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08/07/16	10:00 AM	Holy Communion- English
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## NEWSLETTER AUGUST-2016

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DIVINE SERVICE : 08:30 AM

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## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

### Bible Studies:-

Aug 5 - At Church @ 6:30 pm.

Aug 12 - At Victoria and Jonathan Samuel's home @ 6:30 pm.

Aug 19 - At Siya Mathew's home @ 6:30 pm.

Aug 26 - Live Worship Bible Study at Church @ 6:30 pm.

### **Ronald McDonald House of Charities Preparing Food :-**

On August 6, Ronald McDonald House of Charities needs 10 volunteers to help cook and prepare meals for families.

### **Church World School Service School Supply Drive: -**

For the month of August, YF will be collecting school supplies for the Church World School Service for the underprivileged children.

Contact YF Secretary for more information on any of the above.

## YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

Yuvajana Sakhyam BBQ, Prayer meeting & General Body meeting will be held on Sun, Aug 21 at 4:00 PM at the residence of John Varghese (Shibu) & Animol, 2 Karen Rd, Montville, NJ.

## SEVIKA SANGHAM

Sevika Sangham prayer meetings will be held on Fridays at 10:00 A.M at the church unless otherwise notified.

**Bring N' Buy Sale:** SS Bake Sale will be held on Sun, Aug 28.

**One Day Conference:** SS One day conference will be held on Sat, Sept 3 at St. Stephen's Mar Thoma Church, NJ.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School Teacher's Retreat will be held on Sat, Aug 27 from 5-9 pm at the Church.

## EDAVAKA MISSION

Edavaka Mission prayer meetings will be held on Fridays at 6:00 PM at the church.

## CONDOLENCES

- ♦ **Mr. P. V. Alexander (83)** of Mulakuzha Chengannur Kerala, and beloved father of our member Mr. Prem Alexander (35 Leonard Ave Old Tappan), was called to his eternal home on Sat, July 9<sup>th</sup> in India.

**Mrs. Annamma George (84)** of Plavilla House Kundra Kollam Kerala, and beloved grand mother of our member Mrs. Liby Mathai (17 Franklin St, Dumont), was called to her eternal home on Sat, July 22 2016 in Philadelphia.

*On behalf of the Parish, let us extend our deepest condolences to these families. Please uphold them in your prayers.*

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

We wish the following couples a happy Wedding Anniversary. Please attend and partake in the thanksgiving prayer during the Holy Communion Service.

Date	Name	Street
08/02	Ben & Justina Bittman	17 Franklin St.
08/03	Palackamannil Koshy & Lizzy	158 Arson Ave.
08/05	Shibu & Minu Mathew	165 Eagle Ave.
08/05	Sujith & Sheryl Kurian	41 Marinus St.
08/06	Babu & Deena Varghese	70 Somers Ave.
08/07	Abe Alex & Annamma	53 Greenbriar St.
08/07	Jacob Koruthu & Nithya Thomas	345 E 60th St
08/08	Varghese & Daizy Cherian	371 N 10th St.
08/09	Regy & Susan John	22-05 Ward St.
08/09	George Mathew Jr. & Teena	244 Jolene Ct
08/10	Vivin Issac & Sharon Sunny	51 Hinchman Ave.
08/17	Chacko T. John & Marlyn	21 Leonhard Dr.
08/18	George & Annamma Varghese	60 Mae Paul Dr.
08/19	Baby & Jibi George	159 E. Linden Ave.
08/19	P.O. Samuel & Saramma David	2 Alladin Ave
08/20	John George & Sherly John	43 Terrace St.
08/20	Sujith & Anna Abraham	50 Essex Pl.
08/22	James & Juli Mathew	818 Chestnut St.
08/22	Samuel Yohannan & Mariamma	102 Fairfield Dr.
08/23	Antony & Elizabeth Thomas	222 W Main St.
08/23	K. K. Thomas & Mariamma	982 Pleasant Dr.
08/23	Davis & Jewell Thomas	79 Morgan St.
08/26	Rego Varghese & Anu George	645 Stelton St.
08/28	Abi & Baiju Pothen	40 Bridge St.
08/28	Shaju & Mini Samuel	110 Legion Pl.
08/28	Mathew Sam & Anila George	71 Druid Ave.
08/30	Sagil & Jessy George	167 W Broad St.
08/31	Sanil Mathai & Mrs. Zeema Daniel	10 Simpson Ct.

