



ST. JOHN'S MAR THOMA CHURCH

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MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR

"Be still, and know that I am God." – Psalm 46:10

Dearly beloved in Christ,
Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Psalm 46:10 encourages believers to be still and know the faithfulness of God. This verse reminds us to place our hope and trust in God, in His power, and in His providence. His gracious presence is with us even in the most difficult of times.

During the month of August, our church sets apart time to observe the 15-Day Lent, Transfiguration Day, Reformation Sunday, Mission Sunday, and to meditate on the Holy Sacrament of Qurbana. The sacramental nature of Holy Qurbana lies in the fact that it was instituted by Jesus Christ Himself.

God willing, we will also have our Student Dedication Service this month as students prepare to begin a new academic year. Please continue to uplift in your prayers all those participating in the Northeast Regional Sunday School Junior and Senior Conference. Our Youth Fellowship will be hosting a combined Holy Qurbana for youth on the last Sunday of this month.

In the month of July, two of our beloved members were called to eternal rest. May God grant peace and consolation to their families through Christ Jesus.

Let us pray that all these programs will be meaningful to everyone. As we move forward, I kindly seek your wholehearted cooperation and continued support toward our parish and its upcoming activities.

With prayerful regards,
Rev. Biju P. Simon – Vicar



WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

AUGUST 3; HOLY QURBANA - MALAYALAM- 9:00 AM

Mission Sunday—Christian Mission; Be Christ Like

1st Lesson	Jer.7:1-7	Mr. Chacko Zachariah
2nd Lesson	2Tim 4:1-5	Mrs. Aleyamma Cherian
Epistle	Rom. 1:8-17	Mr. Sabu Lukose
Gospel	Matt. 10:16-23	

AUGUST 10; HOLY QURBANA –ENGLISH- 9:00 AM

Christian Participation in Nation Building

1st Lesson	Neh. 2:13-20	Mr. Rishin T. Roy
2nd Lesson	1Tim. 2:1-4	Mrs. Rachel George
Epistle	Rom. 13:8-14	Mr. Brendon John
Gospel	Luke 20:19-26	

AUGUST 17; HOLY QURBANA - MALAYALAM -9:00 AM

Reformation Sunday; Church that needs to be cleansed every day

1st Lesson	2Kings 23:1-6	Mr. Thomas Mathew
2nd Lesson	2Tim. 3:10-17	Mrs. Mary Johnykutty
Epistle	Titus 3:2-9	Mr. George Cherian
Gospel	Mark 11:15-18	

AUGUST 24; HOLY QURBANA - ENGLISH- 9:00 AM

Holy Qurbana—The food for eternal life

1st Lesson	Exodus 16:11-32	Mr. Jeevan Simon
2nd Lesson	1Cor. 10:14-22	Mrs. Reena Titus
Epistle	1Cor. 11:23-30	Mr. Swithin Titus
Gospel	John 6:47-58	

AUGUST 31; HOLY QURBANA—ENGLISH- 9:00 AM

Be awake for the glorious appearance of our Lord

1st Lesson	Mal. 3:13-18, 4:1-2	Mr. Jakus Thomas (St. James)
2nd Lesson	Rev. 22:1-5	Ms. Jeslyn Jacob (St. Andrews)
Epistle	1Peter 4:12-19	Mr. Chrisen Bijoy (St. Johns)
Gospel	Matt. 25:31-46	

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Tuesdays; 10 AM Health & Recreation Prog. at Church

SEVIKA SANGHOM

Thursdays; 10:00 AM Prayer Meetings at Church

EDAVAKA MISSION

Fridays; 7:30 PM Prayer Meetings at Church

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays; 12:30 PM Classes suspended in July and August

YOUNG FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

4th Sundays; 12:30 PM No meeting scheduled in August

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

2nd Fridays, 7:00 PM No Prayer Meeting Scheduled

YUVAJANA SAKHYAM

August 17; 12:30 PM Prayer Meeting at Church
Host: Rishin T. Roy

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

BELLEROSE	EASTERN LONG ISLAND
Saturday, August 2, 5:00 PM Mr. Lukose K. Koshy 88-40 Winchester Blvd., Bellerose 718-740-0350	August 23, 5:00 PM Mr. Juby Cherian 80 Rita Drive, East Meadow 516-800-2417
ELMONT & WEST HEMPSTEAD	FLORAL PARK & GLEN OAKS
No Prayer Scheduled in August	Sunday, August 17, 7:00 PM Mr. Abraham Philip 1773 Stewart Avenue, New Hyde Pk. 516-616-7327
GARDEN CITY PARK	NEW HYDE PARK EAST
No Prayer Scheduled in August	No Prayer Scheduled in August
NEW HYDE PARK WEST	PALLI BHAGOM
Sunday, August 24 at 7:00 PM Dr. Baby Sam Samuel 105 Old Farm Rd S., New Hyde Pk. 347-882-8281	No Prayer Scheduled in August

YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Glory be to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit - One true God! Amen!

