

# St. Joachim Parish

601 West Browning Road, Bellmawr, NJ 08031

April 12, 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



## 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20:26-27

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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

E-Mail: [Annun.Church@comcast.net](mailto:Annun.Church@comcast.net)

Website: [www.StJoachimParish.net](http://www.StJoachimParish.net)

Religious Ed. Email: [StJoachimRE@Stjoachimparishnj.org](mailto:StJoachimRE@Stjoachimparishnj.org)

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:stjoachimre@stjoachimparishnj.org)

### **POLICY FOR CERTIFICATES OF ELIGIBILITY**

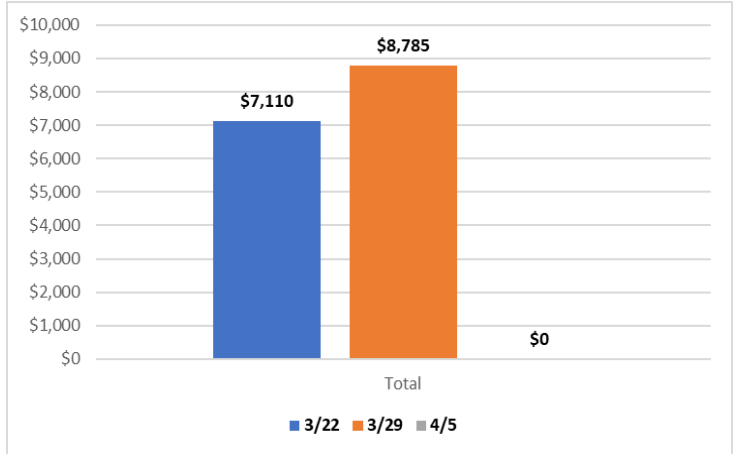
In order to receive a certificate, **YOU** (the sponsor) must be a practicing Catholic, have all your sacraments, attend Mass regularly and registered in the parish. If married, you must be married in the church to receive a certificate of eligibility.

### **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 4/05: Omitted due to early transmission**

**Spanish Collection 4/05: Omitted due to early transmission**

## UP COMING COLLECTIONS

**April 26, 2026**

Catholic Home Mission Appeal

**May 17, 2026**

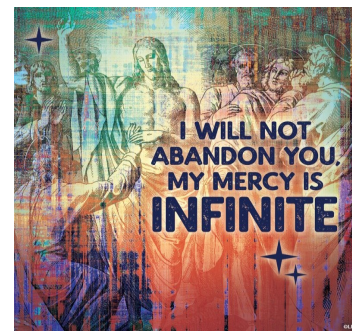
Catholic Communications Campaign

**June 28, 2026**

Peter's Pence Collection

**July 12, 2026**

Pastoral Solidarity Fun for the Church in Africa



## RECENTLY DECEASED

*Gregory Imielinski  
Bernadette Santone  
Barbara J. Pettit  
Charles Alberti  
Shirley Dill  
Sister Josefina Méndez  
Leonard Landi*

