

# St. Joachim Parish

601 West Browning Road, Bellmawr, NJ 08031

April 19, 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

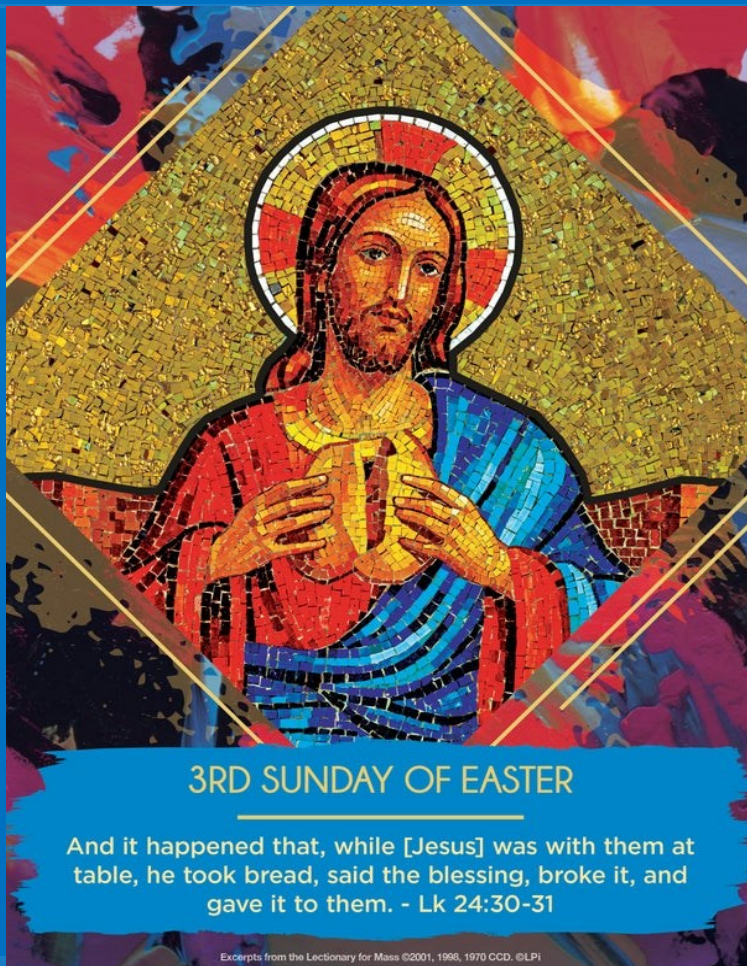
## R.E. OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Wednesday,  
Thursday

9AM to 1PM

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

Friday—Closed



## 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

And it happened that, while [Jesus] was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. - Lk 24:30-31

## 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 [cjennings@verizon.net](mailto:cjennings@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**

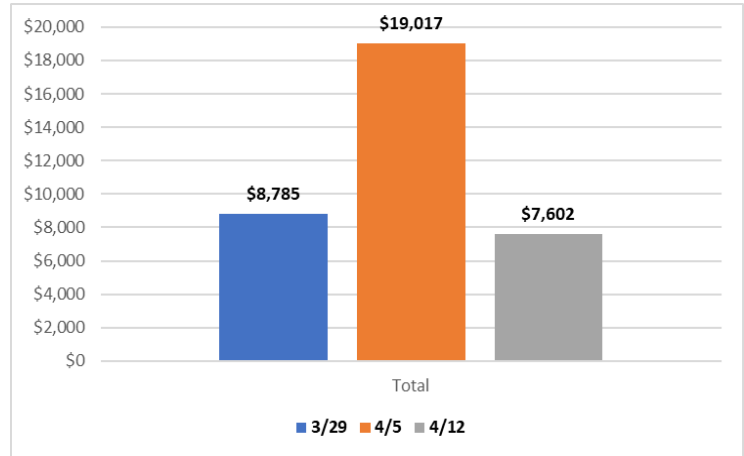
In order to receive a certificate, **YOU** (the sponsor) must be a practicing Catholic, have all your sacraments, attend Mass regularly and registered in the parish. If married, you must be married in the church to receive a certificate of eligibility.

### **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



**Spanish Easter Collection 4/5: \$2,929**

**Spanish Collection 4/11: \$1,660**

## 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

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

**The next Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting is on Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 7 PM in the**

**Parish Hall.**

## RECENTLY DECEASED

*Barbara J. Pettit  
Charles Alberti  
Shirley Dill  
Sister Josefina Méndez  
Leonard Landi  
Kathleen Maass  
Henry Giesen*

