

Vicar's Message:

“Live a life worthy of the calling you have received.”
(Ephesians.4:1)

Greetings in the precious name of Risen Christ, When the Greek Philosopher Socrates lay dying, his friends asked, “shall we live again? “He could only say, “I hope so” In contrast, the night before author and explorer Sir Walter Raleigh was beheaded, he wrote in his Bible, “From this earth, this grave, this dust, My God shall raise me up”. What a tremendous faith! The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the guarantee of such faith and assurance. Christ’ resurrection assures what Christ’ death secures! By the Grace of God we got one more opportunity to remember the passion, crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. The real proof of the resurrection today is not the empty tomb or the post resurrection appearances, but the living testimony of Christ followers. The blessed apostle Paul in his letter to Ephesians.4:1 says,” Live a life worthy of the calling you have received”. A worthy life would be a life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit who convicts us of sin and helps us to keep our conscience clear of all wrong doing. Actually God requires our holy life. In 1Thess.4:1 again Paul says, “It is God’s will that you should be sanctified”. By ourselves we cannot attain holiness but with the help of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit we can. Our resurrected Christ assures His continuing presence always to the very end of the age. He has not left us alone but lives with us in us through the Holy Spirit.

We are at the threshold of the Spring Season. It is the time most flowering plants bloom, and this powerful act of nature symbolizes the revival of life. This is coinciding with the resurrection of our Lord Jesus and further illustrates the wonderful promises of God that are associated with the long awaited resurrection of the whole humanity.

Sunday, May.11 will be observed as Mother’s Day. “Mother- is the most beautiful word on the lips of mankind” (Khalil Gibran) .Let us thank God for our mothers and for their selfless love & care. We wish God’s blessings and favor on all mothers of our parish.

Our Sunday school children are coming to the end of one more academic year. May I request all parents to make sure your kids' regular participation in Sunday school class & examination. May God shower His abundant Grace and Wisdom up on our children.

Our Parish had its Annual General Body Meeting and the new Executive Committee- 2014 planned current year programs. The AGM unanimously decided to increase our monthly voluntary subscription and suggested that all earning members should remit their share towards the Parish needs. We need the wholehearted support and prayers from all parishioners for the successful implementation of our decisions and programs.

May the crucified and resurrected Lord be with us in our daily life, in our ministry and in all walks of life.

Prayerful Regards,
Shibu Achen
New York

<u>WORSHIP SCHEDULE</u>			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Special Observance</u>
May 04	9:00 AM	Praise & Worship (English)	Invitation to Christ's Hospitality (2nd Sunday after Easter)
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)	
May 11	9:00 AM	Intercessory Prayer (Malayalam)	Communion with Risen Christ in daily life (3rd Sunday after Easter)
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (English)	
May 18	9:00 AM	Praise & Worship (English)	Christ the Way, Truth and Life (4th Sunday after Easter)
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (Malayalam)	
May 25	9:00 AM	Intercessory Prayer (Malayalam)	Mission as sharing Christ (5th Sunday after Easter)
	10:15 AM	Holy Communion (English)	

<u>LECTIONARY</u>				
<u>Date</u>	<u>1st Lesson</u>	<u>2nd Lesson</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
May 04	Gen.18:1-10	Rom.12:9-16	Heb.13:1-8	St.John.21:1-14
May 11	Exo.40:34-38	2Tim.2:1-13	Phil.3:8-16	St.Luke.24:13-33
May 18	Exo.14:10-20	Acts.16:19-34	1John.1:1-10	St.John.14:1-7
May 25	Micah.4:1-7	1 John.5:1-12	Phil.4:4-9	St.Luke.24:36-49

ASSISTANCE & USHERING 2014

<u>Month</u>	<u>Prayer Group</u>
May	Garden City Park
June	Long Island
July	Astoria/Jackson Heights

SUNDAY SCHOOL

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
May 04	9:00 AM – 10:10 AM	Assembly & Classes
May 11	9:00 AM – 10:10 AM	Assembly & Classes
May 18	9:00 AM - 10:10 AM	Assembly & Classes
May 25	9:00 AM – 10:10 AM	Assembly & Classes

MALAYALAM CHOIR

Choir practice will be held on Sunday May 04, 2014 morning at 9.30 AM and on Sunday, May 18, 2014 at 9:30 AM in the church. All choir members are requested to attend.

