

JANUARY 22, 2017
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY – Saint Vincent; Saint Marianne Cope

8:30 Deacon Ed Maron req. by Gerri Ellis

TUESDAY – Saint Francis de Sales

8:30 Deacon Ed Maron req. by Ann Jachts

WEDNESDAY – Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

8:30 Deacon Ed Maron req. by Debbie Azzolina & Dolores Redshaw

THURSDAY – Saints Timothy and Titus

8:30 William Wilson req. by Debbie Redshaw

FRIDAY – Saint Angela Merici

8:30 Clare Clark req. by Daughter, Kathryn Bernard Beihl, Sr. req. by Bernie & Joan Beihl

SATURDAY – Saint Thomas Aquinas

8:30 Special Intention for Fr. David McDonnell req. by Mae & Charlie Catalano

5:30 People of the Parish

Richard Redshaw req. by Bea Mahon

JANUARY 29, 2017
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:45 Eileen DeNobile req. by Steve & Marybeth Wilson
Eleanor Beihl req. by Bernie & Joan Beihl

9:00 Grace Carberry req. by Thomas & Patricia Bracken

10:30 Joseph Pietrucha req. by Gerri Ellis

12:00 Deacon Ed Maron req. by Josephine O'Rourke

5:00 Jerome Stehr & Charles Hillenbrand req. by Family

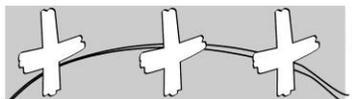
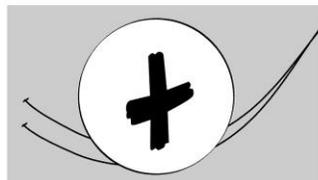
PARISH FINANCES

January 15, 2017

\$ 9,672

Next week's second collection is for our Diocesan newspaper, *The Beacon*.

GOOD NEWS...



**the kingdom
of heaven
is at hand.**

REFLECTION

Hope Springs Eternal

In *Man's Search for Meaning*, Viktor Frankl describes hope as the key to survival amid the horrors of a concentration camp. The prisoner who was able to find meaning – in nature, in the memory of a loved one, in a generous act – was more likely not to give up. When we hope, in whatever circumstance, the future we long for comes closer, an experience of mind and heart that sustains us now and impels us forward.



Thomas Aquinas named hope as a theological virtue. It is a gift from God that we receive now, fueling our journey to fuller union with God. Hope is the way God encourages us. It stirs up memory of God's abiding faithfulness. Hope expands our vision beyond the immediate horizon. It breaks open our heart to dispel fear. It stokes our imagination to realize unexpected opportunities. Hope whispers, or shouts, when we need it: "There is something more, or someone more, so keep going!"

Hope is not sentimental optimism. Optimists too easily escape reality, denying challenges and making promises that are hard to keep. When we hope, we face reality because God is found in what is real. We know that things may not turn out as we want, but we strive valiantly nonetheless. God is faithful, we insist, so there is meaning even in the toughest and most unexpected circumstances.

When we hope, we live generously and gratefully in the present because deep down we know that all will be well – not perfect, but well. With every word or deed steeped in hope, the future opens up to reveal a present beyond our imagining.

Fr. Kevin O'Brien

THE WEEK IN THE PARISH 1/22/17 TO 1/29/17

Sun.	After 9 & 10:30 Mass – Respect Life Coffee n Donuts	
	1:30 PM Info on Trip to Nat'l Pks	Cassidy Hall
Mon.	8:00 PM Knights of Columbus Social	McKenna Hall
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 Parents Guild	McKenna Hall
Thurs.	6:45 PM BINGO (non-smoking)	McKenna Hall
	7:30 PM Wm's Cornerstone Team 3	Cassidy Hall
Fri.	Confirmation Retreat Parish Center & McKenna Hall	
	8:30 PM AA	Cassidy Hall
Sat.	8:00 PM AA	McKenna Hall
Sun.	1:30 PM Women's Social	Cassidy Hall

LITURGY

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 8:23—9:3

The prophet Isaiah describes the anguish of a conquered people, but he promises that they will triumph and will see a great light as on the "day of Midian."

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

Paul speaks to the Corinthians with both anger and indignation because they are quarreling among themselves as to whom they should show allegiance. Some wish to follow Paul; some, Peter; others Apollos; others, Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus begins his mission by going to Capernaum, fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah. He selects Peter, Andrew, James and John as his disciples, inviting them to be "fishers of men."

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

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.



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.

*All Structures Are Built Upon a Strong
CORNERSTONE
April 2017*

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

DOGMA TEAM/YOUTH GROUP

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

BIBLE STUDY

We take "A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother, Mary", Tuesday Nights at 7:00 PM in Cassidy Hall. All are invited to join us for this Seven Session DVD series, with follow-up discussion and refreshments.

WHAT IS TRIVIA NIGHT?

On **February 17 at 7:00 PM**, we will be gathering in Cassidy Hall for this first time event. All parishioners are welcome. A special invitation goes out to those who donated their favorite recipes to help make the Legacy Cookbook fundraiser a success. Won't you please make that favorite dish and bring it with you so everyone gets a taste of the great things to be found in our Legacy cookbook? Some light dinner fare will also be available, but it's bringing your favorite recipe that will make it special. Beverages are BYOB.

