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# BIRTHDAY

Dates	Name	Town
2	Saramma C. Koshy	Congers
4	Chinnamma Mathews	Nanuet
5	Joval J. Mathew	Tappan
5	K. J. Ammukutty	Nanuet
5	Reena Abraham	West Nyack
8	Angelina Elizabeth Daniel	Florida
10	Jolly Tom	Congers
11	Allen Ajay	Suffern
11	Beena P. John	Spring Valley
12	Josh Job	Congers
12	Steven Varghese Babu	Nanuet
14	Daniel Thomas	Avenel
14	N. M. Mathews	Suffern
15	Hanna A. Binu	New City
15	M. S. Eappen	Palisades
16	Selwyn Alexander Jacob	Nanuet
16	Timothy Yohannan	Valley Cottage
19	Johnson George	Bergenfield
20	Mariamamma Philip	Spring Valley
21	Jinsey Jacob	Tappan
23	Isaiah Zachary Abraham	West Nyack
25	Anju George	Orangeburg
27	Susan John	Spring Valley
28	Shaimi Jacob	New City
29	Sherin Elsa Jacob	Nanuet
30	Amanda Elizabeth Mathew	Nanuet
31	Sherin Philip	Spring Valley

*St. James Family pray that God will continue to warm your heart  
and lift your spirits while granting you peace and serenity*

*this very special day of yours.*

*Happy Birthday. . . .*

### ORGANISATION PRAYER MEETINGS

EDAVAKA MISSION	TBA	
SEVIKA SANGHAM	TBA	
YOUTH FELLOWSHIP	TBA	

### AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

CLARKSTOWN	TBA	
RAMAPO	Saturday March 11, 2017 7.00 P.M	Ajay K. Pappan 9 Victoria Dr., Suffern, NY 845-504-0599
ORANGETOWN	TBA	

### LENT PRAYER MEETINGS

Friday March 3, 2017 7:00P.M	Thomas Samuel 21 Baylor Rd., New City, NY 845-2901 213
Friday March 24, 7:00pm	M. S. Eappen 416 Whiteoak Road, Palisades, NY
Friday March 31 7:00 pm	Linu Abraham 9 Hacker pl, Nanuet, NY
<b>Lent Prayer schedule (s) will be announced each week according to impending weather conditions.</b>	

### Wedding Anniversary

Date	Wedding Anniversaries	Town
4	Sumi & Benjamin Chacko	Suffern
7	Annamma & Thomas C. Ninan	New City
15	Saramma & Chacko P. George	Valley Cottage

*May God bestow his goodness and blessings as you celebrate another year of marriage. Happy Wedding Anniversary....*

## Vicar's Message

*Dearly Beloved in Christ,*

*In the story of Jonah God gave him the direction to Nineveh and preach, but Jonah decided to flee to Tarshish away from the Lord's presence. Many time we like Jonah tend to flee away from God's plan for us. We tend to replace His plan by our own plans. Finally, when Jonah went to Nineveh he realized his mistake. In the current affairs of religion and politics where there is so much of greed for power & money, selfishness & corruption, we have to self examine where we are?*

*The Great Lent season of this year starts on Feb.26. Fifty days of this season set apart by the church for prayer & meditation aims to reflect up on Christ's sacrifice especially the passion, death and resurrection for the redemption of humanity. Celebration of Lent is not a ritual, but a relieving experience; a time of self examination and find out our role in God's plan. It gives us new purposes for living and new motives for action. Fasting and avoiding of rich food can help us to identify ourselves meaningfully with people who are hungry and less privileged than we are. In the midst of our comforts and busy lives memorizing Christ's sacrifice which leads to repentance and renewal.*

*Human beings are in capable of self-transformation. Transformation is the means by which we enter into a redemptive relationship with God. The relationship with God blends the sovereignty of God and responsibility of human beings.*

*"The Lord, the Lord the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger and abounding in love and faithfulness. (Exo:34:6) "Now fear the Lord and serve Him with all faithfulness "(Joshua:24:14)*

*May God bless us all.*

*Yours in Christ*

*Mathew Babyachen* 

## WORSHIP SERVICES

Date	Time	Service
Mar 5	10:15 am	Holy Communion (Malayalam) Diocesan Sunday
Mar 12	10:15 am	Holy Communion (English)
Mar 19	10:15 am	Holy Communion (Malayalam)
Mar 26	10:15 am	Holy Communion (English)

Date	THEME
5-Mar	The Cleansing Jesus ( 2nd Sunday in Lent)
12-Mar	The Forgiving Christ ( 3rd Sunday in Lent)
19-Mar	The Accepting Christ ( 4th Sunday in Lent)
26-Mar	Retriberating Christ ( 5th Sunday in Lent)

## LECTIONARY

Date	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Epistle	Gospel
5-Mar	Zech 13: 1-9	1 John 1:5-10	Eph.2:1-10	Mark 1:40-45
12-Mar	Gen 4:8-16	Acts 16:11-18	Rom. 5:6-11	Mark 2:1-12
19-Mar	Hos. 2:14-23	Phil. 1:1-21	Gal.6:1-5	Math. 15:21-28
26-Mar	Exo.3:1-10	Rom. 8:31-39	Gal. 5:1-12	Luke 13:10-17

## ASSIGNMENTS

Date	Service Assistant	Lesson 1	Lesson 2
Mar 5	Mathew Samuel (Joy, New City)	Samuel Mathew	Rose Mary Samuel
Mar 12	Jonathan Abraham	Allan Ajay	Sarah Varghese
Mar 19	Mathew Samuel (Shaji, Edison)	Thomas Varghese	Jessy Varghese ( Edison)
Mar 26	Dias Samuel	John Xavier	Anny Thomas

## TEAMS

### House Keeping Responsibility

Mar 5	Jiji John, John K. Alexander & Ajay Pappan
Mar 12	P. A. Chacko, T. K. Koshy & M. S. Eappen
Mar 19	Dey Neduvelil, Bindu Abraham & Mathew Samuel
Mar 26	Sanjayan Joseph, Beena John & Thomas Varghese
Apr 2	Annie Varghese, Linu Abraham & Shaimi Jacob

**Intercessory Prayer at Church every Sunday at 9:30A.M**  
**Fasting prayer at Parsonage every Friday at 10:30A.M**  
**Sunday School Starts at 9AM every Sunday**

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 17-19: NERYF Retreat at Tuscarora Inn, Mount Bethel, PA

July 27-30 : Family Retreat, Montrose Bible Conference, Montrose, PA

June 26-July 1st: VBS