



ST THOMAS
MAR THOMA CHURCH, NY
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Vicar's Message

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

I praise God for this time to greet all of you through this newsletter of our parish.

Let us thank God for bringing us safely to the third month of 2023. In the past, we had passed through many different situations. In all these situations we could experience the presence of God.

In the month of February 2023, we lost our senior member, Mr. V. P. Abraham. Let us praise God for his life and contributions and pray for the comfort of the bereaved family.

On March 5th we observe Diocesan Sunday. Let us pray for the various missionary endeavors of the diocese and contributes to them.

On March 15th we observe mid-lent, Church meditates on the theme necessity of the cross on that Day. March 31st church observes as Fortieth Friday. We are planning to conduct Malayalam Holy Qurbana on this day. I also encourage all of you to participate in lent prayers every evening either through zoom or in-person in houses according to the arrangements. Please remember and encourage our youths to participate in the Friday evening lent prayers in English which is arranged for the benefit of our youths.

May God help us to experience His presence through our worship and fellowship and thus participate in the mission of God. Let us pray to God to be with us through all the life situations.

With prayers and love,
Saju Achen



Youth Chaplain's Message

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Let us thank God that we are blessed to be part of this Lenten journey. Each Sunday of Lent guides us to remember the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ. The selfless love of Christ in how He used His time to love us is a reminder that this Lenten journey should be a sharpening experience that helps us understand how we use our time and energy as we move forward. It is a season for us to retrospect and introspect ourselves to see if our commitment to God matches God's commitment to us. We know the answer that it does not. It is vital for us to recognize God committing Himself totally to us through His birth, life, death, burial, and resurrection. Therefore, the time God blesses us to exist in this world should be dedicated to Him. Timothy Keller once said, "if God is not at the center of your life, then something else is". Lent should be an opportunity for us to recognize the things, positions, people, and the like that we put on the throne of our life in which God should be seated. Lent should not be just a 50-day commitment, but rather a call for us to prepare for our lifetime.

Our Men's Bible Study is in person at 8:00 pm, and the Women's Bible Study is on Saturdays at 8 pm on ZOOM. We have WhatsApp groups for both if any of our men or women are willing to be kept up to date about our studies and would like to be added, please reach out to Justeena or me.

Have a blessed Lenten season and Happy March to all!

Much love,
Rev. Jess George



Worship Service Schedule

Date	Time	Worship
Sun, Mar 5	9:30 am	English Holy Communion Service Diocesan Sunday Live Stream also available
Wed, Mar 12	9:30 am	English Holy Communion Service Live Stream also available
Sun, Mar 19	9:30 am	Malayalam Holy Communion Service Live Stream also available
Sun, Mar 26	9:30 am	Malayalam Holy Communion Service Live Stream also available
Fri, Mar 31	9:30 am	40th Friday Malayalam Holy Communion Service Live Stream also available

Important Days

Date	Thematic Meaning
Mar 3	World Day of Prayer
Mar 5	Jesus Christ who Forgives Sins
Mar 12	Jesus Christ who Includes All
Mar 15	Readiness to Face the Cross
Mar 19	Jesus Christ who Redeems
Mar 25	Suboro—Annunciation to Virgin Mary
Mar 26	Jesus Christ who Leads to New Vision
Mar 31	Fortieth Friday—Hunger to do the Will of God

Lectionary

Date	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Epistle	Gospel
Sun, Mar 5	Isa 33: 13-24	Heb 9:11-20	Col 2:8-15	Mark 2: 1-12
Sun, Mar 12	Isa 45:1-8	Acts 10:34-43	Gal 3:23-29	Matt 15: 21-28
Sun, Mar 19	Exod 3: 1-10	1 Pet 1:18-25	Rom 3: 23-31	Luke 13: 10-17
Sun, Mar 26	Ezek 37:1-14	Phil 3: 7-16	Col 3: 1-11	Mark 10: 46-52
Fri, Mar 31	Num 11: 4-15	James 1: 12-18	1 Thess 3: 1-8	Matt 4: 1-11

Lent Prayers Zoom Info

Date & Time	Zoom Link
<p>All Lent Prayers are held at 7:00 PM</p> <p><i>Friday Lent Prayers are in English!</i></p>	<p>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4758497706?pwd=bG1WVWkVTM2tqN3VOWWFOVIZKM2xSUT09</p> <p>Meeting ID: 475 849 7706 Passcode: 1111 One tap mobile +16465588656,,4758497706# #,,1111# US (New York) Meeting ID: 475 849 7706 Passcode: 1111</p>

