

St. Joachim Parish

601 West Browning Road, Bellmawr, NJ 08031

April 26, 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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Religious Ed. Email: 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

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

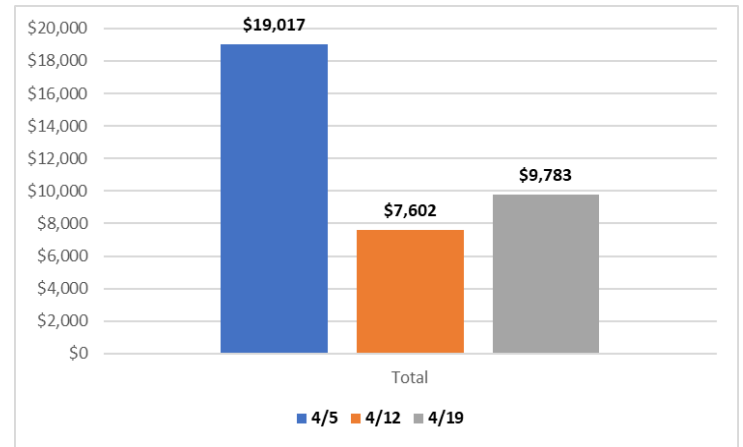
In order to receive a certificate, **YOU** (the sponsor) must be a practicing Catholic, have all your sacraments, attend Mass regularly and registered in the parish. If married, you must be married in the church to receive a certificate of eligibility.

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 4/19; \$1,423

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	4/25/26	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	8:00AM	• All Saint Joachim Parishioners	
		10:00AM	†Fred Budesza (28th Anniversary)	Daughter Bonnie, Tim & Family
Monday	4/27/26	7:30 AM	†Thomas Concannon (40th Anniversary)	His Loving Family
Tuesday	4/28/26	7:30 AM	†Mark Sauter (Birthday Remembrance)	His Loving Family
Wednesday	4/29/26	7:30 AM	†Patricia Brown (Birthday Remembrance)	Chuck L. , Chuck M., Chuck S.
Thursday	4/30/26		<i>No Mass</i>	
Friday	5/01/26	7:30 AM	†Leonard Landi	Joann Clark
Saturday	5/02/26	4:00 PM	†Regina A. McParland (Mother's Day Remembrance)	Jeannie McParland
Sunday	5/03/26	8:00 AM	†Sr. Pauline Murnane, F.D.S.C.	DOLSH
		10:00 AM	• All Saint Joachim Parishioners	



The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week for:

Jim McMonagle (Birthday Remembrance)

Requested by: His 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	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 Douart,	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 Devil's Long Con

The algorithm on my streaming service has been suggesting a lot of romantic scam documentaries lately. If you're not familiar, romantic scams are a particularly cruel form of "the long con." Some man presents himself to some woman as Prince Charming. He wines her. He dines her. He charms her mom and makes her friends jealous. Little red flags pop up here and there, but she shrugs them all off. She accepts convenient explanations. She just wants to be happy. And then one day, Prince Charming vanishes, along with the contents of the woman's savings account. Every victim says the same thing: "I should have known better, but I wanted it to be real. I think the reason I'm so drawn to these shows is that I identify with these women. No, I've never been the victim of a romantic scam (if my husband married me thinking he would gain access to some kind of fortune, he's the one who got scammed). But we have all told ourselves that something is right because it feels right. We have shrugged off doubts about a choice, a relationship, a habit. We have accepted easy answers that don't pass the sniff test — because we really, really wanted an answer, and we really, really wanted it to be easy. The devil is a romantic scammer. A third-party retailer hawking knock-off joy and fulfillment. A wolf in sheep's clothing. A false prophet. A thief, a robber who has climbed the fence, knowing the gate will not admit him. These are all different ways of saying the same thing: we can recognize what is real by where it comes from. What it sounds like. This ability to discern truth is written into our souls. We can ignore it, if we want. Suppress it. We can follow the stranger. But where will he lead?

