

Vicar in charge message – August 2021

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Hope and pray that everyone is doing well and staying safe.

Let us praise God for His abundant mercy towards us in the last month. As we are moving forward in time let us continue to reflect on the faithfulness of God. The weather is getting warmer and it is important to make use of the time for our spiritual physical and mental wellness.

This time I want to share a few thoughts about 'good relationship'. We have to make good relationship with our fellow beings. Life is full of imperfect things and imperfect people. In that situations we have to accept each other's faults and choose to celebrate relationships. Ex-president of India Dr. Abdul Kalam says "When I was a kid, my Mom cooked food for us. One night she had made dinner after a long hard day's work. Mom placed a plate of sabzi and extremely burnt roti in front of my dad. I was waiting to see if anyone noticed the burnt roti. But Dad just ate his roti and asked me how was my day at school. I don't remember what I told him that night. But I do remember I heard Mom apologizing to Dad for the burnt roti. And I will never forget what he said, "Honey, I love burnt roti". Later that night, I went to kiss Daddy good night and I asked him if he really liked his burnt roti. He wrapped me in his arms and said 'your Momma put in a long hard day at work today and she was really tired. And besides a burnt roti never hurts anyone but harsh words do. "you know son, life is full of imperfect things and imperfect people".

I am not the best and I have learned to accept that life is not perfect and nor are people near and dear to you. What I have learned over the year is to accept each other's faults and choose to celebrate relationships.

Joint virtual VBS for St. Andrews, Bethany and St. James MarThoma Church was a great success. I extent my hearty thanks to the children who participated and the teachers and the leaders.

July 31 – August 1st, 2021 on the Zoom platform the diocesan national youth conference is going to be held. This year's conference is hosted by St. Andrews, Bethany and St. James MarThoma Church. Let us pray for them as they prepare for the conference.

The 33rd diocesan family conference is scheduled to be held from October 29 – 31 at the Carmel MarThoma Centre, Atlanta. Please find out time to attend the conference and pray form its success.

Wishing everyone a blessed summer.

With love and prayer.

Rev. T.K. John

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Date	Time	Worship services
Aug 01	10:30 AM	Holy Communion (English)
Aug 08	9:30 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)
Aug 15	9:30 AM	Devine worship (English)
Aug 22	9:30 AM	Divine worship (Malayalam)
Aug 29	9:30 AM	Holy Communion (English)

Lectionary August 2021

Date	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Epistle	Gospel
Aug 01	Mission Sunday: Participation in Divine Mission-15 Days Lent Begins			
	Exod 3:1-14	Acts 11:19-26	2Cor 11:16-31	Luke 10:1-12
Aug 08	"Jesus Christ: Fully Human and Fully Divine"			
	Isa 40:10-23	Phil 2:1-11	Heb 12:1-13	John 17:1-8
Aug 15	Reformation Sunday – The Reforming church- End of Fifteen Days Lent, (Indian Independence Day)			
	2Kgs 23:1-6	Rev 3:14-22	Acts 2:37-42	Matt 13:1-9
Aug 22	Theological Education: To Strengthen the Faith			
	1Kgs 18:17-40	Acts 8:26-40	2Thess 1:1-12	John 12:20-26
Aug 29	Holy Baptism: Identifying with the Death and Resurrection of Christ			
	Gen 7:11-14	1Pet 3:17-22	Rom 6:1-14	John 3:1-8

Birthday – August 2021

Dates	Name	Town
Aug 08	Benjamin Chacko	Suffern
Aug 08	Alli Cherian	New Windsor
Aug 08	Rosamma Xavior	New City
Aug 10	Philip N Philip	Westwood, NJ
Aug 14	Benson David	New City
Aug 16	Annika Ann Easaw	Cortlandt Manor
Aug 18	Daniel Thomas	Avenel, NJ
Aug 18	Thomas Zachariah	Nanuet
Aug 20	Samuel Jacob	New City
Aug 21	Mariamamma Joshua	Michigan
Aug 23	Andrea Rivas Torres	Tappan
Aug 25	Brayden J. David	New City
Aug 28	Binu Mathew	New City
Aug 30	Jesson C. George	New City
Aug 31	Nithin Jiji John	Nanuet

Wedding Anniversary – August 2021

Date	Name	Town
Aug 01	Mrs. & Mr. Jiji John	Nanuet
Aug 03	Mrs. & Mr. Alex Mathew	West Nyack
Aug 07	Mrs. & Mr. George Thomas Karackal	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 Thomas	Avenel, NJ

Upcoming Events.

Date	Day	Events
August	14	Picnic
September	TBA	Convention
November 25th	Thursday	Thanksgiving service
December 5th	Sunday	Parish day
December 24th	Friday	Christmas carol service

College going student's dedication service on 08/08/21 Sunday.

Edavaka mission prayer meeting on Thursday (08/05/21) at 7:30 PM.

Sevika sanghom prayer meeting on August 10th Tuesday at 8:00 PM via Zoom.

Chain prayer on every Wednesday's and fasting prayer on every Friday's Via Zoom.

**Church Picnic – August 14th Saturday at 9:00AM, Congers Lake Memorial Park
Congers, New York.**

