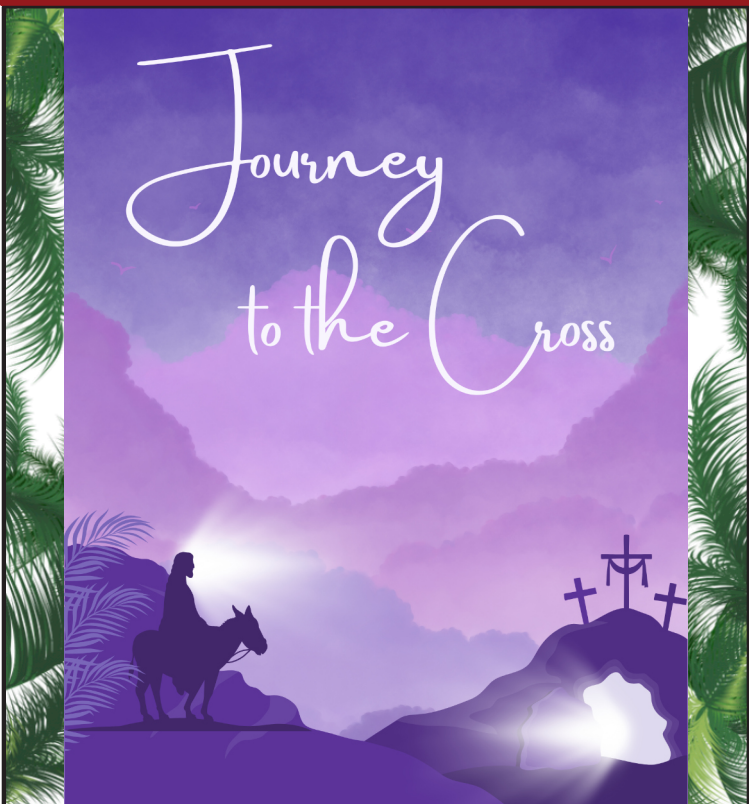


Limeport-Coopersburg

A Parish Family - Living the Word, Loving Through Christ

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Journey to the Cross



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, March 28, 2026 - 5:15PM Vigil Mass

Maryanne Baus

Altar Servers: O., M. & L. Wilde

Greeters: R. & M. Carlin

Commentator/Lector: C. Miller; E. Petrash

Eucharistic Ministers: G. Schultz; A. & L. Sumner

Sunday, March 29, 2026 - 9:00AM Mass

The Deceased Members of the Penn Family

Altar Servers: J., L. & D. Dale

Greeters: G. Bender; S. Dale

Commentator/Lector: C. Grubb; S. Bartholomew

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

Sunday, March 29, 2026 - 11:00AM Mass

James Busfield

Altar Servers: P. Arruda; A. & A. Koutsouroumbas

Greeters: The O'Connor Family

Commentator/Lector: L. Rohrbach; A. Ellenberger

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Hendricks; J. & M. Krafczyk

Today's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

"My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel Acclamation: *"Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name."*

Gospel: Matthew 26:14—27:66

Holy Week Confession Schedule

Monday, March 30th - 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Tuesday, March 31st - 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Monday 3/30, Tuesday 3/31, and Wednesday 4/1 will be regular 8AM Daily Mass schedules. Please note that there is no 8:00 AM Daily Mass on Thursday, Friday or Saturday of Holy Week.

Holy Thursday - April 2nd

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00PM

All Altar Servers are invited to be in attendance for the Holy Thursday Eucharistic Procession.

The Church will be open for private adoration until 9:00PM.

Good Friday - April 3rd

Living Stations of the Cross - 3:00 PM in the church
presented by the students of St. Michael the Archangel School

Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 7:00PM

Holy Saturday - April 4th

Blessing of Easter Foods - 11:00AM in the church

Easter Vigil Mass - 8:00 PM

Satisfies Easter Mass Obligation.