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

**Pastoral Council:  
TBD**

**Parish Finance Council:  
TBD**

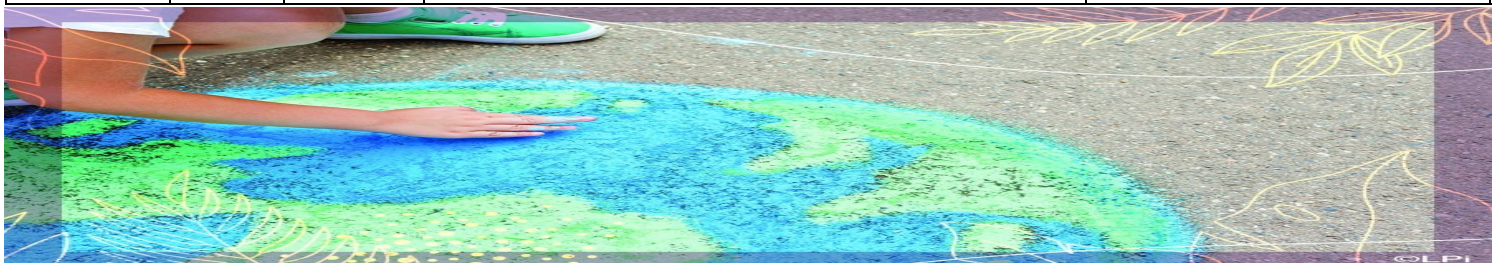
## GRIEF MINISTRY



**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	4/18/26	4:00 PM	● All Saint Joachim Parishioners	
Sunday	4/19/26	8:00AM	† 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
		10:00AM	† Deceased Members of K of C St. Jude Council #12092	Members of K of C St. Jude Council #12092
Monday	4/20/26	7:30 AM	† Joseph Reyonds	Matt & Toni Putnick
Tuesday	4/21/26	7:30 AM	† Arleen Liberi	Rose O'Rourke
Wednesday	4/22/26	7:30 AM	<i>No Intention</i>	
Thursday	4/23/26		<i>No Mass</i>	
Friday	4/24/26	7:30 AM	<i>No Intention</i>	
Saturday	4/25/26	4:00 PM	† Augustine Fama † Cosmo Richard Youngkin, Sr. † Jackie & Baby Robinson † James L. Wall III † Roseanne Heim † Marie Pasquarello (Birthday Remembrance) † Gregory Imielinski † Michael Keoghan	Rosemarie Fama The Youngkin Family Loving Parents His Loving Family Anne and Ed O'Donnell Josie Phyllis & Rosemarie Borda Dan, Meg & Joseph Skotnicki
Sunday	4/26/26	8:00 AM	● All Saint Joachim Parishioners	
		10:00 AM	† Fred Budesca (28th Anniversary)	Daughter Bonnie, Tim & Family



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

*Requested by: The Rodriguez 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	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 Doulart,	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



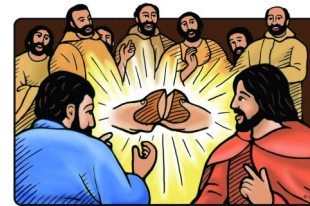
*The Story That Never End*

The biggest mistake we can make as Christians is to think that the Resurrection is the end of the story. Of course we know, logically, that it isn't — there are whole books of the Bible that come after it, detailing not just the activities and teachings of the Risen Christ, but the development of the early Church and the Gospel's first baby steps into the wider world. We know this. But sometimes we don't act like it. The thing is, we like stories that can be tied up neatly in a bow. It's why "happily ever after" is a thing. These tidy endings are especially satisfying following an emotional gut punch and a twist — for instance, let's say the crucifixion of the story's hero and a gotcha! moment where it turns out he's not dead after all. Drinks all around! And...scene. The curtain falls. But the curtain didn't fall. It still hasn't. Look at Cleopas. He has heard the testimony of people he knew, people he trusted — and yet, he's in a world of confusion. He's stumbling along the road, wondering what to believe. Christ gave us "happily ever after." But what do you do with "happily ever after?" What do you do with the Resurrection? What do you do with salvation? The Resurrection left loose ends — not because it was insufficient, but because it was not a final chapter. So being a Christian means embracing the life of a loose end. It means figuring out what to do with the Resurrection, with salvation, with forgiveness — with this hard-won "happily ever after" that is a gift but also a commission. Because the curtain is still up, and we are all characters in the Greatest Story Ever Told.

So, what's the next scene?

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GOSPEL MEDITATION



April 19, 2026  
3rd Sunday of Easter  
Luke 24:13-35

When I first read Homer's *Odyssey* as a teenager, one scene captured my imagination: Odysseus finally returning home after 20 years, yet no one recognized him. Disguised as a beggar, he speaks with his wife, his son, and even his enemies. He is fully present, yet hidden. Only at the right moment does he reveal himself, and everyone realizes he has been with them all along. I was struck by the mystery that he could be so close to his loved ones, and yet they simply could not identify him. A similar mystery is at the heart of today's Gospel. Two disciples walk the road to Emmaus with Jesus, but "their eyes were prevented from recognizing him." (Luke 24:16) He listens, teaches, and eats with them, yet they remain blind until he breaks the bread. Suddenly their eyes are opened — and at that very moment, he vanishes. His disappearance is not absence. Rather, it is revelation. The Risen Lord is now present in a new way, in the breaking of the bread and in the life of His Church. Faith is this shift of vision. Instead of searching for a visible Jesus as if he were absent, we learn to recognize him unveiled in hidden ways — in Scripture proclaimed, in the Eucharist, in the sacraments, in the very life of the Church. And what is true of him is true of us. Just as he disappears into the mission of his Body, we too are meant to be hidden in him. When we live hidden in Christ, we are seen for who we really are.

