

St. Joachim Parish

601 West Browning Road, Bellmawr, NJ 08031

February 22, 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



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." - Mt 4:8-9

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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

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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

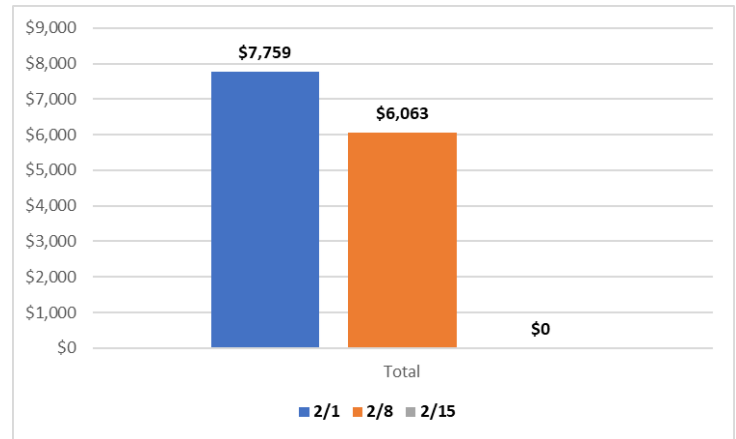
In order to receive a certificate, **YOU** (the sponsor) must be a practicing Catholic, have all your sacraments, attend Mass regularly and registered in the parish. If married, you must be married in the church to receive a certificate of eligibility.

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



English Collection 2/15: Omitted due to early transmission
Spanish Collection 02/15: Omitted due to early transmission

UP COMING COLLECTIONS

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

Richard Cyzewski
Thomas Wojtylak
John Gawason
Concetta Ziccone
Ronald Pasquarello
Anna Marie Cronin

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	2/21/26	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 †Anna Cronin †Julie Smith	The Murray Family Gregg & Joanne Imielinski Steve & Linda Gesell Paul & Yi Caltabiano Art & Peg Rybicki Tony Andrioli Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart The Leason Family
		10:00AM	● All Saint Joachim Parishioners	
Monday	2/23/26	7:30 AM	<i>No Intention</i>	
Tuesday	2/24/26	7:30 AM	<i>No Intention</i>	
Wednesday	2/25/26	7:30 AM	<i>No Intention</i>	
Thursday	2/26/26		<i>No Mass (Parish Staff Day) Office Closed</i>	
Friday	2/27/26	7:30AM	†William Jones (7th Anniversary)	Loving Mom & Family
Saturday	2/28/26	4:00 PM	● All Saint Joachim Parishioners	
Sunday	3/01/26	8:00 AM	†Tomas A. Itaas	Mike & Rosie Reader
		10:00 AM	†Bernadette Fiorentino †Rose Cassidy †George & Marie Chladek †Rick Scarduzio (6th Anniversary) †Theresa Reynolds †Sherri Ouimette †Concetta Ziccone †John Gawason	The Farina Family The Farina Family The Farina Family Sister Dianne Carletwames Family Keith & Phyllis Padgett Joe & Carol Caltabiano Maureen McGovern

FIRST WEEK OF LENT

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The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week for:
Nicole DiLolle (Birthday Remembrance)

Requested by: Loving Family



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.

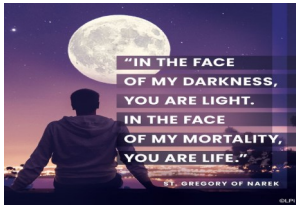
Steven J. Hine, William J. Krause, Jr, USN, Daniel Murry, USMC, Jesse Sooy, USAF, Michael Stutchman, ACU Michael Aloï, USMC, Jon T. Gallagher ,USAF, Brandon Ostrom, USA

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,	Robert Johnson	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



Into the Desert

When we first got married, I wanted to know everything my husband was thinking, exactly when he was thinking it. Thirteen years later, I still want to know it all. But I want to know it after he’s had a snack. I think he still wants to know what I’m thinking, too. But he wants to know it after I’ve had 10 minutes without hearing the word, “Mommy!” Life has taught us, you see, that it’s hard to be a good person, a nice person, a gentle person,

when your body doesn’t feel good or nice or gentle. When you’re hungry. When you’re exhausted. When you’re anxious. It’s not impossible, of course. It’s just... hard. We’re entering a penitential season, a time in which we purposefully deprive ourselves in certain ways.