Lent Prayers Schedule

Date	Location
Sun, Mar 12	Mr. Binu Abraham 22 Old Brick Road, Nyack, NY
Mon, Mar 13	Zoom
Tues, Mar 14	Zoom
Wed, Mar 15	Mr. Josen Joseph 189 Roundhill Drive Yonkers, NY 10710
Thurs, Mar 16	Mr. Sam V Kuruvilla 28 Balmoral Crescent White Plains, NY
Fri, Mar 17	Zoom
Sat, Mar 18	Zoom
Sun, Mar 19	Mr. Abraham Koshy 315 7th Ave Pelham, NY 10803
Mon, Mar 20	Zoom
Tues, Mar 21	Zoom
Wed, Mar 22	Zoom
Thurs, Mar 23	Zoom
Fri, Mar 24	Zoom
Sat, Mar 25	Mr. Daniel P.K. Vaidian 131 Harvard Drive Hartsdale, NY 10530
Sun, Mar 26	Mrs. Mariamma Andrews 17 Argyle Terrace, Yonkers, NY 10701

March Birthdays

Bronx/Yonkers South

Mrs. Rachel Koshy	250 Mclean Ave, Apt. 4F	1
Mrs. Annamma John	67 Raybrook Road	20
Mr. Lenny Thomas	68 Linn Ave,	26

Manhattan/New Jersey

Lucien Thomas Varghese	1758 W 5th St	3
Mr. Jonathan Behanan Mathews	10 Freeman St	6
Mr. Samuel Ninan	707 Cottage Place	8
Mrs. Neena S. Philip	29 High Mountain Drive	20
Mr. Samuel Mathew	35 Tanager Rd, Unit #05	23
Ms. Blessy N. Varkey	401 Madison Avenue	24
Mr. Jithin Samuel Easo	257 Bradley Ave.	29
Mr. Joseph Mathews	10 Freeman Street	29
Thomas Daniel Ninan	829 Derius Drive	30

Queens/Long Island

Ms. Jibi Mary Raj	261-15 Hillside Ave. #1	6
Mr. Jayson T. Jacob	49 Gary Road	14
Ezra Simon Jacob	8356 249th Street	23
Rebecca Aley David	1480 Horseshoe Dr.	28
Mr. George David	1480 Horseshoe Dr.	29
Mr. Benjie Varghese	17 Wendell St	30

Rockland

Mrs. Shyni Joseph	9 Spray Court	2
Ms. Sara Ouseph	4 Arrow Lane	2
Mr. Jomy Mathew	576 ROUTE 304	3
Laila Grace Philip	29 North Park Terrace	3
Anna Marie Jacob	306 Quidor Court	5
Mrs. Bibi Susan Abraham	8 Birret Drive	8
Mrs. Cecily Abraham	56 Millspaugh Ln	9
Mrs. Libby Cherian	3 Stern Place	10
Mr. Jacob Oommen	892 Route 9W	15
Mrs. Elsy Jube	21 South Cranford Road	16
Nathaniel Sujin Samuel	5 Spruce Drive	16
Mrs. Annamma Thannickal	22 N. Debaun Ave Suite 108	17
Mrs. Smitha Sara Zachariah	306 North Little Tor Road	17
Mr. George Byju Koshy	9 Dade Rd	20
Mr. K. M. Thomas	5 Eckerson Lane	22
Lucas Jonathan Abraham	488 Strawtown Road	23
Deepak John Joseph	9 Spray Court	23
Mrs. Sosamma Varghese	24 Reginald Drive	25

March Birthdays Continued

Mr. Abey Cherian	27 Hemptor Rd	26
Mr. Joseph Koshy	86 Susan Drive	26
Mr. Ullas P. Thannickal	231 North Little Tor Road	29

Upper Westchester/CT

Mr. Benoy Kochumman	288 Fisher Ave	6
Mrs. Annu George Jacob	181 Weed Ave	9
Mr. John Daniel	39 Brookland Farms Road	12
Dr. Anila Marie George	11 Chimney Pot Lane	14
Dr. Varghese Thankachen	67 Sylvan Road	15
Ms. June Koshy	7 Bonnie Meadow Rd	16
Lucas George Jacob	181 Weed Ave	18
Mrs. Soma John	39 Brookland Farms Road	22
Dr. Mathew J. Parayil	232 Carol Ave	24
Selah Ann Simon	99 Aspen Lane	24
Mr. Alex J. Vaidyan	131 Harvard Drive	29
Mrs. Aparna Mariam Thomas	4 Salk Dr	31