Easter Sunday - April 5th

8:00 AM Mass

Helen & John Spaar

9:30 AM Mass - Children's Mass

Blessing of Children's Easter Baskets

Emily & Robert Hofstetter

11:00 AM Mass

Betty Fitzpatrick



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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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:

Holy Hours

FOR THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN

IN PREPARATION FOR THE DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONSECRATION

Thursday, March 26: Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Bethlehem

Thursday, April 9: Holy Guardian Angels, Reading

Thursday, April 23: Notre Dame of Bethlehem, Bethlehem

Tuesday, April 28: St. Ambrose, Schuylkill Haven

Thursday, April 30: St. John XXIII, Tamaqua



6:30pm Doors Open
6:45pm - Welcome
7:00pm - Exposition
7:55pm - Benediction
8:00pm - Social Time



Music & Reflections provided by Live Vertical

Live Vertical is a missionary movement that has served the Diocese of Allentown for many years, helping people know, love, and serve Jesus in the Eucharist and one another. Through guided prayer in Eucharistic Adoration, they have facilitated over 500,000 encounters with Jesus.

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.

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
- 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!
- 4/3 - Living Stations presented by St. Mike's Students - 3PM in the church
- 4/4 - Blessing of the Easter Foods - 11AM in the church
- 4/6 - Monthly Rosary Gathering - 6PM in the church
- 4/12 - Divine Mercy Sunday - Regular Mass Schedule - More info to come on Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction; Confessions; and Divine Mercy Devotions
- 4/25 - First Eucharist Retreat & Practice - 9AM-12PM
- 4/26 - Final PREP Class for Grades 1-7
- 5/2 - First Eucharist - 10AM
- 5/3 - May Crowning & Recognition of First Eucharist Recipients - 9AM Mass

PARISH STEWARDSHIP Best Bet Based on Inflation 2025-2026 Budget

Last Week 03/22/26	Fiscal Year To Date 07/01/25-06/30/26
Operating Expenses \$12,744.	Operating Expenses \$471,488.
Sunday/Holy Day Collections \$ 9,706.	Sunday/Holy Day Collections \$450,840.
Over/(Under) Budget (\$ 3,038.)	Over/(Under) Budget (\$ 20,548.)

Additional Ash Wednesday Collection: \$10.00, reflected in the above.
Additional Carmelite Nuns Collection: \$155.00, not reflected in the above.
Thank You!



Night of Knights, St Mike's BIGGEST fundraiser of the year, consists of a two day online auction, a live event, and more! Our 2026 theme is CASINO NIGHT! Our live event will be April 18th and our online auction site will be live April 18th and April 19th. We need YOU to help make this night a success! Families and businesses can donate items like experiences, gift cards, and more to make our auction unforgettable. Event Sponsors are also needed. Visit NOK2026.givesmart.com or contact Lindsey Heil, Advancement Director, for more info!

SPECIAL 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. 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** - We are taking Altar Flower requests for after the weekend of 4/11. To place orders 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!

✦ **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.

✦ **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 at robertcarlin@rtcarlin.com with any questions.

✦ **HOLY WATER REFILLS** - Anyone who is looking to fill personal holy water bottles, please use the gold holy water wall dispenser near the usher's room. Thank you.

✦ **Additional Newsletters for Holy Week & Easter** -- We will be emailing out several newsletters during Holy Week. In addition to the regular Wednesday newsletter, special newsletters will be sent out via email Thursday, Friday, Saturday (PM), and Sunday. Information on the Blessing of the Easter Foods will be included in the Wednesday newsletter on April 1st.

✦ **St. Joseph Centennial Anniversary** -- Our parish will celebrate our 100th year anniversary in 2027. We need your help in planning events. Sign-up sheets will be at Parish Activity Fair table. So, whether you have been part of the parish for a short time or the entire time, help us in planning for the occasion!

✦ **Mass of Thanksgiving for 65th Anniversary of the Diocese of Allentown** -- You're invited to join us for a Mass of Thanksgiving celebrating the 65th Anniversary of the Diocese of Allentown. This special liturgy will be celebrated on Saturday, April 11 at 4:15 PM at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, located at 1825 W. Turner Street, Allentown. All are welcome to come and give thanks for 65 years of faith, service, and hope.



Did you know... the people hailing Jesus a week before Easter laid branches and clothing on His path to assure his footing on the steep descent into the Kidron Valley? Kings came on horseback during war and on donkeys in peacetime; Jesus rode a donkey, signaling to the people and their religious leaders that He was a King, coming in peace.

Thank You!

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST**

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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