



## **THE MAR THOMA CHURCH STATEN ISLAND**

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HAPPY  
*Mother's*  
DAY

# **MAY 2021**

# **NEWSLETTER**

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Dearly beloved in Christ,

“Boundaries make good neighbors.”

It's important when you love in action to respect your own limits. People feel safer in relationship with you when you respect your limits. Boundaries help define what's our responsibility and what is the responsibility of others. They help differentiate us from others. Jesus set an amazing example of healthy boundary setting (Mark 1:35-38). Jesus had engaged in a busy day of ministry, teaching in the synagogue, casting out a demon, healing Peter's mother-in-law, and many who came from all over to be healed. Very early the next morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up and went off to a solitary place to spend time in prayer with the Father. After a while, the disciples came frantically looking for him and exclaimed, *“Everyone is looking for you!”*. It's almost as if they said to Jesus, “How could you go off for time alone when there are many more people to be healed?!” Jesus responded calmly, *“let's go somewhere else – to nearby villages – so I can preach there also. That is why I have come”*. Jesus didn't heal everyone in Capernaum and He didn't give in to the pressure the disciples tried to put on Him. He didn't get defensive. He simply respected His limits. He lovingly set a boundary. In our relationships with others, we need to respect our limits. Without firm boundaries, we tend to take on responsibilities that were never ours to carry. As a result, we end up resenting people rather than loving them the way God intended. Love people in both word and action but respect your limits. Understand, you cannot be their savior. Only Jesus can be that. The irony is that as a result of your boundaries, people will feel safer and more loved by you.

This month we celebrate the Mother's Day on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Lets pray for all the mothers who welcome us into their homes, my mom welcomes me into her heart and life, totally unconditionally. Sure, she taught me manners and morals, and hopes and expects that I'll live by them. But none of her children has turned out perfect. And she has never given me ultimatums in our relationship, or implied that I would be kicked out, unwelcome, or treated as an outsider if I said certain things, dressed a certain way, hung out with certain people, or even believed certain things. She lets me live my life, and I know she'll always be a phone call away. She'll always leave the front door open when she knows I'm coming over.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday we set apart as DSMC Sunday. Let's uphold all our choir members in prayer and join them as they support to beautify our worship services.

Yours Johnson achen

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Let us praise God for this spring season. Spring is an amazing season that reminds us of some important things for life. One thing we can see is the beauty of God's creation through the wonderful and vibrant colors of the flowers blooming and it brings us such joy to understand God's creation so detailed in such a way we can understand God's love for us to enjoy the beauty of this world that we live in. The spring season is also a reminder of the responsibility God gave us to take care of this beautiful world and the resources within. In the place that we live, we are to keep it in such a way that we can maintain the world well and work as the hands and feet of God through our concern for the world around us. Spring also teaches us about preparation and patience. It is the time where we will seed our garden and take care of the flowers and crops that we grow in patience and much detailed care. It calls for us to protect it from harm (such as pesty squirrels, although they look adorable at times). Our patience is also tested by the uncertainty of the results that may come, it can be discouraging, and it can be encouraging, but we must wait for it through the late summer to understand the result through the harvest. Life is like that, in whatever we do, spring is a lesson that life belongs to God, our talents and wisdom belongs to God as well as the resources within. We should move towards all parts of life with patience, it is much difficult to do so, I know, but we should encourage ourselves and one another of being patient in God's time and not our time. God placed us in His time, and the plans He has for us should also remind us to wait for His timing.

College Ministry Bible Studies are going on and I encourage our youths to make use of this resource that is available to you. We are also planning a gender break Bible study and I ask our youths who want to participate in the gender break studies to give your names and email addresses to your respective youth secretaries of your parish.

We should remember India in our prayers as COVID cases are beyond human control. Let us pray for God's healing and safety for all people in India as well as the world at large.

Wishing everyone a blessed May and Spring season.

Much Love,

Rev. Jess M. George



## Worship Services:

<b>May 02</b>	<b>H.C Service - Malayalam.</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
<b>May 09</b>	<b>H.C Service - English.</b>	<b>10:30 am (Mother's Day)</b>
<b>May 16</b>	<b>H.C Service - Malayalam.</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
<b>May 23</b>	<b>H.C Service - English.</b>	<b>10:30 am (DSMC - Choir Day)</b>
<b>May 30</b>	<b>H.C Service - Malayalam.</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>

## Lectionary:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Lesson 1</b>	<b>Lesson 2</b>	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Gospels</b>
05/02/2021	Ezekiel 34: 15-24	Acts 4: 32-37	2 Corinthians 8: 1-9	Matth 25: 31-40
05/09/2021	2 Kings 4: 8-17	1 Corinthians 15: 12-19	2 Corinthians 5: 1-10	John 20: 11-18
05/16/2021	Ezekiel 37: 1-14	Acts 1: 12-14	Galatians 5:22-26	Luke 14: 15-21
05/23/2021	Joel 2: 28-32	Acts 2:1-13	Romans 8: 12-17	John 16: 1-15
05/30/2021	Exodus 19: 17-25	Galatians 4: 1-7	2 Corinthians 13: 11-14	John 1: 18-25

