

ST. JOHN'S MAR THOMA CHURCH

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MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR

Dearly Beloveds in Christ,

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

Last few weeks we have experienced a strong bond of Christian fellowship through our Lenten activities. Risen Christ is our strength and hope. Resurrected Christ represents the victory of goodness over evil. In one of his Lenten homilies, Pope Francis spoke about the reality of the evil and the temptations every Christian faces. "We are the target of attacks by the devil and he does not want us to be Disciples of Christ." Pope also said that the process of detachment from the path of Christ is gradual and, if unaddressed, steadily grows — becoming infectious within the community — seeking to spread to more and more people. The last stage is when the one who embraces evil, seeks to justify himself and calm the conscience of his interior struggle, including seeking full acceptance within the community. Resistivity to the attacks and attractions are very important in our Christian growth. A mature faith will help us to be with Christ in overcoming the temptation to be detached from the path of Cross. With the power we received through the Lenten services and celebrations let us move forward to a victorious Christian community life.

Diocesan level Sunday School examination will be held on 4th May 2014. Best wishes for all those who participate in this examination.

Yuvajana Sakhyam Blood Drive is on 17th May. Give our whole hearted support to this life giving activity.

Youth fellowship is planning to have a story time along with the blood drive. I hope this also will help us to strengthen the social relations.

May the God Almighty strengthen us to carry out God's ministry in our parish.

God bless you all.

With thanks and regards
Joji K. Mathew Achen

YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

"The Opposite of Loneliness"

The 'opposite to loneliness' is Marina Keegan's posthumous collection of essays and stories, comes a gift no one ever fully wants to receive — bright and youthful wisdom from a talent who died too soon. Keegan was just 22 years old and five days past graduating magna cum laude from Yale University when she was killed in a car accident on her way to meet her family for her father's birthday party on Cape Cod. And while she had a brilliant future ahead of her — a job lined up at the New Yorker, a play about to be produced at a theatre festival the rising star had already made a major mark.

This title really attracted my attention. What is the opposite of loneliness? Keegan in her opening chapter says "we don't have a word for the opposite of loneliness, if we did, that is what I want in my life". Being lonely is the saddest and the most difficult phase of life. Being lonely in a crowd is the contradiction of today's life. We are living in a busy and crowded world but we feel lonely and empty. Feeling lonely because of unproductiveness, feeling lonely because of separation, feeling lonely due to failures in life, feeling lonely because of anxieties about the future are the few examples lonely life situations in our lives. There are many living in this world go through similar situations where they don't understand what is happening around and feeling so lonely.

What is our response to the people who are going through these kinds of situations? As Christians do we have a responsibility to these brothers and sisters? If we are in situations similar to these what do we do?

Psalm. 25. 16 and 17 says "Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my heart and free me from my anguish". King David was the one who wrote this Psalm and he clearly understood what is loneliness means and how deep its length and breadth. Especially when he was running away from King Souls for his life and when he was struggling with his sin, when he lost his son as a consequence of sin, he understood the intensity of loneliness. But he found the right place to approach, he found the right person for the help that is none other than the Almighty God who is the author and creator of this universe. Loneliness will go away when we think we have someone to hold on, when we have someone who understands us and when we have someone provide a help for us.

As Christians the opposite to loneliness is 'the presence of God'. God's presence will comfort us console us when we are in loneliness. But sometimes this presence is felt through our presence, words and actions. Let us depend on the resurrected Jesus who is always with us in all our life situations and let us be His presence where ever needed. That is the mission that we need accomplish.

Yours in His Service

V. M. Mathew Achen, Youth Chaplain
194 Bregman Ave, New Hyde Park, NY
516-437-0425

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 4th- Sunday Malayalam Holy Communion at 9:00 am

(Invitation to Christ’s hospitality)

No Praise & Worship due to Diocesan Examination.

