



ST THOMAS

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July

2026

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Lectionary

Date	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Epistle	Gospel
Fri, July 3 th	Isa 52:7-15	2Tim 2:1-13	1Cor 3:1-9	John 20:24-29
Sun, July 5 th	1Chr 29:10-18	1Tim 6:17-22	2Cor 9:6-11	Luke 16:19-31
Sun, July 12 th	Jer 1:4-10	Eph 4:7-16	1Pet 5:1-4	Matt 20:20-28
Sun, July 19 th	Neh 8: 1-12	Acts 28: 23-30	1 Peter 2: 1-10	Matt 13: 16-23
Sun, July 26 th	Gen 1: 24-31	1 Corin 13: 1-13	Ephe 5: 21-32	Matt 19: 4-6

Important Days

Friday, July 3	St. Thomas the Apostle's Day
Sat, July 4	Independence Day (USA)
Sun, July 5	Tithe Offering Sunday
	Sharing God's Gift with Joy
	Sixth Sunday after the Feast of Pentecost
Sun, July 12	Clergy Sunday
	Ordained ministry: Call to be Sacrifice
	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Sun, July 19	Edification of the Church through Theological Education
	Eighth Sunday after the Feast of Pentecost
Sat, July 25	St. James the Apostle's Day
Sun, July 26	Marriage: Celebration of Unity and Partnership
	Ninth Sunday after the Feast of Pentecost

Worship Service Schedule

Date	Time	Worship
Sun, July 5 th	930 AM	English Holy Communion Service
Sun, July 12 th	9:30 AM	English Holy Communion Service
Sun, July 19 th	9:30 AM	Malayalam Divine Service
Sun, July 26 th	9:30 AM	Malayalam Holy Communion Service

Area Prayer

Area	Date & Time	Location
Yonkers South/West Bronx	Sunday, July 7 th 6:30 PM	Via Zoom Zoom Meeting ID: 810 727 9153 Passcode: 494439
Upper Westchester/CT	Saturday, July 11 th 06:00 PM	Mr. Cheruthone Mathai 10 Lilac Lane, Danbury, CT (203) 797-1076
Queens/Long Island	Sunday, July, 12 th 06:30 PM	Mr. T. P. Jacob 1 Duke Drive, Manhasset Hills, NY (516) 365-3750
Yonkers East (Central Ave)	Saturday, July 18 th 06:30 PM	Mr. Shaji Varghese 214 Grandview Blvd, Yonkers, NY (914) 787-8401
Rockland	Sunday, July 19 th 06:30 PM	Mr. John K. Abraham 32 Eckerson Lane, Spring Valley, NY (845) 426-2327
Yonkers North (Broadway)	Sunday, July 26 th 06:30 PM	Mr. George Yohannan 105 Midland Terrace, Yonkers, NY (914) 457-8326

Vicar's Message



Dear Beloved St. Thomas Family,

Greetings to you all in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

As we enter the month of July, our hearts overflow with gratitude to God for His abundant mercy, unfailing love, and countless blessings upon our church and every family.

The Lord faithfully guided us through the first half of this year. Though we have faced challenges, His grace has sustained us, His peace has strengthened us, and His faithfulness has never failed. Let us continue to place our complete trust in Him, knowing that He who has led us thus far will continue to guide us in the days ahead.

This month also calls us to remember the needs of the world around us. Let us uphold in our prayers the people of **Venezuela**, especially those affected by the recent earthquake. May God comfort the grieving, strengthen the injured, and provide hope to all who have suffered loss. We also thank God for every sincere effort toward peace among nations. We pray that the recently signed peace agreement between the United States and Iran may help foster stability, understanding, and lasting peace. As followers of Christ, we are called to be faithful intercessors for our world.

July is a special month for our nation as we celebrate **250 years of American Independence**. We thank God for the blessings of freedom, justice, and opportunity that this country has provided. Let us pray for our nation, its leaders, and all who serve the common good, asking God to grant wisdom, unity, righteousness, and peace.

