

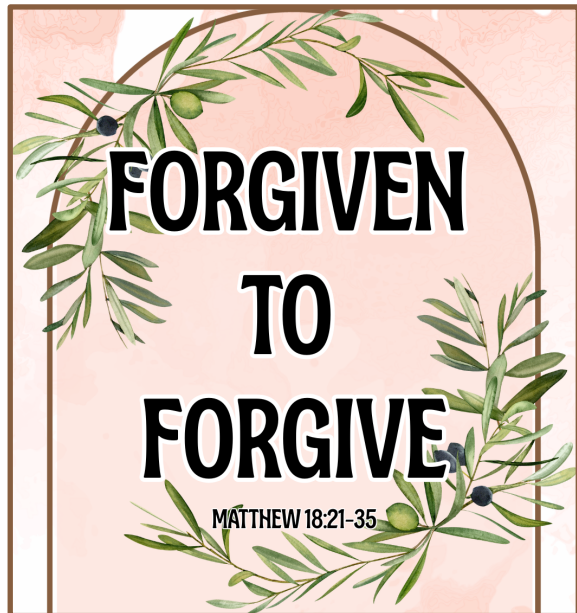


St. Joseph Church



Limeport-Coopersburg
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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Saturday, September 12, 2026 -
5:15PM Vigil Mass**
Fred Lanshe, Jr.

Altar Servers: J. Brewer; A. & A. Carl
Greeters: R. & M. Carlin
Commentator/Lector: M. Andrews; M. Glavin
Eucharistic Ministers: S. Moyer; G. Schultz;
B. Wallerich

Sunday, September 13, 2026 - 9:00AM Mass
Dave Newcomer

Altar Servers: E. Gridley; P. & S. Grubb
Greeters: S. Dale; C. Ehresman
Commentator/Lector: D. Ward; P. Moreira
Eucharistic Ministers: S. Bartholomew; C. Grubb;
H. Stankewicz

Sunday, September 13, 2026 - 11:00AM Mass
Joseph & Esther Hoffstetter

Altar Servers: P. Ebert; A. Lindenmoyer; J. Zientara
Greeters: The Lindenmoyer Family
Commentator/Lector: N. Lounsberry; C. Zientara
Eucharistic Ministers: K. & P. Metzler; M. Zientara

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Sirach 27:30—28:7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12
*"The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger,
and rich in compassion."*

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Gospel Acclamation: *"I give you a new
commandment, says the Lord;
love one another as I have loved you."*

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

UPCOMING MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, September 14 - 8AM Mass
Living & Deceased of St. Joseph Parish

Tuesday, September 15 - 8AM Mass
Intentions of the Altar & Rosary Society

Wednesday, September 16 - 8AM Mass
Gretel Ruppert

Thursday, September 17 - 8AM Mass
Mary Beth DiEmedio

Friday, September 18 - 9AM School Mass
James Haines

Saturday, September 19 - 8AM Mass
Rocco Perugini

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 19, 2026 - 5:15PM Vigil Mass
Richard & Elva Barrett

Sunday, September 20, 2026 - 9:00AM Mass
MaryAnne Baus

Sunday, September 20, 2026 - 11:00AM Mass
60th Wedding Anniversary of Joe & Sue Zola



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.

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Join Us at the Diocese of Allentown Family Festival!

As part of the Diocese of Allentown's 65th Anniversary Jubilee Year, all are invited to celebrate faith, family, and community at the Diocese's Family Festival at 12pm on Sunday, November 1, 2026, at St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Orefield.

Join Bishop Alfred A. Schlert and families from across the Diocese for this special anniversary celebration featuring Mass with Bishop Schlert, live music, food, bingo, a petting zoo, activities and games, an All Saints Trunk-or-Treat, and more. This rain-or-shine event promises fun for all ages and is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate 65 years of faith together. More details, including the full schedule and registration information, will be shared soon.

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 09/06/26	Fiscal Year To Date 07/01/26-06/30/27
Operating Expenses \$13,254.	Operating Expenses \$132,540.
Sunday/Holy Day Collections \$ 8,439.	Sunday/Holy Day Collections \$ 100,701.
Over/(Under) Budget (\$ 4,815.)	Over/(Under) Budget (\$ 31,839.)

Additional Assumption Envelopes: \$40.00 reflected in the above. Thank you!