Lessons: 1st Lesson **Gen. 18: 1-10** Mr. Mathew P. Thomas
 2nd Lesson **Rom. 12: 9-16** Ms. Susan Varghese
 Lay Assistant: Mr. Varghese P. Abraham
 Epistle: **Heb. 13: 1-8** Gospel: **St. John. 21: 1-14**

May 11th — Sunday English Holy Communion at 9:00 am

(Communion with Risen Christ in daily life)

Praise & Worship: Sermon: Mr. Aron Koshy Prayer: Ms. Christina Jacob
 Lessons: 1st Lesson **Exo. 40:34-38** Mr. Ashok G. Mathai
 2nd Lesson **2 Tim. 2: 1-13** Ms. Elizabeth Sam
 Lay Assistant: Mr. Philip Varghese
 Epistle **Phil 3: 8-16** Gospel **St. Luke. 24: 13-33**

May 18th Sunday — Malayalam Holy Communion at 9.00 am

(Christ the Way, Truth and Life)

Praise & Worship: *By Youth fellowship*
 Sermon: Prayer:
 Lessons: 1st Lesson **Exo. 14: 10-20** Mr. Chacko K. Thomas
 2nd Lesson **Acts. 16: 19-34** Mrs. Valsa David
 Lay Assistant: Mr. Benni Mathew
 Epistle **1John. 1: 1-10** Gospel **St. John. 14: 1-7**

May 25th Sunday— English Holy Communion at 9:00 am

(Mission as sharing Christ)

Praise & Worship: Sermon: Mr. Abiline Anil Prayer: Ms. Arlin Thomas
 Lessons: 1st Lesson **Micah. 4: 1-7** Mr. Justin Sam
 2nd Lesson **1 John. 5: 1-12** Ms. Leeba babu
 Lay Assistant: Mr. Jess Chacko
 Epistle: **Phil. 4: 4-9** Gospel: **St. Luke. 24: 36-49**

EDAVAKA MISSION PRAYERS

May 2nd Friday 7.30 PM At The Church as Fasting Prayer
 May 9th Friday 7.30 PM At The Church
 May 16th Friday 7.30 PM At The Church
 May 23rd Friday 7.30 PM At The Church
 May 30th Friday 7.30 PM At The Church

PRAYER GROUP & ORGANIZATIONS

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

Bellerose
May 3rd Saturday 7.30 PM
 Mr. Pulivelil P. Varghese
 83-55 249 Street
 Bellerose, NY 11426
Tel # (718) 347-2709

Eastern Long Island
May 10th Saturday 7.00PM
 Mr. Babu P. Samuel
 1590 Dale Ave, East Meadow
Tel # 516-538-2833

Elmont & West Hempstead
(To Be Announced)

Floral Park & Glen Oaks
May 24th Saturday 7.30 PM
 Mr. Eapen K. George
 80-04 265 St, Floral Park
Tel # 718-343-0505

Garden City Park
May 3rd Sunday 5:00PM
 Mr. John Mathews
 7 Third street, Garden City Park
Tel # 516-747-5473

New Hyde Park East
May 25th Sunday 7:30PM
 Mr. Manoj Samuel
 7 Allen Street, Hicksville
Tel # 516-396-0504

New Hyde Park West
May 18th Sunday 7.00 PM
 Mr. Shinoth T. Mathew
 1042 Hillside Blvd, New Hyde Pk
Tel # 516-474-3173

Palli Bhagom
May 17th Saturday 7.30pm
 Mr. Bijoy Koruth
 92-31 222 Street, Queens Village
Tel# 718-464-1878

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

Cottage Meeting
May 4th Sunday
@ 5:00 pm

Mr. Alexander Achenkutty
573 Lakeville Rd, New Hyde Pk
516-437-1665

May 17th Saturday
From 9.00—3.00PM

Blood Drive
St. John’s Church

May 25th Sunday
11.45 AM to 1.00 PM

Seminar on High School research and Summer internship to enhance College admission & scholarship prospects

Presenter: Dr. Terrence Bissoondial, Biological research coordinator at George W. Hewlett High School.

SEVIKA SANGHOM PRAYER MEETINGS

May 1st, 10:30am (Thursday)	Mrs. Valsa David 246-13 91st Ave, Bellerose	718-962-1006
May 8th , 10:30am (Thursday)	Mrs. Kunjuamma Mathew 1429 Hillside Ave, New Hyde Pk	516-328-2470
May 15th, 10.30 am (Thursday)	Mrs. Sosamma Idichandy 1356 Rosser Ave, Elmont	516-437-8562
May 21st, 10:30am (Wednesday)	Mrs. Mini Andrews 4 Birchwood Lane, Hicksville	516-942-3725
May 28th, 10.30 am (Wednesday)	Mrs. Aleyamma Mathai 515 Hillside Blvd, New Hyde Pk	516-437-0979

SENIOR CITIZENS FELLOWSHIP

Health / Recreational Program: Every Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm

Cottage Meeting:

May 13th Tuesday 6.30 PM **Mr. Philip Oommen** **718-343-1483**
75-17 254 St, Glen Oaks

YOUNG FAMILIES FELLOWSHIP

Cottage Meeting Date and Venue will be announced later.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

May 18th Youth fellowship will lead morning praise and worship.

