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News Letter

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Letter from the Vicar

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

The liturgical year of our Church begins with Sanctification (Kudos Eatho) and Renewal (Hudos Eatho). As the Mosaic Law reminds us, self-sanctification is essential for priestly ministry. Let us commit ourselves to holiness as we serve God and the world.

The Advent season (Dec 1–25) calls us to repentance and reflection as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We also observe World Sunday School Day on the first Sunday of November. Godparents, parents, and Sunday School teachers are called to nurture children in Christ through four areas of spiritual life:

1. Personal Level (Prayer and Bible Meditation)
2. Family Level (Regular Family Prayer)
3. Church Level (Regular attendance in Sunday Worship)
4. Public witness (Christian Values and Virtues)

Let us be good models of faith for our children by faithfully engaging with Scripture and Worship.


It is a joy to begin our bimonthly parish newsletter in printed form from this month. Our Parish Secretary will serve as Chief Editor under the guidance of the Editorial Board.

Wishing you all a Meaningful Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

With prayers and blessings,

Sabu Issac Achen

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October 29, 2025

From the Church secretary's desk.

Greetings to everyone in the name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. From now on, the church newsletter will be published in a new format, once every two months.

Matthew 5:7, which states, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy."

I would like to share couple of incidents from my life journey and relate them to the verse mentioned above. When I was working as a teacher at a college in Kerala, I was supervising a university exam. I noticed a student looking at a piece of paper he had hidden in his hand to write the answers. I caught him with the cheat sheet. If I had reported the incident to the authorities, that student would not have been able to write the university exams for at least two years, and two years of his life would have been wasted. However, instead of reporting the incident, I made him cross out the answers he had written by copying from the cheat sheet and allowed him to continue writing the exam. It was an act of mercy on my part.

Later, an incident occurred where God also showed mercy on me. After I came to this country and finished my computer science degree, I worked for the Port Authority of NY and NJ as a Program/Analyst at their head office. It was on the 74th floor of one of the old-World Trade Center's twin buildings. We know what happened later to those buildings and the people who had worked there. A few years before it was destroyed, I moved on to a different path of my life journey. Because of that, I am still alive.

So, what I meant to say here is that if we show mercy to someone, God will also show mercy to us. "He will protect and guide us forward, without regard for our good or bad deeds, and in ways we could never have imagined".

In the season of Thanksgiving and Christmas, I am thankful for our Church family for your love, care, service, help and support. May His light shine brightly in your heart and home this season.

May good things happen to everyone.

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

John Job
Church Secretary

	DATE	WORSHIP SERVICES: NOVEMBER, 2025	TIME
Sun	Nov 02	Holy communion service in English	10:15 AM
Sun	Nov 09	Holy communion service in Malayalam	10:15 AM
Sun	Nov 16	Holy communion service in English	10:15 AM
Sun	Nov 23	Holy communion service in Malayalam	09:30AM
Sun	Nov 30	Holy communion service in Malayalam	10:15 AM

	DATE	WORSHIP SERVICES: December, 2025	TIME
Sun	Dec 07	Holy communion service in English	09:30 AM
Sun	Dec 14	Holy communion service in Malayalam	10:15 AM
Sun	Dec 21	Holy communion service in English	10:15 AM
Thur	Dec 25	Holy communion service in English	08:30 AM
Sun	Dec 28	Holy communion service in Malayalam	10:15 AM
Wed	Dec 31	Holy communion service in Malayalam	10:00 PM

LECTIONARY- November - 2025					
Day	Date	Lesson: 1	Lesson: 2	Epistles	Gospels
Sun	Nov 02	World Sunday School Day-Children: Participants in the Ministry of the Kingdom of God;			
		Prov 3:1-8	1John 3:1-12	3John 1-12	John 6:1-14
Sun	Nov 09	Festival of the unity of Communion of Churches in India [CSI, CNI- Mar Thoma];			
		Josh 22:21-29	Eph 4:1-7	1Cor 12:12-27	John 10:11-18
Sun	Nov 16	Annunciation to Zechariah: God who gives promises of possibilities			
		Judg 13:2-14	Rom 10:9-15	Heb 6:9-12	Luke 1:5-23
Sun	Nov 23	Annunciation to Mary: Willingness to be the will of God;			
		1Sam 2:1-11	1Cor 1:26-31	Gal 4:1-7	Luke 1:26-38
Sun	Nov 30	Meeting of Virgin Mary and Elizabeth: Celebration of Hope: From dishonour to honour			
		1Sam 1:9-20	2Cor 1:3-10	Heb 11:1-12	Luke 1:39-45

