

# St. Joachim Parish

601 West Browning Road, Bellmawr, NJ 08031

May 24, 2026

## PARISH SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday  
8:30AM- 2PM

Friday: 8:30AM- 12:00PM

## CONTACT

Phone: (856) 931-6307

Fax: (856) 931-0155

## RELIGIOUS ED. CONTACT:

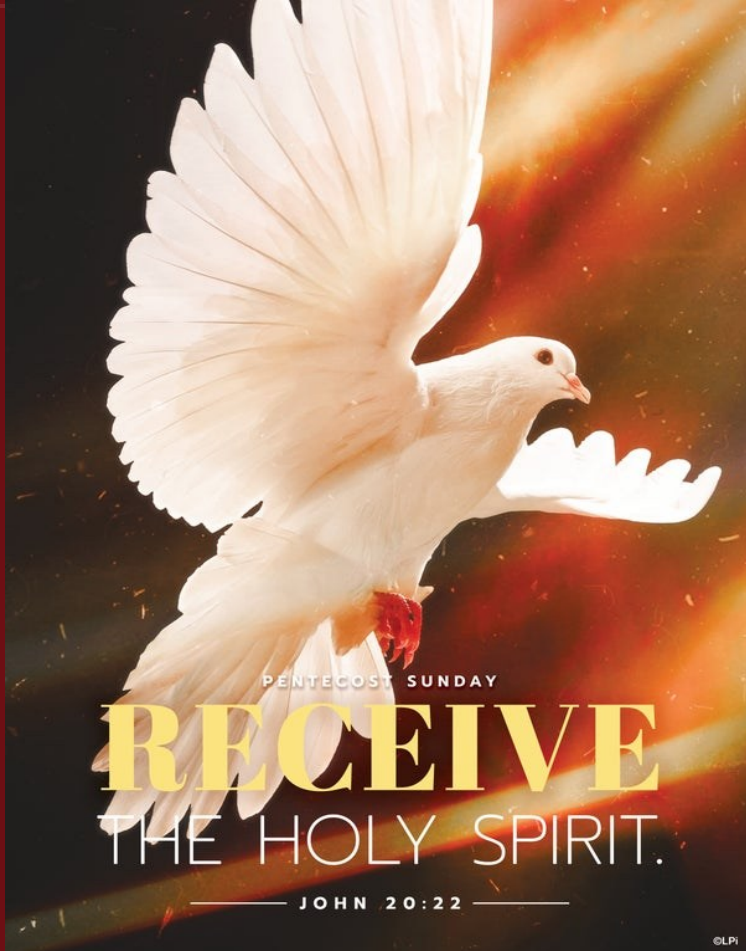
Phone: 856-931-8590

## R.E. SUMMER OFFICE

### HOURS:

Monday—Thursday  
9:00-12pm

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](mailto:Annun.Church@comcast.net)

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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**

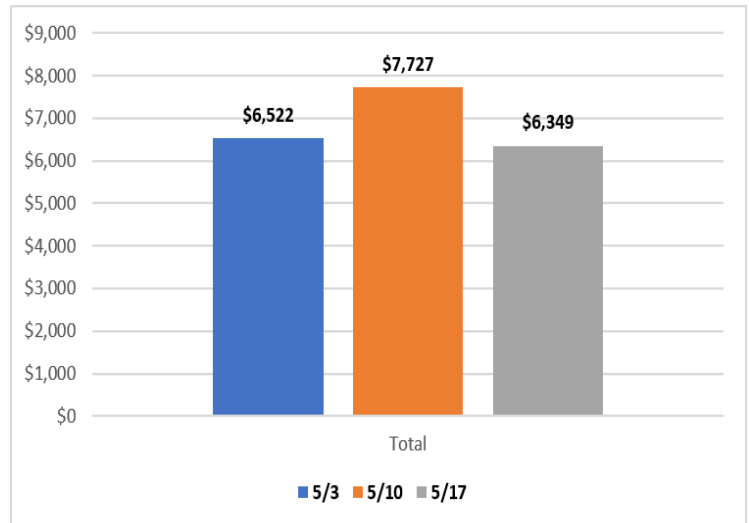
In order to receive a certificate, **YOU** (the sponsor) must be a practicing Catholic, have all your sacraments, attend Mass regularly and registered in the parish. If married, you must be married in the church to receive a certificate of eligibility.