OUR PARISH & COMMUNITY CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

- Through 9/16 - Wednesdays 8:45-10AM - Women's Book Study in Church Meeting Room
- Through 10/3 - New Altar Server Practices - Saturdays at 10AM in the church
- 9/13 - PREP Grades 1-7 Book Pickup and Teacher Meet & Greet - 10-10:45AM
- 9/13 - Confirmation Student & Family Mass & Meeting - 5PM in the Parish Center
- 9/14 - Adult Choir Practices Begin - 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM in the church
- 9/15 - DSE Small Group Faith-Sharing Program - 7PM in the Parish Center - Weekly, ending 11/10
- 9/15 - St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting - 7PM in the church meeting room
- 9/15 - Cub Scouts Pack 334 Campfire Event - 6PM Under the Pavilion
- 9/16 - Handbell Choir Practices Begin - 6:30PM in the church
- 9/16 - OCIA, Order of Christian Initiation of Adults Begins - 7 PM in the Church Meeting Room
- 9/19-9/20 - Blood Pressure Screenings after All Masses - Church Meeting Room
- 9/20 - Centennial MultiGenerational Interviews & Photo Scanning - 12-2:30PM in the Parish Center
- 9/23 - Next Women's Book Study Begins - Wednesdays 8:45-10AM - Church Meeting Room
- 9/26 - A & R Society Icon Painting Reflection - 9:30AM-3:30PM in the Parish Center - Pre-reg Only

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** continues to offer something for everyone, with coloring sheets, medals, prayer cards, Parish Group highlights, sign up sheets, and more. Check it out today!

SPECIAL PARISH & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

✳ **Mass & Sanctuary Candle Offerings** - MASSES and/or SANCTUARY CANDLES for the deceased or to honor a special occasion can be requested by downloading & printing the form on our website. 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 for the weekend of September 12/13 are in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Tom and Sandy Dale.** 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. 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.

✳ **OCIA, Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, will begin Wednesday, September 16th, at 7 PM in the Church Meeting Room, off the Narthex.** OCIA is for anyone who would like to come into full communion with the Catholic Church, anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Church including current Catholics who desire a deeper understanding of the faith. If you would like more information or have questions, please contact Andrew Sumner at (484-264-8565) or st.joesph.coopersburg.rcia@gmail.com. You may also speak with Father Buckley after Mass, or email the Rectory at rectory@stjoescoopersburg.org.

✳ The Discipleship, Spirituality, and Evangelization (DSE) team would like to welcome everyone to a **small-group faith-sharing program** based on the Sunday Scriptures and Father Buckley's homily. This program begins on Tuesday, September 15, at 7 pm in the Parish Center gym and will continue for 8 weeks. The format and guidelines will be similar to those used for 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory and Christ Life. Session #1 preliminary materials, which exclude the homily and related questions, can be viewed at https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LwRVIKXgsZQNvTgvtJ8h626pU7JmPxH/edit?usp=sharing&oid=106900559634623653238&rtpof=true&s_d=true. Groups will have a facilitator to guide discussion. You do not have to sign up or commit to attending every session.

✳ Come join the **ICON PAINTING REFLECTION** being sponsored by the Altar and Rosary Society on Sat. Sept 26 from 9:30AM-3:30PM in the parish center. This event will be an opportunity to paint the DIVINE MERCY image. This is open to all, you will be given a canvas with the image drawn on it (like a coloring book) and a sheet of directions from the visiting artist which includes the colors and where they go. There will be a reflection period on the image and St. Faustina. A light lunch will be provided. Cost will be \$15.00 per person, however it is limited to 15 people so register early. To register call Linda at 610-653-9542 or email hoffyphotos@aol.com.

✳ **Women of Grace book club** will start Wednesday, September 23, in the Church meeting room from 8:45-10AM. Our book is, "Coached by Joan of Arc," written by Alexandre Havard. To register email Rose Newcomer at newcnook@gmail.com.



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NEW TRAFFIC PATTERN FOR SUNDAY MORNING MASSES & PREP

- **ALL VEHICLE TRAFFIC** must follow the **green area** outlined on the map above when entering AND exiting the grounds.
- **NO VEHICLES** are permitted within the **red zones** highlighted above.
- **Pedestrian Traffic** must follow the **blue lines** both into and out of the main entrance of the building.
- All families must park in the church lot. A crossing guard will be available in this area.
- The lot on St. Joseph Rd. is currently **unavailable** due to the sewage work being completed by Upper Saucon Township. We will alert families when the lot reopens.

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