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

**Pastoral Council:  
Monday, April 13, 2026 at 6 PM in  
the Parish Hall.**

**Parish Finance Council:  
TBD**

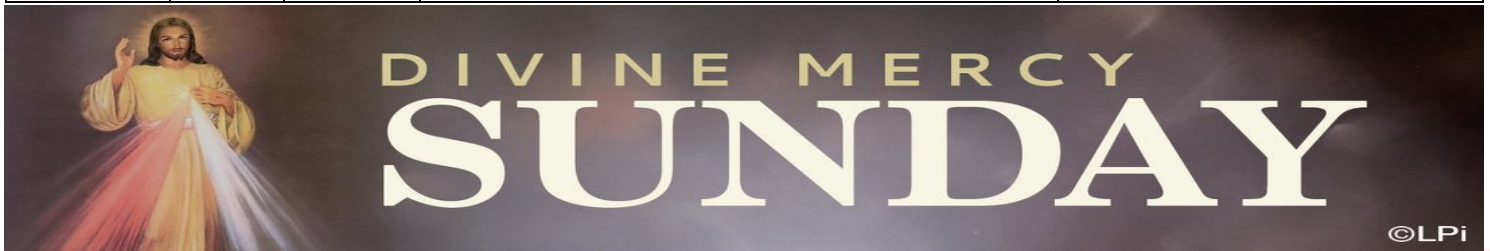
## GRIEF MINISTRY



**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	4/11/26	4:00 PM	†Thomas E. & Regina A. McParland †Joseph Arrera (Remembrance Anniversary) †Patricia Yolanda D'Angelo Youngkin/ Mary Margaret Shaw †Jack Thompson †Charles Youngkin Sr. †Jim Bush †Roseanne Heim †Ron Pasquarello	Jeannie McParland His Loving Family The Youngkin Family Ken and Jane Murray The Youngkin Family Miss Marie Gramenzi Barbara and Jim Ballard & Family Linda & Anthony Alba
Sunday	4/12/26	8:00AM	†Florence & Francis X. Murray, Sr.	The Murray Family
		10:00AM	● All Saint Joachim Parishioners	
Monday	4/13/26	7:30 AM	†Bernadette Santone	Chris Otto & Gary Muhlbaier
Tuesday	4/14/26	7:30 AM	†Nancy Kosma (1st Anniversary)	Loving Family
Wednesday	4/15/26	7:30 AM	†Michael Sauter (Birthday Remembrance)	Loving Family
Thursday	4/16/26		<i>No Mass</i>	
Friday	4/17/26	7:30 AM	†Charles J. Sauter,, Jr (32nd Anniversary)	His Loving Family
Saturday	4/18/26	4:00 PM	● All Saint Joachim Parishioners	
Sunday	4/19/26	8:00 AM	†Alfred Cosenza , Jason Dougherty & Cosenza Family †Alfred J. Collarin †Catherine & Thomas Van Eck (Birthday / Anniversary) †Roseanne Heim †Gregg Imielinski †Ann Martella (1st Anniversary) †Fred Piotti †Lynn Clark	Loving Family Steve & Donna Wiesenecker Mary Alice & John Blazich Jr. Justin & Marykay Dickerman Chad & Brooke Campanell Cousin Carolyn Marziani Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Dugan Nina Curcio
		10:00 AM	†Deceased Members of K of C St. Jude Council #12092	Members of K of C St. Jude Council #12092



**The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week for:**

***Adan Trinidad***

***Requested by: The Mendez 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**

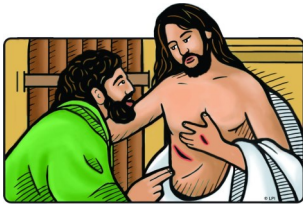
**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

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

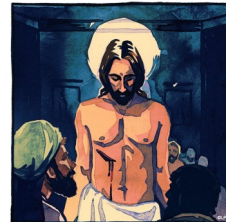
Michael Sipe	B.T. Dunn,	Kathleen Gieson-Cotter,	Donna DeForrest	Fred Popiolek
Lois Palmer	Barbara Klink,	Kathy Sutton,	Kristien Degailier	Mary Foster
Billy McCord,	Michael Kasuska	Linda Dippner,	Jacob & Jaxson Rivera	Jake Gallagher
Cassidy Lovett,	Brenda Carr,	Dolores Boyd	Cindy Meehan	Lou Caporaletti
Cathy Dastick,	Michael Wroblewski	Mandy Orsino,	Kathy Seppimi	Tom Fagan
Charles Budwin,	Robert Johnson	Marion Bibik,	Mariyaa Scarletta	Jeffrey Gurcik
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,	Deacon Tom Jennings	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 Scaffidi	Drew Koenig	Karen Ortiz	Josephine Rich	
Joe Lucca	Silvio Duplechant	Carol Simons	Nicole Ward	
Alice Gwillim	Josie Pasquarello	Joseph Bibik,	Marie Lucca	

**PRACTICING CATHOLIC**

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**



*Within Thy Wounds*



*April 12, 2026*

*2nd Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)*

*John 20:19-31*

The prayer I love best in the world is the Anima Christi.

This private, devotional litany of supplication, begins with the phrase “anima Christi, sanctifica me” (“soul of Christ, sanctify me”) and continues on to appeal

individually to each aspect of Our Lord’s crucified flesh: “Body of Christ, save me; blood of Christ, inebriate me; water from Christ’s side, wash me; passion of Christ, strengthen me; Oh good Jesus, hear me.” Then comes my favorite part: “within thy wounds hide me.” The Anima Christi is a prayer traditionally said after receiving Holy Communion. The ancient Celts spoke of liminal places,

where the veil separating this world from the next is particularly thin, and I believe the moments immediately following the reception of Holy Communion, when the Host is dissolving on my tongue, create a liminal place.

When I am in that place, I am as intimately connected to God as I can be while my heart is still beating. And when I am there, holding God within me, what are the words

that I speak? It’s overwhelming to think about. What could possibly be right to say? There is no right or wrong answer, I suppose. But the best words I can think of are these: “Within thy wounds, Lord, hide me.” There is a reason Christ showed his wounds as he said the words,

“Peace be with you.” It was not just a means of identifying himself — it was a catechism lesson. Here, he was saying. Here is the peace you will not find anywhere else.

“Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.’” (John 20:27) In my early 20s, I

volunteered at a parish youth group. I witnessed teens encountering Jesus with a fresh, romantic wonder that reminded me of my own teenage conversion. But something had changed in me. I was quietly jaded and cynical. When teens shared stories of encountering Christ, I’d want to sarcastically murmur, “Well, good for you.” I had grown suspicious of the zeal I once knew.