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GOSPEL MEDITATION



April 26, 2026
4th Sunday of Easter
John 10:1-10

"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11 My most boring job was working at an insurance company as a college student. My main task? Filing. Now imagine if I had told my supervisor, "I just want you to know, I'm willing to die for these files." She would have called a psychiatrist — or at least security. There is something absurd in Jesus' words in today's Gospel: "I am the good shepherd... I lay down my life for the sheep." (John 10:11) It sounds noble, until you think about it. No one dies for sheep. Not a hired hand. Not even a good shepherd. Sheep are important, sure, but not worth a human life. And yet, Jesus insists: I will die for them. The crowd understandably responds: "He is out of his mind." C.S. Lewis once said that Jesus does not leave us the option of calling him merely a good teacher. If someone speaks like him, he is either lying, crazy, or telling the truth. John's Gospel won't let us stay sentimental. Jesus means it. He reveals a love that surpasses logic — a love that measures worth not by strength or success, but by the willingness to suffer unto death. The Good Shepherd's madness is mercy. His cross makes no earthly sense and yet it makes divine sense. He lays down his life not for kings or saints but for sheep — for the ordinary, the unworthy, for you and me. Think of someone who may feel unworthy of love. Do something simple and generous for them, not because they deserve it, but because Jesus did the same for you.

— 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.

SOUTH JERSEY CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL



South Jersey Catholic Ministries Appeal

This year's theme: "Missionaries of Mercy," calls upon use to act with compassion toward others, bringing to life the corporal and spiritual works of mercy that strengthens the Church. Through the Catholic Ministries Appeal, we support those in need throughout the six counties of the Diocese of Camden.

The South Jersey Catholic Ministries Appeal is underway. St. Joachim Parish goal for the campaign is \$83,100.00. To date we have raised \$ 24,375.00 dollars (29.0%) towards the Parish goal. I encourage you to prayerfully consider making a donation and return your gift form at your earliest convenience to the parish office or place in the collection basket. If by check, please make **Check payable to "SOUTH JERSEY CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL" or "SJCMA"**.

If by credit card, I would appreciate it if you would include your phone number with the pledge just in case we need additional information. Please check the parish bulletin for information and updates relating to our parish donations. If you have any questions, you can contact the parish office or parish chairperson, Stan Misiak at 609-472-3991

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Saturday, April 25, 2026

First Holy Communion 4PM Mass for our Group 2 (3rd grade and up). All are to arrive no later than 3:40pm 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

"Our parish has a Pastoral Council to offer advice and assistance to clergy and ministries in our parish. Our clergy, in particular, need the insight of active faithful Catholics to understand the needs of parishioners. There is a flyer describing the function of the Pastoral Council and the role of its members in this and next week's bulletin. This bulletin is also available on the parish website,

["http://www.stjoachimparish.net/"](http://www.stjoachimparish.net/)

Please prayerfully consider serving on our Parish Pastoral Council."

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

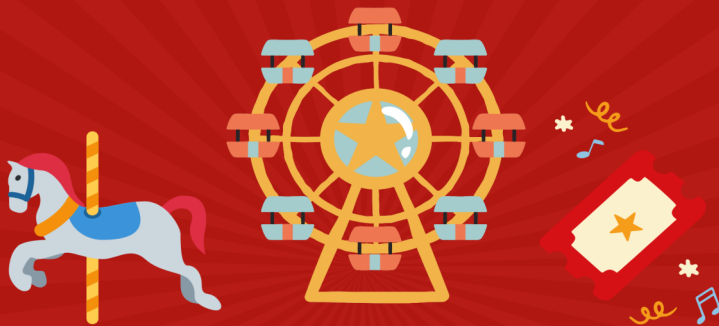
Appointments are required.

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



For more information about mobile unit virtua.org/MobileScreening

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



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**