On July 3, we joyfully commemorate **St. Thomas Day**, remembering the Apostle who brought the Gospel to India. May his life of faith, courage, and witness inspire us to remain steadfast in our commitment to Christ and His Church.

This is also our **Tithe Offering Month**. Tithing is not merely a financial responsibility but an act of gratitude and worship. As God has generously blessed us, let us respond with thankful and cheerful hearts, offering back to Him a portion of what He has entrusted to us for the growth of His Kingdom.

I also request you to remember in your daily prayers the clergy of our Church. Pray that God may grant them spiritual wisdom, good health, strength, and faithfulness as they shepherd His people and proclaim His Word.

Our parish has several important ministries during this month. Our **Youth Retreat** will be held from **July 17–19**. I encourage all our young people to participate wholeheartedly and experience spiritual renewal and deeper fellowship with Christ.

We also look forward to our **Vacation Bible School (VBS) from July 29 to August 2**, with our **Elderly Bible School (EBS) sessions on July 30, 31, and August 1**. These ministries are wonderful opportunities for both children and senior members to **Continued on Page 5....**

....**Continued from Page 4** grow in God's Word, strengthen their faith, and enjoy Christian fellowship. I encourage every eligible member to participate prayerfully.

May this month be filled with renewed faith, joyful service, generous giving, and steadfast hope. Let us continue to walk together as one family in Christ, reflecting His love in our homes, our church, and our community.

May the Lord richly bless you and your families.

In His Service,

Jubin Achen

Vicar

St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church, New York



**HAPPY
Independence
Day**

Youth Fellowship

Youth fellowship will be hosting the annual youth retreat this summer from **July 17th to 19th** at Sandy Cove Ministries in Maryland.

Main Speaker : Shaun Rajan.

We encourage all youth over the age of 13 to participate.

Cost : \$175.

Additionally the youth fellowship is requesting donations for this retreat. If you are able, please consider donating.

Youth Chaplain's Corner

Glory be to the Father, to the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, one true God. Amen.
Beloved in Christ,



The Apostles' fast we just completed is an important part of our journey with God. It is a time to slow down, reflect, and grow closer to Him. This time of prayer has helped us see more clearly why we are here in this world.

Each of us has a purpose, and so does the Church. God has prepared good works for each of us to walk in.

On the night before His suffering, Jesus prayed for His disciples. This prayer, found in St. John 17:11, shows us clearly what Jesus came to do and how much He wanted His followers to be united. "...Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one." (St. John 17:11). Jesus did not pray only for those with Him that night. He prayed for all who would believe in Him. This prayer allows us to know how important unity and community are to our faith.

Jesus was sent with a purpose. He came on a mission of love to free us from sin, hopelessness, death, and fear. He saw glory in the cross, not shame. Jesus did not depend on His own strength to do His Father's will. Instead, He trusted His Father to give Him strength, courage, and endurance to face opposition, hardship, and temptation. We too must take up our cross and follow wherever He calls us. The Holy Spirit, whom Jesus promised to send, will give us that same strength and power to live as His disciples.

Each of us has a unique role in God's plan. He created us for a specific purpose.

There is a job only you can do.

God knows the plans He has for us, plans for our good, to give us a future and a hope.

That calling might be as simple as showing love and kindness to those around you, or it might mean dedicating your life to a cause that reflects God's love. It could be teaching, healing, standing up for justice, or any act that brings God's love into the world. Whatever we do, we are called to do it wholeheartedly, as for the Lord. It is our responsibility to find and live out that purpose. And when we do, we find a life full of meaning.

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....Continued from Page 6 We have a mission. God did not create us for nothing. We are called to share Christ's love, be a light in the world, and bring others closer to God. Jesus calls us to be a light that cannot be hidden and to go out and make disciples of all nations.

Do we truly trust God and what He is calling us to do? We can understand His call through prayer, reading Scripture, and seeking guidance from trusted spiritual guides. When we trust in God with all our heart and stop leaning on our own understanding, He will make our paths straight. When we trust in God's call, we grow closer to Him. And He gives us the strength and courage to carry out our mission.