Then we brought the group on a pilgrimage. I was standing in an old church in France, ignoring a long-winded tour guide. I found myself before a crucifix. In that moment, I heard something, not

audibly, but unmistakably in my heart: “I came to be your friend... and you wish to be my enemy? Why do you stand far from me? I suffer gladly for you. I was pierced for you. Why do you run from me?” My heart opened. I saw how cold and cynical I had become. But Jesus had not given up on me. He had returned,

and his mercy broke through. So I can relate to the scoffing — and transformation — of Thomas when the Risen Jesus presents his wounds for inspection. Thomas is not simply doubting; he is guarded, suspicious, even cynical. But Jesus comes to him. No

lecture. Just understanding and mercy. He invites Thomas to touch his wounds. This burns away his cynicism like the morning mist. Divine Mercy Challenge: This week, rejoice with someone who is

newly alive in faith. If your own heart has grown skeptical or tired, ask Jesus to help you. He will.

## 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.

## LETTERS OF ELIGIBILITY

### *Question by a Parishioner/Non-registered person:*

Father, I was asked to be a Godparent sponsor. I need a sponsor certificate/ Letter of Eligibility!

### *Answer:*

Being a sponsor for Confirmation or a God-parent is a great honor. We at St. Joachim Parish offer sponsor letters to the following:

Active Members of St. Joachim Parish-- In other words, you attend Mass often, active in the church, receive envelopes and contribute to the life of the church weekly at Mass with time and talent. You have proof of completing your sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation from a Roman Catholic Church.

### *Father, I am not registered, but my family member like my mom and/ or grandmother is registered parishioners?*

That's great for your family member but, this doesn't mean you are. If you are over the age of reason, working, and Catholic you should be registered in the parish under your own name at St. Joachim Parish. Being Baptized in the parish, attend Annunciation School, completed sacraments here, used to attend St. Annes/Mary Mother/St. Rita and so on when they were open, **does not mean you are active parishioner**. Sadly, we will not give sponsor letters just because you claim to attend a mass here.

**You must be registered at least 6 months to be able to receive a certificate of eligibility.**

If you have further questions or wish to speak to our Pastor, please contact the Parish Office at

856-931-6307 to make an appointment.

## 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.

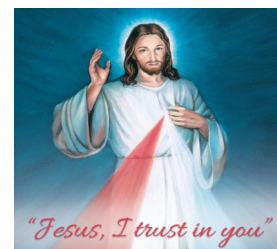
Amen.

## PRAYER

### Easter Blessing 2

Dear Lord,  
Your redemption has been known in every age.  
You have never stopped inviting us closer into your presence. Fill us anew this Easter season, bringing new hope, new life, and new light into our journey.

Amen.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Sunday, April 12, 2026

Our Last Youth Liturgy 10AM Mass. We ask that all who served this 2025-2026 school year at any Youth Liturgy served this as either greeter, lector, usher or altar server please attend mass. All will process in with Father Allen and will receive an award for their hard work.

Children that will be serving during Mass are:

#### **Greeters**

Roman DiCiano  
Luke Rhinehart  
Noah Ingram  
Ben Rhinehart  
Aleah Morales

#### **Altar Servers**

Santino DiCiano  
Cullen Hines  
Desmond Hines

#### **Ushers**

David Jeronimo  
Mateo Jeronimo  
Anthony Mendez  
Victor Mendez  
Billy Lynn

#### **Lectors**

Lizmary Mendez  
Isabella Wood

### Tuesday, April 14, 2026

First Reconciliation at 6:45pm in church.

All those who are to receive their First Holy Communion this year must attend, both Group 1 and Group 2. Please dress as you were to go to mass, dress to impress! No crocs, flip-flops, short-shorts or tank tops.

### Saturday, April 18, 2026

First Holy Communion Retreat 10AM to 2PM in the Parish Hall. All those who are to receive their First Holy Communion this year must attend, both Group 1 and Group

2. There must be at least one parent/guardian present, although both parents are welcomed.

Normal attire is requested.

### Friday, April 24, 2026

First Holy Communion practice in Church for Group 2 only (3rd grade and up).

All those who are to receive their First Holy Communion in our Group 2 only (3rd grade and up) from 4pm to 5pm.

Please be on time; parents may drop off or wait.

