

## Mission Statement

*Catholic Community of St. John Neumann*

*FOUNDED on the teachings of Jesus Christ,  
NOURISHED by the hospitality of the Califon Christian  
Communities,*

*FORMED with a commitment to Social Ministry, and  
STRENGTHENED by the Holy Spirit*

*The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann is  
a jubilant people on a continuing spiritual journey of hope:*

*TO CELEBRATE and DEEPEN our faith*

*TO SHARE our unique gifts, talents and treasures*

*TO CHERISH all life*

*TO LIVE in openness, acceptance and love.*

## Annual Parish Goal

*We, as ministers, will foster*

*an inviting and spiritual Catholic community for all,  
especially to those away from the Church,  
by growing in and witnessing to our faith in the mercy of God.*

## *A Christian Community of the Catholic Tradition*

Diocese of Metuchen

Most Rev. James F. Checchio,  
JCD, MBA  
Bishop of Metuchen

Most Rev. Paul G. Bootkoski, DD  
Bishop Emeritus

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## *Our Parish*

Rev. Abraham Orapankal, PhD .....  
..... Pastor  
Rev. J William Mickiewicz.....  
..... Founding Pastor Emeritus  
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### *Worshipping at:*

398 County Road 513  
(Church Center)

Saturday Vigil Mass .....5:30 p.m.  
Sunday .....8:00 a.m.  
Sunday .....10:30 a.m.  
First Friday Holy Hour .....7:00 p.m.

### *Worshipping at:*

390 County Road 513  
(Neumann Residence)

\*Check the bulletin for any changes\*

### *Weekday Masses:*

Tuesday .....8:00 a.m.  
Friday .....7:00 a.m.

### *Reconciliation:*

Saturday.....5:00 p.m.  
Or anytime by appointment.

# This Week at Saint John's

## Mass Intentions

### Tuesday, October 24

8:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

### Friday, October 27

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

### Saturday, October 28

5:30 p.m. Mary Casey Gerristead, req.  
Gerristead Children

### Sunday, October 29

8:00 a.m. Blair Lewis, req.  
Stanski Family

10:30 a.m. Mildred Johnson, req.

Marie and Roger Malone



## Parish Calendar

### Sunday, October 22 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### World Mission Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
- 8:00 a.m. Family Faith Formation (Valley View)
- 8:30 a.m. 1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting (Valley View)
- 9:00 a.m. Small Group (Seton Room)
- 10:30 a.m. Youth Mass (Church Center)
- 11:30 a.m. Music Room Cleanup (Music Room)

### Monday, October 23 - Saint John of Capistrano, Priest

- 6:00 p.m. Family Faith Formation (CC/SR/DR/VR/MR)
- 7:00 p.m. Fund Raising Meeting (Office Center Kitchen)
- 7:00 p.m. Small Group (Neumann Residence)
- 7:30 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting (Upper Room)

### Tuesday, October 24 - Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

- 8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
- 11:00 a.m. Small Group (Church Center Loft)
- 7:00 p.m. Career Development & Resume Writing (Upper Room)
- 7:00 p.m. Small Group (Neumann Residence)
- 7:00 p.m. Connxions (Office Center Kitchen)

### Wednesday, October 25 - Weekday

- 10:30 a.m. Small Group (Narthex)
- 4:00 p.m. Tricky Tray Set-up (Church Center Loft)
- 5:30 p.m. Yoga (Church Center Loft)
- 7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. (Drexel Room/Church Center/Church Kitchen)
- 7:15 p.m. Small Group (Upper Room)
- 7:15 p.m. Small Group (Office Center Kitchen)

### Thursday, October 26 - Weekday

- 10:00 a.m. S.H.I.P. (Church and Office Kitchens)
- 5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)
- 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi (Church Center Loft)

## Mass Schedule - October 28/October 29

Saturday	5:30 p.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader.....	Anita Sawczuk
Altar Server .....	Kucharski Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Gloria Cucchiara
.....	Jim Oelkers, 1 Needed
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader.....	Brent Herrig
Altar Server .....	Mastro Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Joe Sima
.....	Dorothy Sima, 1 Needed
Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader.....	Steve Carroll
Altar Server .....	Souza Family
Music Eucharistic Minister.....	Mary D'Avella
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Jane Albert, Anita Sawczuk
.....	Debby Kelemen, Doris Royal, Peter Royal