## *Birthdays*

May-1	Miss Sunitha Koshy	434 Alter Avenue
May-1	Miss. Dayana Maria Dinesh	52 Dorothy Street
May-2	Mrs. Molly Thomas	182 Queen Street
May-2	Mrs. Prabha John	351 Jewett Avenue
May-3	Mrs. Susan George	44 Steers Street
May-3	Mrs. Preethi Alex	274 Ardmore Avenue
May-5	Master. Bennett C. Kurian	247 Byrne Avenue
May-5	Mr. Sony Ninan	436 Buchanan Avenue
May-6	Miss Giana Thomas	192 Portage Avenue
May-7	Mrs. Annamma Mathew	6 Deppe Place
May-7	Mrs. Annamma James	175 Sheraden Avenue
May-7	Master. Josiah Matthew Raju	29 Arnold Drive
May-7	Mr. Melbin Binoy John	49 Cooper Ave
May-8	Master. Ethan John	26 Sherman Boulevard
May-8	Mrs. Omana Samuel	24 Jules Drive
May-8	Mr. Shajan Cherian	802 Westwood Avenue
May-9	Mrs. Beena Binoy John	49 Cooper Ave
May-10	Mrs. Rosamma Thomas	264 Wellbrook Avenue

May-10	Mrs. Mary Varughese	28 Steers Street
May-12	Mrs. Elizabeth Jacob	154 La Guardia Ave
May-12	Mr. Jino George	23 Area Place
May-12	Mr. Stanley Mammen John	127 Suffolk Avenue
May-12	Mr Asher Jacob Binoy	127 Valesi Drive
May-13	Miss Reshma Varughese	444 Fanning Street
May-15	Master Xavier Mathews	7 Woodruff Road
May-15	Mr. Jose George	256 Granate Avenue
May-15	Mr. Roshin Mammen	283 Martin Avenue
May-16	Mr. Roy Varughese	156 Browning Avenue
May-16	Mr. Alex Chacko	274 Ardmore Avenue
May-16	Miss Sharon Cherian	802 Westwood Avenue
May-17	Mrs. Saramma Mathew	572 Westwood Avenue
May-17	Mr. Binoy Thomas	127 Valesi Drive
May-18	Mr. Jithu Job	35 Norwich Street
May-19	Mrs. Rachel Varghese	183 Queen St
May-19	Mr. Thomas John	472 Livermore Avenue
May-20	Mrs. Leelamma Mathukutty	376 Gansevoort Boulevard
May-20	Master. Winrich Varughese	444 Fanning St
May-20	Master. Abraham Mathai	240 Suffolk Avenue
May-20	Mrs. Sheeba Mani	6 Deppe Place
May-20	Mr. Mathew Varughese	334 Simonson Avenue
May-20	Mr. Jibin Mathew	334 Simonson Avenue
May-20	Mrs. Shobana Joseph	142 Mann Avenue
May-21	Mr. Mathukutty Philip	376 Gansevoort Boulevard
May-21	Mr. Thomas Mathew	182 Queen Street
May-22	Mrs. Leela Jacob	27 Area Place
May-22	Mr. Andrew Varghese	199 Maryland Avenue
May-22	Mrs. Bensy Mathew	334 Simonson Avenue
May-22	Mrs. Kunjamma Joykutty	268 Warwick Avenue
May-24	Miss Rachel Mathews	33 Dorothy Street
May-24	Mrs. Moni Wilson	576 Westwood Avenue
May-25	Mr. Benson George	13 Area Place
May-25	Mr. Chacko Abraham	1091 Willowbrook Road
May-25	Mr. Rajee Thomas	19 Pilcher Street
May-26	Miss. Julia Ann Joseph	188 Walcott Avenue
May-26	Mr. V.J. Thomas	1091 Willowbrook Road
May-26	Mrs. Ruby Panicker	461 North Gannon Avenue
May-26	Mr. Subin Samuel	24 Jules Drive
May-26	Mr. Mohan Thomas	1309 Vincenzo Dr
May-27	Mrs. Leelamma George	203 Westwood Avenue
May-27	Mr. Manoj Philip	223 Morning Glory Drive
May-27	Mr. Chacko Mathai	57 Livermore Avenue

