



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

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES - NOVEMBER 2017		
11/2	Annie & Thomas Varghese	Nanuet, NY
11/20	Aleyamma & Zachariah Abraham	Trivandrum, India
11/25	Sherly & Moncy Kurian	Congers, NY
11/27	Annamma & Joseph K. Daniel	Wappinger Falls, NY



Housekeeping Responsibility: November 2017

11/5	P. A. Chacko, T. K. Koshy & Ajay Pappan
11/12	Dey Neduvellil, Bindu Abraham & Mathew Samuel
11/19	Sanjayan Joseph, Beena John & Thomas Varghese
11/23	Thanksgiving Day (All the willing)
11/26	Annie Varghese, Linu Abraham & Shaimi Jacob

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Vicar's Message

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Some of our Rituals and Practices of the Church worship like signing of cross, bowing of head, reverence to the Eucharistic elements, and kiss of peace are very important in their spiritual meaning. An understanding of what we believe and what we do are essential for experiencing the real spirit of worship. For example, kiss of peace is the symbolic action of reconciliation. It is through the faithful and sincere worship; the church retains its inner spiritual vitality. Learning to listen God's voice is a key factor in our spiritual growth. When we are silent in the presence of God and the Word, we are experiencing his wisdom, insights and the renewal of our strength in daily living. We are not always happy to discuss our sin. Sin is more than the things we do or do not do. It is also a mindset. Our sinful tendencies result in our separation from God and fellow beings.

Confessing our sin with genuine repentance is the only way to be free from sin. God knows each of us have plenty of sin to deal with. Hiding our sins is not pleasing to God. He wants us to open with Him in prayer, accepting our weakness, and seeking help. Normally in our worship service, the confession is in public. While we are involved in public confession, we can genuinely repent for our sins privately. Through our confession, we recognize our failures, sincerely repent and turn away from such sins and renounce any evil effect that occurred in our life because of sin and seek forgiveness. Unconfessed sins become destructive poison in our lives not only spiritually but also emotionally and physically. Repentance and confession are always starting points for a restored fellowship with God. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness". (1. John 1:9)

May God bless us all.

Matthew Babychen 

WORSHIP SERVICES: NOVEMBER 2017

Date	Time	Service
11/5	10:15	Holy Communion Service (Eng.)
11/12	10:15	Holy Communion Service (Mal.)
11/19	9:30	Holy Communion Service (Eng.)
11/23	9:30	Thanksgiving Day Service (Eng.)
11/26	10:15	Holy Communion Service (Eng.)

LECTIONARY & THEME: NOVEMBER 2017

Date	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Epistle	Gospel
11/5	Sanctification of Church (World Sunday School)			
	Prov. 23:15-26	Heb. 12:1-13	1 John 2:7-17	John 6:1-14
11/12	Renewal of the Church			
	Micah 6:1-8	2 Cor.4:7-15	1 Cor.12:12-20	Luke 10:1-9
11/19	Annunciation to Zachariah			
	1 Chro. 24:1-19	Heb. 5:1-10	2 Cor.2:12-17	Luke 1:5-23
11/26	Annunciation to Virgin Mary			
	Zech. 2:10-13	1 John 3:1-16	Eph. 1:3-10	Luke 1: 26-38

UPCOMING EVENTS & PRAYER MEETINGS: NOV. 2017

Sun. 11/5	Daylight Savings Time Ends	Set Clock Backward 1 hour (2:00 AM)
Sun. 11/19	9:30 AM	Rt. Rev. Dr. Isaac Mar Philoxenos Episcopa Diocesan Bishop. (Parish visit)
Thu. 11/23	9:30 AM	Thanksgiving Day Service, Auction & Traditional Lunch.
Sat. 11/25	6:30 PM	Clarkstown Area Prayer Meeting at the residence of Jency & Shain Jacob, 214 Foltim Way, Congers, NY Tel. (845) 267-8817



BIRTHDAYS - NOVEMBER 2017

11/1	Sosamma Easo	Orangeburg, NY
11/3	Thomas C. Ninan	New City, NY
11/4	Easaw T. George	Cortlandt Manor, NY
11/5	John P. K.	Valley Cottage, NY
11/5	Jacob K. Daniel (Sunil)	Wappinger Falls, NY
11/7	Sony Mathew	Spring Valley, NY
11/7	Thomas Varghese	Nanuet, NY
11/9	Shiny Thomas	New City, NY
11/9	Sony Thomas	New City, NY
11/11	Sindhu Varghese	Congers, NY
11/12	Rev. Mathew Baby	Wesley Hills
11/13	Ashley Ann Alexander	Nanuet, NY
11/13	Elizabeth Varghese	Pleasant Valley, NY
11/14	Justin Mathews	Suffern, NY
11/15	Rosamma Chacko	New City, NY
11/15	Mariamamma Jacob (Susan)	Nanuet, NY
11/15	Rachel Jacob	Tappan, NY
11/17	Aaron Alexander	Nanuet, NY
11/19	Dency Chacko	New City, NY
11/19	Daniel George Zachariah	Boston, MA
11/22	Babu Varughese	Nanuet, NY
11/22	Samanta Jacob	Congers, NY
11/23	Chellamma Chacko	Suffern, NY
11/24	Sneha Mary Monzy	Monsey, NY
11/24	John Xavier	New City, NY
11/24	Shain Jacob	Congers, NY
11/24	Thomas K. M	Bardonia, NY
11/25	Jacob Alexander (Sunny)	Nanuet, NY
11/26	Dylan Varghese	Congers, NY
11/27	Chacko P. George	Valley Cottage, NY
11/27	Teena Mary Varghese	Rock Tavern, NY
11/29	Mathew N. K. (Joy)	Tappan, NY