7:30 p.m. Music/Bells (Church Center)

7:30 p.m. Small Group (Upper Room)

### Friday, October 27 - Weekday

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)

### Saturday, October 28 - Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Spirituality Breakfast (Office Center)
- 3:30 p.m. 1st Reconciliation-Session #2 (Church Center)
- 5:30 p.m. Mass (Church Center)

### Sunday, October 29 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### All Souls Intentions

- 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
- 9:00 a.m. Small Group (Seton Room)
- 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
- 6:00 p.m. CPII Parent-Candidate Meeting (Church Center)
- 6:00 p.m. Jr. High Formation (Church Center)

### Remembered at Mass



We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered during the Holy Eucharist: **Richard Scott, Danny Mulvey, Thomas Regan, and George Sekela.**

**Deceased:** **Richard Scott**, relative of Renee Ciszewski, **Danny Mulvey**, friend of the Pfeufer family, **Thomas Regan**, father of Brian Regan, and **George Sekela**, husband of Nadima Melhem-Sekela. May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord and may their families find strength in the Lord and comfort and support from family and friends.

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK....**

Dear Friends,

Last Tuesday, the Sacrament of Confirmation was conferred on 15 of our youth. We as a parish community had been supporting them by our prayers and by writing letters to them individually (which they happily read during their overnight retreat). Bishop Emeritus Paul Bootkoski, who presided at the celebration gave a very inspiring homily on how this Sacrament makes us realize that we are the body of Christ and that we have to reach out to other members of this larger body of Christ in love and service. Confirmation does not mean now we will have no more doubts, the Bishop said. Even Peter, despite being with Jesus for three years, had a weak faith that he denied the Lord. But the Lord strengthened him because Peter returned to the Lord in humility and openness. The Bishop was assisted by Deacon Sam Costantino who has been leading a wonderful work of mercy called "Deacon's Table." The Deacons and their wives prepare and feed 70 poor people every Wednesday! What an example of service!

This was a beautiful and prayerful experience for all who were present, as everyone felt enriched and strengthened. Renee Ciszewski, the Director of our Religious Education, deserves lots of appreciation for overseeing the Confirmation program with the help of our committed Catechists Mauricia Nacamuli and Paul Fabiano, with our wonderful Retreat Team under the leadership of Gerry Brisson and with constant assistance from Jo Ann Jarvis in the Office of Religious Education. The music ministry truly did a fabulous job in leading the congregation into prayerful and alive singing. And we are lucky that our parishioners volunteered to help with the Liturgy and the Parish Office Staff members have been always supportive and helpful.

Over one billion Catholics all over the world observe today as *World Mission Sunday*. This annual observance was instituted 91 years ago in 1926 by a Papal decree issued by Pope Pius XI. Every year since then, the universal Church has dedicated the month of October to reflection on and prayer for the missions. On World Mission Sunday, Catholics gather to celebrate the Eucharist and to contribute to a collection for the work of evangelization around the world. This annual celebration gives us a chance to reflect on the importance of mission work for the life of the Church. It reminds us that we are one with the Church around the world and that we are all committed to carrying on the mission of Christ, however different our situations may be. Confirmation is a Sacrament that makes us true missionaries. As confirmed Catholics, may we continue our efforts to witness to that mission here in Califon and around.

Your brother in Christ,  
Fr. Abraham Orapankal

*"The good man's earnings advance the cause of righteousness. The evil man squanders his on sin".* (Proverbs 10:16)

*"No church ever has a money problem, only a faithfulness problem."*  
(Brian Kluth, pastor, generosity speaker and author)

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATES**

We'd like to take this opportunity to share a couple of exciting financial stewardship updates. We are switching the calendar for giving to a calendar year (January 1 - December 31).

Because of this change:

- If you use envelopes you will receive new envelopes that will begin with January 2018. Finish your current box with the envelope dated December 31, 2017.
- Envelopes for the calendar year 2018 will be available for pickup in the Narthex.
- If you are an automated giver, you will need to fill out a new form for the 2018 year. The new form will be included in the Stewardship Mailing. If you would like to start Automated Giving use the sheet included in the mailing to begin.
- On the weekend of November 4th and 5th you will be asked to complete a commitment pledge for your 2018 giving. Packets will be mailed home and available at Masses.