"Look, here is water. What is to prevent me from being baptized?"
Acts 8:36

Dear beloved in Christ,
Grace and peace to you as we step into the month of August. This is often a season of transition. The summer begins to fade, and many of us are preparing to return to school, to college campuses, or to our regular routines. Some of us may be excited about what is ahead. Others may be carrying questions, restlessness, or quiet uncertainty.

In the Book of Acts, chapter 8, we encounter a man who was also in transition. He was an Ethiopian official, a royal servant, riding through the desert after trying to worship in Jerusalem. While his eyes were open reading from the Book of Isaiah, he did not yet understand what he was reading. He wanted more, his heart ached for more.

This man had every reason to believe that he did not belong. He was different in his race, in his status, and in his identity. As a eunuch, he was not allowed full access to Temple worship. He had been labeled and limited by others. And yet, God sent someone to meet him. God sent Philip.

Philip did not wait for the man to find his way into a church building. He did not shame him or question his worthiness. He simply came close. He listened. He opened the Scriptures. And he introduced him to Jesus.

As they traveled together, they came to a place where there was water. The man asked a simple but powerful question.

"What is to prevent me from being baptized?"

It was not just a theological question. It was a question that came from deep places of rejection and exclusion. It was the kind of question many young people carry in their hearts today.

Am I too broken to belong? Are my questions too dangerous? Is my past too heavy? Will I be welcomed just as I am?

Philip does not argue or delay. He stops the chariot. He baptizes the man. No barriers. No waiting period. Just grace... Just welcome... Just Jesus.

To the beloved youth of our parishes and region, We must ask ourselves sincerely: What is stopping us? What is holding us back from fully trusting Jesus with our life? What is preventing us from entering deeper into faith, into prayer, into service? Is it fear of failure? Is it a sense of shame or confusion? Is it the lie that we must be perfect before God can use us? Let us say with clarity and love: God is not the one who is stopping us.

God comes to us where we are. Whether on a campus, in our room, on the train, or walking through a quiet season of doubt. He is still speaking. He is still calling. And He is still saying, "You are mine" there is a place for us at His table.

As we move through these final weeks of summer, We must be encouraged to take time to reflect on what we may need to surrender. Bring our questions before the Lord. Be honest about where we stand, and know that God will not turn us away.

The Church is not a place for perfect people. It is a home for seekers, wanderers, and those who are learning to believe again. It is where questions become prayers and where dry seasons become places of renewal. We are not too late. We are not too far gone. We are not beyond hope. We are exactly the one that Jesus is ready to meet.

Let us go forward together, with courage, with humility, and with confidence in the One who still calls us by name.

JVarghese Achen
Youth Chaplain – Northeast Region



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN AUGUST

Moliamma & Thomas P. Chacko	2	Aleyamma & Chirayil Koshy Mathai	29
Offer Prayer on August 3		Rincy & Kevin Mathew Thomas	29
		Annie & Samuel Thomas	29
Sarah & Mathew George	5	Reima & Jomi K. Oommen	29
Anju & Lino Alex	5	Sherin & Bitto P Cherian	29
Smithamol & Samge T. Chacko	7	Rosamma & M. M. Mathew	29
Christine & Joel John	7	Suthe & Saju V. Simon	30
Aleyamma & Joy A. Chacko	8	Annamma & John Thomas	31
Sherin & Robin K. Abraham	8	Alice & Mathew K. Cherian	31
Lincy & Eapen K. George	8	Offer Prayer on August 31	
Alice & Babu Thomas	9		

Offer Prayer on August 10

Ancy & Jino Joy Thomas	11
Subini & Philip K. Thomas	11
Jincy & Shany M George	11
Jolly & Abraham Philip	11
Beena & Munna V. Sam	12
Jenney & Joji Mathew	12
Nija & Ashok G. Mathai	14
Laly & Koruthu George	15
Bindu & Shiju Mathew	16
Anita & Sabu Simon	16
Anee & Roy Joseph	16
Sherly & Ninan Abraham	17
Milan & Jeswin K James	17

Offer Prayer on August 17

Manju & Melvin John	18
Susan & Arun Shibu John	18
Liji & Denny K. Isaac	18
Joys & Johnson P. Philip	19
Susan & Paul Abraham	19
Roseena & Manoj Samuel	19
Rena & Swithin Titus	20
Riya & Tony Jacob Thomas	20
Leena & Rinny Jacob Chacko	21
Bhavna & Abe Mathews	21
Silvy & Saju S David	24
Jobina & Anish Abraham	24

