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FAMILY RETREAT

May 25th - 27th
Memorial Day
Weekend

Black Rock Retreat
A Christian Retreat Center & Summer Camp

Quarryville, PA

www.blackrockretreat.com



BIBLE QUIZ

Please email your answers to
quiz@ststephensmtc.com
*At the end of the year, your earned points will
be totaled and the top scorers will get prizes!!*

Women Of The Bible

- 1) This woman was David's great-grandmother...
A - Michal, B - Abigail, C - Ruth, D - Leah
- 2) This woman was deceived by a serpent...
A - Sarah, B - Mary, C - Eve, D - Miriam
- 3) This woman was raped by her half-brother...
A - Tamar, B - Dinah, C - Rahab, D - Ruth
- 4) This woman died after being pushed out of a window...
A - Delilah, B - Jezebel, C - The witch of Endor, D - Dinah
- 5) This woman won a beauty contest...
A - Delilah, B - Rachel, C - The queen of Sheba, D - Esther
- 6) This woman kept watch over her baby brother as he was rocked by the Nile...
A - Miriam, B - Dinah, C - Melissa, D - Eve
- 7) This woman was visited by a desperate and disguised king of Israel...
A - Michal, B - Abigail, C - The witch of Endor, D - Bathsheba
- 8) This woman had bad eyesight...
A - Leah, B - Rachel, C - Sarah, D - Hagar
- 9) This woman drove a tent peg through her guest's head...
A - Delilah, B - Athaliah, C - Jezebel, D - Jael
- 10) Two of this woman's brothers killed all the men of Shechem.
A - Dinah, B - Delilah, C - Esther, D - Rebekah
- 11) This woman had a fool for her first husband...
A - Jezebel, B - Eve, C - Abigail, D - Sapphira

ST. STEPHEN'S MARTHOA CHURCH



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SECRETARY'S MESSAGE!



“Be Joyful Always, pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

The month of May hold many special events; the arrival of our NEW Achen and family, Diocesan Exam, Mother’s Day, Sunday School Fair, College Graduation, Church Retreat and my first greeting in the Church Newsletter.

Therefore, Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ...

Rev. Abraham Cherian, Beena Kochamma and children Job and Joanna will be joining us on May 2nd. They will be arriving at Newark Liberty International Airport by Air India late afternoon. Please come and join us at the Airport to welcome Achen and family. As we welcome our new Spiritual Leader let us embrace the entire family as part of the St. Stephens family with prayers and love. Our Achen will be the main speaker/leader at the Church Retreat. This event will be a great opportunity for the parish members to get to know Achen, Kochamma and their children. May God continue His work through Abraham Achen here at St. Stephens Parish. As of this writing, we pray for Abraham Achen and his family’s safe arrival to America and Paul Achen and his family’s safe arrival to India. Please uphold both families in your prayers.

Mother’s Day will be celebrated on Sunday May 13th. On the behalf of the church, I wish all the “Mommies” of St. Stephen’s a very Happy and Healthy Mother’s Day. Children, treat your mommy by taking her to the Sunday School Fair which is held on her special day. Our Church Building Committee is doing a superb job. Please uphold our Church Building Project to reach our goal of having our own “Palli” and our other needs in your daily prayer.

From time to time our church is blessed with the presence of Thirumeni, guest Achens and other visitors, if any one would like to host them at your home, please let Abraham Achen or myself know of your interest.

All Glory to God
Joemon

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|----|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| 20 | Tina Varghese | d/o Jacob Varghese | 732-257-0094 |
| 22 | Susan Matthews | w/o John Matthews | 732-356-6192 |
| 23 | Ryan Thomas | s/o Davis C.Thomas | 732-918-1171 |
| 24 | Susan John | w/o Sunny John | 732-752-9250 |
| 25 | Joseph Prasad | | 732-845-0703 |
| 25 | Sherbin Abraham | s/o Abraham Varghese | 732-283-2777 |
| 25 | Susamma Samuel | w/o Samuel Oommen | 973-320-0412 |
| 26 | Soji Thomas | s/o Abraham M. Thomas | 908-241-0638 |
| 26 | Joseph Philip | | 732-662-5813 |
| 27 | Benoy Thomas | | 732-993-1120 |
| 28 | Amal Abraham | s/o Byju Abraham | 908-647-5362 |
| 28 | Ria Grace Varughese | d/o Georgie Varughese | 732-355-0830 |
| 29 | Sumy Philip Cherukara | w/o Philip Cherukara | 732-381-3633 |
| 29 | Molly Mariam Sajan | w/o Chacko Poovakunnel | 908-964-0735 |
| 29 | Geetha Varughese | w/o Georgie Varughese | 732-355-0830 |
| 30 | Ragy Thomas | | 732-632-8892 |
| 30 | Rubin Thomas | w/o Robie Thomas | 732-707-0984 |
| 31 | Arun Cherian | s/o Annie Cherian | 732-393-9371 |
| 31 | Dale Oommen | s/o Samuel Oommen | 973-320-0412 |

