

St. Joachim Parish

601 West Browning Road, Bellmawr, NJ 08031

May 17, 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:

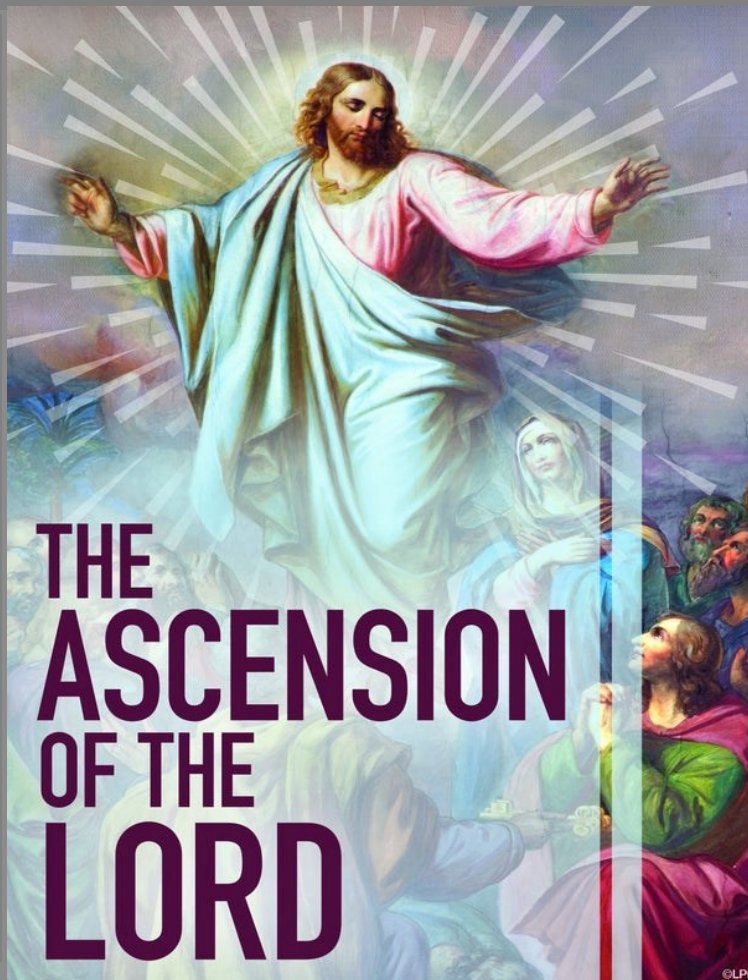
Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday

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

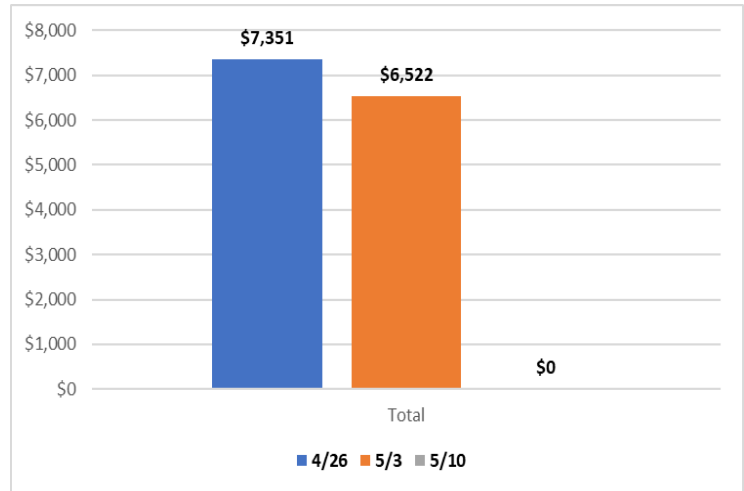
In order to receive a certificate, **YOU** (the sponsor) must be a practicing Catholic, have all your sacraments, attend Mass regularly and registered in the parish. If married, you must be married in the church to receive a certificate of eligibility.

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



English Collection 5/10: Omitted due to early transmission

Spanish Collection 5/10; \$1,379

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



RECENTLY DECEASED

*Sister Josefina Méndez
Leonard Landi
Kathleen Maass
Henry Giesen
Josephine Mecca
Elwood Bruce
Concetta Benham*

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	5/16/26	4:00 PM	• <i>All Saint Joachim Parish Parishioners</i>	
Sunday	5/17/26	8:00AM	†Florence Murray (23rd Anniversary)	The Murray Family
		10:00AM	†Peter Cusato (Anniversary) †John Gawason †Gregg Imielinski †William & Anna Unger †Rocco & Josephine Ciaccio †John & Ann Ciaccio †Edward & Dell Fucci †Joe Fucci †Zofia Ogrodnik (1st Anniversary)	Rosalie, Petra & Lisa Sue Fronczek Ro Sanchirico Loving Son, Mark Son Nephew Nephew Nephew Her Loving Family
Monday	5/18/26	7:30 AM	†Adeline Reda	The Matlosz Family
Tuesday	5/19/26	7:30 AM	•Jennifer Kengeter (Living)	Loving Father
Wednesday	5/20/26	7:30 AM	•Mary Hess (Living)	Loving Father
Thursday	5/21/26		<i>No Mass</i>	
Friday	5/22/26	7:30 AM	†Josephine Mecca	The McShane Family
Saturday	5/23/26	4:00 PM	†Mary Clark †Mary C. Fama †Jean Sweeney †Patricia Yolanda D'Angelo Youngkin, Mary Margaret Shaw †Jackie & Baby Robinson †Jack Thompson †Charles Youngkin, Sr. †Roseanne Heim	Rosemarie Fama Daria Fama Moore Daria Fama Moore The Youngkin Family Loving Family Ken & Jane Murray The Youngkin Family Frank, Rita Harder And Family
Sunday	5/24/26	8:00 AM	†Sr. Patricia Burns F.D.N.S.C.	DOLSH
		10:00 AM	• <i>All Saint Joachim Parish Parishioners</i>	