With Prayers

J Varghese Achen

Youth HOUSE KEEPING

1. Combined Youth Fellowship Bible Study

No bible study at the Youth Chaplain's parsonage this month

2. MTC Urban Mission

This year's Urban Mission will take place on July 18-23, 2026 in Philadelphia. It will be a meaningful opportunity to serve, connect, and live out our faith together. Additional details will be shared through the NERYF Instagram account. Please keep this ministry in your prayers.

3. Diocesan Youth Fellowship Conference (DYFC)

The DYFC will be held from Thursday to Sunday July 23-26, 2026, at Ascension Mar Thoma Church in Philadelphia. The theme is "*Corrected Not Canceled*," based on Hebrews 12:5-6, with Rev. Mack Brandon as the main speaker. Please keep this conference in your prayer

Building Fund

The Building permit from the City is approved!!!

Work needs to start soon!!

Families not donated yet are requested to **contribute \$1,100** towards Capital Improvement immediately.

Please submit your contributions to the Trustees *via Check or Zelle to: stmtctrustees@yahoo.com*

Youth Fellowship - TBA

Young Families Fellowship - TBA

Sevika Sangham & Edavaka Mission

Date & Time	Location
Friday 7/3/2026 10:00 AM	Mr. M. J. George 280 Mirth Dr, Valley Cottage, NY (914) 376-7185
Friday 7/10/2026 10:00 AM	Mr. Thomas P. John 46 Leroy Avenue, Yonkers, NY (914) 965-3979
Friday 7/17/2026 10:00 AM	Via Zoom Zoom Meeting ID: 810 727 9153 Passcode: 494439
Friday 7/24/2026 10:00 AM	Mr. Mathew Varghese 15 Bretton Rd, Yonkers, NY (914) 965-3163
Friday 7/31/2026 10:00 AM	Via Zoom Zoom Meeting ID: 810 727 9153 Passcode: 494439

Yuvajana Sakhyam

7/12/2026	Meeting	After Church service In Church
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Senior Citizens Fellowship

Date	Location
Thursday July, 2 06:30 PM	Via Zoom Zoom Meeting ID: 810 727 9153 Passcode: 494439
Thursday July, 16 06:30 PM	Via Zoom Zoom Meeting ID: 810 727 9153 Passcode: 494439

Sunday School - Important Dates

1. VBS - **July 29 to August 2nd**. VBS trip will be held on July 29th. Volunteers are needed.
2. NERSS Junior Senior Conference - **August 6 to August 9th**, 2026 at St. John's University. Registration fees determined by the diocesan- \$360. Sunday school will pay \$50 for each student, and students pay \$310

July Birthday

Bronx/Yonkers South/West

Mr. George A. Koshy	4 Gateway #2D	7
Mrs. Linto Samuel	9 Woodlands Ave	8
Mr. Jishu Samuel	9 Woodlands Ave	9
Mrs. Mariamma Joseph	24 Leroy Place	14
Ms. Jovina Thomas	21 Elizabeth Place	18
Mr. Thomas John	34 Morris Street	30

Manhattan/New Jersey

Mr. Damien John Varghese	1758 W 5th St	2
Ms. Nicole Achamma Easo	701 Plympton Street	8
Mrs. Saritha Koshy	33 Third Avenue	16
Leah Beth Koshy	33 Third Avenue	18
Mr. Koiprathu John Mathew	59 Highview Ave.	20
Mr. David Joseph Mathews	10 Freeman St	21

Queens/Long Island

Dr. Malini Susan George	8356 249th Street	5
Ms. Asha Evelyn Jacob	49 Gary Road	13
Ms. Aleena Grace Thomas	8 Locust Lane	31

