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## Vicar's Message



Dearly Beloved in Christ,

*“A construction supervisor from the 16<sup>th</sup> floor of a building was calling a worker on the ground floor. Because of noise the worker did not hear his call. To draw attention, the supervisor dropped a 10 dollar bill in front of the worker. He picked up the bill, put it in his pocket and continued to work. Again to draw attention the supervisor dropped a 100 dollar bill and the worker did the same. Now, the supervisor picked a small stone and dropped on the worker. The stone hit the worker. This time the worker looked up and the supervisor communicated with him.”*

This story is same as to our ‘LIFE’. God from up above, wants to communicate with us. But we are busy doing our worldly jobs. Then, He give us small gifts & big gifts... We just keep them without looking from where we got it. We are the same. Just keeping the gifts without thanking Him, We just say, “We are LUCKY.” And when we are hit with a small stone, which we call PROBLEMS, then only we look up & communicate with Him. That is why it is said, He gives, gives n forgives and we get, get n forget.

Often our responsibilities more than fill the hours of the day. We may take time to read God’s word but then hurry off without receiving His truths into our hearts through prayer. Sometimes it’s hard to even remember what verse we read yesterday as His truths bounce off our occupied minds. Other times we may not make room to read His word but we do raise our cause to Him as we hurry on our way.

**“If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.” John 15:7.**

God’s word reveals His loving heart and His faithful character. " As we focus on Him and all He is in our lives and situations we are moved from chaos to calm and we will walk in peace " .

*...Look Un To The LORD...*

May God bless us all for the same.

With Prayers,  
Moncey Achen

## Youth Chaplain's Message



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

Almighty God has enabled us to cross the half way point of the year 2016. As we move forward, let us look into our spiritual life and how much we have labored for the Kingdom of God. As Christians, we have a great responsibility not only to grow spiritually, but to work out our salvation through our daily life (Philippians 2:12). This involves a creative and positive response to the gospel, through active (not passive) engagement with Christian faith.

In today's media and pop culture, there are many depictions of role models (especially in the form of actors, superstars, music artists, etc), and this includes models of good and bad characteristics. Many of us look up to them and attempt to emulate their persona and lifestyle as a part of our own. We need to understand that God created us in His image and likeness, so that we could reflect His glory in our life. Paul in his 1<sup>st</sup> letter to Timothy says: "*Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.*" (4:12)

We must be actively engaged in spiritual work. This is called *Mission in the Marketplace*. We are continuously in the "market" (which includes our homes, schools, workplaces, or other places outside of the church). These are spheres of influence, in which we are greatly impacted, but where we also have a great ability to impact. Being a Christian role model is the greatest gift we can give to the world. As we are in the summer months, let us reflect, repent, and renew our lives. Remember that we are clay in the potter's hands (Isaiah 64:8).

I encourage you to attend the various camps, retreats, and conferences planned on the parish, regional, & Diocesan levels. I wish all of you a blessed, productive, and Christ-centered summer.

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

Sincerely,

6/13/2016  
New Jersey

Dennis Achen (Youth Chaplain)

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**Diocesan & Regional Youth Fellowship:**

Diocesan Youth Conference is being held from July 28-31, 2016 at the Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI (hosted by Detroit MTC YF). Youths 18 & above are encouraged to attend.

Diocesan Leadership Conference hosted by the Christos MTC, Philadelphia from January 5-8, 2017. Please keep the conference in your prayers, and support the Youth Fellowship.

**Southeast Regional YF:**

Bible Collection Drive – The SERYP is collecting new, or gently used English bibles to be donated to those who aren't able to have a copy of the word of God. More details will be announced in the parishes soon.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

| Date     | Time                         | Worship Order   |
|----------|------------------------------|---|
| 07/03/16 | 10:00 AM                     | <b>Holy Communion (English)</b><br><b>Rev. DENNIS ABRAHAM</b><br><i>Faith that has to be enriched</i><br><i>Tithe Offering Sunday</i> |
| 07/10/16 | 08:30AM<br>10:00 AM          | <b>Divine Service: English</b><br><b>Holy Communion: Malayalam</b><br><i>Theological Education: Making of the Faithful</i>            |
| 07/17/16 | 10:00 AM                     | <b>Holy Communion : English</b><br><i>Holy Ordination: A fragrance to Christ</i><br><i>(9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)</i>    |
| 07/24/16 | 08:30 AM<br>10:00 AM         | <b>Divine Service: English</b><br><b>Holy Communion : Malayalam</b><br><i>Holy Marriage: Lasting life of Love</i>                     |
| 07/31/16 | 9:00 -<br>9:45AM<br>10:00 AM | <b>Holy Communion (Only for Sick &amp; Elderly)</b><br><b>Divine Worship (Eng &amp; Mal)</b><br><i>Holy Baptism: Born from Above</i>  |

