

JANUARY 15 2017
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY

8:30 Esther Gillan (1st Anniv.) req. by Ian & Elizabeth Kunesch and Family

TUESDAY – Saint Anthony, Abbot

8:30 Joseph Pietrucha req. by Linda O’Connell

WEDNESDAY – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

8:30 Joseph M. Caccavale req. by Jim & Sylvia Riordan
Special Intention of Ann Maron req. by Gail & Bill Rudloff

THURSDAY

8:30 Richard Redshaw req. by Gerri Ellis

**FRIDAY – Saint Fabian, Pope & Martyr; and
Saint Sebastian, Martyr**

8:30 Betty Leimkueler req. by Terry Mazzaferre

SATURDAY – Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

8:30 Mother of Julie Burlon req. by Doug Vance
5:30 Carolina Smith req. by the Zarelli Family
Rita Marinello req. by Judge & Mrs. N. Peter Conforti

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:45 Joseph Pietrucha req. by the Convey Family
9:00 Joseph Pietrucha req. by Ann Jachts
10:30 Anthony J. Cammarata req. by Keith & Debbie Azzolina
12:00 People of the Parish
Debbie Stark req. by Amor Stark
5:00 Deacon Ed Maron req. by the Maccaro Family

PARISH FINANCES

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| January 8, 2017 | \$ 9,848 |
| Diocesan Assessment | \$ 2,377 |
| ParishPay - December | \$ 7,916 |

REFLECTION

Behold, the Lamb of God



Every Sunday, just before we receive the Eucharist, the priest invites us to “Behold the Lamb of God; behold him who takes away the sin of the world.” He invites us to fix our eyes, our hearts, and our whole selves on Jesus. He invites to say, “This Jesus died for every sin that I or anyone else will commit.”

Have you ever seen a story on television about a child who walked into the street and was tragically killed by a speeding car? If so, the story probably left you feeling sad for the child and his family, even though you don’t even know them. But everything would be dramatically different if it were your child who was killed by that speeding car. Instead of feeling sad, you would feel crushed. The pain would stretch on for weeks, months, even years. You might never be able to forget the tragedy.

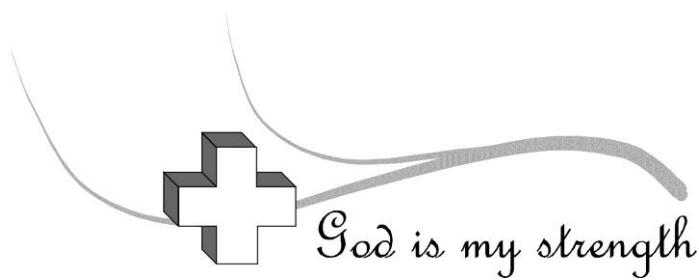
This is a good way for us to grasp what it means to “Behold Jesus.” Beholding Jesus is not just a good thing to do. It’s not a routine. It’s not just a fleeting moment on Sunday morning in the middle of your busy life. Beholding Jesus involves embracing what Jesus has done for us. It involves remembering what your life would be like without him.

Twice in today’s Gospel, John says, “I did not know him”. Still, John was able to recognize Jesus when he arrived. That’s why he said, “Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God. The Holy Spirit revealed Jesus to him in a dramatic and deep way, and it changed his life.

A similar thing can happen to us at Mass today. Jesus wants to open our eyes at the “breaking of the bread” so that we might know him more deeply. So when you receive Communion today, make it a point to behold Jesus. Then ask him to reveal himself to you.

**“Jesus, you are the Lamb of God.
Come, Lord, and open my eyes!”**

From *The Word Among Us*



THE WEEK IN THE PARISH 1/16/17 TO 1/22/17

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| Tues. | 9:00 AM Scripture Sharing | Library |
| | 9:15 AM Special Altar Server Training | Church |
| | 7:00 PM Women's Cornerstone | St. Lucy |
| | 7:00 PM Bible Study | Cassidy Hall |
| Wed. | 7:00 PM Men's Cornerstone | Youth Room |
| | 7:00 PM Women's Cornerstone | Cassidy Hall |
| Thurs. | 6:45 PM BINGO (non-smoking) | McKenna Hall |
| Fri. | 7:00 PM Volunteer Appreciation | McKenna Hall |
| | 8:30 PM AA | Cassidy Hall |
| Sat. | 6:45 PM Endowment Beefsteak | McKenna Hall |
| Sun. | 1:30 PM Trip Information | Cassidy Hall |

LITURGY

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem is extolled as a place of glory and splendor because the Lord has come to His own city.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul tells the Ephesians that his special mission is to make the Gentiles co-heirs with the Jews in Christ — "members of the same body and sharers of the promise."