— Father John Muir

## 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

### *Blessing for Spring*

Dear Lord,  
As this new season begins,  
bring new life to our hearts as well.  
Prune what has grown despondent,  
brush back that which darkens and clouds.  
As the flowers bud and bloom,  
bless us with new wonder, new hope, new promise,  
new joy.

Amen.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### **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

### **Wednesday, April 29, 2026**

First Holy Communion practice in Church. All those who are to receive their First Holy Communion in our Group 1 (second grade) from 4pm to 5pm.

### **Thursday, April 30, 2026**

First Holy Communion practice in Church. All those who are to receive their First Holy Communion in our Group 1 (second grade) from 4pm to 5pm. Please be on time; parents may drop off or wait.

### **Friday, May 1, 2026**

First Holy Communion practice in Church for Group 1.  
\*\*ONLY IF NEEDED \*\*

### **Saturday, May 2, 2026**

First Holy Communion 10AM Mass for Group 1 (Second grade only). Please drop off your child at school by no later than 9:40am. They will formally process over to Church from the school.

### **Sunday, May 3, 2026**

May Crowning at 10AM Mass in Church  
All Communicants must attend in their first Communion outfits. All are to arrive no later than 9:40am in the Church Gathering space where instructions will be given and where we will formally process with Father Allen.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: RIDE TO 4:00 PM MASS**

An elderly couple in our parish is in need of transportation to the 4:00 PM Mass. If you are available and willing to offer them a ride, please consider helping them remain connected to our church community. Your kindness and generosity would be greatly appreciated. If you can assist, please Contact – (856) 384-1983  
Thank you for supporting one another in faith and fellowship.

### **HELP NEEDED: HOME CARE SUPPORT**

Elderly couple in our parish needs help with light home care (cleaning, etc.). If you're able to lend a hand, please contact Mary (856) 384-1983.  
Thank you!

### **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

### **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.

## 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**

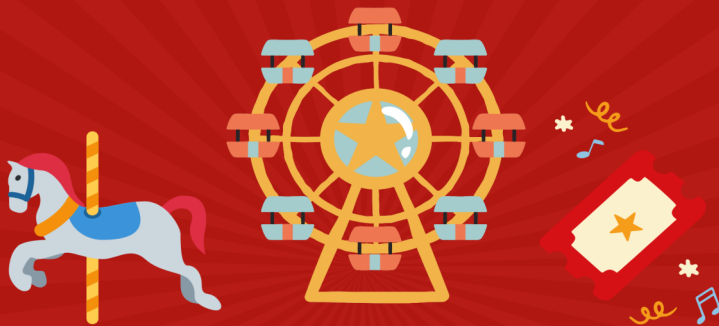
Appointments are required.

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



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

## 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!

## EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE



United States of America  
**Military**  
 Who is their Bishop?



The Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS) provides a full range of pastoral ministries and spiritual services to those in the United States Armed Forces

- 220 Military Installations in
- 29 Countries
- 153 V.A. Medical Centers
- All federal employees abroad in 134 countries.
- 1 Archbishop w/ 5 Auxiliary Bishops
- Zero Parishes
- 204 Roman Catholic priests on loan
- 1.8 million Catholic Men and Women Served
- Funded by the Generosity of Others

### Meet Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Coffey

Learn More about How Our Catholic Faith Ministers to the Military

Bishop Coffey will celebrate the **11:30 Mass on May 3rd**

**St Elizabeth Ann Seton, Absecon, NJ**

After Mass Bishop will give a talk on the Military Archdiocese at 1 PM

With light refreshments in adjacent Msgr. Coyne Hall

We would like to invite you to our

## CREDO MEETING

Camden Religious Education Director/Coordinator Organization will be hosting a meeting in collaboration with the Diocese of Camden Information Technology Office



Wednesday,  
 May 20, 2026  
 10.00am - 2:00pm



St. Damien Parish Center  
 1337 Asbury Ave.  
 Ocean City, NJ 08226

The focus of this meeting will be a hands-on, two-hour training session on the ParishSOFT Religious Education Module. Anyone currently using the PS RE Module is encouraged to attend. Please bring a laptop or tablet.

Kindly RSVP by 5/8/2026. Scan the QR code, this will direct you to our website, go to the calendar, and RSVP for the May 20th meeting.



[religioused@ctkhaddonfield.org](http://religioused@ctkhaddonfield.org)



Join us for  
**The Way of Saint James Pilgrimage Walk 2026**

SAVE THE DATE  
**Saturday**  
**June 13, 2026**

Be a part of the **2026 National Eucharistic Pilgrimage** as we are joined by national missionaries of mercy at our annual walk. **All ages are welcome!**



Enjoy the quiet and beauty of nature on this Pilgrimage that includes Mass, 2.5 mile walk along the Ventnor, NJ boardwalk, lunch, and fellowship!

Starting at Holy Trinity Parish  
 Saint James Church, Ventnor, NJ  
 ▶ Check-in starts at 8:00 a.m

To register scan the QR or call **856-583-6121**