SEVIKA SANGHOM

<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Thursday May 1 10:00 AM	<u>Bible Study</u> Coney Island	Mrs. Mariamma Abraham 629 Avenue Y Brooklyn, NY 11235 718-332-4121
Thursday May 8 10.00 AM	<u>Bible Study</u> Bellerose Queens Village	Mrs. Aleykutty Thomas 83-03 249 th Street Bellerose, NY 11426 718-343-9582
Friday May 9 10.00 AM	<u>Fasting Prayer</u> Elmont	Mrs. Susan Kurian 701 Cranes Street Elmont, NY 11003 516-596-7514
Thursday May 15 10.00 AM	<u>Bible Study</u> Elmont Rosedale	Mrs. Marykutty Thariath 134-16 243 rd Street Rosedale, NY 11422 718-712-0736
Friday May 23 10.00 AM	<u>Fasting Prayer</u> New Hyde Park	Mrs. Mariamma John 157 Cellar Avenue New Hyde Park, NY 11040 516-775-5866

Friday May 30 10.00 AM	<u>Fasting Prayer</u> Elmont	Mrs. Lizy Banes 505 Parkway Drive Elmont, NY 11003 516-775-4778
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TRIP TO LANCASTER

Sevika Sanghom plans to take a trip to Lancaster to watch the new show "Moses" on Tuesday July 8, 2014. Details will be announced later. Those who wish to go for this trip to Lancaster must register their name with Sevika Sanghom Secretary Mrs. Susan Kurian or Treasurer Mrs. Annamma Abraham.

EDAVAKA MISSION

<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Friday May 9 7.00 PM	Prayer Meeting	Mr. George Mathew 84-43 257 th Street Floral Park, NY 11001 718-347-3730
Friday May 16 7.00 PM	Prayer Meeting	Mr. Cherian M. Kottackel 80-28 266 th Street Floral Park, NY 11004 718-347-4318
Friday May 30 7.00 PM	Prayer Meeting	Mr. M.V. Varughese 113 Patton Avenue New Hyde Park, NY 11040 516-673-4583

CONDOLENCE

Epiphany Mar Thoma Church would like to express our heartfelt condolence to:

- Elder brother of Mr. Cherian M. Kottackel (Sunny) Floral Park, Mr. K. M. Mathew (67 Years) passed away on Saturday April 12, 2014 in Kerala. Funeral Service was held at Carmel Mar Thoma Church, Ayroor.
- Mr. Mathew Varghese (65 years), B/O our member Mr. John Varghese (Babu), 43 West 9th Street, Deer Park, NY 11729 passed away. Funeral Service was held on 23rd Wednesday at New Jersey, Teaneck St.Peter's Mar Thoma Church.

Let us uphold this family in our prayer.

AREA PRAYER MEETINGS

<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Sunday May 4 7:00 PM	Bellerose Queens Village	Mr. Johnkutty V. Koshy 84-43 Kendrick Place Jamaica Estates, NY 11432 718-523-6330
Sunday May 4 7:00 PM	Floral Park	TBD
Sunday May 11 5.00 PM	Ridgewood Wyckoff	TBA
Saturday May 17 7:00 PM	Coney Island	Mr. Saji K. Varghese 2536 East 11th Street Brooklyn, NY 11235 718-332-2751
Sunday May 18 5:00 PM	New Hyde Park	Mr. Abraham Mammen 534 North 11 th Street New Hyde Park, NY 11040 516-488-1972
Sunday May 18 7:00 PM	Garden City Park	Mr. Varghese Daniel 245 Courthouse Road Franklin Square, NY 11010 516-358-0279
Saturday May 24 7.00 PM	Elmont Rosedale	Mr. Koshy Mathew 137 Circle Drive East Elmont, NY 11003 516-233-2011
Sunday May 25 6:30 PM	Long Island	Mr. Biju Mathew Varghese 454 Linda Drive East Meadow, NY 11554 516-750-5474

