

St. Joachim Parish

601 West Browning Road, Bellmawr, NJ 08031

February 15, 2026

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday
8:00AM- 4PM

Friday: 8:00AM- 2:00PM

CONTACT

Phone: (856) 931-6307

Fax: (856) 931-0155

RELIGIOUS ED. CONTACT:

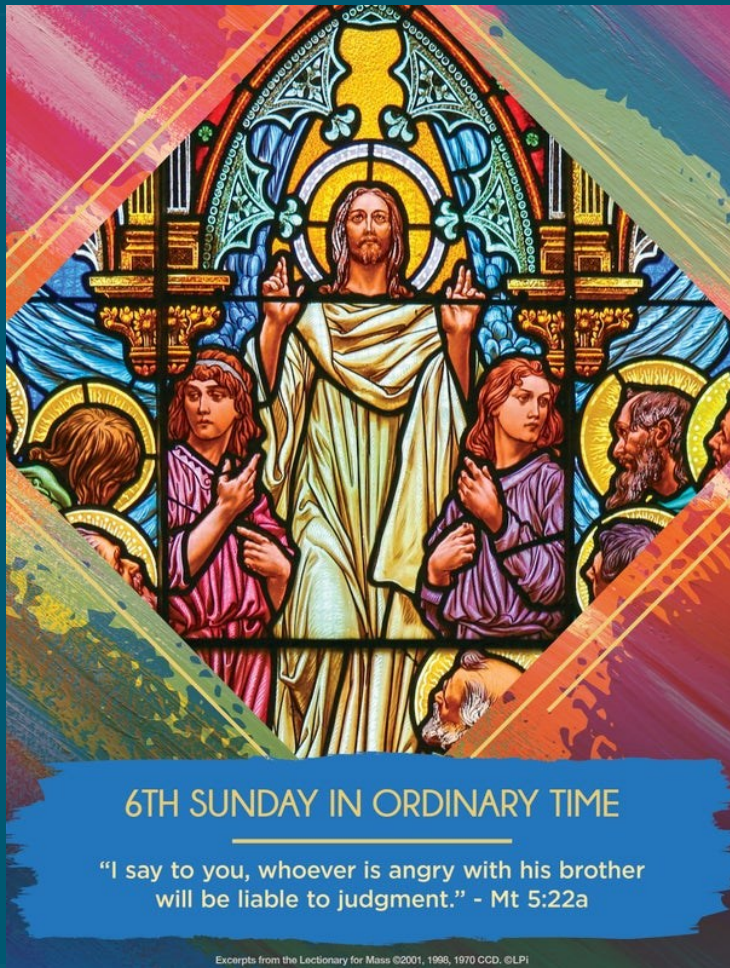
Phone: 856-931-8590

R.E. OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday
9AM to 1PM

Tuesday 9AM to 1PM
And 3PM -8PM

Friday—Closed



WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4 PM
Sunday 8 & 10 AM
Español: 12:00 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES
Mon., Tues., Weds., Fri:
7:30AM

FACEBOOK:

St. Joachim Parish/
Annunciation

Youtube:

St. Joachim Parish

PARISH STAFF

Reverend Allen Lovell.....Pastor
Reverend Bernard Gannon.....Retired Priest
Reverend Dalton Reyes.....Spanish Ministry
Deacon Gerard DeMuro,RET Permanent Deacon
Deacon Thomas E. Jennings.....Permanent Deacon
Mrs. Theresa Rucci.....Parish Financial
Magali Rodriguez.....Director of Religious Education
Bonnie Connors.....Parish Secretary
Chelsea Rodriguez.....Parish Secretary

E-Mail: Annun.Church@comcast.net

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WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!

If you are new to St. Joachim Parish, you are encouraged to register as a parishioner. You may register in person in our office, on our Parish Website, or find a registration form on the tables in the rear of the church aisles.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:

Every Saturday at 3:00PM

Baptisms:

Must be registered in the church for more details please call the parish office at 856-931-6307.

