

8	1	Asha Winson George
8	6	Rajesh Mathew
8	8	Benjamin A. Chacko
8	8	Alli Rachel Cherian
8	8	Rosamma Xavier
8	10	Philip N. Philip
8	10	Cyril Zachariah
8	11	Luke George Varghese
8	13	Zach George
8	16	Annika Ann Easaw
8	18	Daniel K. Thomas
8	18	Thomas Zachariah
8	20	Samuel Jacob
8	21	Mariamamma Joshua
8	23	Reba S. Thomas
8	24	Steffin Daniel Monzy
8	24	Thomas Abraham
8	26	Binu Mathew
8	29	Alyamma Abraham
8	30	Elizabeth Rohini Christison
8	30	Jesson C George
8	31	Nithin Jiji John

8	1	Mrs. and Mr. Jiji John
8	3	Mrs. and Mr. Alex Mathew
8	7	Mrs. and Mr. George Thomas Karakal
8	7	Mrs. and Mr. Thomas Ninan
8	7	Mrs. and Mr. Cyril Zachariah
8	12	Mrs. and Mr. Ben Jacob Varghese
8	15	Mrs. and Mr. Shaimi Jacob
8	15	Mrs. and Mr. John Mathew
8	16	Mrs. and Mr. Kuruvilla Cherian
8	20	Mrs. and Mr. Benoj Joseph David
8	21	Mrs. and Mr. Easaw T. George
8	24	Mrs. and Mr. Thampy Varghese
8	25	Mrs. and Mr. George Alexander
8	28	Mrs. and Dr. Joseph Mathew
8	30	Mrs. and Mr. Babu Varughese
8	31	Mrs. and Mr. Daniel K. Thomas

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# ST. JAMES MAR THOMA CHURCH

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Dearly Beloved in Christ,

What is the driving force behind our parish? As a parish or a church we have to ask this question frequently. Bestselling author and a pastor Rick Warren in his Purpose Driven Church looks into the different motivating factors behind a church. Some of the wrong purposes behind a church are follows:

### Churches driven by Tradition

In the tradition- driven church the favorite phrase is “We’ve always done it this way”

### Churches driven by Personality

In the personality driven church the most important question is, “What does the leader want?” In the case of churches changing pastors every few years, a key lay person is likely to be the driving force. In a personality driven church its agenda is determined by the background, needs and insecurities of the leader.

### Churches driven by Finances

The question at the forefront of everyone’s mind in a finance driven church is “How much will it cost?”

### Churches driven by Programs

We usually call them organizations of the church. The Sunday school, sevika-sangham, youth league or youth fellowship, choir etc. are categorized by the author as programs. In program driven churches, all the energy is focused on maintaining and sustaining these programs of the church.

### Churches driven by Buildings

Winston Churchill once said, “We shape our buildings and then they shape us.”

Paying for and maintaining the building becomes the biggest budget item. Funds needed to operate ministries must be diverted to pay the mortgage, and the actual ministry of the church suffers.

### Churches driven by Events

When we look into the calendar of an event- driven church, we may get the impression that the goal of the church is to keep people busy.

All above mentioned things may be important to some extent. But these factors should not be the determining factors. Christ is our only leader and scripture is the guiding factor.

May the grace of our lord be with us all! Yours in His ministry  
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**EPISCOPAL VISIT:** Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Theethos Episcopa will visit our Parish on Saturday, August 4, 2012 at 7:00 PM and celebrate Holy Communion and First Communion Service.

### WORSHIP SERVICES

Date	Time	Service
Aug 04	07:00 pm	Holy Communion (English)
Aug 05	—	No Service
Aug 12	09:30 am	Holy Communion (Malayalam)
Aug 19	09:30 am	Holy Communion (English)
Aug 26	09:30 am	Holy Communion (Malayalam)

### DATE THEME

Aug 05	Mission Sunday- Church called to Proclaim the Good News
Aug 12	Christian presence in the Nation Building
Aug 19	Reformation: Heritage and Witness (Reformation Day)
Aug 26	Faith Community that has to be liberated from Corruption (13th Sunday after Pentecost)

### SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

Date	Service Assistant	Usher	Usher
Aug 04	Rajesh Mathew	Joanna George	Daniel George
Aug 12	Chacko P. George	Stanley Varghese	Jonathan Joshua
Aug 19	Cyril Zachariah	Bejoe Babu	Steven Babu
Aug 26	John Mathew	Shruthi Thomas	Reba Thomas

### SCRIPTURE READING ASSIGNMENTS

Date	Lesson 1	Lesson 2
Aug 04	Zach George	Anju George
Aug 12	Ben Varghese	Elizabeth Varghese
Aug 19	Babu Varghese	Saramma Babu
Aug 26	Thampy Varghese	Mariamamma Joshua

### LECTIONARY

Date	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Epistle	Gospel
Aug 05	Jer.7:1-7	Acts.20:18-27	2Thes.2:13-17	St.Mat.28:16-20
Aug 12	Neh. 2:1-17	Rom. 13:1-7	Rom. 13:1-7	St. John. 8:31-42
Aug 19	Deut.11:1-28	Acts. 13:17-39	Titus 2:7-14	St. Mat. 5:13-20
Aug 26	Isa. 1:10-20	Jam.4:1-10	Rom. 7:15-25	Rom. 7:15-25

### ORGANISATION PRAYER MEETINGS

<b>EDAVAKA MISSION</b>	<b>Saturday, August 25, 2012 at 7:00 PM</b>	At the residence of Mr. T. T. George, 5 Headden Dr, Spring Valley, NY 10977
<b>SEVIKA SANGHAM</b>	<b>Wednesday, August 8, 2012 at 7.30pm</b>	At the residence of Mrs. Suni John, 64 Creek side Circle, Spring Valley, NY10977
	<b>Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at 7.30pm</b>	At the residence of Mrs. Mariamma David, 133 Creek side Circle, Spring Valley, NY 10977
<b>YUVAJANA SAKHYAM</b>	<b>TBA</b>	

### AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

<b>CLARKSTOWN</b>	<b>TBA</b>	
<b>ORANGETOWN</b>	<b>TBA</b>	
<b>RAMAPO</b>	<b>TBA</b>	