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday May 4 12.00 Noon	<u>Sunday School</u> Diocesan Examination	103-05 103 rd Street Ozone Park, NY 11417
Saturday May 31 9.00 AM	<u>VBS Teachers</u> Training	St. Andrews Mar Thoma Church

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Saturday May 3 12 Noon – 3 PM	<u>Volunteer project</u> Aqueduct Racetrack	110-00 Rockaway Blvd, South Ozone Park, NY 11420
Saturday May 10 9.00 AM	<u>North East Regional</u> <u>Youth Fellowship</u> Women's conference	Long Island Mar Thoma church 2320 Merrick Ave Merrick, NY 11566
Saturday May 24 6.00 PM	<u>Men's fellowship</u> Garden City	Mr. Shaun Daniel's 25 Third Avenue Garden City, NY 11040 516-747-2102
Friday May 25 6.00 PM	<u>Basic</u> In the Church	Dedicating this meeting for Revival night.
Saturday May 31 5:30 PM	<u>Revival Night</u> In the Church	Guest Speaker Mr. Burli Mathew Johnson

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

BOB M. MATHAI	FLORAL PARK	05-01
CERRILL MATHEW	MANHASSET HILLS	05-01
CHACKO K. JACOB	BROOKLYN	05-01
JOSLYN MARY MATHEW	CHARLOTTE	05-01
ALEYAMMA VARUGHESE	ELMONT	05-02
ANNAMMA ABRAHAM	FLORAL PARK	05-02
PRIYA GEORGE	MINEOLA	05-02
ANNAMMA GEORGE	FLORAL PARK	05-03
K.O. THOMAS	BELLEROSE	05-03
SUBASH THOMAS	BELLEROSE	05-03
TINU THOMAS ISAC	BROOKLYN	05-03
CHACKO M. JACOB	ELMONT	05-05
DEEPAK MATHEW	NEW HYDE PARK	05-05
ELIZABETH KOSHY	QUEENS VILLAGE	05-05
SHAJI VARGHESE	NEW HYDE PARK	05-05
THOMAS MATHAI	BELLEROSE	05-06
ALEYAMMA GEORGE	FLORAL PARK	05-07
ASHA JACOB	NEW HYDE PARK	05-07
MARIAMMA ABRAHAM	ASTORIA	05-07
MARIAMMA MATHEW	GARDEN CITY PARK	05-07
SHIBU VARUGHESE	ELMONT	05-08
REENA BIJU THOMAS	VALLEY STREAM	05-09

VARUGHESE ALEX	FLORAL PARK	05-09
JESSY ANNIE ABRAHAM	HICKSVILLE	05-11
REGY JOHN	BROOKLYN	05-11
RENU TOM THOMAS	WESTON	05-12
THADATHIL PHILIP MATHEW	FLORAL PARK	05-12
ALEX D. JOHN	NEW HYDE PARK	05-13
BABY THOMAS	FRESH MEADOWS	05-13
JASON V. THOMAS	WOODSIDE	05-13
JAVANIKA PHILIPOSE	BROOKLYN	05-13
PRASAD GEORGE	BELLEROSE	05-13
AMMINI SAMKUTTY	FLUSHING	05-14
ANNAMMA PHILIP	ELMONT	05-15
MARIAKUTTY DANIEL	ELMONT	05-15
MARIAMMA ABRAHAM	BROOKLYN	05-15
SOSAMMA THOMAS	FLORAL PARK	05-15
ANNAMMA PHILIP	EAST MEADOW	05-16
JOSHUA EAPPEN	MERRICK	05-16
ANNIE VARGHESE DANIEL	FRANKLIN SQUARE	05-17
DANIEL P. JOHN	NEW HYDE PARK	05-17
ELSY JOHN	QUEENS VILLAGE	05-17
GLORY CHACKO	NEW HYDE PARK	05-17
KRISTEN ANN PHILIP	ELMONT	05-17
MATHEWS KURIEN	GLEN OAKS	05-17
ALEYAMMA JACOB	MASTIC BEACH	05-18