Wedding Anniversaries in May!!

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|----|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| 3 | Mrs. & Mr. Ani Alexander | (484) 887-1490 |
| 7 | Mrs. & Mr. Simon Mathews | (908) 889-8179 |
| 9 | Mrs. & Mr. Sam Jacob | (732) 549-8925 |
| 20 | Mrs. & Mr. A. Abraham | (732) 252-6226 |
| 20 | Mrs. & Mr. Saju K. Thomas | (609) 466-1474 |
| 22 | Drs. Nebu Alexander and Sunitha John | (973) 736-0604 |
| 23 | Mrs. & Mr. Daniel Varghese | (908) 688-2830 |
| 28 | Mrs. & Mr. Andrew Pappachen | (973) 808-2077 |
| 28 | Mrs. & Mr. K.C. Abraham | (732) 605-9888 |
| 28 | Mrs.& Mr. Bobby I. Thomas | (732) 873-7580 |



Birthdays in May!!

| | | | |
|----|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| 1 | Mathew Keecheril | | 732-418-1548 |
| 2 | Subin Abraham | s/o Abraham Varghese | 732-283-2777 |
| 5 | Annamma Abraham | w/o Varughese Abraham | 732-251-1728 |
| 5 | Sohmie R. Steele | G.d/o Joseph N.John | 732-752-5033 |
| 7 | Anila Kurien | d/o Abraham Kurien | 732-677-2507 |
| 7 | Annie Thomas | w/o Iype Thomas | 570-620-0226 |
| 7 | Aleyamma Kuruvilla | | 973-324-2205 |
| 8 | Vincy Kurien | w/o Thomas Kurien | 908-216-5933 |
| 10 | Pramod Mathew | | 732-605-0370 |
| 11 | Samuel Thomas | | 973-538-1192 |
| 11 | Shibu Varghese | | 732-494-4199 |
| 12 | Ani Alexander | | 732-271-8558 |
| 12 | Jose Cherian | | 908-851-0603 |
| 12 | Toby Prasad | s/o Philip Prasad | 732-967-9272 |
| 13 | Nidhin Johnson | s/o Mathew Johnson | 732-432-6444 |
| 13 | Thomas Kurien | | 908-216-5933 |
| 14 | Philip Prasad | | 732-967-9272 |
| 14 | Roshan Panicker | s/o Jacob Panicker | 908-994-0428 |
| 14 | Neelu Paul | w/o Ragy Thomas | 732-632-8892 |
| 15 | Annamma Shibu | w/o Shibu Varghese | 732-494-4199 |
| 15 | Ranni Thomas | w/o Sunil Thomas | 732-750-5993 |
| 15 | Saramma Pappachen | w/o Andrew Pappachen | 973-808-2077 |
| 16 | Jincy Varughese | d/o Varughese Abraham | 732-251-1728 |
| 16 | Sheeja Saju Abraham | w/o Saju Abraham | 732-605-9888 |
| 17 | Andrew Pappachen | | 973-808-2077 |
| 17 | Leena Sunoj Mathew | w/o Sunoj Mathew | 732-8551719 |
| 18 | Lizy Mathew Thomas | w/o Mathew M. Thomas | 732-549-1437 |
| 19 | Mini Varghese | w/o Jacob Varghese | 732-257-0094 |
| 19 | R.K. Mathew | | 732-605-0370 |
| 19 | Robie Thomas | | 732-707-0984 |
| 20 | Annie Cherian | | 732-393-9371 |

ANNOUNCEMENTS!



Our New Achen and Family

Achen: Rev. Abraham Cherian, Kochamma: Beena Abraham and children: Job Cherian Abraham and Joanna Susan Abraham. Achen is being transferred from Bethel Mar Thoma Church, Nallamthanni, Nilambur, Kerala and Achen's home town is Kuriannoor.