CHOIR

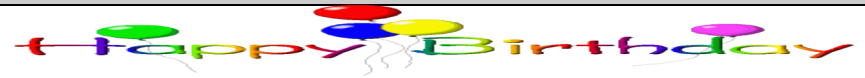
Malayalam Choir practice will be held every Sunday immediately after Holy Qurbana.

THANK YOU

Pallibhagom prayer group parishioners and Mr. T.M. Thomas for assisting with the church services and for preparing coffee for social time during the month of April.

Bellerose area prayer group will assist in the church services and social hour during the month of **May** and **Eastern Long Island** area prayer will assist in **June**.

BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY



Annamma Thankachan
Joseph C. Mathew
Sheeba Gill
Sharon M. Varughese
John Mathews
Ginsey J. George
Thomas K. Varkey
Mercy Bijoy
Shila Sam
Subini K. Philip
George Mathai
Julie Abraham
Kunjunjamma Kurien
Nija Isabel Mathew
Thomas Cherian
Annamma Zachariah
Mercy Samuel
Abin Varghese
Aksha Varghese
Binu Thomas
Jacob Eapen
Sosamma Idichandy
Joel P. Johnson
Elsa Mathai
E. V. Philip
Kunjuamma Mathew
Mathew Varughese
Shibu Ninan Trigy
Devin Abraham
Sarah P. George
Annamma Thomas
Anoop Thomas
Joseph Chacko
Dinoj George Isaac
Rachel Joseph
Samge T. Chacko
Lizamma Thomas
Georgekutty C. Varughese
Varughese P. Abraham
Sherly Ninan
Annamma George
Revani Pereira Simon
Abraham C. Thomas
Abraham T. Abraham
Leyamma Thomas
Isabelle Rachel Simon

Sony Yohannan
George P. Cherian
Jobin John
Tijo C. Cherian
Philip Thomas
Mini Varghese
Thomas M. Thomas
Goldi Saji Thomas
Lintta Alex
Jubie Mathews
Asha John
Soosamma Varughese
Elizabeth Mathew
Rosamma Mathew
Zachariah Zachariah
Jessy Manoj
Mathew M. Thomas
Kuttikattu Idichandy
Thankamma V. Abraham
Sajan Mathew
K. C. Abraham
Shania Jacob Jacob
Anish George
Anitha Thankachan
Legi Isaac
Shine John
Flemy K. Thomas
Philip David
Sosamma Mathew
Jacob Varghese
Betty Thomas
Tristan John Mathews
George K. George
Priya Susan Thomas
Aiden Shinoth Mathew

BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY

Bhavna G. Mathews
Rosamma Mathew
Chellamma Chacko
John T. Varkey
Aleyamma John
T. V. John
Johnson Kaithara
Aleyamma Varughese
Thomas George
Alice Thomas Babu
Mini Stanley
Binu Mathew
Aparna Mary Santhosh
Leelamma Koshy
Sajimon P. George
Alvin S. Lukose
Jaya Sajan
Tobby Thomas
Charles V. Abraham
Buby R John
Mini A. Andrews
Jolley Jacob
Itty Phlip
Jessily Thomas
Leelamma Samuel
Abraham George
Mathew P. George
Regena T. Mathew
Abraham Thomas
Nanma John
T. John Mathew
John Thomas
Saramma Joseph
Munna V. Sam
Lalan Varghese
Jolly Abraham
Jobin Philip Abraham
Binny John
K. G. Alexander
Shereen Mary George
Meena Oommen

Lizi J. Mathew
Joseph P. John

Anna M. Abraham
M. M. Mathew
Koruth George
Albert Abraham
Abee P. Joseph
Joys Johnson
Aleyamma J. Chacko
Aaron Thundiyl Koshy
Benni Mathew
Linda David
Scaria Varughese
Saji Thomas
Susan Paul
George Philip
Devin M. Thomas
Abey Philip Mathew
Ann M. Thomas
Mariyamma Z. Mathai
Babu P. Samuel
Soma G. Thomas
Alice Mathew
Sosamma Joseph
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John C. Jacob
Cifi Sajan
Mary James
Samantha Madison Chacko
Marykutty Cherian
Raju Lukose
Jolly A. George
Mini G. Thomas
Biju P. Cherian
Jain P. George
Sabu Lukose
Sajan Lukose
Jezy Moncy
Brianna Rachel Mathews
Mincy Elizabeth Joy
Suja Varghese

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES FOR MAY



A Very Happy Wedding Anniversary to all.