## Vicar's Message



Dearly Beloved in Christ,

*“See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.” Hebrews 12:15 (NIV)*

**Bitterness is contagious**, and it can actually become generational. Somebody has to break the chain, and it better be you. If your parents are bitter because their parents were bitter and so-on, you're going to have to break the chain. It can spread from one person to a community. There is only one way to break it - Heal it with grace.

If you don't get God's grace in your life, life will make you bitter as life isn't fair. Why? Because sin is in the world. We live on a broken planet. This is not Heaven. Evil people get away with evil things all the time. Life is not fair. If you don't get grace in your heart, you will become bitter.

You should forgive a person because it is the right thing to do, and you also don't want your heart to be full of poison. You don't want your heart holding on to hurt and hatred. Forgiveness is free, but it is not cheap. It cost Jesus his life. It cost God his Son. And as Jesus was dying on the cross, with his arms outstretched and the blood dripping down, he said, **“Father, forgive them! They don't know what they're doing.”**

So as a Christian we can't live on with bitterness. The worst situation is that the bitterness among us has denied many from our fellowship and caused trouble and chaos in the church. Here we have to be alert of Paul's warning, **“See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.” Hebrews 12:15 (NIV)**

In a bitter situation how can we work? Paul says, **“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving”- Col:3:23-24.** So let's learn to forgive and heal the bitterness with Thy grace.

**“ Choose Grace, Not Bitterness ”**

May God bless us all for the same.

With Prayers,  
Moncey Achen

*“Forgiveness is free, but it is not cheap.  
It cost Jesus his life. It cost God His Son.”*

## Youth Chaplain's Message



Dear Families of the St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church, Teaneck, NJ,

Greetings. I hope you are having a blessed summer. Over the past few weeks, we have been having retreats, conferences, VBS's, and other programs on a parish, regional, and Diocesan level. All these ministries are meant for the spiritual growth of the faithful. Engaging in spiritual reflection and work will help us to grow in our relationship with the Lord and in our Christian witness.

The theme for this year's VBS was "Deep Sea Discovery: God is with me wherever I go," taken from Genesis 28:15. The passage depicts Jacob's dream, and the establishment of Bethel. God spoke to Him and he marked this place as a sign of God's everlasting presence ('Bethel' means house of God in Hebrew). God was assuring His blessings and providence on the Israelites as the people of God.

God speaks to us and works through us. Many times, as human beings, we rely on our knowledge or respond to our emotions without properly seeking the will of God Almighty who created us in His image and likeness. Many of our children wear a wristband which says, "W.W.J.D"- What would Jesus do? Through every experience, we need to ask if this is His will. We need to love what God loves, and hate what God hates. As Christians, we struggle with this, especially when the values of those around us may be different. I want to remind you that we know the Lord's will only when we are in a genuine relationship with Him. This will be a continuous struggle. But we need persistence.

We need to remember that God is with us. However, we also need to ask ourselves, are we with God? Let your life be the answer.

