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St. James Marthoma Church Newsletter August 2024



Message from the Vicar

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Dearly beloved

“Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.” (Mt 8:2) a man with leprosy came and knelt before him and spoke. To receive the compassion, we need in our lives, we must open to God about our limitations. Similarly, we can deal with others with compassion only if we have a tender heart. Peter Luchford was a missionary in Africa for many years. Once a missionary school teacher came to see him. This missionary saw a white spot on the teacher’s hand and inquired what it was. The teacher tried to hide it by saying it was due to bad weather. The missionary, without bothering him, changed the subject. Both prayed. when he gave his hand again, the missionary did not let go. He was forced to tell the truth. At last, this teacher said, “It might be leprosy.” During that period leprosy was common in Central Africa. This missionary took him to a distant hospital and treated him. He recovered and returned. After that, he was free from leprosy. He was healed because he was exposed to his limitations and the missionary treated him with compassion. Likewise, we are to receive compassion from God and to give compassion to others. Many of us are losing the attitude of compassion that is part of our Christian lifestyle. The first Sunday is Mission Sunday. The mission means merely the preaching of the gospel. It involved the transformation of the individual and society. We must embrace the vision that our spiritual life contributes to the transformation of the individual and society and pass it on to our generations.

We enter this new month with the news of a major disaster in Kerala’s Wayanad district. Kerala has experienced a massive natural disaster that it has never seen before. Kerala has witnessed a tragic situation where human life is lost within seconds. Remember the people who have lost loved ones and live in fear.

2024 VBS was held on July 27-28. Believe that VBS was a blessing to all the children who participated in it. Our Family Retreat is arranged on August 15 Thursday to 18 Sunday at Joy El Camps and Retreats, Greencastle, PA. Wishing all the participants a blessed fellowship. Best wishes and prayers to all the college-going students. May the Lord’s grace be upon us all.

In His Ministry

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	DATE	WORSHIP SERVICES: August, 2024	TIME
Sun	Aug 04	Holy communion service in English	9:30 AM
Sun	Aug 11	Holy communion service in Malayalam	9:30 AM
		Holy communion service in English (@ retreat place) Divine service at Church.	9:30 AM 9:30 AM
Sun	Aug 18		
Sun	Aug 25	Holy communion service in Malayalam	9:30 AM

LECTIONARY-August 2024					
Day	Date	Lesson: 1	Lesson: 2	Epistles	Gospels
Sun		Sunday: Mission – Proclamation and Acts of the Kingdom of God			
	Aug 04	Isa 6:1-8	Acts 19:8-12	Rom 1:8-17	Matt 10:7-16
Sun		Freedom in Jesus Christ			
	Aug 11	Exod 3:7-14	Gal 5:1-14	Rom 6:15-23	John 8:31-36
Sun		Reformation Sunday: Reformation based on the values of the Kingdom of God			
	Aug 18	2Kgs 23:1-3	1Pet 1:13-25	1John 2:13-17	Matt 23:23-28
Sun		Theological Education for faith nourishment			
	Aug 25	Deut 6:1-9	Acts 28:23-30	2Tim 3:10-17	Matt 13:18-23



Birthday – August

Dates	Name	Town
Aug 08	Alli Cherian	New Windsor
Aug 08	Rosamma Xavior	New City
Aug 10	Philip N Philip	Westwood, NJ
Aug 14	Benson J. David	New City
Aug 16	Annika Ann Easaw	Cortlandt Manor
Aug 18	Daniel K. Thomas	Avenel, NJ
Aug 18	Maya Thomas	Orangeburg
Aug 20	Samuel Jacob	New City
Aug 23	Andrea Rivas Torres	Nanuet
Aug 25	Brayden J. David	New City
Aug 26	Binu Mathew	New City
Aug 29	Suraj Varkey	Bardonia
Aug 30	Jesson C. George	New City
Aug 31	Nithin Jiji John	Nanuet



Wedding Anniversary – August

Date	Name	Town
Aug 01	Mrs. & Mr. Jiji John	Nanuet
Aug 07	Mrs. & Mr. Thomas Ninan	New City
Aug 12	Mrs. & Mr. Ben Jacob Varghese	Pleasant Valley
Aug 15	Mrs. & Mr. Shami Jacob	New City
Aug 16	Mrs. & Mr. Kuruvilla Cherian	Orangeburg
Aug 20	Mrs. & Mr. Benoj Joseph David	New City
Aug 21	Mrs. & Mr. Easaw T. George	Cortlandt Manor
Aug 24	Mrs. & Mr. Thampy Varghese	Rock Tavern
Aug 30	Mrs. & Mr. Babu Varghese	Nanuet
Aug 31	Mrs. & Mr. Daniel K. Thomas	Avenel, NJ

Upcoming Events – 2024

Date	Events
Open	Church cleanup.
Open	Church picnic.
August 11 th Sunday	College going student's dedication during Holy communion service.
August 15 th – 18th	Church Family retreat.
September 1st Sunday	School going student's dedication during Holy communion service.
September 20,21 & 22	Church convention. (Tentative date)
November 24 th Sunday	Thanks Giving Service after Church Service follows auction and lunch.
December 1 st Sunday	Parish day.
December 6,7,8,13,14 & 15	House caroling
December 22 nd Sunday	Church Christmas carol service in the evening.
December 25 th Wednesday	Christmas day service – Holy communion in English at 8:30AM.
December 31 st Tuesday	Watch night service – Holy communion service in Malayalam at 10:00PM

College going student's dedication service on August 11th Sunday during Holy communion service.

Prayer Meetings.

Sevika Sanghom prayer meeting on August 26th Monday at 7:00PM at the residence of Mrs. Bindu Abraham , 9 Hacker Place Nanuet, NY 10954.

Senior citizen prayer meeting on fourth week Wednesday at 7:30 PM via Zoom.
Fasting prayer meeting on first and third Friday at 10:30AM via Zoom.



CHURCH *Retreat*

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August 15 TO 18

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42 Fourth Street
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Proverbs:11:25

**A generous
person will
prosper;
whoever
refreshes
others will be
refreshed.**