## 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



Spanish Collection 5/17; \$1,630

## UP COMING COLLECTIONS

**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

**October 4th, 2025**

Pro- Life 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  | 5/23/26 | 4:00 PM  | †Mary Clark<br>†Mary C. Fama<br>†Jean Sweeney<br>†Patricia Yolanda D'Angelo Youngkin, Mary Margaret Shaw<br>†Jackie & Baby Robinson<br>†Jack Thompson<br>†Charles Youngkin, Sr.<br>†Roseanne Heim   | Rosemarie Fama<br>Daria Fama Moore<br>Daria Fama Moore<br>The Youngkin Family<br>Loving Family<br>Ken & Jane Murray<br>The Youngkin Family<br>Frank, Rita Harder And Family  |
| Sunday    | 5/24/26 | 8:00AM   | †Sr. Patricia Burns F.D.N.S.C.  | DOLSH  |
|           |         | 10:00AM  | ● <i>All Saint Joachim Parish Parishioners</i>  |  |
| Monday    | 5/25/26 | 7:30 AM  | <i>Office Closed ( No Mass)</i>   |  |
| Tuesday   | 5/26/26 | 7:30 AM  | †William & Anna Unger   | Son, Mark  |
| Wednesday | 5/27/26 | 7:30 AM  | †Anna R. Markawicz  | Matt & Toni Putnick  |
| Thursday  | 5/28/26 |          | <i>No Mass</i>  |  |
| Friday    | 5/29/26 | 7:30 AM  | †Deb Keller (Birthday Remembrance)  | Chuck Sauter   |
| Saturday  | 5/30/26 | 4:00 PM  | †Cosmo Richard Youngkin, Sr.  | The Youngkin Family  |
| Sunday    | 5/31/26 | 8:00 AM  | ● <i>All Saint Joachim Parish Parishioners</i>  |  |
|           |         | 10:00 AM | †Elizabeth Arrera (Birthday Remembrance)<br>†Lucy & James Colango (Remembrance)<br>†Gregg Imielinski<br>†Walter & Anna Gawason<br>†Gregory Sr. & Peter Sr. Gawason<br>†John Gawason<br>†Carmel Ciaccio<br>†Geri Ciaccio<br>†Jim Mcmonagle | Her Loving Family<br>Their Loving Family<br>Linda Babcock<br>Their Loving Family<br>Their Loving Family<br>His Loving Family<br>Sister In Law<br>Cousin<br>His Loving Family |






The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week for:

Patricia Angelino “Mother’s Day Remembrance”

Requested by: Loving Daughter, Donna



**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**



**Signs of Life**

If you're asthmatic, you know the phrase "as natural as breathing" doesn't always make a lot of sense.

Maybe that's because breathing isn't always natural.

Sometimes, it's supernatural. I come from a family of asthmatics. In my earliest childhood memories, my sister's nose and mouth are covered with a bulbous plastic mask connected by clear tubes to her transportable nebulizer. The machine whirs loudly as it vaporizes the medication that will open her lungs. In these memories, I watch my sister — her little eyes wide, her chest contracting and constricting with great difficulty — and wonder what it feels like.

Because I don't have asthma, and I don't think about breathing, unless I'm climbing a flight of stairs or chasing down one of my kids. It's such a utilitarian thing, breathing. It's unimpressive, unremarkable. Literally anyone can do it.

Until they can't. Dead men don't breathe. That's what I think as I read the words of John's Gospel: "He breathed on them." (John 20:22) So much of what Jesus does in his resurrected Body is extraordinary and superhuman, making it unmistakable that here is a Body no longer playing by the rules of the physical world. He's passing through locked doors. He's in two places at once. But today, he's just breathing. So we have to ask ourselves: why? His Blood no longer requires oxygen. If he were asthmatic, neither bonfire nor damp night air could cause his lungs to constrict. His Flesh has been perfected. But here we see a reality that is as spiritual as it is physical: where there is breath, there is life. In Genesis, God breathes into dust and creates man. In today's Gospel, He breathes His Spirit onto man, and creates a Church.

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**GOSPEL MEDITATION**



**May 24, 2026  
Pentecost Sunday  
John 20:19-23**

"He breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.'" (John 20:22–23) For those of us

who go to confession regularly, there is often a familiar frustration: "Why do I keep confessing the same sins?" It can feel like a loop, cleansed but unchanged. Pentecost reveals a hopeful perspective. When the Risen Jesus breathes on his ashamed and fearful disciples and gives them the Holy Spirit, he echoes Genesis, when God breathes life into Adam. This is not just primarily the removal of guilt, but new creation.

