

THE MAR THOMA CHURCH STATEN ISLAND

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NEWSLETTER

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From the Desk of Vicar....



Dearly beloved in Chris,

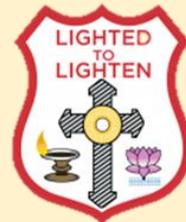
Many Christians become confused because they ignore this simple truth: God is far more interested in building your character than he is in anything else. People worry when God seems silent on specific issues, such as “What career should I choose?” The truth is, there are many different careers that could be in God’s will for your life. What God cares about most is that whatever you do, you do in a Christ-Like manner. God is far more interested in *who you are* than in *what you do*. We are human beings, not human doings. God is much more concerned about your character than your career—because you will take your character into eternity, not your career. God’s purpose is to make you like him before he takes you to heaven. Becoming like Jesus is your greatest privilege, your immediate responsibility, and your ultimate destiny.

Last year, we had to keep aside most of our in-person fellowships. In July we have decided to organize our church picnic. I request all of you to participate in the picnic and strengthen our fellowship. I also thank every single individual who contributed wholeheartedly to make our Parish Day a memorable one.

Thank you

Yours Johnsonachen

Youth Chaplain



Dearly beloved in Christ,

As we embrace this summer season especially with things getting better by the day with the pandemic, let us praise God for His abundant blessings. God guides us to understand His goodness even in trials and hardships so that we can abide in His goodness rather than relying or depending on ourselves.

We commemorate July by celebrating the 245th Independence Day. Let us give thanks to God for our nation and our leaders. Let us pray for the political leaders of our land for God-given wisdom and strength. We are placed in this land not without a purpose but purposefully. Let us surrender ourselves to God in being part of God's mission to build this nation to move towards God-centeredness rather than selfish motives. On July 3rd we are commemorating St. Thomas Day as it recognizes the Apostle to India, St. Thomas. Although he was known as doubting Thomas, that was not his character, he should be known as honest Thomas. He grew out of his doubts and acknowledged Christ as "My Lord and My God" (St. John 20:28). Let us also learn from the strengths and weaknesses of St. Thomas and give all our doubts and uncertainty to God and continue to grow in our faith.

Usually, every year during the summertime, our church has a season of both deacon and priestly ordinations. Let us pray to God for the ordained ministry of our church, especially the need of the hour is more clergy from this diocese. Let us prayerfully encourage our growing generation to consider the ordained ministry of our church. We need to own the church to know "I" can be God's child in serving in the blessed ministry of being an ordained priest of the Mar Thoma Church. God just needs our availability for the same.

The Diocesan Youth Fellowship Conference is held on July 30- August 1, 2021. It is hosted by St. Andrews MTC, St. James MTC, and the Bethany MTC. Our youths 18 and above should register online. This year it is Free, and the first 2 days are on the Zoom platform and the final day Holy Qurbana and the closing program will be at the St. James MTC.

Much love,

Jess M. George Achen

Worship Services



July 04	H.C Service – Malayalam	10:30 am
July 11	H.C Service – English	10:30 am
July 18	H.C Service – Malayalam	10:30 am
July 25	H.C Service – English	10:30 am

Lectionary

Date:	Lesson 1:	Lesson 2:	Epistle:	Gospels:
07/04/21	1 Chron. 29: 1-9	Acts. 5: 1-11	Phil. 4: 10-20	St. Luke. 19: 11-26
07/11/21	Mal. 1: 6-14	2 Tim. 2: 1-13	Gal. 6: 11-18	St. John. 21: 15-19
07/18/21	Deut. 6: 1-12	Eph. 5: 1-21	Rom. 13: 11-14	St. Matt. 5: 13-16
07/25/21	Exo. 36: 1-7	Eph. 4: 7-13	1 Cor. 12: 1-11	St. John. 20: 19-23

Birthdays

Jul-2	Mr. Rex Eapen	346 Buchanan Avenue
Jul-3	Mr. Raji Jacob	66 Birchard Avenue
Jul-4	Miss. Gina Abraham	192 Portage Avenue
Jul-4	Mr. Sujin George	44 Steers Street
Jul-5	Dr. Biju Raju	29 Arnold Drive
Jul-5	Mr. K.V. Varughese	567 Winant Avenue
Jul-5	Master. Christopher Thomas	67 Nicole Loop
Jul-6	Mr. Aibel Jose	79 Ash St, Carteret
Jul-6	Mrs. Aney Raju	629 Targee Street
Jul-7	Miss. Diya Thomas	127 Valesi Drive
Jul-8	Miss. Aksa Babu	64 Holden Boulevard
Jul-8	Miss Soniya Mathai	281 Brielle Avenue
Jul-8	Master. Jonas Sunny Chacko	108 Wade Street
Jul-9	Mrs. Anitha John	216 Hawthorne Avenue
Jul-9	Master. Aaron Kunjachen	390 Harold Street
Jul-10	Mrs. Sibi George	203 Westwood Avenue
Jul-10	Mr. Anthony Chacko	283 Martin Avenue
Jul-10	Mr. Shelby Varughese	28 Steers Street
Jul-14	Mr. Nithin Varughese	567 Winant Avenue
Jul-15	Mr. Chacko Kurien	247 Byrne Avenue

