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March 6	10:30 AM	Holy Communion— English
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**March 2011—Newsletter**

Vicar: Rev. M. S. Daniel

Phone # 201-692-9565

Sunday School : 9:00AM

Sunday Worship : 10:30 AM

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### BIBLE QUIZ-3 Book of Luke

Mention the **Bible reference** of each verse & say “**Who said this to whom**”. Do submit the answers in English or in Malayalam to the Vicar on or before **20<sup>th</sup> March, 2011**. Toppers will be acknowledged! No age bar! Hurry!

1. “Therefore, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, it seemed good also to me to write an orderly account for you”
2. “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel”
3. “Don’t collect any more than you are required to”
4. “I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent”
5. “Go away from me, Lord: I am a sinful man!”
6. “Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?”
7. “He who has been forgiven little loves little”
8. “He commands even the winds and the water, & they obey him”
9. “Don’t be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed”
10. “Who is my neighbor?”
11. “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God & obey it”
12. “Fear him who, after the killing of the body, has power to throw you into hell”
13. “A man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions”
14. “Leave it alone for one more year, I’ll dig round it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year; fine! If not, then cut it down”
15. “But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, & you will be blessed”
16. “I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment”
17. “If they keep quiet, the stones will cry out”
18. “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things”
19. “He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive”
20. “Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you”
21. “I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him”
22. “Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem & not know the things that have happened there in these days?”
23. “It is true! The Lord has risen & has appeared to Simon”

### Youth Fellowship

March 4th at 6:30pm—A **Bible Study** will held at the residence of Shawn Abraham

*Address:* 570 Coolidge Place, Paramus, NJ 07652

March 11th at 6:30pm—TBA

March 18th at 6:30pm—A **Youth Meeting** will be held at the residence of Julianne Cherian

*Address:* 371 N. 10th St., Prospect Park, NJ 07508

March 25th at 6:30pm—A **Youth Meeting** will be held at the residence of Gabi & Stephen John

*Address:* 5 Ingle Side Ct., Old Tappan, NJ 07675

A **General Body Meeting** of the Youth Fellowship will be held at the Bible Study on March 4th. All Youth Fellowship members are requested to attend. In this meeting,

March 12th from 11:30am to 1:30pm—The Youth Fellowship has organized a missions trip to the Community Food Bank of NJ and they are inviting the whole church to partake in this activity. The Community Food Bank of NJ distributes foods and groceries to non-profit organizations. They assist three-quarters of a million low-income people in 18 counties of NJ. This missions trip will be held on March 12, from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm. Please contact Missions Coordinators, Tibi Mathew ([tkmathew@gmail.com](mailto:tkmathew@gmail.com)) or Gabi John ([gabi0214@gmail.com](mailto:gabi0214@gmail.com)) for more details.

#### **Answers of Bible Quiz-2 (BOOK of MARK)**

1)1:22 2) 1:34 3) 2:12 4) 2:17 5) 2:19 6) 2:22 7) 3:17 8) 3:29 9) 5:19  
10) 5:30 11) 5:35 12) 6:3 13) 6:4 14) 7:6, 7 15) 7:21-23 16) 8:38 17) 9:50  
18) 11:25, 26 19) 12:27 20) 13:33 21) 14:4, 5 22) 14:61 23)16:7

#### **CONGRATS! WINNERS OF BIBLE QUIZ-2**

Aleyamma Thomas , Annamma P John, Annamma Varughese, Elizabeth Jacob Mathew , Joji & Pushpa, Lilly Thomas, Mary Simon, Sally George ,Shijin George, Sisily Mathew, Thomas George(Kunjumon)

## **St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church**

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### **Vicar's Message**

Dearly Beloved in Christ

Loving Greetings!

“Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice & untie the cords of the yoke...” ( Isaiah 58: 6)

As per the Sabha Calendar the season of Lent begins from the 6th of March to meditate on the forty-day fast of Jesus, his sufferings, crucifixion and resurrection. It is observed as a time to reflect on one's own journey in faith and in bringing oneself to repentance. It is a soul-searching occasion when we make conscious efforts to spend more fruitful time in prayer and meditation and work on our shortcomings. The Bible reminds us that this season of fasting should never be a mere observance of foregoing some choicest food, though this is desirable, but should be the time to attend to the requirements of a groaning community around us and to lend a helping hand to those in need. People around us are going through great stress and desperation. May our observance of Lent be a source of rejuvenation and solace for such people.

Evening prayers in connection with Lent will be arranged. All are invited to participate in these services and be blessed.

Let's thank God for blessing the 116<sup>th</sup> Maramon Convention. The Mar Thoma Sabha is getting prepared to elect three Bishops during the special Mandalam meeting on March 8th & 9th. Please pray for God's guidance in the selection of the Bishops.