Offer Prayer on August 24

Geena & Thejas Philip	27
Rijo & Alan Eapen Alexander	27
Sheila & Koshy George	28

*Happy
Anniversary*



BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST

Pexi Mariam Mathai	1
Justin Babu	2
Philip Thomas	2
Sherine Thomas	2
Sajan Jacob	3
Ryan John Samuel	3
Salju K. Thomas	3
Tessa Ann Thomas	3

Offer Prayer on August 3

Susannamma Cherian	4
Renjith Koshy Mathew	4
Blessen George	5
Titus T. Mathew	5
Rachel Varghese	5
Lino Alex	6
Allen Abraham	7
Esther Regena Jose	7
Ryan Sam Koshy	7
Calvin Sam	8
Chris George Isaac	9
Sabu V. Simon	9
Kitty Alexander	10
Amala Rose Chacko	10
Darshan George	10
Shibe Mani	10
Albert Sanu Mathew	10

Offer Prayer on August 13

Kesten Joseph Kurian	11
Sheena Thomas	11
Linsy Benjamin	12
Ezra Joseph Mathai	12
Annamma Thomas	12
Bijoy Abraham	13
Savanna Skylar Chacko	13
Jiya Jinu	13
Daniel Abraham Anish	14
Sheba Mani	14
Grace Daniel	15
Adam Thayil John	16
Jobi K Oommen	16
Celine Biju Cherian	17
Stanley Philip	17

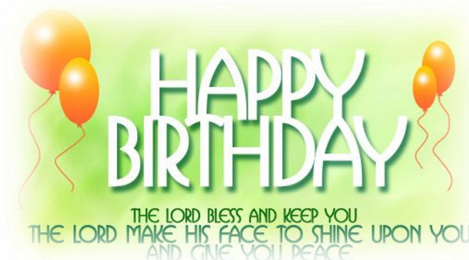
Offer Prayer on August 20

Denny K. Isaac	18
Darren Ninan	19
Jeffy John	19
Annie Mathew	19
Abraham K. Varughese	19

Stanly Aniyon	20
Jotham J Bitto	20
Angelina Elsa Mathew	20
Anita Mohan	20
Zion Mathew Philip	20
Jain Thomas Joseph	21
Julia Thomas	21
Ans Joseph	22
Cyrus Thomas Mammen	22
Abin Binu Mathew	22
Abia J. Panicker	22
Cherish P. James	23
Christine Anil Philipose	23
Ansu Varghese	23
Juan Bitto Cherian	24
Joel John	24
Noel E. Mathew	24
Justin T. Mathew	24

Offer Prayer on August 24

Jim John Mathew	26
Sanu Mathew	26
Kevin S. Mathew	26
Anish Abraham	27
Sneha Bijoy	27
Sneha Shaji	27
Shiju John	28
Neethu Ann Joseph	28
Thomas K. John	29
Jobbin Johnny	29
Thomas C. Mathew	29
Charley Mathew	29
Stacy Samuel	29
Abraham Alexander	30
Betty Koshy	30
John Skariah	30
Offer Prayer on August 31	



DATES TO REMEMBER

August 9	Northeast Regional Youth Fellowship BBQ
August 14-17	Junior Senior Conference
August 17	College Bound Seniors Dedication
August 22-24	Border Mission Project & Mexico Mission Worship, Texas
August 24	Harvest Auction
August 31	School Going Students Dedication
August 31	Youth Fellowship 5th Sunday Holy Communion; hosted by St. John YF
September 6	First Day of Sunday School
September 13	DSMC Choir Festival; Long Island MTC
September 14	Sevika Sanghom Day
September 21	Senior Citizen Day
September 27	Harmony Music Program
September 27	Regional Talent Festival; Long Island MTC
October 4	YS Regional Kalamela at St. John's
October 5	Edavaka Mission Sunday
October 11	St. John's Family Night
October 19	Yuvajana/Youth Sunday
October 23-26	Parish Convention
October 26	Family Sunday
October 26	Yuvjana Sakhyam Food Sale
November 2	World Sunday School Day/St. Thomas MTC
November 15	Yuvajana Sakhyam Kalamela hosted by St. John's Yuvajana Sakhyam
November 30	Thanksgiving Service and Lunch
December 7	Parish Day
December 5-20	Christmas House Caroling
December 21	Christmas Carol Service

St. John's Harvest Auction



All Prayer Groups

August 24

After the service

WEBLINKS

CHURCH ZOOM MEETING LINK:	HTTPS://US04WEB.ZOOM.US/J/6526148353
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App Store:	Instant Church Directory
Church Website -	www.stjohnsmtcny.org
Diocese Website -	https://marthomana.org/
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Nigel Oommen	516-800-7104		
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Rachel Philip	516-326-2629	Bently Joseph	516-643-4212
Noel Oommen	516-998-6443	Binu Daniel	917-597-6630
Grade 4		Grade 11	
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Lizi Mathew	516-426-0377	Alex Abraham	516-637-0154
Grade 5		Grade 12	
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		Ashish Abraham	516-554-1947
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