

Vicar's Message

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

During the month of September our attention was focused on the ministry of Sunday school. The Sunday school movement began in England during the life time of Robert Raikes (1736-1811) who became concerned with the spiritual and social conditions of poor and illiterate children. Since education was reserved for the wealthy, poor children had no schooling and child labor was exploited. In the midst of these conditions, Raikes began taking children off the streets and taught them biblical truths as well as the ability to read and write.


We have to spend time in prayer for our church Sunday school, the leaders and the teachers who have taken the important responsibility of ministering the Christian Faith to children and youth. One of the basic precepts of the Sunday school movement has always been God's word must be carefully and systematically studied by the believer. Christian maturity of our children requires constant discipline. Discipline as training which corrects, strengthens and perfects. "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right". (Eph. 6: 1)

Obedience is the first law between the creator and his creation. The whole world is regulated by the law of obedience. Man must exercise obedience in every sphere of life, beginning from home as a child, then as a citizen of the state, as an employee at work, and as a member of the Church. Children have to recognize parental authority in their own homes.

We have an excellent example of the fruit of Christian education in the home, in the person of Timothy. As a child Timothy had learned obedience and honor from the scriptures at the knees of his mother and grandmother (2Tim. 1:5). It is important that our children be led to a personal relationship with Christ and instructed in His word when they are young.

Let us thank God for all the senior citizens of our parish.

May God bless us all.

Mathew Palyachen 

Congratulations To

THE PARENTS BLESSED WITH NEW ARRIVALS:

1. Riya & Tinu Varghese: Naomi Mariam Varghese (D)
2. Blessy & Binu Mathew: Ethan Sam Binu (S)
3. Siji & Shaju Pappan: Liviya Shaju (D)

May the good Lord endow you with many blessings to you and your child.

St. James Family will uphold you in our prayers.

Housekeeping Responsibility: October 2017



10/1	Sun	P. A. Chacko, T. K. Koshy & Ajay Pappan
10/8	Sun	Dey Neduvelil, Bindu Abraham & Mathew Samuel
10/15	Sun	Sanjayan Joseph, Beena John & Thomas Varghese
10/22	Sun	Annie Varghese, Linu Abraham & Shaimi Jacob
10/29	Sun	Jiji John, John K. Alexander & M. S. Eappen

WORSHIP SERVICES: October 2017		
Date	Time	Service
10/1	10:15 AM	Holy Communion Service (Mal)
10/8	10:15 AM	Holy Communion Service (Eng)
10/15	10:15 AM	Holy Communion Service (Mal)
10/22	10:15 AM	Holy Communion Service (Eng)
10/29	10:15 AM	Holy Communion Service (Mal)

LECTIONARY & THEME OCTOBER 2017				
Date	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Epistle	Gospel
10/1	Witness of the Laity - Voluntary Evangelists' Day			
	Amos. 7:10-17	1 Pet. 2:1-10	1 Thes. 4:1-8	Luke. 10:30-37
10/8	Accept the Difference of God's Creation			
	Isa. 42:16-20	Acts. 3:1-10	2 Cor.12:1-10	John 5:1-9
10/15	Youth: Life Focused on the Word - Youth Sunday			
	Gen. 41:37-43	Phil. 3:1-16	1 Tim. 4:7-16	Luke. 10:25-28
10/22	Family: 'Place of Faith Formation' Family Dedication Sunday			
	Josh. 24:14-22	Titus. 2:1-8	Eph. 3:14-21	Luke. 19:1-10
10/29	The Sacrament of Holy Baptism			
	Exo. 14:15-31	Rom. 6:1-11	Titus. 3:3-8	John 3:1-8

UPCOMING EVENTS & PRAYER MEETINGS: SEPT. 2017		
Sun. 10/8	6:00 PM	Clarkstown - Area Prayer Meeting at the residence of Nancy & John Job, 92 Wisconsin Ave, Congers, NY Tel: (845) 267 - 3387 (All are Invited)
Sat. 10/21	7:00 PM	Edavaka Mission Prayer Meeting at the residence of Susan & John K. Alexander, 35 Virginia Ave, Tappan, NY Tel: (845) 398- 5179
Fri. 10/27 Sat. 10/28 Sun. 10/29	6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Parish Convention: Fri. 10/27 - Sun. 10/29 Convention Speaker: Jose Pandanadu After the Holy Communion Service
Sat. 10/28	9:00 AM	North East Regional - Sevika Sangham Kala Mela Venue: St. James Mar Thoma Church



Birthdays - October 2017		
10/2	Ashley Ajay	Airmont, NY
10/5	Philip Mathew	Nanuet, NY
10/5	Mariamamma David	Spring Valley, NY
10/6	Mathew Ninan	New City, NY
10/8	Mathew Samuel	New City, NY
10/10	Andrew Mathew	West Nyack, NY
10/10	John Samuel	Spring Valley, NY
10/10	Saumya Daniel	Florida, NY
10/10	Varghese Thomas	Orangeburg, NY
10/12	Thomas Samuel	New City, NY
10/14	John Job	Congers, NY
10/14	Roshni David	New City, NY
10/16	Marlene Tom	Congers, NY
10/17	Jenny Sarah Thomas	Spring Valley, NY
10/19	Thankamma Skariah	Palisades, NY
10/21	Joshua Cherian	New Windsor, NY
10/27	Money Kurian	Congers, NY



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

Wedding Anniversaries- October 2017		
10/1	Riya & Tinu Varghese	Rock Tavern, NY
10/9	Dency & Robin Chacko	New City, NY
10/10	Mariamamma & Varghese Abraham	Congers, NY
10/13	Dolly & Varghese Thomas	Orangeburg, NY
10/25	Mary & George Kurian	Orangeburg, NY