We welcome our new Achen and family to our parish. Please keep Achen and family in your prayers as they commence God's ministry with us.

PRAYER MEETINGS:

Church Prayer Meetings

There will be a Church prayer meeting on Friday **May 11th**, 2007 at 7:30 pm at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Mathew Johnson, 31 Jensen Road, Sayreville, NJ 08872

Tel: (732-432-6444)

There will be a Church prayer meeting on Saturday **May 12th**, 2007 at 5:30 pm at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Iype Thomas, 1391 Whitetail Road, Henryville, PA 18332

Tel: (570-620-0226)

CHURCH FAMILY RETREAT

Our Church retreat will be held on **May 25th to 27th** 2007 at Black Rock Retreat Center, 1345 Kirkwood Pike, Quarryville, PA 17566. Holy Communion service will be celebrated at the retreat center on Sunday, May 27th.

FAMILY CONFERENCE

The 25th Mar Thoma Family Conference of the Diocese of North America and Europe will be held on **July 5-8**, 2007 at Hilton Suites, Toronto, Canada and is hosted by The Canadian Mar Thoma Church Toronto. The theme of the conference is "Ministers of Reconciliation".

For details visit: www.marthomaconference2007.ca

Announcements (contd..)

Following Families have taken membership with St. Stephen's MTC:

- 1) Mr. Linu Kurian and Mrs. Carol Linu Kurian their children Kenneth Linu Kurian and Kevin Linu Kurian. Residence: Apt# 410 Forest Drive, Edison, NJ 08817 Phone: 732-543-0952
- 2) Mr. Thomas Mathew and Mrs. Bobby Mathew and their son Aaron Mathew Thomas. Residence: 7 Mindy Drive, Somerset, NJ 08873 Phone: 616-604-6563
- 3) Mr. Suresh Babu and Mrs. Sini Babu. Residence: 25 Highpoint Drive, Edison, NJ 08820 Phone: 732-494-0561

We, the members of St. Stephen's family welcome you all to our church.

New Born:

Drs. Joseph and Nancy Philip are blessed with a baby girl, Abigail Elizabeth Joseph on April 18th 2007. Congratulations to the proud parents!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School Diocesan Exams will be held on **May 6th**. All students in grades 5 through 10 qualify to sit for the exam. The teachers in these classes are diligently preparing the children for the exams. Please keep all the children in your prayers.

Annual Sunday School Charity Fair will be held on **May 13th** after the service. Please join us for a fun filled afternoon in the church courtyard for games, music, and food.

YOUTH

2007 Youth Retreat is going to be held at Camp Shiloh, Wayne, NJ from Friday **June 1** through Sunday, June 3 ending with Qurbana service. This is going to be a great time for our youth to get to know the new Achen at a personal level, we encourage all youth to come. It will be \$45 a person, please contact Josh (908)-907-7758 for more details.

Youth meetings planned for this month will be announced by email to the youth members.

| Date | Time | Celebrant | 1st Lesson | 2nd Lesson | Epistle | Gospel | Sunday School |
|---|----------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Christian Response to human rights (Metropolitan Fund) 4th Sunday after Easter | | | | | | | |
| 6-May | 10:45 AM | Rev. Abraham Cherian (Malayalam) | 2 Kings 4:1-7 | James 1:19-27 | Acts 4:32-36 | Matthew 25:31-46 | Diocese Exam |
| Jesus Christ 'the Eternal Life' (5th Sunday after Easter) | | | | | | | |
| 13-May | 9:30 AM | Rev. Abraham Cherian (Malayalam) | Genesis 2:4-17 | Revelation 22:1-7 | 1 Peter 1:13-25 | John 6:41-51 | Sunday's School Fair |
| Pasturing the people of God. | | | | | | | |
| 20-May | 10:45 AM | Rev. Abraham Cherian (English) | Ezekiel 34:1-16 | Hebrews 13:7-21 | 1 Peter 5:1-14 | John 10:7-18 | After Cummunion |
| Pentecost Sunday - Worship in the Spirit (50th Day after Easter) | | | | | | | |
| 27-May | 10:45 AM | Public Service | Isaiah 6:1-18 | Acts 2:1-13 | Ephesians 5:15-21 | John 16:5-16 | No Sunday School |
| | | (Malayalam) | | | | | |