The election for the Sabha Prathinidhi Mandalam member of our church will be held in March. Do participate in the proceedings with a spirit of love and brotherhood and never with a spirit of animosity or revenge.

With prayers,

M. S. Daniel Achen

Worship Schedule		
Date	Time	Worship Order
March 6  <b>Rev. Baby John</b>	10:30 AM	Holy Communion– English Beginning of Great Lent— “Lent: Transformation and Renewal” <b>Diocesan Sunday</b> <b><i>Sunday School - 9AM</i></b>
March 13	10:30 AM	Holy Communion - Malayalam Cleansing Lord (2nd Sunday in Lent) <b><i>Sunday School - 9AM</i></b>
March 20	10:30 AM	Holy Communion– English Illumination of Faith (3rd Sunday in Lent) <b><i>Sunday School - 9AM</i></b>
<i>March 27</i>	<i>8:00 AM</i>	<i>Divine Service—English</i> Illumination of Faith (3rd Sunday in Lent)
March 27	10:30 AM	Holy Communion– Malayalam “Lord Who Listen to the Cry” (4th Sunday in Lent) <b><i>Sunday School - 9AM</i></b>
<b><u>Edavaka Mission</u></b>		
Edavaka Mission prayer meetings will be held every Friday at 6 PM at the Church.		
<b><u>Sevika Sangham</u></b>		
Sevika Sangham prayer meetings will be held on Thursdays or Fridays mornings at 10 A.M at the Church or Members residences.		
<b><u>Lent Prayer</u></b>		
<b>Lent prayer</b> meetings will be held at the parishioner’s residences during weekdays from 7pm-8pm. Please host a prayer at your residence.		

Prayer Meetings			
Date	Time	Prayer Group	Address
			At the Residence of
March 5 Saturday	2pm-5pm	<b>World Day of Prayer</b>	Ecumenical Meeting will be held at the Church.
March 6 Sunday	6pm	Lent prayer	At the church
March 13 Saturday	6pm	A	Mr. Poikayil J. Mathew 88 Oak St., Teaneck. Phone# 201-836-3157
March 20 Sunday	6pm	E	Mr. Joses Thomas 55 Meadow Bluff Road Morris Plains, NJ 07950 Phone:#973-998-6642
March 27 Sunday	5:30pm	B	Mr. Reji Joseph 26 S Franklin Avenue Bergenfield, Phone# 201-244-5775
<b><u>Church Dues</u></b>			
Please remember to contribute all church dues on time and support the parish.			
<b><u>Sunday Coffee / Refreshment (Area “D”)</u></b>			
Prayer Group D is in charge of making coffee on Sundays during the month of March. Thank you			
<b>Address Change</b>			
<b>Old</b>		<b>New</b>	
Mr. Thomas George 114 West Main St. Bergenfield		Mr. Thomas George 268 S. Washington Ave Apt#20A Bergenfield, NJ 07621 Phone# 201-790-6796	

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES – March

We wish the following couples a happy Wedding Anniversary. Please attend and partake in the thanksgiving prayer during the Holy Communion Service.

3/27	Joses & Suma Thomas	55 Meadow Bluff Road
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### Sevika Sangham World Day of Prayer

Ecumenical World Day of Prayer will be held on Saturday March 5, 2011 at 2:00PM - 5PM at St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church, Teaneck. Many Churches from New Jersey will participate this prayer meeting. The country of focus is Chile. Contact the Sevika Sangham Secretary, Mrs. Mary Koshy, for more details.

### Sunday School Announcement

The Sunday School Talent Night will be held on Sunday, March 20th at 5pm at the Church. All children are encouraged to participate in the Talent Night.

### Family Camp 2011

The family camp will be held at Lake Chipinaw on June 10th thru June 12th. Lake Chipinaw is located in Swan Lake, New York. Save the dates on your calendar. Please contact the Camp Convener Mr. John Oommen(Manoj) for mor details.

Their website address is <http://www.chipinaw.com/>

### Condolences

The Beloved mother of Mrs. Susamma Thampan (Sobhana, Mrs. Philip P. Thampan), 29 Brownstone Terr., Hawthorne), Mrs. Thankamma Sachariah(83), passed away.

Beloved Mother of Mrs. Sherine Johnson, 75 N Stoughton Street, Bergenfield, passed away in Kerala, India.

Please uphold these families in your prayers.

