

St. Joachim Parish

601 West Browning Road, Bellmawr, NJ 08031

May 03, 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

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father." - Jn 14:6-7

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1990, 1970 CCD. ©LPI

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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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

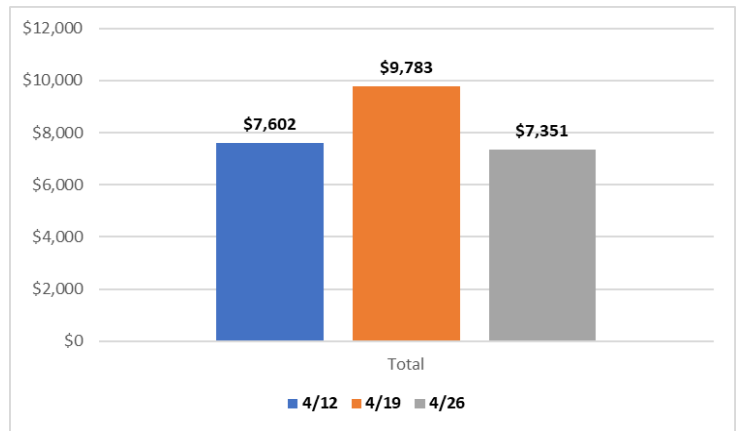
In order to receive a certificate, **YOU** (the sponsor) must be a practicing Catholic, have all your sacraments, attend Mass regularly and registered in the parish. If married, you must be married in the church to receive a certificate of eligibility.

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 4/26; 1,398

UP COMING COLLECTIONS

May 17, 2026

Catholic Communications Campaign

June 28, 2026

Peter's Pence Collection

July 12, 2026

Pastoral Solidarity Fun for the Church in Africa

September 6, 2026

Catholic University of America Collection

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

Charles Alberti
Shirley Dill
Sister Josefina Méndez
Leonard Landi
Kathleen Maass
Henry Giesen
Josephine Mecca

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Pastoral Council:
Monday, June 8, 2026, at 7 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	5/02/26	4:00 PM	†Regina A. McParland (Mother's Day Remembrance)	Jeannie McParland
Sunday	5/03/26	8:00AM	†Sr. Pauline Murnane, F.D.S.C.	DOLSH
		10:00AM	• All Saint Joachim Parishioners	
Monday	5/04/26	7:30 AM	No Intention	
Tuesday	5/05/26	7:30 AM	No Intention	
Wednesday	5/06/26	7:30 AM	• All Saint Joachim Parishioners	
Thursday	5/07/26		<i>No Mass</i>	
Friday	5/08/26	7:30 AM	• All Saint Joachim Parishioners	
Saturday	5/09/26	4:00 PM	<i>All Mothers - Living & Deceased</i>	
Sunday	5/10/26	8:00 AM	<i>All Mothers - Living & Deceased</i>	
		10:00 AM	<i>All Mothers - Living & Deceased</i>	



The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week for:
Emily Alberti & Frances Fina
“Happy Mother’s Day!”

Requested by: Their 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.

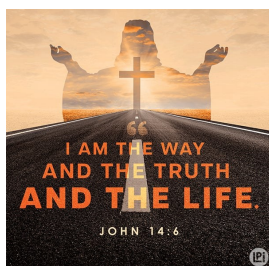
Steven J. Hine, William J. Krause, Jr, USN, Daniel Murry, USMC, Jesse Sooy, USAF, Michael Stutchman, ACU Michael Aloii, USMC, Jon T. Gallagher ,USAF, Brandon Ostrom, USA, USAF, Brian Kienholz

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,	Jeffrey Gurcik	Mandy Orsino,	Kathy Seppimi	Tom Fagan
Charles Budwin,	Robert Johnson	Marion Bibik,	Mariyaa Scarletta	Mary Adams
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 Way

A friend of mine who had family members belonging to several different religions once told me that there were as many different routes to Heaven as there were to the grocery store. This was an analogy her family had used to remember that they all sought the same thing — God — even though they were going about the search in different ways. I’ve thought a lot about her words in the years since she shared them with me. It’s not an untrue analogy — there are a lot of different routes to the grocery store. An infinite number, in fact. There is actually no “right” way to get to the grocery store, because it all depends on where you’re starting from and what other errands you have along the way. And there are a lot of different routes to Heaven — likewise, an infinite number. It all depends on where you’re starting from. It all depends on what you have to do along the way. There it is: the part that matters. The way. Whether we’re talking about Heaven or the grocery store as our destination, all routes are not created equal. Some take too long. Some are impassable. Some are hard to navigate. Some are just plain made-up — the glitch of a GPS, the promise of a false prophet. And inevitably, if you take a less-than-ideal route, you will find yourself flagging down a pedestrian, asking, “I’m lost. Which way do I go?” See, you can meander all you want. But in the end, you have to find The Way. And there’s only one.