Yonkers East

Mr. Ashley Varghese	2 Amherst Drive	2
Mr. Nobin K. Jacob Vaidian	61 Rockledge Road Apt#1F	4
Jenna Grace George	55 Patton Drive	13
Mrs. Merina Andrews	38 Eisenhower Drive	17
Johanna Pradeep	38 Eisenhower Drive	22
Mr. Pradeep Kuruvilla	38 Eisenhower Drive	24

Yonkers North

Mrs. Elizabeth George	1564 Nepperhan Avenue	1
Mrs. Ancy Andrews	17 Argyle Terrace	3
Mr. Robin Abraham	23 Etna Avenue	4
Mr. Abraham Samuel Kankalil	377 N. Broadway, Apt. 208	8
Rylan John Libin	15 Bretton Road	9
Serah Robin	33 Helena Ave	24
Mr. K. C. Thomas	360 Edwards Place	29

Yonkers West

Annamma Samuel	9 Woodlands Ave	12
Mr. Varghese Philip	16 Astor Place, #31N	14
Mrs. Molly Joseph	30 Post Street. Apt 5G	17
Isaac John Mathew	80 Riverdale Ave, Apt #8K	25

March Wedding Anniversaries

Queens/Long Island

Mr. T. P. Jacob & Mrs. Mary Jacob 1
1 Duke Drive

Upper Westchester/CT

Dr. Mathew J. Parayil & Dr. Cible Mathulla 5
232 Carol Ave

Mr. Daniel P. K. Vaidyan & Mrs. Sherly Vaidyan 6
131 Harvard Drive

Dr. Sam G. Cherian & Dr. Suja Abraham 15
288 Spring Rd.

Yonkers East

Dr. Santhosh M. Alex & Mrs. Juby Alex 22
23 Linda Lane

Yonkers North

Dr. Georgy Easow & Dr. Jijy Easow 24
201 Shornard terrace

Condolences

Mr. T. Joshua Thomas (89) brother of our member Mr. Alexander V. Joshua (276 Hall Ave, White Plains, NY 10604) went to be with our Lord on March 4, 2023 in Thumpamon, Kerala. Funeral services were held on March 11, 2023 Muttam Thumpamon Salem Marthoma Church.

Mrs. Saramma Abraham (76), mother of our member, Mr. Binu Abraham (22 Old Brick Rd , New City, NY 10956) entered eternity on March 13, 2023 in Valakuzhy, Kerala. Funeral services are arranged at Thelliyoor Salem Mar Thoma Church (Kerala) for Friday March 17th, 2023.

Please uphold all the bereaving families and friends in your prayers. We as a parish extend our deepest condolences to the bereaving families and friends. May the peace of Christ bring them all comfort during these difficult times.

Organizational Meetings

Date	Location	Organization
Thurs, Mar 2 10:00 AM	Zoom	Sr Citizens Fellowship
Fri, Mar 3 10:00 AM	Zoom	Joint Sevika Sanghom & Edavaka Mission
Fri, Mar 10 10:00 AM	Zoom	Joint Sevika Sanghom & Edavaka Mission
Thurs, Mar 16 10:00 AM	Zoom	Sr Citizens Fellowship
Fri, Mar 17 10:00 AM	Zoom	Joint Sevika Sanghom & Edavaka Mission
Fri, Mar 24 10:00 AM	Zoom	Joint Sevika Sanghom & Edavaka Mission
Sat, Mar 25 3:30 PM	Ms. Sherin Mathew 280 Cottage Road Valley Cottage, NY 10989	Youth Fellowship

Episcopal Visit

Our Diocesan Bishop, Rt. Rev Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos will be visiting the parish on **Sunday, April 9 2023** for Easter Service and will be the chief celebrant for Holy Communion. We will also have First Communicants Service. All members are encouraged to attend with prayerful participation.



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“I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, IF YOU HAD FAITH EVEN

AS SMALL AS A MUSTARD SEED,

YOU COULD SAY TO THIS MOUNTAIN,

*‘MOVE FROM
HERE TO THERE.’*

AND IT WOULD MOVE.

NOTHING WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE.”

MATTHEW 17:20