08/18	Mr. Jayce J. Vaidyan	37 Harcourt Ave.
08/19	Miss. Alaina E. George	33 Second St.
08/19	Miss. Cynthia Jacob	225 Bradley Ave.
08/19	Mrs. Leelamma Varghese	214 Central Ave.
08/21	Mrs. Jessy John	24 Beverly Rd.
08/21	Mrs. Reena R. Mathew	717 Howard St.
08/21	Miss. Shainy Samuel	102 Fairfield Dr.
08/22	Mr. Alvin J. Thomas	257 Birchwood Rd.
08/22	Mr. Jerry V. Jacob	9 West Oldis St.
08/23	Mr. Stephen D. John	5 Ingle Side Ct.
08/23	Mrs. Sunaina Mathew	1111 River Rd. #B-25
08/23	Mr. Jason M. Thomas	1014 Blvd.
08/24	Mr. Thomas Chacko	465 Knoll Rd.
08/25	Mr. Siby J. Mathew	749 Trenton St.
08/26	Mr. Benjamin S. Varghese	250 E 63rd St. #18G
08/26	Miss. Megha S. Mathew	749 Trenton St.
08/26	Mr. Reeve Varghese	176 Lawrence Dr.
08/27	Mr. Thomas Oommen Jr.	69 Iroquois Ave.
08/27	Mr. P. T. Chacko	465 Knoll Rd.
08/27	Mr. Richard K. Oommen	28 Fairview Ave.
08/27	Mrs. Aleyamma George	2 Pine Grove Ct.
08/27	Miss. Maya S. Kurian	41 Marinus St.
08/28	Mrs. Anna S. Abraham	50 Essex Pl.
08/28	Mr. T. S. Chacko	399 Graphic Blvd.
08/28	Mr. Joel M. John	12 Pershing St.
08/28	Mr. Shawn Philip	68 Bush Pl.
08/28	Mr. Prince Abraham	6 Pepperidge Rd.
08/29	Mr. Abel C. Cherian	16 Simpson Ct.
08/30	Mr. Kevin George	244 Jolene Ct.
08/30	Miss. Aanya Thomas	8 Cambridge Way
08/31	Mr. Varghese Kochummen	176 Lawrence Dr.
08/31	Mr. Marc S. Thomas	4 Lyncrest Drive

## BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday! We thank God for protecting you in the past year & pray that God's blessings be upon you in the new year. Please participate in the birthday thanksgiving prayer during Sunday worship service.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Street</b>
08/01	Mr. David T. Johnson	75 N Stoughton St.
08/01	Mr. Reji Joseph	26 S Franklin Ave.
08/03	Ms. Susan R. Varghese	250 E 63rd St., #18 G
08/04	Miss. Tina Varughese	34 Sunset Pl.
08/04	Miss. Chinchu A. Jacob	225 Bradley Ave.
08/04	Mrs. Merlin C. Varghese	300 South Dr.
08/06	Miss. Stephanie S. George	167 W Broad St.
08/07	Mrs. Priyanka Joseph	95 W Haledon Ave.
08/07	Mrs. Susan Philip	696 Westwood Ave.
08/07	Mr. Adithya K. Jacob	345 E 80th St, Apt# 6B
08/08	Mr. Mark Pothen	692 John St.
08/09	Miss. Rebekah M. Joseph	95 W Haledon Ave.
08/09	Mr. Shibu Mathew	165 Eagle Ave.
08/11	Miss. Sharon Mathews	212 Woodridge St.,
08/11	Miss. Shalin Thomas	420 Monroe Ave.
08/11	Miss. Rani A. Chacko	73 Delaware Ave.
08/12	Mrs. Grace Thomas	420 Monroe Ave.
08/13	Mr. Vanson Samuel	896 East Lawn Dr.
08/14	Mr. Joshua Mathew	1111 River Rd. #B-25
08/15	Mr. Samuel M. Varghese	896 East Lawn Dr.
08/16	Mrs. Dona S. Zachariah	37 Harcourt Ave.
08/16	Miss. Serin Mathew	46 Carnot Ave.
08/16	Miss. Veena Varughese	289 West Dr.
08/17	Mr. Thomas K. Thomas	1143 Rosse Ave.
08/17	Mrs. Elsie George	138 Forest Pl.
08/18	Mr. Ashish M. Samuel	466 Albert Pl.
08/18	Mr. Kevin M. James	818 Chestnut St.
08/18	Mr. Ryan Koshy Palackamannil	158 Anderson Ave.
08/18	Mr. George Philip	696 Westwood Ave.