**29TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

October 22, 2017

***"Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's."***

**MATTHEW 22:21**

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second.

**SPECIAL MASS ON ALL SOULS DAY**



On the night of All Soul's Day, Thursday, November 2nd, there will be a special Mass, celebrated at 7:00 pm.

If you have a deceased loved one whose memory you wish to honor in gratitude during the Mass, you are most welcome to attend. If you would like, bring a photograph of your loved one to be placed around the altar. You will have the opportunity to light a candle in thanksgiving for the gift of life God gave to your dear ones.

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# Christian Formation

## FIRST RECONCILIATION CLASSES



First Reconciliation classes will begin on Saturday, October 28th, at 3:30 pm. in the Church Center.

## PARENTING TUNE-UP

Parents who pray together teach by the way they live that God is real; that he is present, listening, and eager to be part of our lives. Do you pray as a family? That is the best parenting you can give your children, for you are the first and best teachers of faith.

## MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

Give to God what belongs to God! Giving the right place for God in your marriage is the best way to cement your marriage for good. That means seeing God's presence in your spouse, and thanking God for the gift that your spouse is to you, even when you are conscious of what is lacking in each other!

## NETWORKING BULLETIN BOARD

*Do you need help?*

*Do you have a skill to offer?*

We often get calls when our parishioners are looking for a reference for childcare/babysitting, a handyman or maybe someone who does home or office cleaning. If you are looking for someone to work for you or if you are looking for work, Please place a notice on the bulletin board in the Seton Room of the office Building and/or look to see if there is a notice there for what you need.

## NJ RIGHT TO LIFE RAFFLE

*Be A Winner!*

Drawing on November 17, 2017  
Winner need not be present.

**1st Prize - 2018 Volvo XC60 SUV  
Valued at \$43,500**

2nd Prize Shop-Rite Gift Card \$1,000  
3rd Prize Shop-Rite Gift Card \$750  
4th Prize Shop-Rite Gift Card \$500

Proceeds For Benefit of  
New Jersey Right to Life

Tickets will be on Sale after all Masses  
October 21 and 22



## GIFT FAMILY FAITH FORMATION HAS BEGUN!

*Family Formation* is designed to help parents respond to the Church's call to be "the first and foremost educators of their children" and to help families grow in the transforming love of God by understanding and living the Catholic Faith.  
Gravissimum Educationis, 3

All parishioners are invited to join us for the adult formation session of the GIFT program. These sessions will be lead by Fr. Abraham and this years focus includes: **What we celebrate-Sacraments and What we believe-moral life.** and meet monthly on Sunday mornings at 9AM in Valley View School and Monday evenings at 6:15PM in the Church Center. Next sessions are **Sunday October 22 and Monday October 23.** Please contact Renee Ciszewski with any questions at [renee@ccsjn.org](mailto:renee@ccsjn.org). Hope to see you at our next session.

Thank you for  
making  
Confirmation  
a joyful  
celebration!

music gives  
a soul to the universe  
& wings to the mind  
Life to everything

# Social Ministry & Parish News

## YOUTH SERVING AT SHIP



On Monday October 9 while many youth were at home enjoying their day off from school, seven high school youth joined others from St. John's Social Ministry Team at SHIP in Somerville to serve lunch to the homeless. Two from St. John's youth group invited five other youth from Voorhees who are part of a homeless education and outreach group there. Chad Rodgers, pastor at the Lower Valley Presbyterian Church also joined as his daughter was one of the participants. The youth were paired with the adults and it was a great experience for all. Nice mentorship with the St. John's adults showing the ropes to the young people and then stepping back to let them participate. This opportunity only comes up once or twice a year as SHIP is set on the second Monday of the month and youth are usually in school. The next opportunity will be December 28 when youth are off for winter break. If any of the High School Youth Group are interested in this service on Dec 28 please contact France as there is limited room.



## SOCIAL MINISTRY COAT DRIVE

*Through November 11th*

Please help us to keep our neighbors warm this year and donate gently used & cleaned coats, gloves hats and scarves. Please drop off coats under the portico at the front door of St. John Neumann church in the designated container. Please help spreading the word about this collection to help making it a success.

Any questions contact Susanne Erz at [susanne.erk@gmail.com](mailto:susanne.erk@gmail.com) or (908)500-8441. There will be service hours opportunities for Confirmandi classes to help sorting coats for delivery. More information will be given at a later time.

