

St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church

70 Cedar Lane, Teaneck, NJ 07666

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Lent

Pray Fast Give



February 2018 News Letter

LENT

Vicar: Rev. Moncey Mathew
(201) 692-9565

Sunday Worship Service : 10:30 AM
Sunday School: 9:00 AM

St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

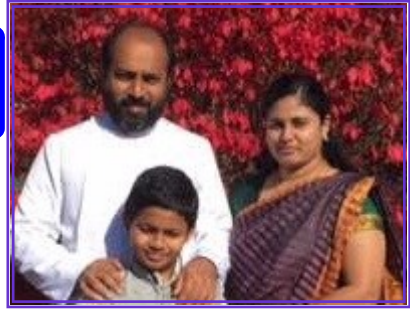
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VICAR'S MESSAGE



Rev. Moncey Mathew

"WE SPEAK AS WE ARE "

Matthew 12:33-37.

'Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit. You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good?

For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him.

But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken.

For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.'

***Beware of our condemnation
and watch our words***

With prayers
Moncey Achen

Rev. Dennis Abraham,
Youth Chaplain, South East Region
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YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Dear Families of the St. Peter's,

We are approaching yet another lenten (Valiya Nombu) season. Fasting is a salient feature of our Christian faith, and we can observe its prevalence throughout the history/development of the church, and also throughout the Holy Scriptures. According to the book of the Prophet Joel: *"Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing."* (Joel 2: 12-13, NRSV).

Fasting allowed different men and women of God to be reoriented to God's divine plan and purpose. Being part of the Lenten experiences enables us to participate in Christ's redemptive experience. We need to understand that fasting and Lent are not simply rituals; they are spiritual experiences. A time for reflection and repentance will lead to renewal. It is part of our spiritual discipline which needs to be taken seriously.

It is easy to misunderstand Lent in light of the "commercialized" forms of lent observances, which include giving up of different things or habits. Food restriction (for example, vegetarian diet) or periods of fasting throughout the week should be followed by an intentional approach to faith, which will amount to a deeper inner spiritual experience which is transformative through the power of the holy trinity. Fasting will lose its purpose if it is not accompanied by transformation. Fasting without transformation will only be a ritual. Observing lent genuinely and commitment will lead to transformation of the self, family, church, society, and world.

My hope and prayer are that this year's Lenten experience will be an enrichment experience which will result in bearing fruit for the Kingdom of God. Let our prayer be: *"Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us sinners."*

May the blessings of God the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit, be with us all, especially during this Lenten season.

PRAYER MEETINGS / EVENTS

| Day / Date | Time | Type | Hosted By / Location |
|--------------|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat / Feb 3 | 10:00 AM | Fasting Prayer | Sevika Sanghom Church |
| Sat / Feb 3 | 5:30 PM | YFF Prayer Meeting | Church |
| Fri / Feb 9 | 10: 00 AM | Sevika Sanghom | Sisily Mathew 146 Forest Place Rochelle Pk (201) 368-1567 |
| Sat / Feb 17 | 5:00 PM 7:00 PM | Combined Youth Fellowship | St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church |
| Sun / Feb 25 | 5: 00 PM | Area 'C' Prayer | James P Mathew 818 Chestnut Street New Milford (201) 261-6720 |

NEW CHURCH & PARSONAGE - STATUS UPDATE - II

- Jan 11, 2018: Seller's reviewed the Draft Copy of the Real Estate Sale Purchase agreement and requested changes to the agreement.
- Jan 13, 2018: Executive Committee met and requested 12 months closing instead of the 22 month closing.
- Jan 17, 2018: Attorney responded with seller's final comments.
- Jan 20, 2018: Executive Committee met and agreed to proceed with the requested changes from the seller: Closing 22 Months, Inspections within 60 days, Mortgage 1.5 Mil within 90 days, property to be delivered vacant broom clean.
- Jan 25, 2018: Thirumeni visited the property and had meeting with the sellers.
- Jan 30, 2018: Final agreement received for signatures
- Feb 3, 2018: Executive Committee Scheduled

Area 'B' Coffee/Cleanup

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations! We pray & thank God for all His blessings received last year,
Please participate in the Sunday Birthday Thanksgiving Prayer