In confession, we receive more than forgiveness. We receive a fresh outpouring, the breath of the Spirit, and a renewed mission. Jesus does not say to us, "You're forgiven, now go back to your old life." He says, so to speak, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (John 20:21) That is why penance is not just saying a few prayers. It is reorientation. It is the Spirit summoning us to live differently: with mercy and healing.

Just as Adam was sent into the world, and the Apostles were sent out after Pentecost, so too we are sent from the confessional — not just clean, but consecrated. Pentecost Challenge: After your next confession, ask the Holy Spirit for one way you can participate in Christ's healing will for you.

Then take one small, concrete step, and do not look back.

— 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 us 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 \$31,136.00 dollars (37.5%) 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

We are currently enrolling new, returning and transferring students for the year 2026/27 school year. We need all registration forms turned in as soon as possible to place a book order. The first payment isn't due until 9/1/26 and must be paid in full by the end of the school year.

**All registration forms received after 8/1/26 will be subject to a \$25 late fee. Our English-Speaking classes are ever Tuesdays and begins on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.**

Day - 3:30 PM - 4:45 PM (grades 1,2 & 3 only) or  
Evening - 6:45 PM - 8 PM (all grade levels)

**Our Spanish-Speaking classes are every Sunday and begins on September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026.** 10:30am to 11:45am (grades 1-12<sup>th</sup>)

then taken to Spanish Mass We are also seeking religious education teachers for the upcoming year, for either CCD program Tuesday (English) or Sunday (Spanish). If you are interested in nurturing our young minds, please speak to our DRE Maggie Rodriguez. We do offer a special CCD school payment option if you are a teacher with a child in our program. If you require any further information regarding the Religious Education program, please do not hesitate to contact the Religious Ed office via email at [stjoachimre@stjoachimparishnj.org](mailto:stjoachimre@stjoachimparishnj.org) or by phone at 856-931-8590.

## 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. This bulletin is also available on the parish website, "<http://www.stjoachimparish.net/>"

Please prayerfully consider serving on our Parish Pastoral Council."

### **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](mailto:drail1500@hotmail.com) for further information, rules and application. Thank You Knights of Columbus St. Jude Council #12092 St Joachim Parish Bellmawr, NJ

## 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 !

### **VOLUNTEER NEEDED: CHURCH CLEANING**

Volunteers are needed to clean the Church after the 12 PM Mass. For more information, please contact the parish office! Thank you for your help!

### **PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS**

Our Parish Office will start our usual summer hours.  
Monday to Thursday 8:30AM to 2:00PM  
Fridays 8:30AM to 12PM

## EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

YOU ARE INVITED  
TO PARTICIPATE IN

# 40 HOURS OF ADORATION OF THE *Blessed Sacrament*

*"Stay here and keep watch with me."  
Matthew 26:38*

## JUNE 1, 2, 3 & 4

Come, let us adore  
Christ present in the  
Blessed Sacrament.

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>SCHEDULE</b><br>June 1 to June 3<br>9:30 AM – 9:00 PM<br>June 4<br>9:30 AM – 3:30 PM | OUR CHURCH<br>NEEDS PRAYER.<br>OUR FAMILIES<br>NEED BLESSINGS.<br>THE WORLD<br>NEEDS PEACE.<br>TOGETHER WE CAN<br>MAKE A DIFFERENCE.<br>SPEND ONE HOUR WITH HIM.<br>HE IS WAITING FOR YOU<br>WITH INFINITE LOVE. |
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ONE HOUR WITH JESUS CAN CHANGE EVERYTHING!

LOCATION:  
**ST. JOAQUIN PARISH CHAPEL**  
COME, ADORE, THANK AND LET YOURSELF  
BE LOVED BY THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.  
*He is waiting for you,  
DON'T MISS IT.*

## EVENTS IN OUR PARISH



*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.

## EVENTS IN OUR DIOCESE



# MULTICULTURAL Evangelization EVENT

In the Context of the National Eucharistic Procession



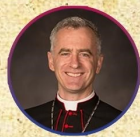
**JUNE 13, 2026**  
**OUR LADY OF  
GUADALUPE CHURCH**

135 N. White Horse Pike, Lindenwold, NJ 08021

3 PM TO 6 PM Free admission

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*



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



## Calls of JOY!

A friendly voice and caring connection

### What is Calls of JOY?

**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

To start your week with connection, care, and conversation:

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



JOY is just a phone call away!