Don’t worry, though. You’ll know him when you see

him.
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GOSPEL MEDITATION



May 3, 2026 5th Sunday of Easter John 14:1-12

We generally approach life with the question, “What can this do for me?” We try a new workout, a low-carb diet, intermittent fasting, or a new career path, hoping it will make us healthier, stronger, happier. The assumption is that if I invest in this, I’ll eventually reap some benefit, or I won’t do it. It is easy to think of faith the same way: if I really practice my faith, what will it do for me? Will it make me calmer, more moral, more successful? But in today’s Gospel, Jesus says something astonishing. He doesn’t present himself as a teacher who shows us the way to life. He says, “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.” (John 14:6) He is not merely a guide toward some higher benefit. He is the benefit itself. To know him is to know Life. Thomas Aquinas explains that every desire in the human heart — love, joy, meaning, all of our restless cravings — is really an indirect cry for life. Even despair testifies to this longing: people despair precisely because they feel they are not, and might never be, fully alive. The good news is that Jesus is not simply the means to a better life; He is Life itself. To believe in him is to share in God’s own eternal vitality. Not simply later but even now. Faith is not a transaction that produces results — it is a union that fills us with joy. To be in communion with Christ is to be truly, fully alive.

— 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

On Saturday, *April 25, 2026*, the following students received their First Holy Communion during the 4PM Mass. My God continue to Bless all of you!



Joshua Hines
Víctor Méndez
Anthony Méndez
Lizmary Méndez
Mackenzie Kane
Enmanuel Rodríguez
Ashley Antonio-Abraca
Brody Ciano-Dougherty
Anthony Ciano-Dougherty
David Jeronimo-Sandoval
Mateo Jeronimo-Sandoval

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.

HIRING: HOME CARE SUPPORT

Elderly couple in our parish needs help with light home care (cleaning, etc.). 4-5 hours weekly and hourly wage. Please contact Mary (856) 384-1983.
Thank you!

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

KOC HOAGIE SALE

Knights of Columbus, St. Jude Council 12092 will be selling hoagies in the Parish parking lot on Saturday, May 16th 2026 from 9AM till sold-out. Get yours while they last! They're delicious so enjoy a great sandwich.

Follow us on Instagram:
KofC12092

EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

601 West Browning Rd. Bellmawr, Nj 08031

ST. JOACHIM CARNIVAL

Dates: Monday May 4th - Thursday May 7th

Time: 5 pm - 10 pm

Price: \$45 Mega bands presale now! \$50 on Carnival night
Volunteers needed ! Info call the Parish office: 856-931-6307



EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE

NEW JERSEY **Catholic Mental Health CONFERENCE**

From Isolation to Belonging: Mental Health and the Catholic Church

A statewide gathering to strengthen understanding, compassion, and pastoral support for those facing mental health struggles.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Most Reverend Bishop John P. Dolan, Bishop of the Diocese of Phoenix is well known for his leadership in mental health initiatives, his commitment to education and advocacy, and his efforts to integrate mental health support into the fabric of the Catholic Church on a local and global scale.



SAVE THE DATE
**SATURDAY
MAY 2, 2026**
8:30AM - 3:15PM

ADDITIONAL PRESENTERS



CARDINAL JOSEPH TOBIN
C.Ss.R., D.D.
Principal Celebrant and Homilist for Mass



BETH HLASE
Program Director
Faith & Mental Health



BEN WORTHAM
VP Behavioral Health Integration
Catholic Charities USA



DEACON ED SIOENER
Founder
International Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- CLERGY/RELIGIOUS
- PARISH LEADERS
- MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS
- EDUCATORS
- MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
- AND ALL seeking deeper understanding of mental health and how the Church can respond.

SATURDAY MAY 2, 2026
ST. JOHN NEUMANN PASTORAL CENTER
146 METLARS LANE, PISCATAWAY, NJ 08854

NJCONF.COM



VISIT NJCONF.COM TO REGISTER

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



United States of America
Military
Who is their Bishop?



Villa Marie
6342

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



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