### Saturday, April 25, 2026

First Holy Communion 4PM Mass for our Group 2 (3rd grade and up). All are to arrive no later than 3:40am in the Church Gathering space where instructions will be given and where we will formally process with Father Allen

## EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. JUDE COUNCIL #12092

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS  
The Knights of Columbus St Jude Council of Bellmawr NJ is now accepting applications for two separate Scholarships. The Richard Simpson Memorial Scholarship for students entering a Catholic High School (Maximum 2

scholarships) and the Andrew Schost Memorial Scholarship for students entering College in the fall of 2026. These scholarships are open to students currently registered as a parishioner at St. Joachim Parish or a child/grandchild of a member of the Knights of

Columbus Council #12092. A \$500.00 scholarship will be paid to the recipients at the completion of the first 2026 marking period. All applications must be received by June 1st, 2026. Please contact Past Grand Knight Jeffrey Hines of Council #12092 by text at 856-993-9315 or email at drail1500@hotmail.com

for further information, rules and application. Thank You Knights of Columbus St. Jude Council #12092 St Joachim Parish Bellmawr, NJ

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The next Society of St. Vincent de Paul Five Guys Fundraiser will be on Thursday, April 30, 2026 between 5 & 8 PM in Deptford.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### DIOCESAN FAITHFUL FOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus St. Jude Council 12092 would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parishioners of the parish for their generous food donations for the recent Diocesan Faithful Food Drive on March 22nd, 2025. This food drive was very successful, and many families will benefit from your donations.

### ATTENTION!

Please do not tape your Church envelopes!

Thank you !

## EVENTS IN OUR PARISH



### Free Cancer Screening Event

You're invited to Schedule a Screening

The Virtua Mobile Health & Cancer Screening Unit offers screenings for breast, cervical, and colon

Reserve your spot today!

To enroll, you must meet the following requirements:

- Resident of New Jersey
- Starting at age 21
- Uninsured, under-insured or insured
- Unable to pay for screenings

**Tuesday, April 28 2026**

**Starting at 8:00 a.m.**

**601 W. Browning Rd., Bellmawr  
St. Joachim Roman Catholic Parish**

Appointments are required.

To schedule, call **856-533-8397**  
**856-281-8695**



For more information about mobile unit: [virtua.org/MobileScreening](http://virtua.org/MobileScreening)

## EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Exposition of the  
Blessed  
Sacrament,  
Confessions,  
Divine Mercy  
Chaplet,  
Anointing of  
the Sick, &  
Benediction

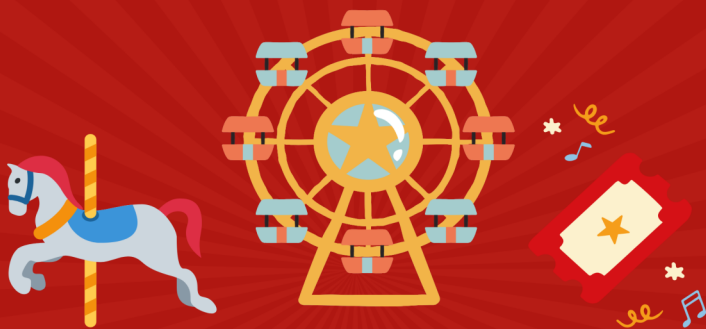
**APRIL  
12  
3:00PM**



*Catholic Church of St. Mary*  
2001 Springdale Rd., Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

(856) 424-1454

## St. Joachim Parish 2026 Carnival



### IMPORTANT!

ATTENTION WORKERS, PARISHIONERS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND ATTENDEES FOR THIS YEARS CARNIVAL  
ST. JOACHIM PARISH 2026 CARNIVAL:  
MONDAY MAY 4TH THROUGH THURSDAY MAY 7TH  
ONLY 5PM TO 10PM.

(PLEASE NOTE THE DAYS & TIME CHANGE)

\$45 MEGABANDS PRESALE NOW !

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD SO NO-ONE MISSES OUT ON OUR FUN FILLED EVENT! VOLUNTEER SHEETS COMING SOON!

FOR MORE INFO CALL THE PARISH OFFICE: 856-931-6307

Enjoy great rides, awesome food, and the coolest performances!

Looking for a way to put your Lenten journey into action? Consider volunteering with other trained, life - affirming volunteers at the National Life Center, 1st Way, in Woodbury, where free, confidential help is offered to girls and women in need during pregnancy, and for their babies and toddlers. 1st Way is located at 686 North Broad Street, Woodbury, NJ 08096. Volunteers are needed and will be trained and supported in their role. The center is also currently in need of the following new or gently used items: Boys' and girls' winter clothing, sizes 12 months-3T (especially pants)

Socks (toddler/young children)

Baby wash, shampoo, and diaper rash cream

Baby bottles and crib sheets

Small children's books and small stuffed animals

Diapers (sizes 5-6) and baby wipes To volunteer or donate, please email ads

@nationallifecenter.com or call 856- 848 - 1819.

For more information, visit [firstwaylifecenter.com](http://firstwaylifecenter.com)

Those in need of our free services can register at [book.heygoldie.com/national-life-center](http://book.heygoldie.com/national-life-center)