Marriage:

Arrangements must be made one year in advance. Please contact Deacon Tom at 856-261-8015 or by email ctjennings@verizon.net

Anointing of the Sick:

Please notify the Parish Office for arrangements.

OCIA & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

For more details please contact Magali (Maggie) Rodriguez at 856-931-8590 or by email at stjoachimre@stjoachimparishnj.org

POLICY FOR CERTIFICATES OF ELIGIBILITY

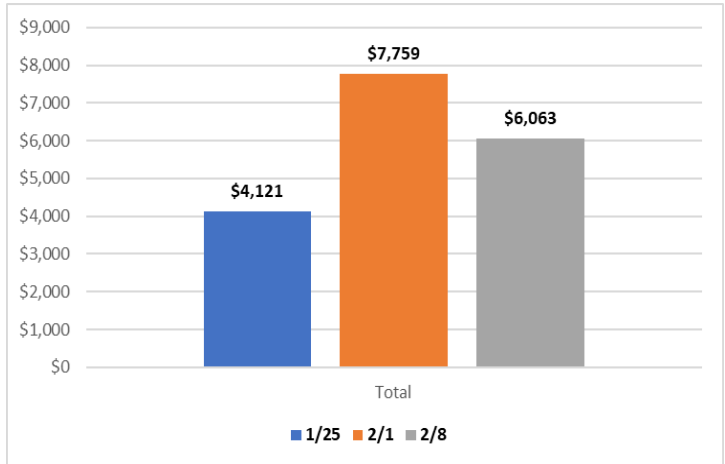
In order to receive a certificate, **YOU** (the sponsor) must be a practicing Catholic, have all your sacraments, attend Mass regularly and registered in the parish. If married, you must be married in the church to receive a certificate of eligibility.

REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE

An independent, toll-free number has been established by the Diocese of Camden to help callers report cases of sexual abuse by priests, deacons, religious, employees and/or volunteers. Calls are handled by a licensed clinical social worker. In accord with state law, cases of child sexual abuse are reported to the N.J. Division of Child Protection and Permanency and law enforcement.

For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, call **1-800-964-6588**

OFFERING



Spanish Collection 02/08; \$1,880

UP COMING COLLECTIONS

February 18, 2026

Church in Central and Eastern Europe
(Ash Wednesday)

February 22, 2026

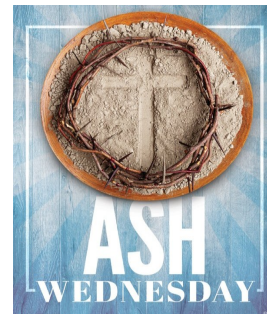
Catholic Missions among the Black and Indian
Americans

March 15, 2026

Catholic Relief Services Collection

April 3, 2026

Holy Land Collection (Good Friday)



RECENTLY DECEASED

*Margaret Malesich
Richard Cyzewski
Thomas Wojtylak
John Gawason
Concetta Ziccone
Ronald Pasquarello*

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Pastoral Council:
Monday, March 23rd, 2026
In the Parish Hall

Parish Finance Council:
TBD

GRIEF MINISTRY




Grief Ministry is available to help
if you are suffering from a loss.
Call 856-931-6307