Several rounds of trivia questions in different categories will help round out the evening; lots of good laughs to go along with good food. Cassidy Hall has limited seating, so please be sure to RSVP with the parish office no later than February 3rd. If you're one of our cookbook contributors, please let us know what you're bringing. See you then.

ALL 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 gifts for Easter or Mother's Day. They may also be purchased at the Sparta Book Store. Please support this important fundraiser. Thank you.



WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE

Online Courses at Assumption College for Sisters

Looking to jump-start your college career, fulfill your college core requirements, or gain personal enrichment during the summer? Consider taking an online course with Assumption College for Sisters from June 4 – July 30.

AcsOCO Online Course Orientation (required) 0 credits

Hi 101_0 World Civilization I – 3 credits

Ps 101_0 General Psychology – 3 credits

Th 208_0 Special Topics/Theology: Christian Ethics – 3 Cr.

Cost: \$170/credit plus \$25 registration fee.

Courses are open to high school graduates and students entering their senior year at high school with the written recommendation of their guidance counselor.

For more information, course descriptions and/or application form, contact academicdean@acs350.org or call (973) 957-0188 Ext. 106.

Assumption College for Sisters is accredited by Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

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

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 22, 2017**

"I beg you brothers in the name of Lord Jesus Christ, to agree on what you say. Let there be no factions; rather be united in mind and judgment..."

Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel – not with wordy 'wisdom' however, lest the cross of Christ be rendered void of its meaning.

From the early days of the church questions and disputes arose, as the communities were formed and began to grow. Two thousand years later, people continue to line up, choose a banner or are pasted with a label. The words of St. Paul should cause us to pause and think.

I hear many sermons, read many tracts, watch a variety of religious programs. All seem to have different perspectives. If they are credible, they should lead us to the cross of Jesus Christ. If they fail to do this, they are of little worth.

Did we not hear the scripture words "there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God who is Father?" May we learn to listen with a special ear, discern with a keen eye and discover the wisdom of Jesus Christ and the cross. Next time, don't listen for just what you want to hear, but what you need to hear.

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.

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:

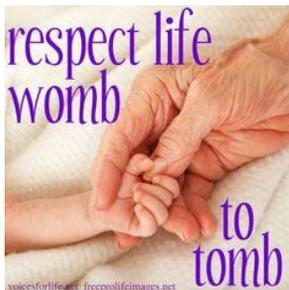
www.revbrownschool.org

To make an appointment please call

973-729-9174

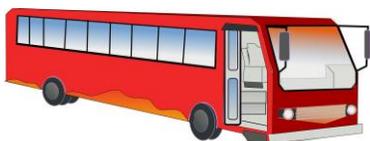
RESPECT LIFE

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.

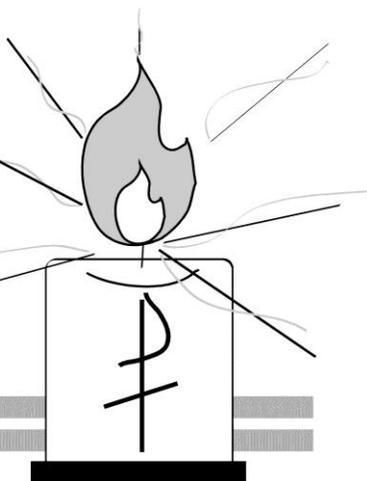
1. **On Sunday, Jan 22nd** – we will be hosting a hospitality hour, coffee and donuts after the 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM Masses. This get together is to inform our church members of Project 20/20 which is a bill that is being put forth in the NJ legislature. We ask for your support by contacting your representatives 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 – Bus To March For Life**



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.

**The people
in darkness
have seen
a great light**



You Did It for Me

It's another year for the world. But for many in Zimbabwe, it could be another year of failed harvests and withered crops. The devastating and drying effects of El Nino are expected to hit crops for a third year in Southern Africa. Some 2.4 million people are going hungry. CRS is partnering with Caritas Harare to tackle the drought emergency and is organizing seed fairs to provide farmers with drought-resistant seeds and new farming techniques



Learn more at: crs.org/you-did-it-for-me

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER DANCE 2017



MARCH 18 IN MCKENNA HALL – 6:30 PM

Please mark your calendars for our annual St. Patrick's gathering. In keeping with parish family tradition, our own top of the line Irish step dancers and traditional musicians will be there. As always, a fine corned beef and cabbage dinner will be served to you at your table, and the DJ will also be there to play your favorite dance tunes.

Tickets will be available in the vestibule after all Masses the weekend of January 28th/29th and in the parish office beginning January 30th. You may purchase tickets either for a table of 10 or individually for open seating. Happily, the ticket price remains \$35. This is a BYOB event, so - 21 and over only, please. Ticket sales will close on March 5, 2016. Please purchase your tickets early; thanks to your support and enthusiasm they sell out quickly.

We've got all the makings of another lovely evening for our parish family. Please join us and make it even better. 😊