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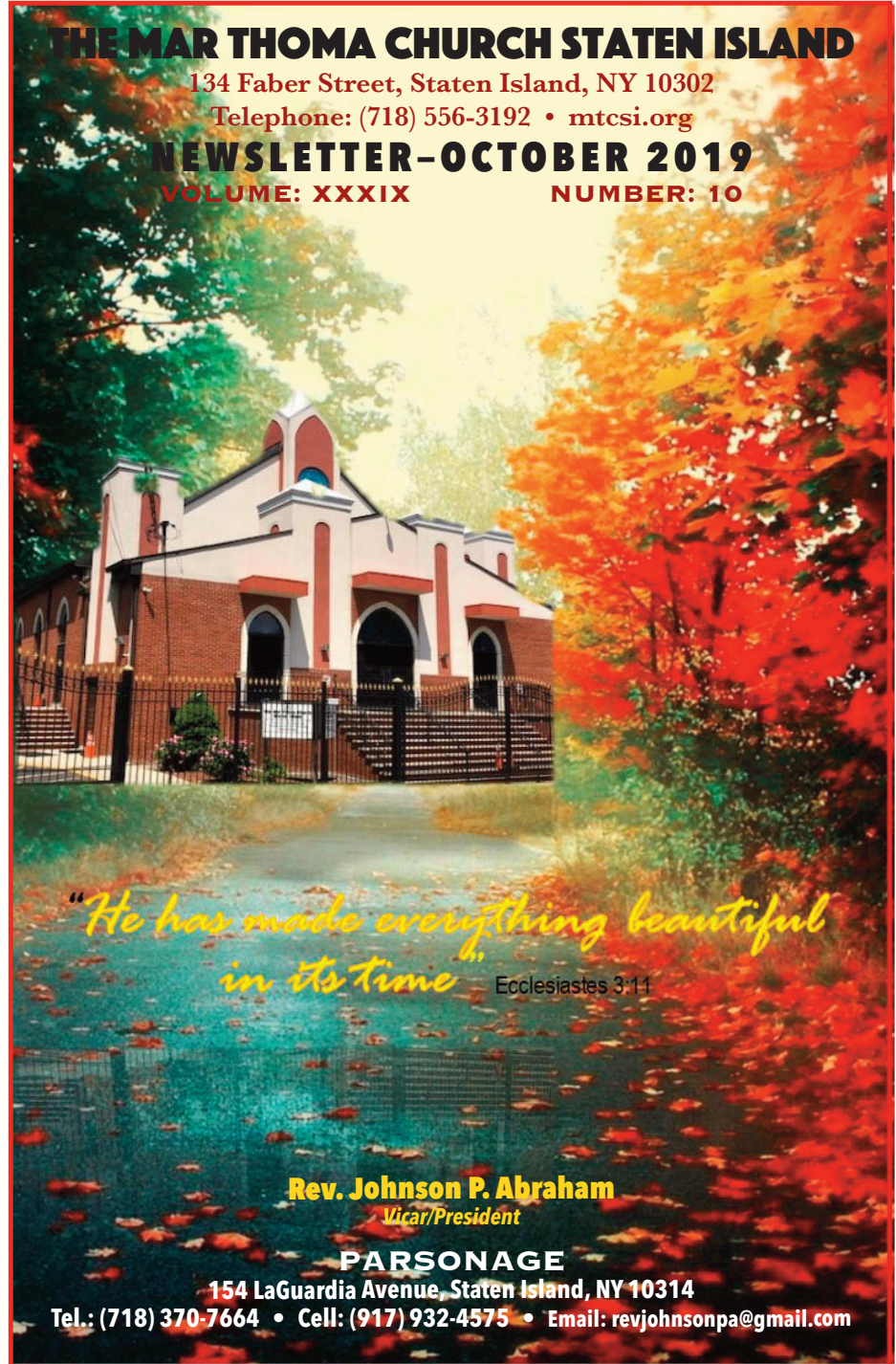
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*"He has made everything beautiful
in its time"* Ecclesiastes 3:11

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE/ LECTIONARY—OCTOBER, 2019

Date	Service/Time	First Lesson	Second Lesson	Epistle/Assisting	Gospel
SUNDAY OCT. 06 EDA- VAKA MISSION SUNDAY	Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. MALAYALAM	Isa. 61:1-11 Koshy P. Koshy	1 Pet. 2:1-10 Annamma Varughese	1 Thess. 5:12-22 Mani Varughese Rogin Rajee	St. John 17:9-20
SUNDAY OCT. 13 YOUTH FELLOW- SHIP SUNDAY	Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. ENGLISH	2 Sam. 9:1-13 Aaron George	Acts. 9:32-35 Julia Alex	2 Cor. 12:1-10 Arun Chacko Joel Joy	St. Mark 3:1-6
SUNDAY OCT. 20 YUVA- JANA SAKHYAM SUNDAY	Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. MALAYALAM	Dan. 1:1-15 Jose Abraham	Acts. 6: 1-7 Anitha Prince	1 Titus 2:1-14 Wilsant K. Babukutty Rogin Rajee	St. Mark 10:17-22
SUNDAY OCT. 27 FAMILY SUNDAY	Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. ENGLISH	1 Sam. 1:19-28 Denny John	Ephe. 3:14-21 Mugdha John	Ephe. 6:1-9 Aju Raju Joel Joy	St. Luke 2:41-52