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Herod learns that Wise Men from the East are searching for the newly born Christ Child. He instructs them to find the Child and to report His whereabouts to him. The Wise Men follow a star to the place where Mary and Jesus are and offer the Child gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They do not return to Herod but follow another route to their own country.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 8:23—9:3

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10—13, 17

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those serving in the military especially: Richard Fox, John Garlasco, Brian McCarthy, Lt. Daniel Faherty, Joseph Venutolo, Cpl. Marc Vero, Sgt. Jeremy Overstreet, Kevin Michael Kiefer, Michael Krapels, Robert Stumpe, USMC, Staff Sgt. Jeremy Curcio, Staff Sgt. Lena Webb, Spc. Samuel Nolan, US Army, Lt. Jamie Curcio, Navy Reserve, 1ST Lt. Christopher Tantillo; Cpl. Conor J. Brady, USMC, LCpl. Marc Stanziale, USMC. 1ST Lt. Joseph Brunone, US Nat'l Guard, Brandon Adams, USAF. Please continue to pray for all our servicemen and women.

OLL LEGACY COOKBOOKS ON SALE

Our Lady of the Lake Legacy Cookbooks have been published and are available for purchase at the parish office. They are \$25 each and make great Easter gifts. They may also be purchased at the Sparta Book Store. Please support this important fundraiser. Thank you.



Join the Reverend Brown Endowment



BEEF STEAK

Saturday, January 21st

Doors open at 6:45 – 10 pm

McKenna Hall

Tickets \$50 per person

Price includes: All you can eat dinner, Dessert and Beer (BYO optional)

Comedienne Robin Fox

50/50 Raffle

Tickets can be purchased through Reverend Brown or Our Lady of the Lake Parish Office. Please make checks payable to the Reverend

Brown Endowment.

Please contact Kristine Carollo with any questions at

kc0217@gmail.com

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE REVEREND BROWN ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

DOGMA TEAM/YOUTH GROUP

Dogma Team meets every Monday at 6:30 PM. to 8:00 PM in the Youth Room.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will resume on January 17, 2017 at 7:00 PM in Cassidy Hall. We will take "A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother, Mary." All are invited to join us for this Seven Session DVD series, with follow-up discussion and refreshments.

THE MAGIC

OF

CORNERSTONE

April 2017

A Note from the Principal: Patricia A. Klebez
Reverend George A. Brown School



Reverend Brown Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week begins on Sunday, January 29th and ends on February 4th. During this week, Reverend Brown celebrates the themes of faith, knowledge, and service.

We have several activities planned for our students, staff, and parents. Some of the activities include a prayer service, community service projects, various class academic and school spirit competitions, religious retreats, a pep rally, a gratitude presentation to our local EMS, police, and fire squad, and Open House.

Open House will be on Tuesday, January 31st at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM. We invite you to visit and see the wonderful faith-based learning opportunities that are happening at Reverend Brown.

For more information, you are welcome to call the school at 973.729.9174.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Attention Boys and Girls in the 4th Grade and above:

Training for new altar servers begins soon! Training will be held on Saturday mornings from 10:30 to Noon on February 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th; and on Monday evenings on February 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th. Registration forms will be given out in the coming weeks to Rev. Brown, Pope John Middle School and CCD students in grades 4 thru 7. Please fill them out, and return them with a parent's signature to your teachers or to the Parish office.



2016 Bishop's Annual Appeal
Be Rich in Good Works

If you have not yet responded to the 2016 Bishop's Annual Appeal, there is still time to do so as the 2016 Appeal funds are used to support ministries and programs through the end of the diocesan fiscal year on June 30, 2017. Your gift is a great blessing and valued so we can serve Christ by serving his people. For your convenience, you can make an online gift at www.2016appeal.org.



REVEREND BROWN OPEN HOUSE

Reverend George A. Brown Memorial School is a thriving National Blue Ribbon School committed to academic excellence. We invite you to visit our school to learn more about our community.