## LECTIONARY

| Date       | Bible Lessons                   | Readers                           |
|------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 07/03/2016 | Mal. 3: 7-12<br>Phil. 4:10-20   | John Oommen<br>Reena Mathew       |
| 07/10/2016 | Josh. 4: 1-9<br>1 Cor. 10: 1-11 | Joy John<br>Lovely Joy            |
| 07/17/2016 | Exo. 29: 1-21<br>Eph. 5: 1-14   | Jonathan Samuel<br>Jeny Varughese |
| 07/24/2016 | Gen. 24: 32-52<br>Eph. 5: 20-33 | Samuel Mathai<br>Suja Samuel      |
| 07/31/2016 | Gen. 8:1-14<br>Col. 3:1-11      | Lay Leaders<br><i>(if needed)</i> |

## COTTAGE PRAYER MEETINGS

| Date                 | Time    | Prayer Group | At the Residence of:  |
|----------------------|---------|--------------|---|
| 07/09/16<br>Saturday | 6:00 PM | C            | Mr. Joy John & family<br>1147 Rosse Ave, New Milford<br>Ph: 201-281-8081              |
| 07/10/16<br>Sunday   | 5:00 PM | B            | Mr. Reji Joseph & family<br>26 S. Franklin Ave, Bergenfield<br>Ph: 201-647-3836       |
| 07/17/16<br>Sunday   | 5:30 PM | A            | Mr. & Mrs. Poikayil J. Mathew<br>88 Oak St, Teaneck<br>Ph: 201-836-3157               |
| 07/23/16<br>Saturday | 4:00 PM | E            | Mr. Joby Varghese & family<br>7-50 Westmore Land Ave.<br>Fairlawn<br>Ph: 954-732-1876 |
| 07/30/16<br>Saturday | 6:00 PM | D            | Mr. Mathew P. Sam & family<br>71 Druid Ave, Dumont<br>Ph: 201-244-1819                |

## SPECIAL PRAYER MEETINGS

| Date                 | Time    | Prayer Group | At Church/ At the Residence of  |
|----------------------|---------|--------------|---|
| 07/02/16<br>Saturday | 6:00 PM | A            | Mr. & Mrs. George Koshy<br>381 Beech St, Teaneck<br>Ph: 201-801-0319<br>Location: AT RESIDENCE      |
| 07/24/16<br>Sunday   | 5:30 PM | D            | Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Varghese<br>300 South Dr, Paramus<br>Ph: 201-599-0003<br>Location: AT THE CHURCH |

## CONDOLENCE

**Mr. Thomas Mathew Sr.** (82), of Pune, India was called to his eternal home on Wed, June 15, 2016 in Pune. Mr. Thomas Mathew Sr. is the beloved father of our member Mr. Thomas Mathew (46 Rivergate Dr, Wilton, CT) and also the beloved brother-in-law of our member, Mrs. Rachel Philips (195 Highland Ave, Bergenfield, NJ). As a Parish, let us extend our sincere and deepest condolences to Mr. Thomas Mathew & family and Mrs. Rachel Philips & family.  
*Please remember the families in your prayers.*

## 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>          |
|-------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 07/01       | Ms. Dea G. Sanil          | 10 Simpson Ct.         |
| 07/01       | Mr. John Mathew           | 730 Asbury St.         |
| 07/01       | Mr. Bilson Poikayil       | 49 Birch St.           |
| 07/02       | Mr. Jonathan T. George    | 244 Jolene Ct.         |
| 07/03       | Mrs. Sheeba M. Mathew     | 26 Lafayette Ave.      |
| 07/06       | Mr. Varghese Thomas       | 6 Bedford Ct.          |
| 07/07       | Miss. Julia M. Joy        | 1147 Rosse Ave.        |
| 07/07       | Mrs. Aleyamma M. Thomas   | 1219 River Rd.         |
| 07/07       | Mr. Varghese George       | 324 Harris Pl.         |
| 07/08       | Mr. Prathish Mathew       | 27 New York Ave.       |
| 07/08       | Mrs. Elizabeth J. Vaidyan | 37 Harcourt Ave.       |
| 07/09       | Mrs. Stacey Malayil       | 16 Holly Ct.           |
| 07/09       | Mr. Shijin M. George      | 30 Woods Ave.          |
| 07/09       | Mr. Ashwin C. Babu        | 70 Somers Ave.         |
| 07/09       | Mr. Kevin Mathew          | 848 Country Club Dr.   |
| 07/11       | Mr. Ryan Thomas           | 22 Bluebell Ct.        |
| 07/11       | Mrs. Moni Thomas          | 1143 Rosse Ave.        |
| 07/11       | Mr. Benjamin M. Sam       | 71 Druid Ave.          |
| 07/11       | Mrs. Susamma P. Thampan   | 29 Brownstone Ter.     |
| 07/11       | Mr. Reni K. Ninan         | 65 Brook St.           |
| 07/11       | Mr. Rex Varghese          | 3 Palisade Ave.        |
| 07/13       | Mr. Steven Abraham        | 794 Godwin Rd.         |
| 07/13       | Mr. Issac B. Thomas       | 1313 Grand St Apt# 307 |
| 07/13       | Mr. Jason T. George       | 244 Jolene Ct          |
| 07/14       | Mrs. Sheryn George        | 244 Jolene Ct.         |
| 07/14       | Mrs. Annamma Abraham      | 794 Godwin Rd.         |
| 07/14       | Mrs. Soli J. Thomas       | 3 Palisade Ave.        |
| 07/14       | Mrs. Suja John            | 865 Ester Ave.         |
| 07/14       | Mrs. Saramma Mathew       | 749 Trenton St.        |