LECTIONARY- December - 2025					
Day	Date	Lesson: 1	Lesson: 2	Epistles	Gospels
Sun	Dec 07	Birth of John the Baptist. Bible Sunday - Word of God, the source of Peace			
		Jeremiah 15:15-21	Hebrews 4:12-14	Acts 13:17-26	Luke 1:57-66
Sun	Dec 14	Annunciation to Joseph. Immanuel: Celebration of Joy			
		Isaiah 7:10-17	Ephesians 1:15-23	Romans 8:31-39	Matthew 1:18-25
Sun	Dec 21	Church Day. Church: The way of Christ Celebration of Love: The Lord is coming			
		Joshua 24:1-14	Ephesians 2:19-22	Hebrews 13:7-16	John 14:1-7
Thurs	Dec 25	Christmas: Birth of Jesus - Be the space for Christ			
		Micah 5:1-4	2 Timothy 2:8-13	Colos1:15-20	Luke 2:1-7
Sun	Dec 28	Reflect, Rejoice and Renew			
		Isaiah 40:25-31	1 Thes 5:14-28	Philip 2:12-18	Matthew 5:13-16
Wed	Dec 31	The Lord who mercifully Awaits			
		Exodus 14:10-22	Acts 27:9-25	2 Cor12:1-10	Luke 13:6-9

BIRTHDAY:**November:**

03 Shiney Mathews, Congers
 04 Easaw T. George, Westchester
 04 Adrian Isaiah Job , congers
 05 John P K ,New City
 05 Jacob K. Daniel, Wappingers
 07 Sony Mathew, Glenmont
 07 Thomas Varghese, Nanuet
 11 Sindhu Varghese, Congers
 13 Elizabeth Ben Varghese, Pleasant Valley
 13 Ashley Ann Alexander, Nanuet
 15 Rosamma Chacko, Nanuet
 15 Mariamma Jacob, Nanuet
 15 Rachel Jacob, Tappan
 17 Aaron Varghese Alexander, Nanuet
 19 Dency Chacko, Nanuet
 22 Marykkutty Achenkunju, Nanuet
 22 Babu Varghese, Nanuet
 23 Rayaana Thomas Binny, Nanuet
 23 Chellamma Chacko, Suffern
 24 K M Thomas, Nanuet

24 John Xavier, Nanuet
 25 Jacob Alexander, Nanuet
 26 Dylan Varghese, Congers
 27 Chacko P George, New City
 27 George Mathew, Nanuet
 27 Christo K Joseph, Bardonia
 28 Jennifer John, Nanuet
 29 Mathew N K , Tappan

December:

01 Steven Tom, Congers
 07 Ance Anna Mathew, Nanuet
 16 Bindu Abraham, Nanuet
 17 Joel George Thomas, Spring Valley
 17 Jessie Cherian, Orangeburg
 18 John A Navaratnam, Orangeburg
 21 Stacey Sara Jacob, Nanuet
 23 Christian Mathew Jose, Bardonia
 23 Diya Varghese, Congers
 30 Jisha Jacob, Tappan

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:**November:**

02 Mr. Thomas Varghese and Mrs. Annie Varghese, Nanuet
 06 Mr Shiju Varghese and Mrs Shija Varghese, New City
 07 Mr Roy Eapen and Mrs Amy M Luebke, Palisades
 13 Mr Nijin Geo Johnson and Mrs Jemy Thomas Mercy, New City
 21 Mr Joel P Dey and Mrs. Rebekah Adai, Orangeburg
 25 Mr Moncy Kurian and Mrs Sherly Kurian, Congers
 27 Mr Joseph Daniel and Mrs Annamma Daniel, Wappinger