Sosamma & Joy M. Samuel
Mini & Stanley Pappachan
Susan & Pulivelil P. Varghese
Elizabeth & Philip Thomas
Mariamma & Varghese A. George
Ponnamma & Achenkutty Mathew
Mercy & Bijoy Koruth
Sini & Thomas Abraham
Rachel & E. V. Philip
Valsamma & T. C. David
Jessy & Raju Lukose
Siji & Saju Joseph Thomas
Saramma & Abraham P. Joseph
Mariyamma & Zachariah Mathai
Sosamma & Joseph
Jessy & Thomas Kavunkal Thomas
Rebekkamma & Thomas Chacko
Sisil & Davis John

Geena & Ajith George Mammen
Sosamma & Kurian T. Mathew
Betty & T E Koshy
Ginsey & Jerry J. George
Leelamma & Georgekutty Chacko
Rosamma & Suresh T. John
Charles & Leena R. Mathew
Anita & Philip Mathew
Roshini & Biju P. Cherian
Elizabeth & Mohan K. George
Marykutty & Abraham Kuruvilla
Regena & Easow E. Mathunny
Sosamma & Achenkunju Mathew

Sunday School— Dates to be Remembered

MAY 04, 2014- DIOCESAN EXAMINATION-5 TO 10TH GRADE

MAY 25, 2014- SCHOLARSHIP/INTERNSHIP/COLLEGE ADMISSION /CAREER INFORMATION SESSION(HOSTED BY YVAJANA SAKHYAM) FOR CHILDREN AND PARENTS

MAY 31, 2014- VBS TRAINING

JUNE 15, 2014, ANNUAL EXAMINATION FOR GRADES KG TO GRADE 4

JUNE 21, 2014(Saturday) 9 to 3pm Annual competition

JUNE 22, 2014- LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

JULY 10 TO JULY 13, 2014 JUNIOR/SENIOR CONFERENCE RAMAPO COLLEGE, NEW JERSEY

JULY 21 TO 25 (5 DAYS- MON TO FRI) 5;30 PM TO 8;30 PM- VBS @THE CHURCH

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Superintendent – Abraham T. Abraham 718-343-5465 or 347-720-5041

Nursery		Juniors, Grade 6	
Manju John	516-724-5891	Laila George	631-462-1648
Christine Thomas	516-216-5051	Johnson P. Philip	516-739-3744
Dana Philip	718-465-3952	Teena Mathew	516-488-2629
Kindergarten		Junior High, Grade 7	
Molamma Thankachan	718-468-4434	Thankamma Abraham	718-343-9344
Bency George	347-834-2036	Bently Joseph	516-822-5463
Aji Thomas	516-741-0465	Cyril Abraham	516-777-0791
Primary Juniors, GR. 1		Junior High, Grade 8	
Bhavna Mathews	516-746-5222	Sunitha Abraham	917-699-4451
Joash Mathew	516-304-1262	Stacy Daniel	516-851-0317
Primary Juniors, GR. 2		Seniors, Grade 9	
Jyothi Thomas	516-921-8023	Susan Varghese	718-347-2709
Sherry George	718-468-1224	Anchi Mathews	718-347-3488
Nicole Thomas	718-347-0346		
Primary Juniors, GR. 3		Seniors, Grade 10	
Rachel Philip	516-326-2629	Miriam Mathew	718-464-8372
Joan Johnson	516-739-3744	Koruthu George	516-354-7552
Stacey Mathew	516-616-9446	Senior High, Grade 11	
Primary Juniors, GR. 4		Mathew P. George	516-742-3686
Rachel George	718-468-1224	Philip Oommen	718-776-2585
Rena Titus	718-217-0463	Chris Mathew Thomas	516-637-7862
Primary Juniors, GR. 5		Senior High, Grade 12	
Sherly Ninan	516-488-2574	Philip Varghese	718-347-2709
Mercy Babu	516-538-2833		

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"In the same way let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven".
 Mathew 5:16

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