ANNAMMA MATHEW	ALBERTSON	05-18
BRITTANY SARA THOMAS	NEW HYDE PARK	05-18
JAMES ALEX	EAST MEADOW	05-18
SARAMMA VARGHESE	MERRICK	05-18
SONY JOSEPH	BELLEROSE	05-18
SUSAN ISAC	BROOKLYN	05-18
EAPEN V. THOMAS	WOODSIDE	05-19
ELIZABETH MATHEW	HENRICO	05-19
MARIAM JOHN	NEW HYDE PARK	05-19
MARIAMMA MATHEW	FLORAL PARK	05-19
BOBBY BAINS	ELMONT	05-20
GIFTY THOMAS ABRAHAM	MERRICK	05-20
JAISON PHILIPOSE	FLUSHING	05-20
JAYA K.VARGHESE	NEW HYDE PARK	05-20
LIZY BAINS	ELMONT	05-20
SIA MIRIAM THOMAS	EAST SETAUCKET	05-20
SUSAN ALEX THOMAS	ELMONT	05-20
SUSAN MATHEW	NEW HYDE PARK	05-20
ISAIAH VENGAL MATHEW	NEW HYDE PARK	05-21
MARY SUSAN SAMUEL	MINEOLA	05-21
OOMMEN GEORGE	GARDEN CITY PARK	05-21
THOMAS MATHEW	MANHASSET HILLS	05-21
SHEBIN THOMAS	ELMONT	05-22
SONU VARUGHESE	RICHMOND HILL	05-22
AUSTIN SHAJI VARGHESE	NEW HYDE PARK	05-23

SOSAMMA THOMAS	ELMONT	05-23
TOM B.THOMAS	WESTON	05-23
LIJU D. MATHEW	BROOKLYN	05-23
RINU VARUGHESE	NEW HYDE PARK	05-24
SAMUEL ALEXANDER	ELMONT	05-24
BETSY DANIEL	ELMONT	05-25
GEORGE P. JOSE	GLEN OAKS	05-25
ICY ALEXANDER	FRANKLIN SQUARE	05-25
JOSHIAH REJI PHILLIPS	WESTBURY	05-25
KURIAN JACOB	CHARLOTTE	05-25
LEENA JACOB	BROOKLYN	05-25
M.A. JOHN	NEW HYDE PARK	05-25
MATHEW VARGHESE	NEW HYDE PARK	05-25
PRINCY GEORGE	BROOKLYN	05-25
SERENA SHIBU	KEW GARDENS	05-25
SUSAN J. DANIEL	GARDEN CITY PARK	05-25
ELIZABETH JACOB	BROOKLYN	05-26
KAVITHA M. MATHEW	BROOKLYN	05-26
MATHEW CHERIAN	HENRICO	05-26
MATHEW GEORGE	GLEN OAKS	05-26
RAJEEV JACOB	ELMONT	05-26
SARAMMA RAJU OOMMEN	FLORAL PARK	05-26
SHEENA VARGHESE	NEW HYDE PARK	05-26
THOMAS EASOW	RICHMOND HILL	05-26
DANIEL C. MATHEW	NEW HYDE PARK	05-27

JOSHUA VARGHESE	ELMONT	05-27
SARAMMA ABRAHAM	RIDGEWOOD	05-27
THANKAMMA VARGHESE	ELMONT	05-27
ANILA VARGHESE	VALLEY STREAM	05-28
JOHN K. THOMAS	QUEENS VILLAGE	05-28
JOHN VARUGHESE	NEW HYDE PARK	05-28
LISAMMA ABRAHAM	BROOKLYN	05-28
MERCY SIMON	BELLEROSE	05-28
ROY P. VARGHESE	NEW HYDE PARK	05-28
THANKAMMA ABRAHAM	FLORAL PARK	05-28
VALSAMMA ABRAHAM	MERRICK	05-28
VALSAMMA ACHENKUNJU	NEW HYDE PARK	05-28
HEMA MATHEW	GARDEN CITY PARK	05-29
JOHN MATHEW	FLORAL PARK	05-29
MARIAMMA JOSE	MANHASSET HILLS	05-29
SKARIAH T. SAMUEL	MINEOLA	05-29
JESSY GEORGE	QUEENS VILLAGE	05-30
LAISAMMA JOHN	NEW HYDE PARK	05-30
LEELAMMA THOMAS	VALLEY STREAM	05-30
M.V. VARGHESE	NEW HYDE PARK	05-30
MARY ABRAHAM	BROOKLYN	05-30
MICHAEL A. THOMAS	RANDOLPH	05-30
NIKHIL C. MATHEW	NEW HYDE PARK	05-30
PAPPY PHILIPOSE	BROOKLYN	05-30

