



# St. Joseph Church



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

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*Whoever does not carry his own cross  
and come after me cannot be my  
disciple.*



## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **Saturday, September 6 - 5:15PM Vigil Mass**

*Joseph Connelly*

Altar Servers: A. & A. Carl; C. Lindenmoyer

Greeters: A. & L. Sumner

Commentator/Lector: M. Andrews; N. Wallerich

Eucharistic Ministers: A. & L. Sumner; B. Wallerich

### **Sunday, September 7 - 9:00 AM Mass**

*Dominick D'Annibale*

Altar Servers: E. Gridley; M. Stolzer; G. Wetterau

Greeters: S. Bartholomew; S. Dale

Commentator/Lector: M. Zabinski; P. Moreira

Eucharistic Ministers: S. Dale; K. Flounders;  
T. Lynch

### **Sunday, September 7 - 11:00 AM Mass**

*Judy Barton*

Altar Servers: M. & J. Pavis; J. Shultz

Greeters: O'Connor Family

Commentator/Lector: A. Ellenberger; C. Zientara

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Zientara

## Today's Readings

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14  
and 17

*"In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge."*

Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Gospel Acclamation: *"Let your face shine upon  
your servant; and teach me your laws."*

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

## Upcoming Mass Schedule

### **Monday, September 8 - 8AM**

*Intentions of the Altar & Rosary Society*

### **Tuesday, September 9 - 8AM**

*John V. Handlon*

### **Wednesday, September 10 - 8AM**

*Living & Deceased of St. Joseph Parish*

### **Thursday, September 11 - 8AM**

*Robert O'Connor*

### **Friday, September 12 - 9AM School Mass**

*Art & Edie Fischer*

### **Saturday, September 13 - 8AM**

*Rev. Joseph Sheehan*

## Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

### **Saturday, September 13 - 5:15PM Vigil Mass**

*Richard & Elva Barrett*

### **Sunday, September 14 - 9:00 AM Mass**

*Gretel Ruppert*

### **Sunday, September 14 - 11:00 AM Mass**

*Fred Lanshe Jr.*



# 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.*

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).

**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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## Secretary for Youth Protection

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**Sunday, November 1st**

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Our Baby Bottle Campaign Coordinators

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Please consider including Cay Galgon Life House in your will or estate plan to help support mothers and babies in need for generations to come. Your legacy gift can make a lasting impact.



# 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 2025-2026 Budget

Last Week	Fiscal Year To Date
08/31/25	07/01/25-06/30/26
Operating Expenses	Operating Expenses
\$12,744	\$ 114,656.
Sunday/Holy Day Collections	Sunday/Holy Day Collections
\$ 8,808	\$ 88,160.
Over/(Under) Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
(\$ 3,936.)	(\$ 26,496.)

Addtl. Assumption: \$15.00 reflected in the above.  
Thank You!



The Altar Flowers for the weekend of September 6/7 are in loving memory of Bill Carter, from his wife Marcella.

Altar Flowers for a special occasion or in memory of someone, are available by contacting Reg Hartung at regh@ptd.net. or 610-965-3268. A triangular arrangement is \$100., and a bouquet is \$45. Please be aware that during the months of November and December we will have a few weeks that are blacked out due to larger holiday displays. If you are thinking about flowers during that time please contact Reg in the near future to determine the availability. As a reminder, this is not a fundraiser, but rather a special way to participate in the Mass. Thank you!

**JOIN THE ADULT CHOIR:** Sing a joyful song unto the Lord! Summer's almost over and the adult choir will begin practicing again on Monday evenings from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM in the church, starting September 8th. We are looking for new voices to join us! If you enjoy singing, come join in the fun and fellowship. No experience required. The choir sings several times each month at the various Masses and liturgies throughout the year. For more information, call Bryan Hoffstetter at (610) 841-6829.

**JOIN THE HANDBELL CHOIR:** September is around the corner, and the handbell choir is ready to begin practicing again. We meet on Weds evenings 6:30-7:30 in the church, beginning on Sept 10th. Anyone 4th grade through Adult is invited to join us at that time. Children in 1st-3rd grades are invited to contact us as we would love to start a chime choir as well. You do not need to be able to read music, if you can count to 4 and remember 2 colors at a time you are able to play with us. Questions, please contact Linda Hoffstetter at hoffyphotos@aol.com or 610-653-9542. If you are interested come join us and try it out.

## OUR PARISH & COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- 9/7 - Donuts, Coffee & Fellowship following the 9AM & 11AM Masses - Weather permitting; look for the tent outside.
- 9/7 - Diocesan CYO Cross Country Meet - 12PM-5PM
- 9/8 - Adult Choir Practices Begin
- 9/9 - Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - 7PM
- 9/10 - Bells Practices Begin
- 9/13 - A&R Society Mum Sale Pickup
- 9/14 - Children's Mass at 9AM - Back-to-School Blessings
- 9/14 - PREP Grades 1-7 Book Pickup & Teacher Meet & Greet -- Following the 9AM Mass
- 9/14 - Confirmation Candidates & Families Special Mass & Informational Meeting - 5PM
- 9/17 - OCIA Informational Meeting - 7PM
- 9/18-9/19 - Catholic Charities Chew Street Kitchen Fruit Collection - Cooler is outside church Thursday 8AM to Friday 8AM
- 9/21 - PREP Grades 1-8 Classes Begin
- 9/21 - Parish Family Picnic - 11AM-5PM (Raindate 9/28)
- 9/25-9/26 - Catholic Charities Chew Street Kitchen Fruit Collection - Cooler is outside church Thursday 8AM to Friday 8AM



## ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION, FORMERLY RCIA, TO START IN SEPTEMBER

OCIA, Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, what previously was called, RCIA, will begin with an informational meeting on Wednesday, September 17th, at 7 PM in the Parish Center Meeting Room.

OCIA is for:

- Non-Catholics who are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church and perhaps seeking to come into full communion with the Catholic Church.
- Catholics who have not received their full complement of Sacraments.
- Catholics who are interested in a deeper understanding of the Roman Catholic Church and its teachings.

If you would like more information or have questions please contact Andrew at (484)-264-8565) or st.joseph.coopersburg.rcia@gmail.com or the Rectory at rectory@stjoescoopersburg.org.



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**Please join us at our  
St. Joseph Church  
Parish Picnic**



September 21, 2025  
Rain date: September 28th

Time: 11:00 am - 5:00 pm



Light food, games, and a movie for all ages. There will be a sharing table for sides and desserts. Please see the sign up genius for items needed and volunteer positions.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4FA8AF22A3F94-57714502-parish>



Any questions please contact Nicole Lounsberry at [nlounsberry32@gmail.com](mailto:nlounsberry32@gmail.com)



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