



IN GOD WE TRUST

**St. James
Marthoma
Church
Newsletter
July 2023**

Message from the Vicar

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Beloved St. James Family Members

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Let us praise God with gratitude because half the days of a year have been blessed by God's grace. The mixed experiences in everyday life help shape and rebuild us. As we are built up under God's constant presence and supervision, we can achieve greater perfection and reliability. Every event that we hear and see in our daily lives as children of God, requires God's grace to help us grow and sustain our faith life. As children of God, we are molded instruments of God. "We are the clay; you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand" (Isaiah 64:8).

Considered one of the greatest video games ever made, Nintendo's The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time has sold more than seven million copies worldwide. It also popularized the ocarina, a tiny, ancient, potato-shaped wind musical instrument made of clay. The ocarina does not look like much of a musical instrument. However, when it's played—by blowing into its mouthpiece and covering various holes around its misshapen body—it produces a strikingly serene and hauntingly hopeful sound.

The ocarina's maker took a lump of clay, applied pressure and heat to it, and transformed it into an amazing musical instrument. Isaiah 64:6, 8–9 tells us: "All of us have become like one who is unclean... Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay; you are the potter... Do not be angry beyond measure..." The prophet was saying: God, you are in charge. We are all sinful. Shape us into beautiful instruments for You.

That is exactly what God does. In His mercy, He sent His Son, Jesus, to die for our sins, and now He is shaping and transforming us as we walk in step with His Spirit every day. Just as the ocarina maker's breath flows through the instrument to produce beautiful music, God works through us—His molded instruments—to accomplish His beautiful will: to be more and more like Jesus (Romans 8:29). May the Triune God help us to live as better instruments in His mighty hands.

In His Ministry

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	DATE	WORSHIP SERVICES: July, 2023	TIME
Sun	July 02	Holy communion service in English	9:30 AM
Sun	July 09	Holy communion service in Malayalam	9:30 AM
Sun	July 16	Divine service in English	9:30 AM
Sun	July 23	Holy communion service in Malayalam	9:30 AM
Sun	July 30	Holy communion service in English	9:30 AM

LECTIONARY-July, 2023					
Day	Date	Lesson: 1	Lesson: 2	Epistles	Gospels
		Tithe Offering Sunday-Share for the Gospel			
Sun	July 02	Deut 14:22-29	1Tim 6:17-21	2Cor 9:6-12	Luke 3:7-14
		Clergy Sunday-Priests: Ministers of the Kingdom of God			
Sun	July 09	Ezek 33:1-9	1Tim 6:11-16	Eph 4:7-16	Matt 9:35-38
		People of God: The body of Jesus Christ			
Sun	July 16	Josh 1:1-9	1Cor 12:27-31	2Cor 5:16-21	Matt 5:43-48
		Good News: Life Through Death			
Sun	July 23	Deut 6:1-17	Eph 3:1-13	Rom 8:12-17	John 12:20-26
		Holy Spirit who Empowers for Mission			
Sun	July 30	Isa 61:1-4	Acts 1:1-11	Gal 5:16-24	John 20:19-23



St. James MarThoma Church VBS on
July 27th Thursday thru 29th Saturday.

Church picnic on Saturday July 29th, 2023
At Congers Lake Memorial Park
8 Gilchrest Rd, Congers, NY 10920





Birthdays – July

Dates	Name	Town
July 01	Namita Maria Joshua	Nanuet
July 02	Amelia Celine Job	Congers
July 02	Roy Eappen	Palisades
July 04	Anne Mathews	Philly
July 08	Thomas Ninan	New City
July 08	Susanna Mary Varghese	Tarrytown, NY
July 08	Dylan Suraj	Bardonia
July 11	Grace Varughese	Philly
July 17	Easo Kurian	Orangeburg
July 18	Ethel Gopee	Orangeburg
July 18	Since M Varghese	Tarrytown, NY
July 21	Chacko Yohannan	New City
July 23	George K. Cherian	Orangeburg
July 24	Ethan Sam Binu	New CITY
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
July 31	Sreya M. Samuel	New City



Wedding Anniversary – July

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	Alice & Ajay Pappan	Airmont
July 23	Ethel & Alwyn V. Thomas	Orangeburg

Upcoming Events - 2023

July 29 th Saturday	Church picnic.
August 6 th Sunday	College going student's dedication during Holy communion service.
September 3 rd Sunday	School going student's dedication during Holy communion service.
September	Church convention – 3 rd week (tentative date).
October (TBA)	Family night.
November 23 rd Thursday	Thanks Giving Service 9:30AM follows auction and lunch.
December 3 rd Sunday	Parish day.
December	House caroling – December 8,9,15,16 &17
December 24 th Sunday	Church Christmas carol service in the evening.
December 25 th Monday	Christmas day service – Holy communion in English at 8:30 AM.
December 31 st Sunday	Watch night service – Holy communion service in Malayalam at 10:00PM

Prayer Meetings.

Hermon area prayer meeting on July 1st Saturday at 7:00PM at the residence of Mr. Ajay Pappan, 9 Victoria St. , Airmont, NY

Sevika Sanghom house visiting on July 15th at 7:00 PM.

Edavaka mission prayer meeting on July 21st Friday at 7:00PM at the residence of Mr. John P. Koshy, 75 Rockland Lane, Spring Valley, NY 10977.

Every Friday at 10:30 AM fasting prayer meeting via zoom.

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Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.