## Lectionary

Date	Bible Lessons	Readers
March 6	Isaiah 58: 1-10 2 Corinthians 5: 11-21	Vinod Varghese Jincy Varghese
March 13	Isaiah 6: 1-8 Hebrews 10: 1-10	Joseph T. John Mariamma Joseph
March 20	1 Kings 17: 17-24 Acts 9: 26-35	Shaju Samuel Mini Samuel
<i>March 27 Divine Service</i>	Joel 2: 12-20 Acts 10: 34-48	Richard Oommen Ritti Oommen
March 27	Joel 2: 12-20 Acts 10: 34-48	Joses Thomas Suma Thomas

### Diocesan Sunday

The Diocese of North America and Europe will celebrate Diocesan Sunday on March 6, 2011. The theme for this year is “**Jesus My Lord and My God**” As part of the pulpit change arranged from the Diocese, Rev. Baby John will be visiting our parish. A special envelope will be distributed for Diocesan Offertory. Please contribute generously to support the activities of the Diocese.

### Savika Sanghom Meeting– Center A

Savika Sanghom South East Region - Center A meeting will be held on Saturday, March 12 from 10am to 1pm.

### Yuvajana Sakhyam Meeting– Center A

Yuvajana Sakhyam South East Region - Center A meeting will be held on Sunday , March 27 from at 2:30pm.

### Election of one Mandalam Member

Election of one Sabha Prathinithimandalam Member will be held on Saturday March 19 from 8am - 5pm. Lunch Break 12pm-1pm.

### Birthdays-March

Happy Birthday! We thank God for protecting you in the past year & pray that God's blessings be upon you in the new year. Please participate in the Birthday thanksgiving prayer during Sunday worship service.

3/1	Achamma Yohannan	93 Stillman Ave
3/1	P. C. Varghese	486 Washington Ave
3/2	Suma Thomas	55 Meadow Bluff Road
3/4	Chechamma Mathew	46 Carnot Ave
3/5	Jincy M. Varghese	560 John Street
3/5	Abraham S. Alakkattil	125 Linwood Ave
3/5	Chacko T. John	21 Leonhard Drive
3/6	Joshua Wilson	12111 Sunningdale Court
3/6	Vinson T. Varughese	289 West Drive
3/6	Noble Mathew	155 Washington Street #206
3/7	Alen T. James	901A River Road
3/8	Diane Thomas	6 Bedford Ct
3/9	Jissan V. John	183 Kings Court
3/9	Sophia S. Varghese	560 John Street
3/10	Joseph T. John	139 Lee Ave
3/11	Leah S. Mathew	405 Kehoe Ct.
3/11	Annamma Varghese	60 Mae Paul Drive
3/11	Angeline S. Joseph	26 S Franklin Avenue
3/12	Samuel Yohannan	102 Fairfield Dr
3/13	Rina Varghese	60 Mae Paul Drive
3/13	Leena A. Varughese	59 Foxcroft Road
3/14	Anila George	33 Second Street
3/14	Ashlyn Renu	180 Truman Terrace
3/15	Daizy V. Cherian	371 N 10th Street
3/15	Sisily Mathew	146 Forest Place
3/15	Plantharayil M. Mathunny	405 Kehoe Ct.
3/17	Poikayil J. Mathew	88 Oak Street

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3/17	Sharath S. Abraham	125 Linwood Ave
3/17	Lauren E. Thomas	6 Bedford Ct
3/19	Jaslyn L. George	486 Washington Ave
3/20	Rachel Mathew	9 Passaic Ave.
3/21	Baby George	159 E. Linden Ave
3/22	Jobin J. Johnson	75 N Stoughton Street
3/23	Joshua S. Mathew	3 Hoitsma Court
3/24	Nina Varghese	60 Mae Paul Drive
3/24	Shine Thomas	178 River Road
3/25	Thomas Philip	11 Pepperidge Road
3/25	Veloor A. John	9 Trinity Court
3/25	Marie Varghese	56 West Lawn Drive
3/25	Abraham C. Thomas	6 Pepperidge Road
3/25	Kunjamma George	33 Second Street
3/25	Alicia M. Joseph	26 S Franklin Avenue
3/26	Rency S. Mathew	749 Trenton St
3/26	Thomas Thuthikadathil	79 Morgan St
3/26	Pretty S. Mathew	3 Hoitsma Court
3/27	Mathew Thomas	857 Wearimus Road
3/27	Kunjoonjamma V. Koshy	906 Phelps Road
3/27	Sarah Wilson	12111 Sunningdale Court
3/28	Samma Chacko	465 Knoll Road
3/28	Jency Thomas	102 W Central Ave
3/29	Amelia M. Jacob	208 Baldwin Ave
3/29	Biju J. Mathew	1111 River Road
3/30	Sean Thomas	95 Columbus Place #3
3/31	Shaju Samuel	110 Legion Place