

St. Joachim Parish

601 West Browning Road, Bellmawr, NJ 08031

March 01, 2026

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday
8:00AM- 4PM

Friday: 8:00AM- 2:00PM

CONTACT

Phone: (856) 931-6307

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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



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

His face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. - Mt 17:2

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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

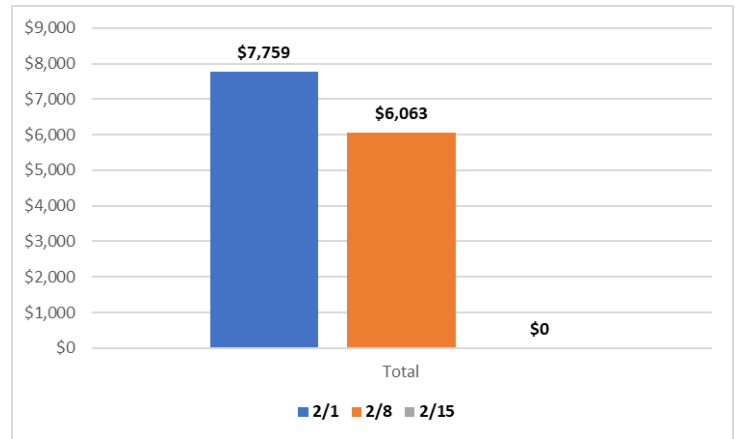
In order to receive a certificate, **YOU** (the sponsor) must be a practicing Catholic, have all your sacraments, attend Mass regularly and registered in the parish. If married, you must be married in the church to receive a certificate of eligibility.

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 2/23: Omitted due to early transmission
Spanish Collection 02/23: 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)

April 26, 2026

Catholic Home Mission Appeal



RECENTLY DECEASED

John Gawason
Concetta Ziccone
Ronald Pasquarello
Anna Marie Cronin
Roseann Heim
Carmen J. Provenciano

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	2/28/26	4:00 PM	• All Saint Joachim Parishioners	
Sunday	3/01/26	8:00 AM	†Tomas A. Itaas	Mike & Rosie Reader
		10:00AM	†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 Carle & Wames Families Keith & Phyllis Padgett Joe & Carol Caltabiano Maureen McGovern
Monday	3/02/26	7:30 AM	<i>No Intention</i>	
Tuesday	3/03/26	7:30 AM	<i>No Intention</i>	
Wednesday	3/04/26	7:30 AM	<i>No Intention</i>	
Thursday	3/05/26		<i>No Mass</i>	
Friday	3/06/26	7:30AM	<i>No Intention</i>	
Saturday	3/07/26	4:00 PM	†Gus Ambrosius †Florence Murray (Birthday Remembrance) †Patricia Yolanda D'Angelo Youngkin, Mary Margaret Shaw †Albert Randazzo †Jack Thompson †Francis D'Alonzo †Charles Youngkin, Sr. †Ron Pasquarello	Jeannie McParland The Murray Family The Youngkin Family Pat McMichael Ken & Jane Murray Sue & Don Dyson The Youngkin Family Rosalie Fanelli & Family
Sunday	3/08/26	8:00 AM	• All Saint Joachim Parishioners	
		10:00 AM	†Rita Domico	Francine & Debbie



The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week for:

Rocio Robles (Anniversary 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 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,	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



Three Tents

You guys, I was such a good Catholic at the National Eucharistic Congress. Mass every day? Check. Rosary every day? Check (and check — we said a lot of rosaries). Deep thoughts and deep conversations about God with total strangers? Check. Hours in adoration reflecting on the state of my soul? Check. When I went to Indianapolis in the summer of 2024 to cover the NEC for our archdiocesan newspaper, I knew it would be a fun and spiritually rich experience. But I didn't expect that it would make me think differently about my whole life (and afterlife). And when people ask me why — "What happened in Indianapolis that changed you?" — I can only tell them this: I spent time with God. Of course, I do all these things in my regular life at home, too. I try to be a good Catholic here. But good grief, it's a lot harder. In Indianapolis, I didn't have a calendar full of appointments and to-do lists that filled me with dread. I didn't have the world crowding around me, grasping at my attention and my will. Indianapolis was the mountain, and if I could have, I would have built three tents. So I understand Peter's feelings at the Transfiguration. He's thrilled — he sees it all clearly now. Here is the fullness of Truth, revealed in all its glory, and he's ready to start bringing groups of tourists up to see it. He's ready to bring people to Christ. But in the blood-soaked, fear-filled days to come, Peter will realize that it's not his job to bring the world to the Truth. His job is to bring the Truth into the world. What a tragedy it would be, if Truth only lived on the mountaintop. So build three tents, strong and durable shelters for the Truth to dwell. But build them in your heart. And then, the Transfiguration won't be just an event, something that happened at a certain time and a certain place. It'll be a reality that lives within us all. And we will bear it with us wherever we go.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION



*March 1, 2026
2nd Sunday of Lent
Matthew 17:1-9*

When I sit down to answer emails or write a Gospel reflection or return a phone call, I sometimes wonder: Does any of this humdrum work matter? Maybe you ask the same thing about your daily labor. Today's Gospel, the Transfiguration, offers a surprising answer. Jesus leads Peter, James, and John up a mountain. There, "his face shone like the sun face and his clothes become white as light" (Matthew 17:2). That detail regarding his clothes is worth considering. We know Jesus' body is inseparably united to the divine nature. But his clothing? That's something made by human hands. It's an artifact. And yet it shines with the same uncreated light. What does this detail mean? The early Church noted that Adam and Eve's first act after the Fall was to make clothing. This clothing symbolizes all human labor that supports our dignity. In Jesus' glorified garments, we see not just the redemption of our body, but of human effort to protect and uplift human dignity. Parents, your family is your work. Baristas, plumbers, nurses, accountants — your labor, your emails, your phone calls, your spreadsheets — can all become radiant when offered to God in love. The question isn't just do I believe in Jesus' glory, but do I believe he can share it with the work of my hands?

Lenten Challenge: Identify the "artifact" you are making to uplift the dignity of others: your job, your home, your relationships. Consciously bring it to the Lord this Sunday at Mass. Offer it to share in His glory. It will begin to shine.

— Father John Muir

EASTER SCHEDULE

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

EUCHARIST 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 Hope

In Your goodness Lord, bless us. Help us to know Your abundance and Your gifts. Help us to hear Your voice and know Your assurance. Help us remember what You have done, and look forward to what You will do.

Amen.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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, 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

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.

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



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.



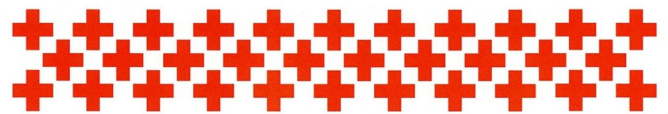
Space is Limited!

[HTTPS://BUYTICKETS.AT/REALLIFECATHOLIC/1765337](https://buytickets.at/reallicecatholic/1765337)

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

American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church

Multi-Purpose Room
2001 Springdale Road
Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

Thursday, March 19, 2026
9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Saint Mary RCC to schedule an appointment.

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients. If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



Give in March for a \$15 Gift Card by email & successful donations get A1C testing! rcblood.org/March