TELEPHONE PRAYER

Telephone Prayer on Wednesday October 2nd at 8:00 p.m.
Prayer Line Number: (605) 472-5485 I.D. 537772#

Parish Convention-2019

Parish convention 2019 will be held on October 18-20 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at our Church. The main speaker for this year's convention is Mr. Samuel T. Chacko (*Saji Ranni*), an Eminent Global Convention Speaker, Bible Teacher and Counsellor. Please attend the convention along with your family and friends.

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Secretary's corner

We are moving so fast to the end of another year. Soon we will be celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas. This month we have our annual convention on 18th, 19th and 20th. Kindly attend these meetings prayerfully as a family and let it be for our spiritual renewal and enhancement. Our Family Night programs and fund raising efforts went well with your wholehearted support.

We are proud of all our accomplishments as a church and as a diocese. The Carmel Mar Thoma Center with 42 acres of land in Atlanta is a great promise for our dynamic growth as a faith community in this land. As a church we had extended a big hand in this project. The Devassya Musical Concert on 26th of this month is another fund raising activity of our Regional Activity Committee of our region to pay off some personal loans of the Carmel project.

We solicit your esteemed presence at Felician College on 26th and help this venture also. Though, the outcome of our Mandalam Meeting was little disappointing, it may be God's will for our church. Let us be more humble and earnest in our prayers for our Church.

Thanking you all for your help and cooperation,

Your's in His service
Secretary
Jose.

New Born!

Mr. Jethin Babu Abraham and Dr. Juby John Panicker are the proud parents and Mrs. Dolamma J. Panicker is the proud grandparent of a baby girl Evelyn Abraham born on September 4, 2019.

Congratulations and we wish all God's blessings to the proud parents and grandparent.

Diocesan Conferences

Yuvajana Sakhyam Conference-Christos MTC, Philadelphia
October 4-6, 2019

Sevika Sanghom Conference-Trinity MTC, Houston
October 10-13, 2019

For more information, please contact the respective organization Secretaries.

From the Desk of the Vicar

Dearly beloved in Christ,

You can make a difference by what you speak and the words you choose not to speak. Once a teacher went to a class and told the students, half of the students are useless. After hearing the remarks of the teacher they began arguing with the teacher. On the same day, the teacher walks into another class and told the students that half of the students are excellent. On hearing that, the students felt happy. A positive response of a teacher made a class happy and a negative response made a class quarrel. We have a short life span. What we speak becomes an encouragement or a matter of distress. In 1st Thessalonians 5:11 it says "encourage one another and build one another up." Encouragement is a powerful tool to bring peace where negativity arises. It builds people, gives them confidence and makes them more willing to work together. Guarding our tongues takes practice, especially with the people we are close to. But it is well worth the effort. Get into the habit of asking yourself "Are the words I am about to say an instrument of peace or will they sow division and pain?"

May our words and actions create peace, help resolve problems and act as a soothing balm to our relationships.

During the third week of October, we have convention when it's time to renew ourselves in the image of Christ. All are welcome to become a new creation. Those who would be participating in the Sevika Sanghom Conference and the Yuvajana Sakhyam, I wish that it becomes a meaningful experience for each of you.

Let me also thank every person who helped in making the Family Night a grand success and a memorable experience. May God bless you all abundantly. And for those who attended the Senior Citizens Conference also found it helpful. I conclude by thanking each one of you. May God help and strengthen us in all our deeds and thoughts.

Yours in Christ,
Johnson Achen

Youth Chaplain's Corner

Dearly beloved in Christ,

October is a great month of reflection, especially in our lectionary calendar. Each Sunday in October is special as it really calls us to understand our lives in retrospection as well as introspection to humbly as a servant leader showing out the love of God through our lives. The first Sunday guides us to understand our calling as priesthood of believers. We are all baptized and called to live out the Gospel message through our lives. St. Francis of Assisi puts it clearly "preach the Gospel, if necessary, use words". Are we able to love those around us as Christ loves us?