Praise God for the blessings received during the Foundation Stone Laying ceremony on July 24<sup>th</sup>. The prayers and support of the faithful allowed us to reach this point. More prayers will be needed as the work progresses. Let us build the church to build the people of God.

May the blessings of God the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit be with you all.

Yours in Christ,

Philadelphia, PA  
07/24/2016

Rev. Dennis Abraham  
*Youth Chaplain*

### Contact Information

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## Parish Picnic



*Aug 6th, Saturday*

*9:00 AM - 4:00 PM*

*Venue: Pascack  
Brook Park,  
Westwood, NJ*

*BF/Lunch/Snacks Served*

*Fun Activities/Games/Barbeque/ Raffle*

*Reg Fee: \$10 Per Person/ \$25 Family*

*Please contact Mr. John Joseph or Mr.  
Saji Philip for more information.*



<b>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Worship Order</b>
08/07/16	10:00 AM	Holy Communion (English) <i>Mission from everyone to everywhere</i> DIOCESAN MISSION SUNDAY
08/14/16	08:30AM 10:00 AM	Divine Service (English) Holy Communion (Malayalam) <i>The Sacrament of Holy Qurbana</i> SUVISESHA NIDHI DAY
08/21/16	10:00 AM	Holy Communion (English) <i>The Supremacy of the word of God</i> COLLEGE STUDENTS DEDICATION SUNDAY
08/28/16	08:30 AM 10:00 AM	Divine Service (English) Holy Communion (Malayalam) <i>Peace in the midst of Violence</i>

<b>LECTIONARY</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Bible Lessons</b>	<b>Readers</b>
08/07/2016	1 King 17: 1-15 Jude 17-25	Jerry Jacob Serena Jacob
08/14/2016	Exo. 12:1-14 1 Cor. 11:23-33	Abe Alex Annamma Alex
08/21/2016	Exo. 7: 1-7 2 Tim 3:10-17	Davis Thomas Jewell Thomas
08/28/2016	1 Sam. 24: 1-12 Rom. 12: 14-21	Abi Pothen Daizy Cherian

<b>COTTAGE PRAYER MEETINGS</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Prayer Group</b>	<b>At the Residence of:</b>
08/07/16 Sunday	5:00 PM	C	Mr. Shibu Mathew & family 165 Eagle Ave, New Milford Ph: 201-838-8540
08/20/16 Saturday	6:00 PM	B	Mr. Thomas M. Thomas & family 99 Stillman Ave, Bergenfield Ph: 201-387-7627
08/27/16 Saturday	6:00 PM	C	Mr. P. T. Chacko & family 465 Knoll Rd, New Milford Ph: 201-483-7151
07/28/16 Sunday	6:00 PM	A	Mr. John Thomas & family 512 Kipp St, Teaneck Ph: 201-692-0454

<b>SPECIAL PRAYER MEETINGS</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Prayer Group</b>	<b>Hosted By:</b>
08/13/16 Saturday	6:00 PM	E	Mr. Varughese Cherian & family 371 N 10th St, Prospect Park Ph: 973-273-4655 <b>PRAYER AT CHURCH</b>

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

A baby boy, **Ezra Varughese Vivin**, was born to Mr. Vivin Issac and Mrs. Sharon Sunny (51 Hinchman Ave, Apt-1B, Wayne, NJ) on Sat, July 16, 2016. *Congratulations to the parents on behalf of the vicar and parishioners. Please remember the family in your prayers.*

**SENIOR CITIZENS FELLOWSHIP**

Seniors of the parish will assemble at the church every Wednesday at 10:00 AM. Seniors Citizens **Special Prayer Meeting** will be held on Sat, Aug 27 from 9:30 am -12:30 pm at the Church. Bible Quiz will be from the book of Deuteronomy and Acts. Lunch will be served. All Senior Citizens are invited to this meeting.

**SUNDAY COFFEE / REFRESHMENT (Area "D")**

Prayer Group 'D' is in charge of preparing coffee and cleanup on Sundays during the month of August. All Area 'D' members are requested to assist the Area D representative. Thank you !