



TRUST IN THE LORD
WITH ALL YOUR HEART
AND LEAN NOT
ON YOUR OWN
UNDERSTANDING...
PROVERBS 3:5



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**If you are physically unable to attend,
please join us virtually via our website, YouTube, or Facebook pages.**

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PALM SUNDAY: THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

April 2, 2023

“WELCOME TO THE MOTHER CHURCH”

“Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise.
Give thanks unto Him and bless His name”.

Psalm 100:4

**Grace and Peace to you from God on Palm Sunday:
The Sunday of The Passion.**

**We welcome Mr. David Kasievich, students,
parents and staff from St. James School.**

Today, we enter the Holiest Week of the Year.

On behalf of the Clergy, Wardens, Vestry, and People of God, welcome to the historic African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas, founded in 1792 as the first Black Episcopal Church in the U.S.A. The first rector of this historic parish, The Rev. Fr. Absalom Jones was also the first Black Episcopal priest in the nation.

Our parish boldly proclaims the reconciling Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are an active, mission-minded, and growing church family. Whomever you are and wherever you may find yourself on your spiritual journey of faith, you are always welcomed at St. Thomas' Church, where we are joyfully and enthusiastically committed to Jesus' message of love, hope, prayer, acceptance, and faith. Today, as you worship in this place, may you experience and feel the presence of the Lord, and may you leave feeling renewed, refreshed, and revived.

Faithfully,

The Very Rev. Canon Martini Shaw,

17th Rector and Dean of the Schuylkill Deanery

Please click on the link provided
or the [Order of Service](#) for this Sunday.

David J. Kasievich

As a community leader and an advocate for equal access to education, David Kasievich has devoted his life and career to serving others. Mr. Kasievich says “Equal access to education is the civil rights issue of today. It’s something that needs more attention in our country. I believe that education is the equalizer.”

Mr. Kasievich received his bachelor’s degree in human services from La Roche University in 1998, and a master’s degree in theological and pastoral studies from La Salle University in 2001. Mr. Kasievich is currently exploring a Doctorate in Philanthropic Leadership.

Mr. Kasievich began his career in education as a high school teacher at several faith-based schools in Philadelphia and Camden, including West Philadelphia Catholic High School, La Salle College High School and the San Miguel School. Next, he went on to serve as the Executive Director for Lasallian Volunteers for eight years in Washington, DC - a program that provides high quality volunteer teachers to disinvestment cities throughout the United States and Mexico. After serving at Lasallian Volunteers, Mr. Kasievich returned to Philadelphia where he served as the Director of Development at two schools in Philadelphia; Community Partnership School and Young Scholars Charter School.

Together with partners Dr. Audrey Evans, The Rev. Sean Mullen, and many others, Mr. Kasievich founded St. James School in 2011, where he now serves as Head of School. St. James School is a tuition free Episcopal middle school located in Philadelphia’s Allegheny West neighborhood. Our mission: St. James is a faith-based educational community deeply rooted in transformative loving relationships. Our vision: A world without inequities.

In addition to his responsibilities at St. James, Mr. Kasievich is a founding board member of the Nativity Miguel Coalition of Schools; an active member of RAH (Ridge Allegheny Hunting Park Civic Association); serves as the vice-chair of the Nativity Miguel Coalition Board; former board member of the Catholic Network of Volunteer Services; a delegate of Lasallian International Assembly; and former board member of Tree House Books. Mr. Kasievich frequently leads workshops and presentations on topics related to non-profit management, philanthropy, and spirituality.

From the Rector: Whoever you may be and however you may find yourself experiencing life's journey, do know that St. Thomas Church welcomes you.



IMPORTANT NOTICE:

The wearing of masks **is now optional, however, strongly recommended.**

Masks are available for all in attendance if needed. **Hand sanitizer** is also available.

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE: The only doors for entry on Sunday mornings are: the Front doors of the church and the front **ambulatory door** of the church. Please refrain from using other doors at this time.

OUR CONDOLENCES

to the Rev. Isaac Miller, former Assistant at St. Thomas, and his family on the death of his wife, **Rose Miller**. Her service will be held on **Saturday, April 8, 2023, 12:00 noon**, at St. George/St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, 520 S. 61st Street, Philadelphia. Please pray for the family.