That love should also be reflected as we move on to the second week commemorating those who are differently abled than us. Christ in His earthly ministry showed compassion in all humanity, He ate, and preferred to be around the least and the lost (or as defined by the world). Christ humanized them and had them come to the center from the margins and recognized them as His children who are worthy of His love. In our lives journey, we will encounter many people, some who will be different from us, and may even go through struggles and face challenges that makes it difficult to live. As Christ, we being His called out people should continue the ministry of love and compassion, not bringing others down and trying to place ourselves above others, but rather humble ourselves so that others can increase and find worthiness through Him who is love.

The last week of the month is known as family Sunday. Remember that God has ordained three institutions in this world: Family, Church, and Society. Christian love and nurture should be taken heed in the home itself then only it can be shared to the church in encouragement as a worshipping family and therefore making the society whole by understanding the love of God and His reconciling peace.

The third Sunday we will commemorate as the Youth Sunday. Please pray for the youths of this region and their journey in life. Let us pray for our younger generation to grow to know God more and more at a personal level and in all that they do, they can mold their lives to be what God wants them to be. Hope all the youths remember the NERYF Holy Qurbana Service on October 13 evening at the Long Island MTC.

Have a happy and blessed October and hope all can remember to turn your clocks forward (unfortunately) this month.

Much love,
Jess Achen

October Wedding Anniversaries

Wishing each one of you a Blessed Married Life. Celebrate this special day by partaking in the Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving Prayer during the Holy Communion Service.

No.	Date	Name	Address
1.	10/01	Sheena & Jaison John	26 Sherman Boulevard, NJ
2.	10/18	Mary & Jojy K. Alex	62 Birchard Avenue
3.	10/20	Anney & Thomas K. Lal	196 Quinlan Avenue
4.	10/22	Alicia & Shino John	20 Deerfield Road, NJ
5.	10/22	Saramma & K. J. Ninan	436 Buchanan Avenue
6.	10/23	Annie & Dr. Thomas K. Jose	212 Hales Avenue
7.	10/23	Ruby & Geevarughese Panicker	461 North Gannon Avenue
8.	10/23	Preethi & Raji C. Jacob	66 Birchard Avenue
9.	10/24	Sibi & Bibin George	203 Westwood Avenue
10.	10/24	Sosamma & Thomas John	472 Livermore Avenue
11.	10/29	Anitha & John Samuel	216 Hawthorne Avenue
12.	10/31	Jessy & Jose Varughese	191 Queen Street

2019-IMPORTANT DATES

1.	October 4-6	Yuvajana Sakhyam Conference/Christos MTC, Philadelphia
2.	October 10-13	Sevika Sanghom Conference/Trinity MTC, Houston
3.	October 18, 19, 20	Church Convention
4.	November 3-Sunday	Church General Election-2020
5.	December 1-Sunday	Thanksgiving Sunday Lunch
6.	December 21-Saturday	Christmas Carol
7.	December 25-Wednesday	Christmas

Diocesan Directory

Our diocese is coming out with a new directory that includes all the registered marthomites in our diocese that includes USA, Canada and Europe. This is being published after 7 years and if you need a copy give your names to the secretary Dr. Thomas K. Jose as early as possible.

The rates are as follows:-

Pre-publication prize till December 31st: \$10.00 each

After January 1st 2020: \$15.00 each

October Birthday Celebrations

Congratulations! We pray and thank God for all His blessings received last year. Please participate in the Sunday Birthday Thanksgiving Prayer during the Holy Communion Service.