THE ASCENSION OF JESUS ©LPi

The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week for:



Marie Shields “Mother’s Day Remembrance”



Requested by: Daughter Theresa & 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, 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	Eric Thighe
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



When Words Fail

I love words (obviously; I'm a writer). But sometimes, words are like teeny, tiny cages. They enclose and confine and restrict our understanding of supernatural realities that are, by their nature, bigger than language. We do the best we have, with the words that we have, to express who God is. We use terms like "Father" and "Son" because they are the most accurate. But often, without really noticing, we give the words too much weight, and we find ourselves thinking of Jesus as a human son and the Creator as a human father, with all the implications those particular words carry for different people. That's why I love hearing Christ speak to God the Father in the Gospels. These one-sided conversations (at least from our viewpoint) pull back the curtain just a little on the breathtaking intimacy that exists between the two. Our misunderstandings of their relationship — framed by our own human experience of fathers and sons, of time and place, of creation and death — are shattered. "Now glorify me, Father, with you," Jesus says, "with the glory that I had with you before the world began." Before the world began. In our collective imagination, too often we imagine Jesus as being connected — tethered, really — to a certain time and place: the Incarnation, and all that came after. But let's not get confused: the Incarnation means that the Son became flesh, and dwelt among us. The Incarnation does not mean that the Son became. The Son was. From the very beginning, He was. Begotten, not made. Consubstantial. We say these words every week in the Creed. But saying them isn't enough. We have to take them into the silence of our hearts and hold them there. We have to invite the Spirit to move among them. Rearrange them. Liberate them. Unleash them. Only then will we understand what words fail to explain.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION



*May 17, 2026
7th Sunday of Easter
John 17:1-11a*

Not long after my brother's first child was born, a beautiful little girl named Mary Elise, I asked him what it was like. Was he nervous? Overwhelmed? He said, "When I first held her, I was in such shock. I think I just said, 'I am your dad. I am your dad.'" That moment marked a deep transformation for him. He was not just holding a baby; he was stepping into a new identity. Over the years, I have seen him live his fatherhood with quiet sacrifice, joy, and faithfulness. It started with that moment of truth. This, I propose, is a glimpse of what Jesus means when he prays, "Consecrate them in the truth." (John 17:17) To be consecrated is to be set apart in love, not taken out of the world. Consecration sends us into it with a new identity, always one that binds us to him and to others in love.

Our bond to Jesus and others is the deep truth that he continually renews. Whenever we speak deep truths about ourselves, we experience this renewal: "I have sinned;" "I need help;" "I forgive you;" "I take you as my husband;" "I believe in one God..." Whether in confession, in the liturgy, or in a recovery group, truth heals and transforms. And the deepest truth of all? That we belong to the Risen and Ascended Christ. Our lives are no longer just ours. We are his and he is ours.

Name one truth you need to step into more deeply, about yourself, someone else, or God. Maybe put it on a note on your mirror. Let that truth consecrate you this week.

— 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 Sunday, May 3rd, 2026, our Communicants joined Sophia DiGirolamo and Anthony (AJ) Lopez in our annual May Crowning during our 10AM Mass. Hail Mother of Mercy and of love, Oh Maria!



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/>" 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



American Red Cross

Communities Coming Together

Blood Drive St. Joachim's Parish

St. Joachim's Parish - Hall
601 W. Browning Road
Bellmawr, NJ 08031

Sunday, June 7, 2026
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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.

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

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.



Make summer shine for patients in need. Come to give blood June 1-28 for a \$15 e-gift card!



Download the Blood Donor App | redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767

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EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE



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



SAVE THE DATE
Saturday November 7, 2026

Diocesan Marian Pilgrimage



To the Basilica of the
National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
Washington, D.C.

Planning is underway for the next Diocesan Marian Pilgrimage. Kindly save this date in your calendars now. More information will be forthcoming from Diocesan Marian Commission.

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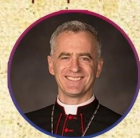


MULTICULTURAL Evangelization EVENT
In the Context of the National Eucharistic Procession



Everyone is welcome to this diocesan celebration, so that we may worship Jesus, our Lord, together as one universal family from many different parts of the world.

Mass with
Bishop Joseph A. Williams



JUNE 13, 2026
OUR LADY OF
GUADALUPE CHURCH

135 N. White Horse Pike, Lindenwold, NJ 08021

3 PM TO 6 PM Free admission



For more information: 856-583-6170 / rubi.lukasiewicz@camdendiocese.org



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Calls of JOY is an uplifting start to your week. This free program brings meaningful conversations, compassionate listening, and social connection right to you over the phone. Every call is confidential with the intent to brighten your day

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- Call us at 856-583-6123
- Scan the QR code to the right
- Or, visit: vitality.camdendiocese.org/calls-of-joy-program/



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