May the soul of Rose rest in peace and rise in glory.

Condolences may be sent to:

Rev. Isaac Miller
1530 Green Street
Philadelphia, PA 19130

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE 2023



Sunday of the Passion

(Palm Sunday) - April 2nd / 9:30 AM

Blessing of the Palms / Outdoor Procession
Students from St. James School
will worship with us.

Holy Wednesday April 5th / 6:00 PM

A Special Virtual Holy Week Presentation
"Stations of the Cross" on our St. Thomas
Youtube page or Facebook page.

Holy Thursday

(Maundy Thursday) April 6th / 6:00 PM

6:00 PM -Dinner Hosted by the Vestry &
Auxiliary Vestry. Get your dinner tickets today
(\$15.00/ person) *Limited Seating

7:00 PM -Service of Foot Washing, The Holy
Eucharist, Stripping of the Altar and All Night
"Re-Imagined" Vigil sponsored by the DOK
(please sign up to pray for an hour)

Good Friday

April 7th / Special Liturgy / Noon

Holy Saturday / Easter Vigil

at the Cathedral / April 8th / 7:00 PM

Join others from our Schuylkill Deanery
in celebration.

EASTER SUNDAY

April 9th / A Festive Celebration / 10:00 AM



LENTEN GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Why we don't say Alleluia during Lent: Alleluia comes to us from Hebrew, and it means "praise Yahweh". This praise has a joyful overtone to it and we use it especially during happy celebrations. While we do praise God all year round, during Lent we withhold a bit of our joy and happiness because of the season's penitential and sorrowful character. After all, we are anticipating Jesus' very passion and death.

In order to emphasize the penitential nature of that journey, the Church, during Lent, removes the Alleluia from the Mass. We no longer sing with the choirs of angels; instead, we acknowledge our sins and practice repentance so that one day we may again have the privilege of worshiping God as the angels do.

Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter. It commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, and in many Christian churches, Palm Sunday is marked by the distribution of Palm leaves.

Maundy Thursday is the Thursday before Easter that commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the apostles. The significance is derived from Latin *mandatum* (a new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as I have loved you), the statement Jesus made in John 13:34 by which He explained to the apostles the significance of His action of washing their feet.

Good Friday ("good" meaning pious or holy) is the Friday of Holy Week, observed primarily by Christians commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and His death at Calvary.

Holy Saturday is the day before Easter and the day of Holy Week in which Christians prepare for Easter. It commemorates the day that Jesus Christ's body was laid in the tomb.

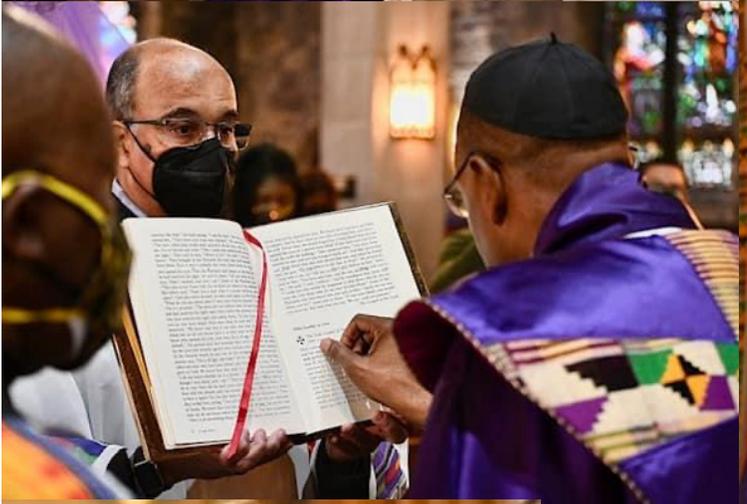
Triduum (TRID-uh-wum) is the period of three days that begins the evening of Maundy Thursday and ends the evening of Easter Sunday. It recalls the passion, burial and resurrection of Jesus.

We welcome our New Member, **Carolyn Paige**, who joined our church family. Her shepherd is Ronnie H. Collins. We look forward to getting to know Carolyn.