December:

01 Mr Eapen MS and Mrs. Aleykkutty C Eapen, Palisades
 08 Mr Linu Abraham and Mrs Bindu Abraham, Nanuet
 27 Mr. Shaju Pappan and Mrs. Siji Shaju, Garnerville.
 31 Mr Rajan Mathew and Mrs Alice Mathew, Nanuet
 31 Mr Shoji Kunjachan and Mrs Shinu Shoji, Stony Point

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS:**A. CARMEL**

At residence of Mr.P.K. John, 21 London Terrace, New City, NY 10956 on November 7th Friday at 7:00PM.

B. HEBRON

At the residence of Mr. George Thomas, 58 Mallory Rd., Spring Valley, NY 10977 on November 29th Saturday at 7:00PM.

C. SINAI

At the residence of Mr. John K Alexander, 20 Freund Dr., Nanuet, NY 10954, on November 28th Friday at 7:00PM.

FRIDAY PRAYER:**November:-**

02 Friday: Fasting Prayer in the Church at 10 AM.

21 Friday: Online Prayer on the zoom platform at 10 AM

December:-

05 Friday: Fasting Prayer in the Church at 10 AM.

19 Friday: Online Prayer on the zoom platform at 10 AM.

ORGANIZATIONS' FELLOWSHIPS:**November:**

01 Saturday : Youth Fellowship at 6:00 PM (Hayden Binu, 16 Durant Rd, New City)

14 Friday : Edavaka Mission Prayer in the Church at 7:00 PM

15 Saturday : Senior Citizens Fellowship at 6:00 PM (Jose P Mathunny, 9 Crimson Ct, Bardonia)

21 Friday : Sevika Sanghom Prayer at 7:00 PM (Blessy Binu, 16 Durant Rd , New City)

22 Saturday : Youth Fellowship at 5:30 PM (Guest Mr. Jordan Philip)

SPECIAL PRAYERS/ FELLOWSHIPS:

November 08, Saturday 7:00 PM the residence of Mr. P. A. Chacko, 28 North De Baun Ave., #103, Suffern, N Y

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS :**November:**

02 Sunday : World Sunday School Day and Sunday School Anniversary

08 Saturday : Volunteer Service for Church Premises Cleaning and Christmas Decorations Activity at 11:00 AM.

23 Sunday : Thanksgiving service follows Auction and Lunch after service (Holy Qurbana at 9:30 AM)

December:**HOUSE CAROL ROUNDS : December 06,07,12,13,14****Convenors: - Mr. Gigi Tom & Mr. Jiji John****PARISH DAY : December 7, Sunday at 9:30 AM Holy Qurbana and Public Meeting
Chief Guest: Rev. Joel Samuel Thomas (Diocesan Secretary)****CHRISTMAS CAROL : December 21, Sunday at 6:30 PM.****Message: Rev. Dr. Paul Rajan (Vicar, CSI Christ Church, Tappan)****CHRISTMAS DAY HQ : December 25, Thursday at 8:30 AM.****YEAR END SERVICE : December 31, Wednesday 10:00 PM.****2025 House Caroling Schedule****Saturday, Dec 6**

Spring Valley, Suffern, New Windsor, Wappinger Falls, Pleasant Valley, Spakenkill

Sunday, Dec 7

Orangeburg, Tappan, Palisades, Bergen Field and Avenel NJ

Friday, Dec 12

Stony Point, Garnerville, North New City, Congers, Valley Cottage

Saturday, Dec 13

Bardonia, Nanuet North, New City South, Montebello, Rock Tavern

Sunday, Dec 14

Nanuet, Monebello-NJ

November 2nd Sunday

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**Thanksgiving Service on
November 23rd Sunday
immediately after the Church
service followed by auction and
fellowship lunch.**



**Christmas carol service
on December 21st Sunday at 6:30PM.**

**Christmas day service
on December 25th Thursday
at 8:30 AM**

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