Rockland

Selah Ann Sabu	105 N Harrison Ave	4
Mr. M. J. George	280 Mirth Dr	5
Mr. Robin A. Simon	5 Spruce Dr	6
Mrs. Aleyamma Chacko	8 Flint Drive	7
Mr. Shyam Joseph	21 Tamar Drive	14
Mr. Johnson Thomas	99 Union Road, Apt. H44	14
Sienna Kelly Raveendran	26 N De Baun Ave Unit 308	18
Keziah Rachel Koshy	9 Dade Rd	19
Mr. Johnson P. Chacko	5 Sandhauge Drive	24
Elizabeth Alice Kurian	29 Rosewood Drive	24
Mr. Abraham P. Jacob	5 Allison Cir	28
Mr. Abey Cherian	3 Stern Place	29
Mr. John K. Abraham	32 Eckerson Lane	30
Mr. Xavier David Abraham	488 Strawtown Road	30
Mr. John John	P. O. Box 341	30
Mr. Sunil M. Varughese	24 Reginald Drive	31

Upper Westchester/CT

Bryson Michael Chacko	52 High Street	3
Dr. Tina Thomas	19 Drake Lane	12

July Birthday

Mrs. Sherly Vaidyan	131 Harvard Drive	23
Mrs. Kripa Abraham	18 Bradhurst Ave	24
Mrs. Annamma Mathew	6 Glen Ave	24
Mrs. Sara P. Parayil	59 Deer Hill Court	25
Mr. Thomas Kurian	10 Dartmouth Terrace	26
Mrs. Mariamma Varghese	2 Mountain Farms Road	31

Yonkers East

Mrs. Susy Vaidian	222 Roundhill Drive	7
Mr. John Mathew	199 Longview Terrace	14
Ms. Jennifer Joseph	189 Round Hill Drive	15
Ms. Jesenia Ann Mathew	199 Longview Terrace	16
Ms. Selene Robin	37 Montrose Road	22
Mrs. Shyla Varghese	214 Grandview Blvd	22
Kezia Thomas	9 Dugan Lane	31

Yonkers North

Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas	107 Westminster Drive	5
Mr. Jikku John Samuel	63 Price Street	8
Mr. Mathew V. Zacharia	11 Lake View Ave,	9
Mr. Raju George	194 Osmun Place	10
Mrs. Shiby Elizabeth George	1117 Nepperhan Ave, 1st Floor	12
Mrs. Elizabeth R. Zacharia	11 Lake View Ave,	19
Mr. N. J. Mathai	201 Shonnard Terrace	25
Abigail A Zacharia	11 Lake View Ave	26
Mrs. Salamma George	105 Midland Terrace	30

July Wedding Anniversary

Bronx/Yonkers South/West

Mr. Mathew George & Mrs. Annamma Mathew	15
2786 Bainbridge Ave., Apt. 3E	
Mr. Joseph Thomas & Mrs. Aleyamma Varghese	18
89 Travers Ave	
Mr. Thomas P. John & Mrs. Annamma Thomas	21
46 Leroy Avenue	
Mr. Johnson Varghese & Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson	24
80 Riverdale Ave, Apt 11L	
Mr. Jishu Samuel & Mrs. Linto Samuel	27
9 Woodlands Ave	

Manhattan/New Jersey

Mr. Samuel Easo & Mrs. Ancy Veny Easo	22
257 Bradley Ave.	

July Wedding Anniversary

Mr. Varghese Easo & Mrs. Mini Easo 23
701 Plympton Street

Dr. Koshy Koshy Jr. & Mrs. Saritha Koshy 31
33 Third Avenue

Queens/Long Island

Dr. Jerry Thomas & Mrs. Sherry John 15
19 Richfield St

Rockland

Mr. John John & Mrs. Sherry John 2
P. O. Box 341

Mr. Koshy Abraham & Mrs. Sally Abraham 4
21 New Haven Ave.

Mr. Johnson P. Chacko & Mrs. Densy Johnson 6
5 Sandhauge Drive

Mr. Blessen Kurian & Mrs. Anissa Susan Kurian 9
29 Rosewood Drive

Mr. Jomy Mathew & Mrs. Nisha Mathai 9
576 ROUTE 304

Mr. Mathew Varghese & Mrs. Marykutty Mathew 13
280 Cottage Rd

Mr. Jofy Thomas & Mrs. Sijimole Koshy 14
248 Betsy Ross Dr

Mr. M. J. George & Mrs. Celine George 15
280 Mirth Dr

Mr. Sabu George & Mrs. Jeny Sabu 15
4 Michael Drive

Mr. Shaji Mammen & Mrs. Mariamma Shaji 17
2 Tiffin Lane

Mr. Biju P. Varughese & Mrs. Annie Varughese 17
3 Blithe Ct.