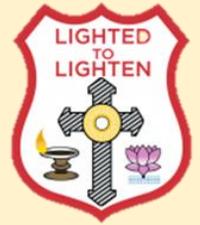
Jul-16	Miss. Ava Sara Ninan	436 Buchanan Avenue
Jul-16	Mrs. Stella Cheriyan	42 Deppe Place
Jul-16	Miss. Jessica Aleyamma Joseph	188 Walcott Avenue
Jul-18	Mr. Abel George	323 Mountainview Avenue
Jul-18	Dr. Gini Thomas	192 Portage Avenue
Jul-18	Mr. Wilson Mathew	576 Westwood Avenue
Jul-19	Mr. Thomas Lal Jr.	196 Quinlan Avenue
Jul-19	Mr. Sinu Kunjumon	148 Castleton Avenue
Jul-19	Mr. Vivin Varughese	21 Roosevelt Avenue
Jul-22	Mr. Allen Chacko	57 Livermore Avenue
Jul-22	Miss. Sneha Thomas	175 Sunset Avenue
Jul-24	Mr. Thomas Mathai	240 Suffolk Avenue
Jul-24	Mr. Nicky Wilson	576 Westwood Avenue
Jul-25	Mr. Thomas Varughese	127 Suffolk Avenue
Jul-26	Mr. Jestin Thomas	64 Galloway Avenue
Jul-26	Mrs. Lissy Thomas	49 Jasper Street
Jul-27	Miss Neethu Thomas	1309 Vincenzo Dr
Jul-28	Mrs. Annamma Philip	22 Athena Place
Jul-29	Mr. Tomas Campbell	337 Chain O'Hills Road
Jul-30	Mr. Geevarughese Panicker	461 North Gannon Avenue
Jul-30	Miss. Lilly Rose Lal	196 Quinlan Avenue

Wedding Anniversary

Jul-4	Stella & Jacob Cheriyan	42 Deppe Place
Jul-7	Shobana & Thomaskutty Joseph	142 Mann Avenue
Jul-8	Silby & Babu Varughese	64 Holden Boulevard
Jul-8	Elsy & Skaria Mathai	188 Walcott Avenue
Jul-11	Sarina & Martin Abraham	74 Roosevelt Avenue
Jul-12	Tiji & Biju Raju	29 Arnold Drive
Jul-16	Sosamma & Abraham P. George	268 Warwick Avenue
Jul-19	Veena & Stanley Thomas	268 Warwick Avenue
Jul-20	Sunu & Sunil K. George	323 Mountainview Avenue
Jul-22	Leelamma & Johnson George	203 Westwood Avenue
Jul-23	Sara & Jubin George	203 Westwood Avenue
Jul-24	Rincy & Siju Rajan	229 Byrne Avenue
Jul-27	Ashly & Jose Joseph	79 Ash St
Jul-30	Mariamamma & John K. Mathai	572 Mosel Avenue
Jul-31	Sony & Jisho Thomas	140 Vineyard Road

Fasting Prayer

Every Friday @ 10:00 am @ Church



Area Prayer Meetings

Willowbrook & Hylan Blvd/ New Jersey Prayer Group
Sunday July 18, 06:00 pm at the Church

North Shore & Bradley Prayer Group
Saturday July 31 06:00 pm at the Church

Organization Prayer Meetings

Senior Fellowship:	Wednesday July 21, 10:00 am	Church
Sevika Sanghom:	Tuesday July 06, 10:00 am	Church
	Tuesday July 20, 10:00 am	Church
Edavaka Mission:	Every Friday 07:30 pm,	Church
Yuvajana Sakhyam:	Thursday July 22, 08:00 pm	Place TBA.

Church Picnic

**Our church picnic will be held on Saturday July 24: Willowbrook Park,
1 Eton Place, Staten Island, NY 10314 - Starting @ 08:30 am**

Change of Address

**Mr. Jisho Thomas & Family. From: 22 Pheasant Run, Edison, NJ
To: 140 Vineyard Road, Edison, NJ**

Condolences

Mrs. Kunjamma George (71), Vallikunnil House, Kulanada, Pathanamthitta, sister of our member Mr. John Samuel, 216 Hawthorne Avenue, Staten Island, was called to eternal rest on Thursday June 17, 2021 in Kerala, India.

Vicar & members of The Mar Thoma Church Staten Island express our sincere condolences and heartfelt sympathies to the bereaving families.

Office Bearers: 2021

Vicar & President:	Rev. Johnson P. Abraham	718 370 7664	917 932 4575
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Area Prayer Group Representatives

Bradley:	Mrs. Marykutty Varughese	718 761 6847	917 940 7042
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North Shore:	Mr. Reji T. George	718 761 3265	347 753 7119
Willowbrook:	Mr. Rajee V. Thomas	718 698 9330	646 404 3846

Organizations Representatives

Choir:	Dr. Shyla Roshin	718 698 6101	646 262 8105
Edavaka Mission:	Mr. Philip Jacob	718 370 2318	646 206 1537
Senior Citizen:	Mrs. Molly Mathews	718 761 2395	917 238 7523
Sevika Sanghom:	Mrs. Annie Jose	718 317 2263	646 991 6460
Sunday School:	Mr. Vivin Varughese	718 370 7588	917 753 0572
Youth Fellowship:	Mr. Rogin Mathew	732 650 1373	917 795 5343
Yuvajana Sakhyam:	Mr. Sony Ninan	718 477 7562	347 840 3708
Young Family Fellow.	Mr. Shibu P. Thomas	718 698 3798	917 304 5505

Sabha Mandalam & Diocesan Assembly Members

Sabha Mandalam:	Mrs. Checha John	718 227 6684	718 227 6684
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	Mrs. Susan Varughese	718 727 4148	718 744 4198

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Mrs. Jessy Varughese	718 477 9747	917 623 1385

