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## Newsletter

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NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2019

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE / LECTIONARY JANUARY 2019**

Date	Service /Time	First Lesson	Second Lesson	Epistle/ Assisting	Gospel
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<b>JAN 06 SUN</b>	Holy Communion <b>10:30 AM Malayalam</b>	Isaiah 56:1-8 Philip Skaria	Revelations 7:9-17 Rosamma Thomas	Romans 6:1-11 Saji Jacob Rogin Rajee	<b>St. Mark 1:1-11</b>
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<b>JAN 13 SUN</b>	Holy Communion <b>10.30 AM English</b>	Deuteronomy 7:1-11 Samuel Babu	Ephesians 5:15-21 Irene Reni	1Peter 1:13-19 Jeffrey Varughese Sanjai George	<b>St. Luke 6:43-45</b>
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<b>JAN 20 SUN</b>	Holy Communion <b>10.30 AM Malayalam</b>	Deuteronomy 4:1-10 Varughese Thomas	1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Marykutty Varughese (Suma)	Ephesians 3:1-7 Wilsant Babukutty Rogin Rajee	<b>St. John 15:1-12</b>
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<b>JAN 27 SUN</b>	Holy Communion <b>10:00 AM English</b>	Isaiah 5:1-7 Austin Symachen	Revelations 3:14-12 Vinetta Cherian	Galatians 5:16-26 Anthony Mathai Sanjai George	<b>St. Luke 3:1-14</b>
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***Wish you all***

***A Happy New Year***

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2019**

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### 2019 Important Dates

1-Jan	New Year
3-Mar	Beginning of Great Lent
27-Mar	Mid-Lent
14-Apr	Palm Sunday
19-Apr	Good Friday
21-Apr	Easter
12-May	Mother's Day
16-Jun	Father's Day
28-Nov	Thanksgiving Day
25-Dec	Christmas

***Dear Parish members,  
Its with great joy that we are welcoming a New Year. According to Greek mythology, Janus the God of beginning and end has two faces facing in opposite directions. Hence the first month is called January as it is a time to reflect on the past and look forward to the future. Learn from our mistakes in the past and correct ourselves for a better tomorrow. God has forgiven our sins and it is our duty to lead a sin free life in the New Year. There may be challenges ahead of us but the Lord God Almighty who brought us so far is faithful.***

***It's time for new resolutions and to fulfill those resolutions that were never fulfilled. May the Lord God Almighty lead us and guide us throughout the New Year. As a worshipping community, let us depend on God's grace and guidance throughout the year.***

***Lets intercede for those who are in need, sick, less fortunate and the marginalized. Wishing you all a very Happy New Year and let the new Year be full of happiness and blessings.***

**Secretary**

### *From the desk of the Vicar*

**Greetings to all in the name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ Dearly beloved in Christ**  
2018 is behind us and 2019 lies ahead. At the dawn of this New Year, we give thanks to Almighty God, for His constant guidance throughout the past year. God blessed us with both pleasant and unpleasant events. The message God gave me at dawn of this year for our Parish came from the Book of Isaiah 43:18, 19.

**“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the desert.”** Isaiah’s writing to the Israelites came at their miserable period of exile. They have lost everything. The prophet gives a word of hope in the midst of their disappointments. The steps to embracing the new thing God wants to do in your life is to,

**1 Change your focus –Quit looking behind, start looking ahead. Forget the former things, if you are continually looking behind, you can’t see where you are going.**

**You can’t allow your past failures to possess you.**

**You cannot depend upon your past victories to sustain.**

**You cannot live on yesterday’s faith.**

**2. Clarify your focus- Discover what God wants for you.**

**You must first see yourself as God sees you.**

**You must see your possibilities as God sees them.**

**3. Commit yourself to God’s plan**

**Dear friends God has already set into motion a new direction and a new purpose in your life - Are you ready to obey and follow Him? Wishing all parishioners, a fulfilling and prosperous new year. May your relationship with Jesus Christ grow stronger this year and may He grant you the courage to do His will perfectly in every aspect of your life.**

**Happy New Year to All.**

**In His Service**

**Reniachen.**

### Youth Chaplain's Corner

I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9 (NRSV)

Joshua was entrusted to lead the Israelites into the promise land without the leadership of Moses. As he recalled the challenges that he faced in the past, as he reflected on his own abilities, he probably felt that he was not capable of the task ahead of him. It was at this time that the word of the Lord came to him. The Lord's words and the guarantee of the Lord's presence enabled Joshua to go forward to accomplish what he had to do.

The reason that Joshua was not to be afraid or dismayed was because the Lord was going to be with him. This is similar to the experience of the disciples at the end of the Gospel of Matthew. Jesus told the disciple to go into the world and teach the people the word and will of God, making disciples of people from all nations. With the commission was the promise that "I am with you always, to the end of the age (Matthew 28:20)."

We as Christians are called to believe in God and do the tasks that God has called us to do. This New Year we will all face trails and difficulties, but remember that God is with us. Remember that God will empower us. Remember faith does not make things easy, faith makes things possible.