RICKY V. JOHNSON	GLEN COVE	05-30
SAMEER MATHAI	NEW HYDE PARK	05-30
SANGEETHA SUSAN GEORGE	NEW HYDE PARK	05-30
SHYJI PHILIP MATHAI	EAST MEADOW	05-30
SUSAMMA THOMAS SAJI	WEST HEMPSTEAD	05-30
THOMAS ELLIL MATHEW	HICKSVILLE	05-30
CHINNAMMA JOHN	ELMONT	05-31
JOHN VARGHESE	DEER PARK	05-31
RACHEL GEORGE	OZONE PARK	05-31
SHERLY SHAJI	NEW HYDE PARK	05-31

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:

Thomas John	Queens Village	05-01
Joe Varughese	Elmont	05-03
K.O. Thomas	Bellerose	05-03
M.V. Varghese	New Hyde Park	05-03
Thomas Mathew	Mineola	05-03
Benjamin George Varghese	Queens Village	05-07
Abraham Mathai	Elmont	05-08
Isac Thomas	Queens Village	05-09
Geevarghese Johnson	Glen Cove	05-10
Thomas K. Mathew	Garden City Park	05-10
George Thomas	Albertson	05-11
Saji K. Varghese	Brooklyn	05-13
M.C. Abraham	Richmond Hill	05-14
Abraham K. Daniel	Ridgewood	05-15
Jacob Idiculla	Elmont	05-15
George P. Thomas	Garden City Park	05-16
Abraham P. Chacko	Floral Park	05-18
Abraham Thariath	Rosedale	05-19
Chacko Varughese	East Meadow	05-19
George Mathew	Merrick	05-19
Jacob K. Mathew	Garden City Park	05-19
Thomas K. Varghese	Baldwin Harbor	05-20
Baby Thomas	Fresh Meadows	05-23

George Mangalathil	Elmont	05-23
Thomas Chacko	New Hyde Park	05-23
Shaji Samuel	Dix Hills	05-25
Thomas Eappen	Merrick	05-25
Varughese Alex	Floral Park	05-25
John K. Thomas	Queens Village	05-26
Koshy Johnkutty	Jamaica Estates	05-26
Sajee George	Merrick	05-26
Dr. Varughese Cherian	Dix Hills	05-27
John John	Hicksville	05-27
Riju John	Brooklyn	05-28
Regy John	Brooklyn	05-29
Shibu S. Baby	Kew Gardens	05-29
Sunil M. Thomas	Elmont	05-29
Achenkunju T. Oommen	New Hyde Park	05-30
Cherian K. Thomas	Floral Park	05-30
Raju T. Oommen	Floral Park	05-30

Sunday school Committee 2014

Parish Comm. Rep.	Mr. Chacko Varughese	516.745.0050
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Edavaka Mission Committee 2014

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Treasurer	Mr. Biju Mathew Varghese	516-750-5474

Youth Fellowship Committee 2014

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Treasurer	Mr. Robin Varughese	516-302-7806
Joint Secretary	Mr. Jithin John	516-366-8932

Malayalam Choir Committee 2014

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Treasurer	Mr. Subhash Thomas	917-715-3704

English Choir Committee 2014

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“The Opposite of Loneliness”

The ‘opposite to loneliness’ is Marina Keegan’s posthumous collection of essays and stories, comes a gift no one ever fully wants to receive — bright and youthful wisdom from a talent who died too soon. Keegan was just 22 years old and five days past graduating magna cum laude from Yale University when she was killed in a car accident on her way to meet her family for her father’s birthday party on Cape Cod. And while she had a brilliant future ahead of her — a job lined up at the New Yorker, a play about to be produced at a theatre festival the rising star had already made a major mark.

