

Sunday school VBS

Theme:



Time	Events	Place
June 30 th Saturday	Picnic (VBS and Church) 8:30AM	Congers Lake Memorial Park
July 1 st Sunday	VBS Final Day	St. James MTC After Church service

Date	Day	Upcoming events 2018
October	TBA	Convention
October	TBA	Family night
November 25th	Sunday	Thanksgiving service
December 9th	Sunday	Parish day
December 23rd	Sunday	Christmas carol service

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Date	Time	Prayer Meeting
July 20th	7:00 PM	Sevika sangham prayer meeting at the residence of Mariamma Idiculla, 196 E Johnson Ave, Bergenfield, NJ 07621

House Keeping Assignments



- 1st Sunday – Clarkstown area family members.
- 2nd Sunday -- Orangetown area family members.
- 3rd Sunday -- Ramapo area family members
- 4th Sunday -- Church executive committee members.
- 5th Sunday -- Youth fellowship members.

Please note that it is the responsibility of each member of the Church to keep the Church sanctuary and its premises neat and clean.

ST. JAMES

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Vicar's message...

Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ

Greet you all in the name of our lord and savior Jesus Christ.

In U.S.A on July 4th, we celebrate the Independence Day. In 1776, the 13 British colonies in North America protested the limitations placed on them by the King of England and engaged in a struggle that gave birth to a new Republic. The infant nation soon adopted the now famous document known as the Declaration of Independence. We celebrate this day with colorful fireworks and patriotic celebrations.

About 2000 years ago, our Lord Jesus made a declaration of independence on the cross. All of humanity was under the bondage of sin and death. But Christ, the sinless one, took our place on Calvary and died for our sins. Paul in his letter to Galatians writes "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us" (Gala: 3:13). Paul urges all who have been redeemed to stand firm therefore and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery" (Gala:5:1). Therefore, when we celebrate and thank God for the freedom we enjoy in our country, we must also praise God for the freedom that is found in Christ.

This freedom is not for our selfish purposes. This freedom is not to impose our will and interest on others. But this is a spiritual freedom to reveal God and the glory of His will to others. Paul says "For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another" (Gala: 5:13). Therefore, we are called to serve one another in love. In every action we do, every word we speak, everywhere we go and everything in our life should be with love. Because Christ so loved and blessed us even though we are not worthy of his love. Let us celebrate freedom in Christ through love.

I congratulate all students who have graduated this academic year. I wish God's grace as you continue your journey in search of knowledge.

By the grace of God we entered into the third quarter of the year. Let us thank God for His countless blessings and guidance that we have experienced for the last six months and in the past. Let me acknowledge God's presence and providence in our faith journey so far, which are beyond our measure. I request your whole hearted prayer and support for the continued spiritual growth of the Church.

"Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew:28:20). As a parish, let us work together as a team for better fellowship and mutual blessing, and above all, pray to God to mold us all as a united living entity to work for His glory.

May the Almighty Lord be with us and bless our path and our ministry in this faith journey.

Yours in Christ service

Rev. Santhosh Joseph...



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WORSHIP SERVICES: JULY 2018

Date	Time	Service
July 01	09:30AM	Holy Communion (English)
July 08	09:30AM	Divine Service (Malayalam)
July 15	09:30AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)
July 22	09:30AM	Holy Communion (English)
July 29	09:30AM	Divine Service (English)

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LECTIONARY & THEME: JULY 2018

Date	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Epistle	Gospel
July 01	Transparency and Faithfulness in Stewardship (Tithe Offering Sunday)			
	Exo. 36:1-7	Acts. 5:1-11	Phil.4:10-20	St.Luke. 19:11-27
July 08	Ordained Ministry: Identifying with the wounds of Christ.			
	Ezek. 33:1-9	2 Tim. 2:1-13	Gal. 6:11-18	St.John. 21:15-19
July 15	People of God: Salt to the Earth - Light to the World			
	Isa. 49:1-11	Eph. 5:1-5	Rom. 13:11-14	St.Mat. 5:13-16
July 22	Life that has to be sanctified			
	Isa. 1:10-20	Acts. 6:8-15	Col. 3:11-14	St.Luke. 19:1-10
July 29	Theological Education: Knowledge and Experience of Faith			
	Exo. 3:1-12	Acts. 8:26-40	2 Thes. 1:1-12	St.John. 12:20-26



BIRTHDAYS - JULY 2018

July 01	Namita Maria Joshua	Nanuet
July 02	Roy Eappen	Palisades
July 04	Anne Mathews	Suffern
July 08	Thomas Ninan	New City
July 11	Grace Varughese	Suffern
July 12	Sherin Philip	Spring Valley
July 17	Easo Kurian	Orangeburg

July 18	Ethel Gopee	Orangeburg
July 20	Ann Jacob	Congers
July 21	Chacko Yohannan	New City
July 23	George K. Cherian	Orangeburg
July 26	Dias Mathew Samuel	New City
July 27	Aleyamma Mathew	Nanuet
July 29	Ned Philip Idiculla	Bergenfield
July 30	Rose Mary Samuel	New City
July 31	Christine Tom	Congers

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



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES - JULY 2018

Date	Name	Town
July 03	Reena & Vinu Abraham	Poughkeepsie
July 04	Rose & Mathew Samuel	New City
July 12	Susan & John Samuel	Spring Valley
July 21	Beena & John P. Koshy	Spring Valley
July 21	Alice & Ajay K. Pappan	Airmont
July 23	Ethel & Allwyn V. Thomas	Orangeburg