# Parish News



## 5TH ANNUAL TASTING EVENT

*Friday, November 10th - 7:00 p.m. to 10 p.m.*

Save the date! Looking forward to another great event filled with wine tasting and many tasty treats. We hope you will join us.

We are taking reservations, if you would like to reserve your tickets now please call or email Maggie Baumann at (908) 832-2207,

[Mhbaumann@outlook.com](mailto:Mhbaumann@outlook.com) or Barbara Pannone at [Barbara.Pannone@gmail.com](mailto:Barbara.Pannone@gmail.com), (908) 297-4812. Or call the Office at (908) 832-2513.



## LOOKING FOR HELP AT THE TASTING EVENT

If you like to cook we are looking for help with preparing an hors d'oeuvre or two. We have some great recipes or you can prepare one of your own. Please contact Maggie Baumann at [Mhbaumann@outlook.com](mailto:Mhbaumann@outlook.com) or Barbara Pannone, [Barbara.Pannone@gmail.com](mailto:Barbara.Pannone@gmail.com). There are more opportunities to help, sign up sheets for volunteers will be in the Narthex starting Oct 21st.

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND RESUME WRITING WORKSHOP

*This Tuesday, October 24th*

There will be a career development discussion and resume writing workshop on October 24<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 9 p.m. in the office building. Please call the Parish Office (908-832-2513) on or before October 23rd if you are interested. There is no charge for this event, we just need your name. Parish membership is not necessary. The session will be led by John Cole, a parishioner and transition specialist.

## WE ARE ONE NATION UNDER GOD!

Not long ago in Blackwood, New Jersey, the Third U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the senior class could not have a non-sectarian prayer at commencement. The senior class had voted to offer this prayer: "Please bless us in the future and thank you for the blessings of the past. God keep a watchful eye on us in the future. Amen." The court backed the ACLU's contention that the prayer was unconstitutional. But surely our constitution's authors did not mean to prohibit 17- and 18-year-olds from saying such a prayer if they elected to do so. The principal of that high school did have the last word. At the end of his commencement speech he declared, "God bless you and God bless the United States of America!" Immediately the students jumped to their feet and applauded. We are not "one nation without a God." We are not "one nation afraid to name its God." We are "one nation under God."

## TRUE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS THE BEST WITNESS

The most powerful means of fulfilling the mission of Jesus (Evangelization) is by living a truly Christian life -- a life filled with love, mercy, kindness, compassion and a forgiving spirit. Mr. Gandhi used to say: "My life is my message." He often challenged the Christian missionaries to observe the "apostolate of the rose." A rose doesn't preach. It simply radiates its fragrance and attracts every one to it by its irresistible beauty. Hence, the most important thing is not the Gospel we preach, but the life we live. This is how the early Christians evangelized. Their Gentile neighbors used to say: "See how these Christians love one another." The Christ they recognized and accepted was the Christ who lived in each Christian.



## ACQUIRE THE FIRE!

Acquire the Fire, the combined young adult group of Our Lady of Lourdes and St John Neumann, will be having their next meeting on Sunday, Oct 22nd at 7 PM in the Old Church Hall of Our Lady of Lourdes (390 County Road 523, Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889). Join us for a night of fellowship, games, and snacks. Save the date for our next meeting on Nov 5th. For more information and to join the list serve please email Susan at [acquirethefire@ollwhs.org](mailto:acquirethefire@ollwhs.org).

## ARE YOU INTERESTED?

*Are you being called to serve at Mass?*

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS:



If you have enjoyed when a Eucharist Minister offers you the Chalice with a smile, or been struck by a reader proclaiming the Word, maybe you are being drawn to participate more fully in the Mass and serve others by being a Reader, or a Eucharistic Minister. We all have talents that we can share with others in the liturgy. We hope you will consider serving at the weekend Masses. Your service can be custom fit to your personal schedule. If you would like to discuss before deciding please contact the office or talk to a Liturgical Minister after Mass!

### ALTAR SERVING:



If you enjoy watching the Altar being set during Mass and appreciate how the tradition at St. John's of a family joining together for this simple service, we ask you to consider your family participating in the Mass in this way. It is a wonderful way to serve and it can be adapted to work for two people or a family of 5. If you would like to discuss before deciding please contact the office or talk to an Altar Server at Mass!