This title really attracted my attention. What is the opposite of loneliness? Keegan in her opening chapter says “we don’t have a word for the opposite of loneliness, if we did, that is what I want in my life”. Being lonely is the saddest and the most difficult phase of life. Being lonely in a crowd is the contradiction of today’s life. We are living in a busy and crowded world but we feel lonely and empty. Feeling lonely because of unproductiveness, feeling lonely because of separation, feeling lonely due to failures in life, feeling lonely because of anxieties about the future are the few examples lonely life situations in our lives. There are many living in this world go through similar situations where they don’t understand what is happening around and feeling so lonely.

What is our response to the people who are going through these kinds of situations? As Christians do we have a responsibility to these brothers and sisters? If we are in situations similar to these what do we do?

Psalm: 25. 16 and 17 says “Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my heart and free me from my anguish”. King David was the one who wrote this Psalm and he clearly understood what is loneliness means and how deep its length and breadth. Especially when he was running away from King Saul for his life and when he was struggling with his sin, when he lost his son as a consequence of sin, he understood the intensity of loneliness. But he found the right place to approach, he found the right person for the help that is none other than the Almighty God who is the author and creator of this

universe. Loneliness will go away when we think we have someone to hold on, when we have someone who understands us and when we have someone provide a help for us.

As Christians the opposite of loneliness is 'the presence of God'. God's presence will comfort us console us when we are in loneliness. But sometimes this presence is felt through our presence, words and actions. Let us depend on the resurrected Jesus who is always with us in all our life situations and let us be His presence where ever needed. That is the mission that we need accomplish.

Yours in His Service, V. M. Mathew Achen, Youth Chaplain.

MESSAGE FROM DIOCESAN BISHOP

Dear friends in Christ, He said to the disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." (John 6: 12) When the great crowd that followed Jesus felt hungry, Jesus fed the 5000 men, women, and children, who were seated on the grass through the miracle of multiplying the available food, five small barley loaves and two small fish. Then He said to the disciples, "Let nothing be wasted." This is a great lesson for all humans, in every place and at all times.

One of the things that we can learn during the season of the Great Lent is to take only what we need. When we take more than what we need we tend to waste the leftovers. Pope Francis recently said that when we waste food, we are taking away (plundering or robbing) the food of a hungry person. Think of the hungry people who spend days without food! Mahatma Gandhi reminded us that God (The earth) provides enough to satisfy every man's needs, but not every man's greed.

The Cross of Christ symbolizes sacrifice. He emptied Himself for giving life for all. Giving food for the other should become everyone's spiritual challenge. It is there where one can find the meaning of the Cross - by denying oneself, taking up the cross, and following Jesus Christ. Is your walk a blessing to the other?

The Cross of Christ, His death, and His resurrection, is the answer to the problems of our world. Can we bring this Easter blessing to our world? Wishing you all a Happy Easter!

Mar Theodosius+

PARISH YEAR PLAN-2014

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
June 29, 2014	Good Samaritan Sunday
July 11, 12, 13	Parish Convention
July 13, 2014	33rd Parish Day
August 02, 2014	Parish Picnic
August 24, 2014	Harvest Festival
August 17, 2014 & August 31,2014	New Academic Year Service
August 31, 2014	Good Samaritan Sunday
October 26, 2014	Family Sunday
November 27, 2014	Thanks giving"-Special Worship
November 28, 2014 to December 20, 2014	Christmas Door to Door Carol Rounds
November 30, 2014	Good Samaritan Sunday
December 21, 2014	Christmas Carol Service
December 25, 2014	Christmas Day Service, Holy Communion Episcopal visit &First Communion
December 31, 2014	Watch Night Service