Open House

9:00 am Tuesday, January 31st

7:00 pm Tuesday, January 31st

For more information please visit our website at:

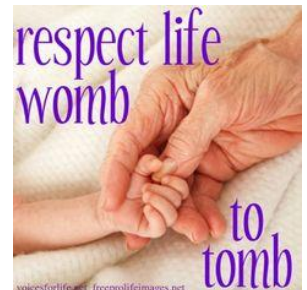
www.revbrownschool.org

To make an appointment please call

973-729-9174

RESPECT LIFE

Sunday, January 22nd will be the 54th Anniversary of the Supreme Court (Roe vs. Wade) decision approving abortion in our country. **Please remember to pray the rosary for all involved in this decision.**



There are three activities the Respect Life Committee would like to announce. Please join us if you can.

1. **On Sunday, Jan 22nd** – we will be hosting a hospitality hour, coffee and donuts after the 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 12 Noon Masses. This get together is to inform our church members of Project 20/20 which is a bill that is being put forth in the NJ legislature. We ask for your support by contacting your representatives in NJ.
2. **Monday, January 23rd** – we will be at Respect Life March in Trenton (outside the State Capitol) for those who can drive down. (There is no bus for his event).
3. **Friday, January 27th** – we will be at March for Life in Washington DC. A bus is leaving from Queen of Peace Church parking lot on Route 206 in Branchville. Contact the Queen of Peace parish office (Jen Durso) for additional information. The number is 973-948-3185.



VOLUNTEER

APPRECIATION NIGHT

All Parish Volunteers and their spouses are invited to join us for fun, food, and fellowship on

Friday, January 20, 2017
At 7:00 PM in McKenna Hall.

Please RSVP by calling the parish office (973) 729-6107 or email to: info@ourladyofthelake.org.

NATIONAL PARKS 2017 MEETING

For any of you who have signed up or are considering signing up for Our Lady of the Lake's Trip to the National Parks, Mark Sunday, **January 22**, on your calendar.



There will be a meeting at the Parish Center in Cassidy Hall, 294 Sparta Avenue, Sparta NJ, at **1:30 PM**.

Bill and I will be there to answer any questions you might have. Refreshments will be served.

Judy Bosworth
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A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY *by Rev. William J. Reilly*

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 15, 2017

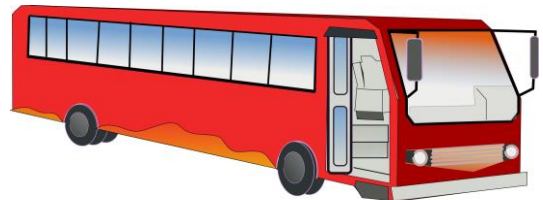
"But as I say, I did not recognize him. The one who sent me to baptize with water told me: 'When you see the Spirit descend and rest on someone, it is he who is to baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen for myself, and have testified, 'This is God's chosen One.'

A logo or trademark makes it easy to recognize a product. The sari of St. Teresa of Calcutta or the gentle smile of Pope Francis leave no doubt of whom we speak. A familiar melody or words from the scripture often bring joy to our ears. They stay with us.

When the Baptist said he did not at first recognize the Christ until another sign was offered, he kept on looking. I ask myself, where can I recognize Christ today? How can I discover Him? The saint of Calcutta found Him in the poor and abandoned. The Holy Father tells us He is out on the streets, in the poor, homeless and needy. Where do I look?

Many young people give of themselves as Jesuit Volunteers, builders for Habitat for Humanity, Big Brothers and Sisters for our youth. These serve a dual role – they discover Christ and bring Him as well. It is kind of like a smile – something I give away and hold on to at the same time. May others recognize the Christ in me.

BUS TO MARCH FOR LIFE



Due to low response, Our Lady of the Lake parish will no longer send its own bus to the March for Life in Washington, DC. However, the Don Bosco Council Knights of Columbus of Our Lady Queen of Peace parish in Branchville is sponsoring a bus to the March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, January 27, 2017, which we are welcome to join. Following Mass at 5:30 AM, the bus will leave from Queen of Peace parking lot at 6:00 AM and will return at approximately 10:00 PM. Come and experience the largest peaceful march on Capital Hill. Join hundreds of thousands of enthusiastic people who give witness to the great gift of life. Cost is \$25 per person. Seating is limited, so please reserve your seat now by calling the OLQP office at (973) 948-3185 and by sending your check made out to KofC Council 7784 to the attention of Jen Durson at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 209 US Route 206, Branchville, NJ 07826.