## CLEANERS



We are looking for a few more people to help with cleaning. If you like cleaning and would like to help the parish in this way please contact the office at 832-2513. We can use vacuums, bathroom cleaners and even floor washers. The schedule rotates and you are only asked to serve once every six weeks.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Nov. 10..... Tasting Event  
Dec. 3..... Christmas Cash Drawing  
and tell your friends and family!

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Joseph Angeline  
Pete Cangelosi  
Joan Cardierre  
Marie Colabella  
Jean Crickenberger  
John D'Almeida  
Barbara DelPiano  
Tino DeSantis  
Sophia DeVita  
Paul Ferri  
Helen Gallagher  
Sophie Geist  
Liz Harmon  
Jay Heyman  
Fred Holub  
Lou Livoti  
Dick McCall  
Maggie McKeon  
Jan McLeavey  
Christine Meyer  
Fran Miceli  
Joan Myers  
Megan Myers  
Mary Lou O'Brien  
Nicholas Pallai  
Nilsa Perez Parsons  
John Pfeufer  
Tommy Rack  
Ali Redling  
Anne & Joe Sacco  
Anthony Sepe  
Diane Siti  
Noah Skinner  
Michael Slivka  
Pam Stewart  
Nicholas Troiano  
Don Velli  
William Weimer  
Josh Wilkes  
Caden and Jill Zane  
Joey Zieba

## MILITARY PERSONNEL

If you have someone in the military you would like us to pray for, call the office or drop the name into the collection basket. As military personnel leave the Service, please notify us so we can remove them from the list. Please remember the following in your prayers:

Captain Baumann, Katherine, U.S. Army  
HM Bullis, Christopher, U.S. Navy  
Cavallo, Chris, USMC  
C2C, Geerinck, Joshua, U.S. Air Force  
Seaman, Devin Jenkinson, U.S. Air Force  
Spec. Jon Tyler Jablonski, U.S. Army  
Private, Linzer, Matthew, U.S. Army  
Seaman, Linzer, Stephanie, U.S. Navy  
SR O'Leary, Thomas, U.S. Navy  
Lieutenant JG Simila, Nicole, U.S. Navy  
Airman, Justin Vardian, U.S. Air Force

## SUNDAY REFLECTION: The different sides of Caesar's coin

*" . . . repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."*

*Matthew 22: 15-21*

For this single mom, it's macaroni. Working three part-time jobs takes up the time that she would prefer spending making more nutritious meals for her two young daughters. And the challenge of stretching her few dollars to cover her family's expenses each month also limits the menu options. But it's those boxes of macaroni on the shelf that remind her everyday of the cycle of poverty she sees no way of breaking out of. For this widower, it's the closet filled with his late wife's clothes. He can't bring himself to dispose of them. As long as they hang there, he feels he's still holding on to something of her. Theirs was a wonderful marriage - her final illness drew them even closer together. Her wardrobe and her few pieces of jewelry are his only joy in the midst of his loneliness and quandary as to what to do with the rest of his life.

For the teenager, it's his name - its culture and ethnicity are unmistakable. He works hard in school and at his job because he knows he will always be second to someone with a more "normal" sounding name, someone from a less "exotic" background. He will always be a little less "equal" than others; he will have to work harder to be noticed because not much will be expected from him. Despite the burden, he bears his name and heritage proudly.

**There is a deeper issue in today's Gospel than just taxation. No one has ever liked to pay taxes, but in Gospel Palestine, taxes were a constant reminder to the Jews that they were paying tribute to a foreign power. Caesar's coin was an ugly sign of their powerlessness, the loss of their religious and national identity, the never-ending cycle of poverty and subjugation that strangled their lives. Today, Caesar's coin takes the form of anything that traps families in poverty or imprisons individuals in despair. In our own works of mercy and justice, we can help the poor, the broken, the abused and the lost break out of their tombs and prisons, rendering Caesar's coin useless in God's Kingdom where generosity and mercy are the coin of the realm.**