Mr. Binu K. Abraham & Mrs. Saramma Binu 21
22 Old Brick Road

Mr. Aju Daniel & Mrs. Leena Daniel 25
72 Old Middletown Rd

Mr. Sunny P. Ninan & Mrs. Rachel Mathew 26
128 East Phillips Hill Rd.

Mr. P. M. John & Mrs. Anamma John 26
73 Oakland Place

Mr. Thomas M. Thomas & Mrs. Valsamma Thomas 28
112 Renee Lane

Upper Westchester/CT

Mr. Abraham Koshy & Mrs. Joyce Abraham 4
315 7th Avenue

July Wedding Anniversary

Mr. Pallickal Kuruvilla Easo & Mrs. Leelamma Kuruvilla 16
5 Overhill Road

Mr. Philip Kayalvarathu & Mrs. Beena Philip 22
11 Hillandale Ave

Yonkers East

Mr. Varghese A. Thomas & Mrs. Mary Varghese 22
108 Cook Avenue

Dr. Wilson John & Mrs. Darly John 25
35 Linda Lane

Mr. Shaji Eapen & Mrs. Jenymol Shaji 29
70 Juana Street

Yonkers North

Mr. Mathew Varghese & Mrs. Sosamma Mathew 3
15 Bretton Rd

Mr. George Yohannan & Mrs. Salamma George 6
105 Midland Terrace

Mr. Thomas Mathew & Mrs. Alice Susan Thomas 19
65 Curtis Lane

Mr. Libin C. John & Mrs. Soumya Ann Mathews 29
15 Bretton Road

Condolences:

Mr. Sebastian Puthenpurayil, father of our member Mrs. Steffy Robin (37 Montrose Road, Yonkers) was called to eternal rest in Kerala. Funeral services were held in Kerala

Mrs. Mariamma Abraham, grandmother of our member Mrs. Smitha Sabu (105 N Harrison Ave, Congers) was called to eternal rest on June 5th at the age of 93. Funeral services were held on June 10th in Neeraturupam, Kerala.

Lintu Aby Ninan, cousin of our member Mr. Mathew Ouseph (4 Arrow Lane, New City) was called to eternal rest on June 22nd in New York at the age of 42. Funeral services were conducted June 27th in Rockland.

Philip Thomas (Thankachan), was called to eternal rest on June 27th, at the age of 70. He is the Brother In Law of our member, Mr. Raju George, (194 Osmun Place, Yonkers). Funeral services were held on Tuesday, June 30th in Allappuzha, Kerala

On Behalf of the parish, I express our sincere condolences. May the everlasting Grace and Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ bring comfort to the bereaving families during this difficult time.



**ST. THOMAS MAR THOMA
SEVIKA SANGHAM**

Prerana

An Inspiration to Participate



Every Month
First Sunday
after Service

*"Come learn together,
Grow Together"*

FIRST SESSION

05 July 2026

*Come and
Participate*




**St. Thomas Mar Thoma Church
NEW YORK**



SENIOR CITIZEN FELLOWSHIP

Elders Bible School

(EBS 2026)

THEME:
*Fixing our eyes
on Jesus*

*"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and
perfector of our faith." - Hebrews 12:2*

DATE:
July 30, 31 & August 1

TIME:
10.00 am to 12.00 pm

SLOGAN:
Songs, Actions, Games & Activities






Please join

VBS Trip (TBD) July 22st
Classes & Finale - July 30th—Aug 2
Register by June 30th - Cost \$25

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



YOU'RE INVITED TO VBS!



SCAN TO REGISTER BY 6/30!