| Date | Name | Street |
|-------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 02/01 | Mrs. Sosamma John | 183 Kings Ct. |
| 02/01 | Dr. Glenson Samuel | 48 Walnut St. |
| 02/02 | Mr. Daniel T. Koshy | 906 Phelps Rd. |
| 02/03 | Mr. Jobin G. Mathew | 3432 Riverside Stn. Blvd. |
| 02/03 | Mrs. Lali Cherian | 16 Simpson Ct. |
| 02/04 | Miss. Jeena Mathew | 46 Carnot Ave. |
| 02/05 | Miss. Victoria Samuel | 110 Legion Pl. |
| 02/05 | Mrs. Mary Simon | 302 Neumeier Dr. |
| 02/05 | Mr. Jacob P. Vaidyan | 37 Harcourt Ave. |
| 02/06 | Mr. Saji P. John | 184 E Howard Dr. |
| 02/06 | Mr. Parampil M. Varghese | 8 Hillock Ave. |
| 02/10 | Mr. John Mathai Jr. | 5 Ingle Side Ct. |
| 02/11 | Miss. Sasha Varghese | 4 Gramercy Ln. |
| 02/11 | Mrs. Saly Samuel | 67 Van Valkenburgh Ave. |
| 02/11 | Mr. Chris G. Ajit | 7 West Clinton Ave |
| 02/11 | Mrs. Sharon Sunny | 51 Hinchman Ave, |
| 02/12 | Mrs. Anu George | 645 Stelton St. |
| 02/13 | Miss. Susan S. Koshy | 906 Phelps Rd. |
| 02/13 | Mr. Robin Koshy | 226 Fredrick St. |
| 02/13 | Mr. Jojo M. John | 12 Pershing St. |
| 02/14 | Miss. Gabriella E. John | 5 Ingle Side Ct. |
| 02/14 | Mrs. Animol John | 2 Karen Rd. |
| 02/15 | Mr. Abraham C. Varkey | 76 Spring Dr. |
| 02/15 | Mr. Jacob Chacko | 465 Knoll Rd. |

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

| Date | Name | Street |
|-------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| 02/15 | Mr. Thomas C. Abraham | 8 Cambridge Way |
| 02/15 | Mr. Samuel Kochummen | 136 Lincoln Ave. |
| 02/15 | Mrs. Nithya Thomas | 345 E 80th St., NY |
| 02/16 | Mr. John Abraham | 498 Windsor Rd.. |
| 02/17 | Mr. Tom Abraham | 283 Marine Ct. |
| 02/17 | Mr. Anil George | 645 Stelton St. |
| 02/17 | Mr. Mathai C. Varkey | 17 Franklin St. |
| 02/18 | Miss. Arsha T. Chacko | 21 Leonhard Dr. |
| 02/20 | Miss. Neetha Mathew | 46 Carnot Ave. |
| 02/20 | Mr. Ryan M. Varghese | 645 Stelton St. |
| 02/21 | Mr. John Mathai | 498 Windsor Rd. |
| 02/21 | Mrs. Mariamma Thomas | 728 Stephens Ct |
| 02/21 | Mrs. Mariam George | 444 Wildrose Ave. |
| 02/22 | Miss. Nina Varughese | 289 West Dr. |
| 02/23 | Mrs. Marykutty Samuel | 48 Walnut St. |
| 02/24 | Miss. Rayna S. Koshy | 158 Anderson Ave. |
| 02/25 | Mrs. Sibi Mathew | 39 Rector Ct. |
| 02/25 | Mr. Cherry Thomas | 54 Pleasant Ave. |
| 02/25 | Miss. Julianne S. Cherian | 371 N 10th St. |
| 02/25 | Mr. Bijoy M. S. | 2 Surim Ct. |
| 02/26 | Mr. Hanoch Mathew | 631 John St. |
| 02/27 | Mr. Jerry Joseph | 353 Charles St. |
| 02/27 | Miss. Brittany Banta | 178 Cambridge Ave. |

Wedding Anniversaries: Wishing each one of you a Blessed Married Life. celebrate this special day by partaking in the Thanks giving prayer during Sunday

| Date | Name | Street |
|-------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 02/01 | K. C. Mathew & Sisily | 146 Forest Pl. |
| 02/03 | Renu Kochumman & Anjana | 180 Truman Ter. |
| 02/05 | Varughese Oommen & Jessy | 17-10 Morlot Ave. |
| 02/07 | Abraham Alakkattil & Jessy | 125 Linwood Ave. |
| 02/09 | Noble Mathew & Marina | 26 Port Imperial |
| 02/09 | George Philip & Sosamma | 49 Beechwood St. |
| 02/10 | Samuel M. Varghese & Sosamma | 896 East Lawn Dr. |
| 02/12 | David Johnson & Sherine Johnson | 75 N Stoughton St. |
| 02/14 | Joseph Abraham & Monica | 794 Godwin Rd. |
| 02/14 | Joji Varghese & Soli Thomas | 3 Palisade Ave. |
| 02/15 | John Mathai Jr. & Mince John | 5 Ingle Side Ct. |
| 02/15 | Samuel Daniel & Babykutty | 135 New Jersey Ave. |
| 02/17 | Salil & Anitha Samuel | 302 Neumaier Dr |
| 02/24 | Zibi Varghese & Lince Merin | 4 Gramercy Lane |
| 02/28 | Saji Philip & Suman | 68 Bush Pl. |
| 02/28 | John Thomas & Philomina | 512 Kipp St. |



YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Youth members meet at the Church every Friday 7: 00 PM at the Church or at one of the member's house.