Rev. Shibi

### JANUARY Birthdays *Continued...*

Jan-25	Miss. Tina Thomas	182 Queen Street
Jan-25	Dr. Shiny Thomas	1309 Vincenzo Dr
Jan-25	Mr. Jicky Wilson	576 Westwood Avenue
Jan-27	Mr. Mathew P. George	15 Jasper Street
Jan-29	Mr. Liju James	1706 Plainfield Avenue
Jan-31	Mr. Allen Panicker	461 North Gannon Avenue
Jan-31	Mr. Dain Jose	392 Buchanan Avenue

### JANUARY Wedding Anniversaries

Jan-3	Shiny & Varughese T. Abraham	171 Willard Ave
Jan-6	Julie & Binoy Thomas	127 Valesi Drive
Jan-7	Marykutty & Shailey Varughese	444 Fanning St
Jan-9	Liziamma & Koshy P. Koshy	436 Adams Avenue
Jan-10	Mariamamma & Abraham Varampathu	3 Dewhurst Street
Jan-11	Prabha & George John	351 Jewett Avenue
Jan-13	Riggi & Wilsant K. Babukutty	190 Melba Street
Jan-16	Ancy & Thomas Mathai	240 Suffolk Avenue
Jan-17	Omana & Rajee V. Thomas	19 Pilcher Street
Jan-19	Molly & Thomas Mathew	182 Queen Street
Jan-20	Checha & George V. John	25 Gladwin Avenue
Jan-22	Rachel & Varughesekutty Philip	199 Maryland Avenue
Jan-24	Mary & Shiju Varughese	28 Steers Street
Jan-28	Elizabeth & Jose George	256 Granate Avenue
Jan-31	Aney & Varughese Raju	629 Targee Street

### *Greetings*

*To all those who celebrate their Birthday / Wedding Anniversary,*

*wish you all the best and have a Blessed Year.*

## JANUARY Birthdays

Jan-1	Mr. Joel Varughese	127 Suffolk Avenue
Jan-1	Mrs. Elssy Mathew	439 Boulder Drive
Jan-3	Mr. Sunil George	323 Mountainview Avenue
Jan-3	Miss. Kesiah Varughese	171 Willard Ave
Jan-3	Miss. Nicole Mathews	404 Buchanan Avenue
Jan-5	Mr. Robby Thomas	264 Wellbrook Avenue
Jan-7	Mrs. Mary Jacob-Alex	62 Birchard Avenue
Jan-8	Mrs. Mugdha John	47 Ketcham Road
Jan-10	Mr. Ron Varughese	156 Browning Avenue
Jan-10	Mr. Riju Thomas	1086 Manor Road
Jan-10	Miss Vinetta Cherian	578 Westwood Avenue
Jan-10	Master. Noah John	20 Deerfield Road
Jan-11	Miss. Ashley Eapen	346 Buchanan Avenue
Jan-11	Mr. Shaji George	260 Warwick Avenue
Jan-13	Mr. Shinto Mathukutty	376 Gansevoort Boulevard
Jan-13	Mr. Praveen Lal	196 Quinlan Avenue
Jan-14	Mr. Philip Skaria	22 Athena Place
Jan-14	Mrs. Jessy Thomas	16 Roosevelt Ave
Jan-15	Mr. Stanley Thomas	268 Warwick Avenue
Jan-17	Mr. Jobin Jacob	27 Area Place
Jan-17	Mrs. Susan Abraham	3947 Park Avenue
Jan-17	Miss. Victoria Jacob	66 Birchard Avenue
Jan-18	Miss. Jyotsna Joy	45 Jasper St
Jan-22	Miss. Laiju Joseph	339 Lake Avenue
Jan-24	Mr. Babu Varghese	64 Holden Boulevard

North East Region Sevika Sanghom Center A

Prayer Meeting on

On Saturday, January 12th, 2019

10:00 AM

at Epiphany MTC, Ozone Park, NY

### Community Outreach 2019

Young Family Fellowship, first Community outreach program for the Year 2019 on Monday January 21st in the afternoon at Sea view Hospital and Rehabilitation Center and Home 460 Brielle Ave, Staten Island.

Please save the date and contact Dr. Sheeja Thomas for more information

**Telephone Prayer on Wednesday January 2nd at 8:00 P.M**  
**Prayer line Number - (605) - 472 - 5485**  
**I.D: 537772#**

**MONTH AT A GLANCE - JANUARY 2019**

**AREA PRAYER MEETINGS**

**Bradley Prayer Group**

Jan 05 SAT 7:00 P.M Mr. Leslie V. Mathews, 206 Holden Blvd, S.I

**Hylan Blvd/ New Jersey**

TBA

**North Shore Prayer Group**

Jan 19 SAT 6:00 P.M Mr. Varughese T. Abraham, 171 Willard Ave, S.I

**Willowbrook Prayer Group**

TBA

**FASTING PRAYER**

Jan 04 FRI 10:00 A.M Mr. Varughese T, Abraham, 171 Willard Ave, S.I

Jan 11 FRI 10:00 A.M Mr. Anthony Chacko, 283 Martin Ave, S.I

Jan 18 FRI 10:00 A.M Mr. Thomas Thazhathakuttu, 602 Woolley Ave, S.I

Jan 25 FRI 10:00 A.M Mr. Reji George, 231 Merrill Ave, S.I

**SEVIKA SANGHOM BIBLE STUDY**

Jan 08 TUE 10:00 A.M Mrs. Shiny Varughese, 171 Willard Ave, S.I

**SENIOR CITIZENS FELLOWSHIP**

TBA

**YOUNG FAMILY FELLOWSHIP**

Jan 06 SUN 3:00 P.M Sujit and Susan Philip Francis,  
203 Wellbrook Ave, Staten Island

**YUVAJANA SAKHYAM**

Jan 20 Sunday after Holy Communion Service at our Church

**YOUNG WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

Jan 13 SUN 3:00 P.M Mrs. Smitha Mathew, 469 Woolley Ave

**EDAVAKA MISSION**

TBA

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday at 9:00 A.M

**CHOIR PRACTICE**

Sunday at 9:00 A.M

**Youth Fellowship Winter Revival Program**

**ON**

**Sunday, January 13th  
After Holy Communion Service**

**At  
Our Church**