## HE EVANGELIZED ME WITH A CUP OF TEA!

One day Bishop Christopher Mwoleka came to our house in Nyabihanga Village in Rulenge, Tanzania on an unexpected visit. My good friend Athanasius and I hurriedly prepared tea for the villagers who came to greet the bishop. We started with two full thermoses, but then several other visitors came and soon we had finished all the tea. I wondered what I would do if another person came. Just then one of our neighbors arrived to say hello. As I started to apologize for not having any more tea, Athanasius spontaneously picked up his own cup of tea and politely handed it to the visitor. It was a simple gesture of sharing, but for me a profound act of love and beauty. By his example Athanasius had evangelized me. **(Joseph G. Healey, M.M, a Maryknoll Missionary).**



## SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



97% of the world has heard of Coca-Cola; 72% of the world has seen a can of Coca-Cola; 51% of the world has tasted a can of Coca-Cola; Coke has only been around 113 years (2017). This means that if God had given the task of world evangelization to the Coke company it would probably be done by now!

A father was trying to teach his fifth-grade son the value of tithes and offerings. The boy listened attentively, and then he went on to say, "I still don't understand why you have to pay taxes." To this the father replied, "Because the Bible says we must give unto Caesar what belongs to Caesar and unto God what belongs to God." His son looked puzzled. "That's what I'm trying to tell you, Dad. Caesar died a long time ago."

# Parish and Community News

## RENDER TO GOD, RENDER TO CAESAR!

American heritage is full of Christian influence. When the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth in 1620, they paused to write the Mayflower Compact, the first law of American shores. It reads in part: "In the name of God, Amen. We whose names are underwritten ... having undertaken for the glory of God and advancement of the Christian Faith ... a voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia...." George Washington, in his first presidential inauguration, added to his oath, "So help me God" and then kissed the Bible. (It is disputed if George Washington added the words "So help me God" to the oath or somebody else). Ben Franklin, in 1778 at the Constitutional Convention, made motion that proceedings each day be opened with prayer. He said, "I have lived for a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proof I see of this truth, that God governs the affairs of men. If a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an Empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured by the Holy Scriptures that 'Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain to build it.' I firmly believe this, and I also believe that without His concurring aid, we shall proceed in this political building no better than the founders of Babel." Every Presidential inaugural speech, save one, has mentioned God. Our coins have *In God We Trust* on them. The Ten Commandments are mostly still in our law books, forbidding theft, lying, murder, and such. Congress is still opened with prayer. George Washington, in his farewell address, said: "The truth is, politics and morality are inseparable. As morality's foundation is religion, religion and politics are necessarily related." So you see, politics and religion can and have mixed in our nation's past. Fact is, as Jesus did say, we have something as Christians to render to God as well as something to render to Caesar!

## 2017 FALL BEREAVEMENT SEMINARS AT ST. JOHN'S

*First session is on November 1st*

There will be a series of interrelated bereavement seminars at St. John Neumann beginning November 1st. John Cole, transition professional, will facilitate the sessions. The 1st session starts at 7:30pm and all other sessions start at 7pm. The dates are November 1, 6, 14, 20, December 5, 12. Please note each session builds on the prior one. Attendance at all six sessions would be best for optimal benefit.

To register contact France Kennedy in the office 908-832-2513. For questions about the seminars or participation, call John Cole 908-399-4234. This series is open to individuals from all faiths and religious communities. If you are aware of anyone who may benefit, suggest that he or she call France Kennedy.



## YOU SHOP & AMAZON GIVES TO ST. JOHN'S!

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### Office Angels

Wed., Oct. 25 A. Sawczuk

Tues., Oct. 31 L. Caprio

### Store Cards

**October 21 and 22**

5:30 p.m. B. Schenck

8:00 a.m. G. Battell

10:30 a.m. S. Pojedinec

**October 28 and 29**

5:30 p.m. L. Livoti

8:00 a.m. P. Nanna

10:30 a.m. D. Royal

### Church Center Plant Watering

Week of Oct. 22 B. Sobey

Week of Oct. 29 M. Proano

### Church Center Cleaning

October 26 Team E

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October 21 M. Connolly

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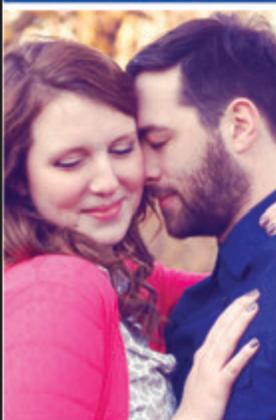
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