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|-------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 07/18 | Miss. Prizy Abraham       | 6 Pepperidge Rd.         |
| 07/18 | Mrs. Annamma Thomas       | 79 Morgan St.            |
| 07/19 | Mr. Tony Varughese        | 34 Sunset Pl.            |
| 07/19 | Mr. Mathew J. Prince      | 183 Maple St.            |
| 07/20 | Dr. Mariamma Thomas       | 857 Wearimus Rd.         |
| 07/21 | Mrs. Kunjamma Philip      | 696 Westwood Ave.        |
| 07/21 | Mrs. Christina John       | 3 Jean Ct.               |
| 07/22 | Mr. Rego M. Varghese      | 645 Stelton St.          |
| 07/22 | Mr. Abe Alex              | 53 Greenbriar St.        |
| 07/23 | Mr. Daniel Daniel         | 178 Cambridge Ave.       |
| 07/23 | Mrs. Aleyamma Mathunny    | 405 Kehoe Ct.            |
| 07/23 | Mr. Jerin C. John         | 53 E. Broad St.          |
| 07/23 | Miss. Katelyn M. Varghese | 400 Riverfront Blvd.     |
| 07/24 | Mr. Jerry O. Abraham      | 208 Thomas Dr.           |
| 07/25 | Miss. Jaicy M. John       | 183 Kings Ct.            |
| 07/26 | Miss. Meghna L. Antony    | 301A Reichelt Ave.       |
| 07/27 | Mrs. Jewell Thomas        | 79 Morgan St.            |
| 07/27 | Mr. Shiju S. Scariah      | 186 Oak Street           |
| 07/29 | Miss. Jeny A. Varughese   | 50 Lakeshore Dr.         |
| 07/29 | Mr. Jonathan M. Samuel    | 110 Legion Pl.           |
| 07/29 | Miss. Shirley Thomas      | 54 Pleasant Ave.         |
| 07/30 | Mr. Alexander D. Thomas   | 1313 Grand St. Apt. #307 |
| 07/30 | Miss. Ishita A. Antony    | 301A Reichelt Ave.       |
| 07/31 | Mr. Samuel P. Abraham     | 13 Cherry Pl.            |
| 07/31 | Mrs. Liby Mathai          | 17 Franklin St.          |

### **Charitable Donation by First Communicants**

The 19 children who took first communion in March, 2016 collected \$550 for charity. Collected funds were donated to benefit the underprivileged children at the below two Mar Thoma Mission Centers in Kerala:

1. Mar Thoma Mission Centre, Kokkathodu - \$300 (Rs 20,000)
  2. Mar Thoma Children's Home, Thalavappara -\$200 (Rs 16,500)
- Rev. Moncy P. Jacob, Director, Kokkathodu Mission Center and Rev. Benny S Varghese, Director, Thalavappara Children's Home thanked all first communicants, parents and the St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church for their support and goodwill.*