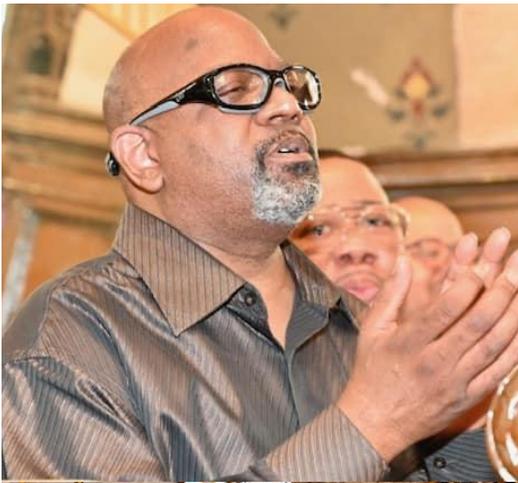


The Fifth Sunday in Lent March 26, 2023











THE ANNUAL PALM SUNDAY CONCERT WITH



THE ST. THOMAS GOSPEL CHOIR

Directed By

Walt Blocker

SUNDAY

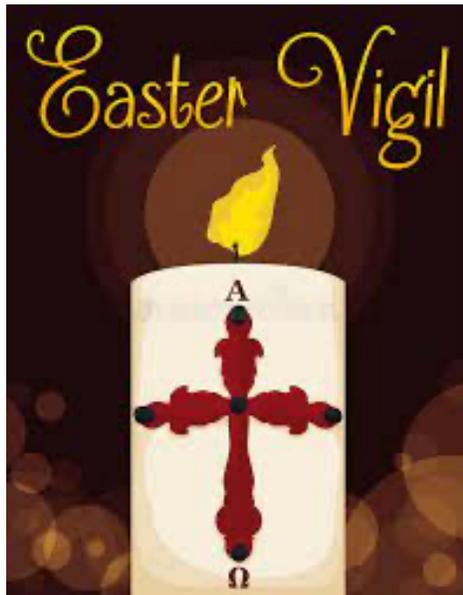
APRIL

2ND

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The Reverend Father Martini Shaw, 17th Rector
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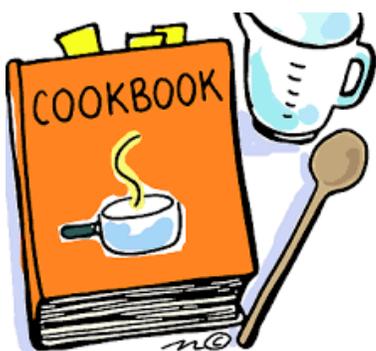




PLEASE JOIN

the Schuylkill Deanery at the Philadelphia Cathedral for Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 8, 2023, at 7:00 PM.

Singers, readers, greeters, ushers, and acolytes from all of our deanery churches are encouraged to attend and participate. Please contact [Phyllis Cater](#) for additional information ASAP.



SAVE THE DATE
SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023

"Men Are Cooking: Cuisines Across Continents". Experience delicious dishes prepared by the men of St. Thomas.

Fr. Jay is home from rehab. His address is:
Fr. Gerald Collins (Fr. Jay)
4700 City Ave, Apt. 11310, Philadelphia, PA 19131
443-802-1674 (Please call before coming)

From the Rector:

The rector will announce next Sunday (Easter Sunday) the name of the new Associate to the Rector for Parish Life and Youth Ministries.

The St. Thomas Octavius V. Catto Voter Education Ministry is inviting all Members of St. Thomas to attend **Conversations with Mayoral Candidates** sponsored by POWER Interfaith including Mother Bethel & more than 40 other congregations.

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Sunday, April 16, 2023 from 3:00 – 6:00 PM.

Conversations with Mayoral Candidates
First District Plaza 3801 Market Street

Attendees will have an opportunity to listen to a candidate respond to POWER's top issues, on gun violence, schools, clean air, good jobs, and housing, with details for implementation in the first 100 days; the first year in office. These will be individual conversations.

We are asking AECST members to Register by **April 2nd** by signing the sign-up sheet located on the table outside of Anderson Hall or email [Wendella Fox](mailto:Wendella.Fox).