<https://tinyurl.com/STMTCVBS26-STUDENT>

COST: \$25/STUDENT

SELLER: STMYCSSTRAS25@GMAIL.COM

DATE:
JULY 30TH, 6-8:30 PM
JULY 31ST & AUG 1ST,
9 AM - 4 PM

AGES:
2 YRS - 8TH GRADE

PLACE:
ST. THOMAS NYC

FOOD, MUSIC, BIBLE STORIES,
CRAFTS, GAMES!



VBS 2026!

SHINING A LIGHT ON
WHO JESUS REALLY IS

ILLUMINATION STATION

JOHN 8:12

JULY 29 - AUGUST 2

WORSHIP & MUSIC



GAMES & CRAFTS

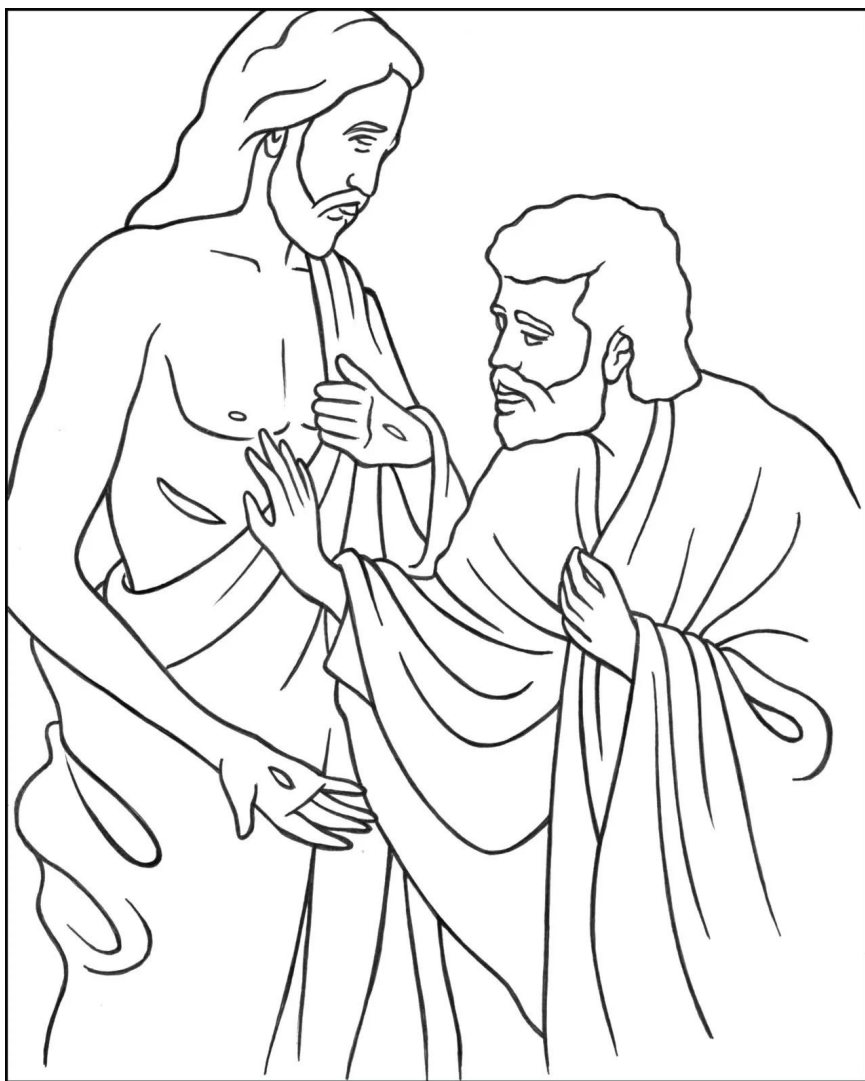
JOIN THE VBS CREW

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER

<https://tinyurl.com/STMTCVBS26-VOLUNTEER>

July Coloring Activity for Kids

(ages 12 and below)



**You can print out this page and color the picture and
you can submit it to the Vicar in person.**

Age: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

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