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Name</b>                   | <b>Street</b>     |
|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| 07/01       | John & Geeta Prince           | 183 Maple St.     |
| 07/02       | Roy & Reena Mathew            | 717 Howard St.    |
| 07/05       | Samuel Palathanathu & Annamma | 71 Druid Ave.     |
| 07/06       | Joy John & Lovely Joy         | 1147 Rosse Ave.   |
| 07/11       | Alex Daniel & Sherly Baby     | 214 Central Ave.  |
| 07/12       | George Samuel & Mariamma      | 30 Woods Ave.     |
| 07/17       | Ashley & Liza George          | 244 Jolene Ct.    |
| 07/19       | Thomas & Moni Thomas          | 1143 Rosse Ave.   |
| 07/19       | John & Lovecy Mathew          | 730 Asbury St.    |
| 07/20       | Samuel Mathai & Suja Samuel   | 466 Albert Pl.    |
| 07/22       | Anoop Thomas & Jogy Varghese  | 780 Plympton St.  |
| 07/28       | Abraham & Sibi Mathew         | 39 Rector Ct.     |
| 07/29       | Thomas Kochummen & Reni       | 22 Bluebell Ct.   |
| 07/30       | Jacob & Annie Thomas          | 257 Birchwood Rd. |

## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

### Bible Studies:-

- July 1 - No Bible Study due to Jr/Sr Conference.
- July 8 - Bible Study at church at 6:30pm - prayer for VBS.
- July 15 - No bible study because of VBS.
- July 22 - Live Worship Bible Study at church at 6:30 pm.
- July 29 - No bible study due to National Youth Conference.

### Missions Activities:-

**Spectrum for Living:** On July 23rd, SPMTYF will be working with Spectrum for Living, an organization that serves the needs of developmentally disabled adults. The Youth Fellowship is looking for 10 volunteers to sign up to help "entertain" the folks at this center through worship, singing, dancing, and crafts. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the missions coordinators, Ms. Gabi John or Mr. Gabriel Cherian.

## SUNDAY COFFEE / REFRESHMENT (Area "C")

Area 'C' is in charge of making coffee on Sunday's in July.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Vacation Bible School will be held from July 11 – July 15. The theme for this year is “**Deep Sea Discovery: God is With Me Wherever I Go.**” Parents are requested to encourage the children to attend the VBS. *Please contact the VBS co-ordinators, Ms. Jeny Varghese or Ms. Liji John for more information.*

## **YOUNG FAMILIES FELLOWSHIP**

**Cloth Drive:** YFF members are collecting new or lightly used children clothes to donate to an Orphanage in Orissa. There is a box setup in church basement to collect the clothes by July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please drop the clothes in the box.

## **YUVAJANA SAKHYAM**

Yuvajana Sakhyam **prayer meeting** will be held on Sun, July 03, 2016 at 5:00 PM at the church. This prayer meeting is hosted by Sanil & Zeema Mathai. All Yuvajana Sakhyam members are requested to attend the prayer meeting.

The **18<sup>th</sup> Diocesan YS Conference** will be held from July 15 – July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Holiday Inn, 800 S Rt. 31, Crystal Lake, Illinois. The theme for the conference is Representing Christ in a chaotic World.

## **SEVIKA SANGHAM**

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

Sevika Sangham is arranging a Fasting Prayer on Sat, July 2 from 10 am - 12 noon at the church.

Sevika Sangham Center ‘A’ meeting will be held on Sat, Sept 03<sup>rd</sup> at St. Stephen’s MTC. Registration will start at **9.00 AM**.

All Sevika Sangham members are requested to attend these prayer meetings.

## **EDAVAKA MISSION**

Edavaka Mission prayer meetings will be held on Fridays at 6:00 PM at the church. All Edavaka Mission members are requested to attend the prayer meeting.

## **SENIOR CITIZENS FELLOWSHIP**

Seniors of the parish will assemble at the church every wednesday at 10:00 AM. All seniors are welcome to come and enjoy the fellowship.

**TRIP TO SIGHT N SOUND THEATERS, PA ON JULY 22<sup>nd</sup>:**

Everyone who has paid for this trip must arrive by 9:30 am at the church. The bus will depart from church at 10 am. The show starts at 2:45 PM and the bus will be back at church by 8:30 pm.

If undelivered, please return to:

*St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church*

*70 Cedar Lane*

*Teaneck, NJ 07666.*

## FIRST CLASS MAIL



Stamp:

Please pick  
up your  
copy of the  
newsletter.

| Date     | Time                 | Worship Order  |
|----------|----------------------|--|
| 07/03/16 | 10:00 AM             | Holy Communion – English<br>Rev. Dennis Abraham              |
| 07/10/16 | 08:30 AM<br>10:00 AM | Divine Service-English<br>Holy Communion-Malayalam           |
| 07/17/16 | 10:00 AM             | Holy Communion-English                                       |
| 07/24/16 | 08:30 AM<br>10:00 AM | Divine Service-English<br>Holy Communion-Malayalam           |
| 07/31/16 | 09:00 AM<br>10:00 AM | Holy Communion (Sick & Elderly)<br>Divine Worship –Eng & Mal |