Mass Schedule


Date		Time	Requested for	Requested by
Saturday	2/14/26	4:00 PM	†Roseann Navarro †James and Catherine Kenney †James Gurcik (Birthday Remembrance) †Patricia Yolanda D'Angelo Youngkin, Mary Margaret Shaw †Catherine Kelly (Anniversary Remembrance) †Ellie Riviello (Anniversary Remembrance) †Joan Marcella (2nd Anniversary) †Jackie & Baby Robinson †Jack Thompson	Rosemarie Fama Jim & Charlene Kenney Wife Fran & Family The Youngkin Family JoAnn JoAnn Husband Loving Parents Ken & Jane Murray
Sunday	2/15/26	8:00 AM	● All Saint Joachim Parishioners	
		10:00AM	†Nicole DiLolle (Birthday Remembrance)	Her Loving Family
Monday	2/16/26	7:30 AM	<i>No Mass (Presidents' Day)</i>	
Tuesday	2/17/26	7:30 AM	<i>No Intention</i>	
Wednesday	2/18/26	7:30 AM	<i>Ash Wednesday Mass (Church)</i>	
		8:30 AM	<i>Spanish Ash Wednesday Mass (Chapel)</i>	
		12:00 PM	<i>Ash Wednesday Service (Church)- No Intention</i>	
		3:00 PM	<i>Spanish Ash Wednesday Service (Hall)</i>	
		7:00 PM	● All Saint Joachim Parishioners	
Thursday	2/19/26		<i>No Mass</i>	
Friday	2/20/26	7:30AM	<i>No Intention</i>	
Saturday	2/21/26	4:00 PM	†Augustine Fama	Rosemarie Fama
Sunday	2/22/26	8:00 AM	†Florence & Francis X. Murray , Sr. †Harry Covely Sr. †Thomas Wojtylak †Conetta Ziccone †Alfred J. Collarin †John Gawason	The Murray Family Gregg & Joanne Imielinski Steve & Linda Gesell Paul & Yi Caltabiano Art & Peg Rybicki Tony Andrioli
		10:00 AM	● All Saint Joachim Parishioners	





The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week for:
Dante DiFebbo

Requested by: Connie



PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN/WOMEN

Please pray for those defending our country and serving across the nation & worldwide.

If you know of any parishioners who are currently active in any branch of the Military, please contact the Parish office and we will publish the names of our service men and women.

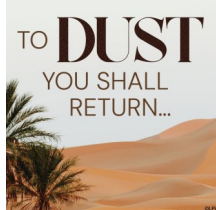
Steven J. Hine, William J. Krause, Jr, USN, Daniel Murry, USMC, Jesse Sooy, USAF, Michael Stutchman, ACU Michael Alois, USMC, Jon T. Gallagher ,USAF, Brandon Ostrom, USA

PRAY FOR THE SICK

**HELP US KEEP LIST UP TO DATE:
PLEASE CALL TO TAKE SOMEONE OFF IF THEY ARE BETTER OR HAVE PASSED.**

Michael Sipe	B.T. Dunn,	Kathleen Gieson-Cotter,	Donna DeForrest	Fred Popiolek
Lois Palmer	Barbara Klink,	Kathy Sutton,	Kristien Degailier	Mary Foster
Billy McCord,	Michael Kasuska	Linda Dippner,	Jacob & Jaxson Rivera	Jake Gallagher
Cassidy Lovett,	Brenda Carr,	Dolores Boyd	Cindy Meehan	Lou Caporaletti
Cathy Dastick,	Michael Wroblewski	Mandy Orsino,	Kathy Seppimi	Deacon Tom Jennings
Charles Budwin,	Colin Dougherty	Marion Bibik,	Mariyaa Scarletta	
Marty Waters	Rose Marie Black,	Danielle Peters	Thomas Foster	
Meg Conway	Colleen Scioli,	Dr. Annie Peter	Anthony Cipolone	
Joan McIntyre,	Clifford Orem	Michael Bienick	Lois Staas	
Gary Hawkins,	Julie Chang	Ann Dillon	Rita Woodward	
Helen & Norman Wilkins,	Gregg Imielinski,	Jennifer Cook	Shannon Staino	
Jack Misinkavitch,	Robert Smizer,	Jack Raymer	Dan Crilly	
Jackie Logan,	Jackie Githens,	Debbie Veste	Eileen Abbruzzese	
James Marley,	Joyce Severa	William Hess,	Catherine Costigas	
Ele Ricciardi	Joseph Petrongolo	Rita Simon	Grace Hamilton-Gilbert	
James Dippner,	Joyce Jones	Regina Doullart,	Jim Hamilton	
Salvy Colangelo,	Rachel Zanghi	Rachel Baker,	Wendy Judd	
JoAnn Bibik,	Phil Ferrara,	Paul V. Gornowski,	Mary Harris	
John Scafidi	Drew Koenig	Karen Ortiz	Josephine Rich	
Joe Lucca	Silvio Duplechant	Carol Simons	Nicole Ward	
Alice Gwillim	Josie Pasquarello	Joseph Bibik,	Marie Lucca	