No.	Date	Name	Address
1.	10/01	Miss Evelyn John	26 Sherman Boulevard, NJ
2.	10/01	Miss Rebecca Philip	223 Morning Glory Drive, NJ
3.	10/01	Miss Divya Rachel Dinesh	52 Dorothy Street
4.	10/02	Miss Jamie George	13 Area Place
5.	10/03	Dr. Prince Varghese	199 Suffolk Avenue
6.	10/03	Master Anthony Mathai	240 Suffolk Avenue
7.	10/05	Miss Sanjana Abraham	1091 Willowbrook Road
8.	10/05	Miss Nicole Wilsant	190 Melba Street
9.	10/06	Mr. Anish Chacko	57 Livermore Avenue
10.	10/06	Mr. Arun Thomas	1309 Vincenzo Dr., NJ
11.	10/08	Mrs. Mollykutty Thomas	1091 Willowbrook Road
12.	10/10	Mr. Jose Joseph	79 Ash Street, NJ
13.	10/10	Mr. Joykutty George	23 Area Place
14.	10/10	Mr. Thomas Varughese	1086 Manor Road
15.	10/10	Mr. Varughese Thomas	264 Wellbrook Avenue
16.	10/10	Mrs. Lekha Reji	231 Merrill Avenue
17.	10/10	Mr. Joshua Mathai Joseph	188 Walcott Avenue
18.	10/11	Mrs. Tiji Raju	629 Targee Street
19.	10/13	Mr. Shibin Varughese	171 Willard Avenue
20.	10/13	Mrs. Jency Raju	11 Allison Way, NJ
21.	10/14	Mrs. Saramma John	135 Byrne Avenue
22.	10/15	Mr. Sen Stanly John	267 Bruckner Avenue
23.	10/16	Mrs. Dona Abraham	8 Dorothy Street
24.	10/16	Mr. Senu S. Varghese	183 Queen Street
25.	10/17	Mr. Jacob Cheriyan	42 Deppe Place
26.	10/18	Mr. Sujit Francis	203 Wellbrook Avenue
27.	10/20	Mr. Abraham Mathew	74 Roosevelt Avenue
28.	10/20	Mr. Jethin Babu Abraham	461 North Gannon Avenue
29.	10/20	Mr. Mathew Palackamannil George	39 Poland Place
30.	10/22	Mr. Shino John	20 Deerfield Road, NJ
31.	10/23	Mr. Aju Raju	11 Allison Way, NJ
32.	10/23	Mrs. Aleyamma Itty	323 Mountainview Avenue
33.	10/23	Mr. Joel Alex	274 Ardmore Avenue
34.	10/24	Master Jayden John	47 Ketcham Road, NJ
35.	10/26	Mrs. Mini Mathew	147 Brandon Court, NJ
36.	10/26	Mr. Jacob Chacko	66 Birchard Avenue
37.	10/28	Mrs. Liziamma Abraham	56 Ronald Avenue
38.	10/28	Mr. Thomaskutty Joseph	142 Mann Avenue
39.	10/29	Miss Alisha Eapen	346 Buchanan Avenue
40.	10/30	Master Naveen Wilsant	190 Melba Street
41.	10/30	Mr. Skaria Mathai	188 Walcott Avenue
42.	10/31	Mr. Thomas Jacob	64 Galloway Avenue

MONTH AT A GLANCE-OCTOBER 2019

Organizations and Area Prayer Meetings

WILLOWBROOK PRAYER

October 27, Sunday-6:00 p.m. at the residence of **Ms. Susan Varughese**, 28 Steers Street, Staten Island, NY 10314.

SEVIKA SANGHOM BIBLE STUDY

October 1, Tuesday-7:00 p.m. at the residence of **Mrs. Annamma James**, 175 Sheraden Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10314.

October 22, Tuesday-10:00 a.m. at the residence of **Mrs. Saramma Ninan**, 436 Buchanan Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10314.

FASTING PRAYER

October 4, Friday-10:00 a.m. at the residence of **Mr. Shailey Varughese**, 444 Fanning Street, Staten Island, NY 10314.

October 11, Friday-10:00 a.m. at the residence of **Mr. Varughese Raju**, 629 Targee Street, Staten Island, NY 10304.

October 18, Friday-10:00 a.m. at the residence of **Mr. Thomas Varughese**, 127 Suffolk Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10314.

October 25, Friday-10:00 a.m. at the residence of **Dr. Thomas K. Jose**, 212 Hales Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10312.

EDAVAKA MISSION PRAYER

October 11, Friday-7:30 p.m. at the residence of **Mr. Varughese K. Varughese**, 567 Winant Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10309.

October 25, Friday-7:30 p.m. at the residence of **Mr. Mathew George**, 469 Woolley Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10314.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

October 23, Wednesday-10:00 a.m. at the Church, 134 Faber Street, Staten Island, NY 10302. All Seniors are kindly requested to attend.

Christian Musical Concert–Stephen Devassy

The North East Regional Activity Committee is organizing a Christian Musical Concert at Felican University Auditorium, 262 S Main Street, Lodi, NJ 07644 on Saturday, October 26th, 2019 at 6pm. The team titled 'Solid Band' led by Stephen Devassy will be performing live. The Regional Activity Committee of the North East Region is also planning to form a Regional Choir with 101 members and they will have a unique opportunity to sing two songs with Stephen Devassy's Orchestra during this concert.

This will be a great opportunity to rejuvenate the activities of the North East Region and a great time for fellowship. The proceeds received from this program will be utilized for the mission enhancement programs of the Diocese through the Carmel Mar Thoma Center.

Kerala Flood Relief Aid

The recent floods in Kerala had devastated the North of Kerala especially Wayanad, Nilambur, etc. We as a parish has decided to build few houses depending on our funds availability. We have announced in the church few times and solicit your earnest cooperation.

“What all you do for these little ones you do it for me”

Let us extend a hand to these needy at the time of their intense grief and suffering.

Secretary
Jose

Change of Address

Mr. Mathew Palackamannil George and Family moved from 86 Roosevelt Avenue to 39 Poland Place, Staten Island, NY 10314.

Mr. Shaji George and Family moved from 260 Warwick Avenue to 657 Collfield Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10314.



SCENES FROM THE 2019 CHURCH FAMILY NIGHT