Combined Youth Fellowship Meeting: *A combined Youth Fellowship Meeting Hosted by St. Peter's will be held Saturday February 17, 2018 5:00 PM— 7: 00 PM . Special guest: Dennis P Abraham.*

Regional & Diocesan YF

The SE Regional Youth Fellowship Spring One Day Conference will be held on Saturday, March 31, 2018 at the Mar Thoma Church of New Jersey, Randolph.

Urban Missions will take place in Philadelphia in the month of March. Please visit <https://www.mtcurbanmissions.org/> for more information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Students School begins at 9:00 AM at the Church.

EDAVALA MISSION

Edavaka Mission prayer meetings are held Fridays 6:00 PM at the Church. Please contact Edavaka Mission Secretary for more information.

SEVIKA SANGHAM

Sevika Sangham meetings are held Friday's 10:00 AM at the Church or at a member's residence.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens of the Parish meet for fellowship and prayer Wednesday mornings 10:00 AM at the Church.

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

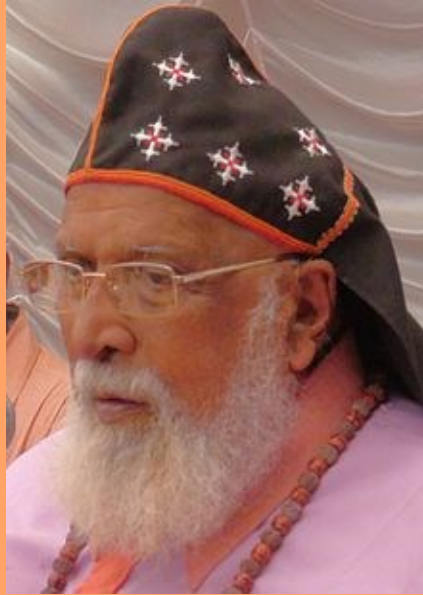
Yuvajana Sakhyam Members meet once a month for fellowship & Prayer.

YOUNG FAMILIES FELLOWSHIP

Young Families Fellowship Members meet once a month—Check YF Secretary's email for time and location of meetings.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

The Indian Government recognized and honored our **Most Rev. Dr. Philipose Mar Chrysostom , Mar Thoma Valiya Metropolitan** for his contributions by selecting him to receive the Padma Bhushan Award, one of the highest civilian awards. Announcement was made on Republic Day of India, Jan 26, 2018. Thirumeni has been a bishop for 65 years, the longest-serving bishop in India. Thirumeni will be celebrating his 101st birthday on April 27, 2018.



Padma Bhushan
Most Rev. Dr. Philipose Mar Chrysostom

*Members of St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church ,
Teaneck, NJ Congratulate Thirumeni on receiving
this honor.*



Worship Schedule

| DATE | TIME | WORSHIP |
|--------------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sun / Feb 4 | 10:30 AM | English - Holy Communion <i>'Medical Mission Sunday'</i> |
| Sun / Feb 11 <i>Great Lent Begins</i> | 10:30 AM | Malayalam-Holy Communion <i>123 Maramon Convention Begins</i> |
| Sun / Feb 18 <i>2nd Sunday of Lent.</i> | 10:30 AM | English - Holy Communion <i>'Touching the Untouchable'</i> |
| Sun / Feb 25 <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i> | 10:30 AM | Malayalam- Holy Communion <i>'Life Restoring Faith'</i> |
| Sun / Mar 4 <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i> | 10:30 AM | English - Holy Communion <i>'Persistence in Prayer Leads to Healing'</i> |



Lectionary

| DATE | BIBLE LESSONS | READ BY |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Feb 4, 2018 | Job. 42: 1-12 Rev. 22: 1-5 2 Cor. 12: 1-10 / John 5: 1-16 | Jobin George Mathew Jeena Mathew |
| Feb 11, 2018 | Gen. 45: 1-15 Eph. 2: 11-22 2 Cor. 5: 16-21 / John 2: 1-11 | K. C. Mathew Sisily Mathew |
| Feb 18, 2018 | 2 Kgs. 5: 1-15 Heb. 13: 7-17 Phlm. 8: 8-18 / St. Mat. 8: 1-4 | Jerry Joseph Gabriella John |
| Feb 25, 2018 | 2 Kgs. 4: 1-7 Acts 5:12 -16 Heb. 11: 1-12 / Luke 5: 17-26 | Varughese Oommen Jessy Varghese |
| Mar 4, 2018 | 2 Kgs. 20: 1-10 I Thes 5:12 -22 Jud.17: 23 / St. Mark 7: 24-30 | Alen T James Jinsy M Varghese |

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

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| Mar 4, 2018 | 10:30 AM | English—Holy Communion |