PRACTICING CATHOLIC



The Carpenter and the Law

My husband and I couldn't believe our luck: our new house had a deck. It was more than a couple of broke millennials had ever dared to dream. Lounging in our patio furniture drinking coffee and watching the cars drive past, we felt like Kennedys at Hyannis Port. We had arrived. Well, until it started falling apart. To be fair, my husband knew this was going to happen all along, because he's a person who uses words like "joist" and "weight-bearing" correctly. He took one look at the deck at the open house and knew it wasn't up to code. "We're going to have to reinforce this at some point," he told me. "Whatever!" I replied, daydreaming about twinkle lights and porch parties. Sure enough, our second summer in the house, he had to rip the rotting surface boards off. The biggest issue was that the joists were too far apart; when we stepped on the boards, they bowed and almost cracked, lacking adequate support beneath. But we weren't going to redo the whole deck — we're not actually Kennedys. We (okay, he) simply ripped the surface boards off, added the necessary joists, and replaced the decking with newer, better, stronger wood. Simply put, my husband did not come to abolish the deck, but to fulfill it. The law of Moses was like a good deck, admirably built. You could say "Raqa," your heart filled with anger, and the law didn't break. But that anger treads heavily on boards not adequately supported. Over time, the anger becomes too much to bear. And that board — that law, that heart — it'll break. Just you wait. And when it does, you'll see why: there wasn't anything beneath, holding it up. So God sent a Carpenter to reinforce the law. The Carpenter crafted joists from prudence, fortitude, justice and temperance — strong virtues that can withstand a lifetime of battery, if properly maintained. And the law still holds.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION



February 15, 2026

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 5:17-37

A few years into my priesthood, I hit a wall. I had taken on too many commitments: Masses, meetings, ministries, projects. I couldn't keep up. I was double-booking, forgetting things, running late, and letting people down. My boss at the time, a wise priest, and our shared secretary, noticed. For my birthday, the two gave me a stack of 100 flashcards, each with one word printed in a different language: "NO." It was funny, but also painfully true. If I couldn't say no, my yes was in danger. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says, "Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the Evil One" (Matthew 5:37). He's not just giving advice about polite speech. He's showing us something about the freedom of Christian discipleship. The follower of Christ is called to speak clearly, simply, and honestly. There is joy in that kind of freedom. The Church Fathers often linked this kind of straightforward truthfulness with spiritual maturity. The devil is the father of lies, but Jesus is the Word made flesh. When we hedge, flatter, exaggerate, or avoid, we open space for the shadows to creep in. That little stack of flashcards reminded me that God does not want us enslaved to the expectations of others or to the fear of disappointing them. He wants us to enjoy the peace of saying yes and meaning it, and saying no, and meaning it, too. Lenten Challenge: Practice one moment of honest, peaceful speech this week. Maybe it's a sincere "yes" to something important, or a humble "no" to something you cannot do. Let it be a quiet step into the freedom Jesus offers.