During Lent, we intentionally enter into the desert of physical hunger and weakness. Why, in preparation for Easter and in an effort to spiritually purify ourselves, do we go to this place where it’s so hard to be good? Why do we go to the desert? Because Christ has shown us that the desert is where decisions are made. There are many reasons why the Word became flesh to accomplish God’s plan for our salvation. But I think one of the most important reasons must have been that God wanted to show us that He knows, intimately, how easily the devil exploits our physical experience of this world. We see it in today’s Gospel: Jesus, hungry and weary. Jesus, taunted and tempted. We see him. We recognize him. We are him. And we hear his voice, even though it trembles with fatigue: “Get away, Satan!” Today, we enter the desert. Because the desert is where decisions are made.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION



***February 22, 2026
1st Sunday of Lent
Matthew 4:1-11***

In my second-to-last year of seminary, I woke up one September morning to devastating news: two beloved classmates had died in a car crash. I was overwhelmed with grief and anger like I had never known. I entered therapy for the first time and had intense conversations with my spiritual director. For months I felt lost in a spiritual wilderness. But something unexpected happened: I encountered Christ there. The fear and sorrow didn’t destroy me. In fact, that spiritual desert was a time of intense growth in faith. Today’s Gospel begins: “Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil” (Matthew 4:1). The word “led” denotes a gentle, humble submission to the Spirit. Jesus does not send himself into this desolate place where wild beasts roam and Satan tempts. Who wants to be around roaming, wild beasts? The Church Fathers saw them as symbols of our inner chaos: fears, temptations, wounds. The Spirit leads us there, sometimes against our wishes. But those same Fathers also saw that this deserted place is also where angels ministered to Jesus, amidst his great trial and temptation. Lenten Challenge: This Lent and throughout life’s struggles, the Spirit leads you and me into the wilderness. Name one “desert” into which the Spirit has led you: perhaps grief, fear, silence, change, disappointment. Ask for the grace to go there willingly. The beasts may be real, but they will not harm you. There, the angels are waiting to minister to the Christ living in you, who always goes where the Spirit leads.

— 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

Lenten Blessing

Bless us in Your mercy, Lord, as we enter these 40 Days of Lent. Use this time to call, anoint, bind, strengthen, and inspire us anew. Like a good shepherd, teach us Your voice, and give us the strength to follow.

Amen.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Empowering God's Children Class for all grades.

Tuesday, March 3, 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.

Sunday, March 8, 2026

Youth Ministry 10am Mass

Children that will be serving are:

Greeters

Liam Vogel
Sofia DiGirolamo
Annette Méndez
Maya Almorin
All kids welcomed

Altar Servers

Anthony Ciano-Dougherty

Petey Sauter

Lectors

Karla Cortes
Shane Mertz

Ushers

Victor Mendez
Lizmary Mendez
Anthony Mendez
Billy Lynn

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Class & Normal Class times resume.

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Class

Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 5PM

There will be NO Day nor Evening Religious Education Classes. Please join us along with Bishop Williams at 5PM in church to celebrate St. Joachim's Confirmation Class.

Tuesday, March 31, 2026

Class & Normal Class times resume.

Tuesday, April 7, 2026

Last Class/FUN DAY in Parish Hall 6PM for all Grades!

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

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be *closed on 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!

Tickets on sale after all masses & during Parish Office business hours.

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!

EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

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"



REBOOT A LIFE-CHANGING EVENT

This high-energy, 2-hour event with internationally acclaimed speaker **Chris Stefanick** will awaken your faith, reignite your joy, and equip you with tools to live the life God created you for: A life of JOY!

It will help you rediscover the JOY you were created for, and is perfect for everyone... even friends, family, and children (12+) who may not be actively practicing their faith.



Space is Limited!

[HTTPS://BUYTICKETS.AT/REALLIFICATHOLIC/1765337](https://buytickets.at/reallicatholic/1765337)

Wednesday, March 18, 2026
7:00 - 9:00 PM
 Church of the Incarnation
 240 Main St, Mantua Twp, NJ 08051

SACRED HEART GATHERING
 FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE

ENVIRONMENTAL INJUSTICE IN CAMDEN
A Sin Against the People

Saturday, February 14, 2026
 9:00 AM - 2PM
 SACRED HEART CHURCH
 1739 FERRY AVE. CAMDEN NJ 08104

Listen to dynamic, insightful and engaging guest speakers talk about the impact of environmental pollutants on human health and highlighting its ethical and physical effects. We hope to inspire and take action to oppose these activities and talk about opportunities for citizen action and engagement.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Frank Santos
 Head of Strategy and Design, Black in Jersey

Sacoby Wilson, PhD
 Director of Health Environmental and Economic Justice Laboratory, Univ. of Maryland

Rev. Edwin Gariguez
 Former Executive Director of National Secretariat for Social Action, Philippines & Pastor of Good Shepherd Parish, Victoria Or Mindoro, Philippines

Ajeenah (AJ) Riggs
 Project Manager, Center for Environmental Transformation, Camden, NJ

Join Us In-Person or Virtually via Zoom
 To Register, Visit: www.peacecoalition.org
 and click Upcoming Events (CFPA website)

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