May-28	Mr. John Samuel	216 Hawthorne Avenue
May-28	Miss. Riya Bibin George	203 Westwood Avenue
May-28	Mr. Dinesh Mathew	52 Dorothy Street
May-29	Mrs. Aleyamma Philip	203 Wellbrook Avenue
May-29	Mr. George V. John	25 Gladwin Avenue
May-29	Mrs. Sheeba Chacko	57 Livermore Avenue
May-29	Mr. George John	351 Jewett Avenue
May-29	Mrs. Sosamma Varughese	21 Roosevelt Avenue
May-29	Mrs. Ruby Joppachan	35 Norwich Street
May-29	Mr. Joseph Mathai	188 Walcott Avenue
May-30	Mrs. Nisha Abraham	1091 Willowbrook Road
May-30	Mrs. Saramma Ninan	436 Buchanan Avenue
May-30	Miss Reshna Rajee	19 Pilcher Street
May-30	Mr. Zoni Jose	392 Buchanan Avenue
May-31	Mrs. Silby Babu	64 Holden Boulevard
May-31	Mrs. Ashly Jose	79 Ash St, Carteret
May-31	Mr. Jose Varughese	191 Queen Street
May-31	Miss Stefy Stanley	127 Suffolk Avenue
May-31	Mrs. Sherin Kunjachen	390 Harold Street
May-31	Mr. Sabu Thomas	175 Sunset Avenue
May-31	Mrs. Sali Jose	392 Buchanan Avenue

## Wedding Anniversaries

May-4	Manju & Manoj H. Philip	223 Morning Glory Drive
May-4	Shana & Benson Kurien	247 Byrne Avenue
May-14	Leela & Saji Jacob	27 Area Place
May-14	Marykutty & Varughese P. Varughese	555 Valleyview Place
May-16	Hima & Jaison T. Maliakel	64 Galloway Avenue
May-17	Reni & Varghese Cherian	578 Westwood Avenue
May-18	Beena & Binoy John	49 Cooper Avenue
May-21	Susan & Sujit Francis	203 Wellbrook Avenue
May-24	Anitha & Prince Mathew	572 Westwood Avenue
May-24	Juliann & Alvin Rajan	95 Custer Avenue
May-26	Dr.Sapna & Dr.Santosh Thomas	67 Nicole Loop
May-28	Jincy & Vivin Varughese	21 Roosevelt Avenue
May-29	Betsy & Anish Chacko	108 Wade Street

**Every Friday @ 10:00am.**

**Fasting Prayer:**

**Prayer will be in our Telephone prayer line.**

**Phone#: 435-777-2200 Access ID: 4272373#**

## **Area Prayer Meetings**

**North Shore Prayer Group: 05/08/2021 Saturday 06:00 pm (Zoom)**

**Bradley Prayer Group: 05/15/2021 Saturday 07:00 pm (Zoom)  
(Evg. Mr. Jose Pandanad will deliver the message).**

**Willowbrook Prayer Group: 05/22/2021 Saturday 07:30 pm (Zoom)**

**Hylan Blvd/ NJ Prayer Group: 05/23/2021 Sunday 07:30 pm (Zoom)  
(Our former vicar Rev. Baby John attending the prayer meeting)**

**Senior Fellowship: May 19, Wednesday 07:30 pm (Zoom)**

**Sevika Sanghom: Every Tuesday 07:30 pm (Zoom)**

**Edavaka Mission: Every Friday 07:30 pm (Zoom)**

## **New Born**

**Mr. Vivin Varghese & Mrs. Jincy Varghese, 21 Roosevelt Avenue, Staten Island, NY are blessed with their new born baby boy Nevin George Varghese, born on April 27, 2021.**

**Congratulation to both parents & grandparents of  
Mr. Varghese George & Sosamma Varghese. May God bless you all**

## **Condolences...**

Our member Mr. Cheriyan Chacko (87), 404 Buchanan Avenue, Staten Island, NY was called to eternal rest on April 16, 2021.

Mrs. Mariamma Joseph (80), mother of our member Mrs. Riggi M Wilsant, 190 Melba Street and sister of our members Mr. Babu Varughese 199 Suffolk Ave, Mr. Kunjumon G. Pappy, 148 Castleton Ave, Mr. Jose Pappy, 11 Hamilton Ave, and Mrs. Sobhana Joseph, 142 Mann Ave. was called to eternal rest on April 19, 2021.

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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Lay Leader (Malayalam)	Mr. Mani Varughese	718 698 7463	917 439 6153
Lay Leader (English)	Mr. Tim Joseph	718 494 2031	347 552 1154

## Area Prayer Group Representatives

Bradley:	Mrs. Marykutty Varughese	718 761 6847	917 940 7042
Hylan Blvd. /New Jersey	Mr. Varughese Raju	718 727 4026	718 902 7806
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
Diocesan Assembly:	Dr. Thomas K. Jose	718 317-2263	718 877 7287
	Mrs. Susan Varughese	718 727 4148	718 744 4198

## Auditors

Mrs. Saramma George	718 698 6715	917 232 8920
Mrs. Jessy Varughese	718 477 9747	917 623 1385