— Father John Muir

EASTER SCHEDULE

Easter Triduum Schedule 2026

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

7:30am- English in the Church

8:30am- Spanish in Chapel

12pm- English Service only in Church

3pm- Spanish Service in Hall

7pm- English Mass in Church

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Monday, March 16th, 2026, at 6pm

HOLY THURSDAY

April 2nd – The Lord's Supper and Repository Visit and Adoration until 10 PM

7PM- English Mass in the Church

6PM- Spanish Mass in the Parish Hall

GOOD FRIDAY

April 3rd - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

12PM- Spanish Live Stations at the Annunciation Parking Lot

1:30 PM – Spanish Service in the Parish Hall

3PM- English Service in the Church

HOLY SATURDAY

April 4th, Solemn Vigil of Our Lord's Resurrection

9AM- Spanish Mass (Parking lot/ Parish Hall)

8PM- English Mass

EASTER SUNDAY

April 5th, Our Lord's Resurrection

8 AM & 10 AM- English Mass | / 12Noon- Spanish Mass

EUCCHARIST SERVICE



Eucharist Service for Homebound Parishioners

If you know of any parishioner who is unable to attend Mass regularly and would like to have the Eucharist brought to them at their home, please contact the parish office :

856.931.6307 to make the arrangements.

The Apostles' Creed

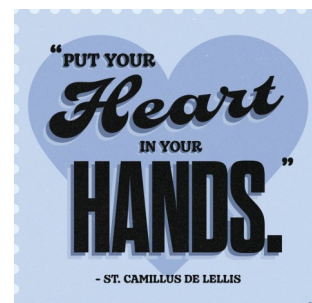
I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.

Amen.

PRAYER

Blessing of Love
Heavenly Father,
Ignite us with Your love.
Reveal to us Your will,
guide us in Your path.
Pour Your blessings upon us,
You who are the giver of every good thing.
Help us to live, work, act, and speak
in ways that bring honor and glory to You.
Amen.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

On Sunday, February 8, 2026, we celebrated our monthly Youth Ministry Mass along with Scout Sunday. Monsignor McGrath bless all our scouts so they may continue to lead with reverence, good moral character and good service. Congrats!



Tuesday, February 17, 2026

3rd and 7th grade Confessions
Nail & Cross Activity for All Grades

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Please Attend At Least one Ash Wednesday Mass
7:30am- English Mass in Church
8:30am- Spanish Mass in Church
12pm- English Service only in Church
3pm- Spanish Service in Parish Hall
7pm- English Mass in Church
Tuesday, February 24, 2026
Empowering God's Children Class for all grades.

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

There will be NO Day nor Evening Religious Education Classes. This will be an ALL-SCHOOL retreat day. Please join us at 6:30PM in Church for a Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience by our Knights of Columbus St. Judes Council.

CONFIRMATION DATE:

Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 5PM

Tuition and Fees must be paid off before then.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



St. Joachim Parish will be having Adoration, Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament along with Rosary and Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent beginning with Friday, February 20th 2026.

Adoration, Benediction and Exposition will begin at 6PM with the Rosary being recited at 6:30PM and Stations of the Cross beginning at 7PM

The schedule for the Stations of the Cross will be:

Traditional Stations
Friday, February 20th at 7:00 pm

Mary's Stations
Friday, February 27th at 7:00 pm

Traditional Stations
Friday, March 6th at 7:00 pm

Traditional Stations
Friday, March 13th at 7:00 pm

Mary's Stations
Friday, March 20th at 7:00 pm

Traditional Stations
Friday, March 27th, at 7:00 pm

PARISH EVENTS

NO MASS

In Observance of President's day, There will not be a ***7:30 AM Mass on Monday February 16th.***

PARISH OFFICE

In observance of President's Day, the Parish Office will be ***closed on Monday, February 16th.***

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Thursday, February 26th for Camden Diocese Parish Staff Day.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The next St. Vincent de Paul Society Five Guys Fundraiser is on Thursday, February 26, 2026 between 5 & 8 PM in Deptford.

PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Join us for Breakfast on Sunday, March 29th in the Parish Hall at 8am-12 pm!

EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

SPRING GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP:

Grieving the loss of a loved one? You are invited to attend the 10-week support group sponsored by St. Joachim's Comfort in Grief Ministry. The informal weekly meetings will be an opportunity to **companion** one another on the grief journey **non-judgmentally** and **confidentially**. The sessions, led by trained facilitators, are a combination of **information** about the grief process and a time for **sharing** and **mutual support**. Whether a recent loss or one more distant, please consider joining us.
When: **Monday evenings, beginning March 9, 2026, 7:00 to 8:30 PM**

Cost: Sessions are free. (Cost for companion book with accommodation made for those unable to pay)
For more information or to register, contact Barbara McCarty at 856-931-8843.

VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE

The K of C St. Jude Council 12092 welcomes all to a Virtual Pilgrimage to Lourdes on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 6:30 PM in Church. This is an opportunity to touch the Grotto Rock, Receive a bottle of Lourdes water, Receive a Eucharistic Blessing, Prepare a petition to be placed in the Grotto in Lourdes, France, and receive a Plenary Indulgence for attending. We hope and pray you will be able to attend.

What to expect from the Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience®

As part of the two hour spiritual opportunity to draw nearer to God with Our Lady and St. Bernadette, you will have the opportunity to:

- Immerse yourself in the Gospel message of Lourdes as given by Our Lady to St. Bernadette.
- Have the opportunity to touch the Grotto Rock and to experience the healing grace of Lourdes water.
- Receive a Eucharistic blessing and pray the Rosary.
- Prepare a petition to be placed in the Grotto in Lourdes, France.
- Receive a bottle of Lourdes Water.

You Are Invited

Knights of Columbus, St. Jude Council
Welcomes all to a Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience® for St. Joachim Parish

Tuesday, March 3rd
St. Joachim
601 W. Browning Road
Bellmawr, NJ 08031
6:30 pm

- Touch the Grotto Rock
- Experience Lourdes Water
- Eucharistic Blessing
- Rosary

For more information call the parish office (856) 931-6307
Free Will Offering Graciously Accepted!
A Plenary Indulgence Granted by Papal Decree

Come and encounter the healing grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ through His Immaculate Mother. Invite your family, children, and friends! Our Lady extends her invitation to all! The next best thing to visiting Lourdes itself is a Pilgrimage journey without the travel. A Plenary Indulgence is granted to all the faithful, under the usual conditions, who attend this Experience!

MESSAGE

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE

THANK YOU!

The Knights of Columbus St. Jude Council 12092 would like to extend a warm and grateful thank you to all parishioners and all who donated blood in our recent January 18th, 2026 Red Cross Blood Drive. Your blood donations have made this blood drive very successful and will help save many lives. This drive saw 31 pints of blood being donated saving 93 lives. Again thank you and may God Bless you for giving of yourselves.

EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE



THE CATHOLIC BUSINESS NETWORK OF SOUTH JERSEY

The Catholic Business Network will hold its next in-person meeting on

Friday, February 20

► Church of the Holy Family
226 Hurffville Road Sewell, NJ 08080



Speaker:

Tony Degliomini, Grand Knight Knights of Columbus Council 11498 will speak about his spiritual journey, specifically how he arrived as being a Knight and what a being a member of the Knights of Columbus means.

- **Prayer:** The event begins with guided Adoration by Live Vertical at 8 a.m.
- **Breakfast & Networking:** Follows Adoration in the Aquin Center
- **Welcome & Introductions:** Welcome to the Catholic Business Network from Jeff Morris
- **Sponsor:** Knights of Columbus Council 11498

To register, scan the QR code:
<https://www.camdendiocese.org/event/catholic-business-network-2-20-26/>



Pints with THE SAINTS
SACRED TALKS, SAINTLY SIPS
MARCH 19 | 5:30PM

ALISHA'S 5 STAR DIVE BAR - WILLIAMSTOWN



With special guest
Father Peter Gallagher
with our first topic...

"What does it take to drive out the snakes"