Pictures from our Wednesday Lenten Series

More pictures may be found on the [St. Thomas Facebook page](#).







Next Sunday (Easter), please join the Church School on the Great Lawn for their Annual Easter Egg Hunt immediately following Service.

At the conclusion of the Service, we will have a special visiting guest. Special treats will be given to all children attending the Service.



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CHANCEL CHOIR NEWS

On Sunday, April 23, 2023, Dr. Jay and the Philadelphia Community Mass Choir, present the complete Spirituals Mass by Clayton White. With guest soloists Valerie Gay and Paul Spencer Adkins. More information to come.

ST. THOMAS GOSPEL CHOIR NEWS

On Sunday, April 16, 2023, at 7:45 am and 8:15 am the STGC will be singing for the kickoff festivities for The Gift of Life Donor Program, Donor Dash at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, 2600 Benjamin Franklin Pkwy, Philadelphia, PA

On Saturday, April 22, 2023, at 4 pm the STGC will be singing at Rosemont College, 1400 Montgomery Avenue, Bryn Mawr, PA for their World Culture Festival.

On Sunday, April 30, 2023, at 6 pm the STGC will be singing at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1682 Wood Street (just off of Callowhill St.) in an Interfaith Music Concert with members of the Church of Latter-Day Saints. The Concert is free and parking will be validated. More Information coming soon.

AECST LIVE STREAM

Please join us for Worship on the St. Thomas [website](#), the [Live Service](#), or on our [Facebook](#) page or [youtube](#) every Sunday morning at 10 am. You can also watch [Past Services](#) and [Highlights](#) from past services.

The Sisterhood Guild is currently collecting baby diapers, wipes for pregnant youth and feminine products during the Lenten season. We, as women, understand that sometimes it can be difficult to get these types of supplies and the expense that can come along with that especially if there is homelessness involved. The collection bin will be at the back of the church. Again, thank you in advance for any donations received.

The UBE is still collecting new or gently used suitcases, duffel bags, and backpacks to be used for the children in the Philadelphia Foster Care System. They will be collected each Sunday morning from **9:15 AM** until **9:45 AM** in the back entrance of the Thrift Store.
Contact persons: Conchetta Brewer 267.975.7283,
or Wendella Fox 215.880.4936.

DO YOU PLAY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT?

Have you ever thought about using that talent to glorify God in worship? Please prayerfully consider joining our St. Thomas Jazz Ensemble.

If interested, please contact Gladyce in the Parish Office ASAP to get details on upcoming scheduled rehearsals.



Happy Birthday to all those celebrating a Birthday in April

- 4/1 Justin Lyon
- 4/2 Linda Watson
- 4/3 Brandon Stiff, Nicola Knight
- 4/4 Edwin Santana
- 4/5 Bryan Guglielmi
- 4/8 Benes Lawrence, Shirley Winkfield
- 4/9 Deborah Sartin, Landon Leys
- 4/10 Jeffrey Chapman, Barry Frye
- 4/11 Irenda Gates
- 4/12 Barbara Wiley, India Lyon
- 4/13 Nicole Stanley
- 4/14 Debbie Harrison, Dorothy Willis
- 4/15 Gloria Moses, Alexia Wells, Karen Ragland, Judy Tillman
- 4/16 Lynette Edwards, Rhonda Wilson, Carmen Randolph, Shelly Stewart
- 4/18 Darryle Tillman, Elaine Young
- 4/19 Rashanda Stiff
- 4/20 Theresa Bramwell, Katisi Henderson
- 4/21 Tim Barksdale, Julia Williams
- 4/22 Lemont Johnson
- 4/23 Muriel Clifford, Richard Jones, Jr.
- 4/24 Judy Simkins Booth
- 4/25 Wanda Wood, Joseph Gobern
- 4/26 Simone Jeffers
- 4/28 Albert Dandridge, Tracy Jones
- 4/29 Tynecia Wilson
- 4/30 Shakerra Blair

EASTER FLOWERS

Your gift of Easter Lilies and Altar arrangements will help beautify the church for the Easter Holiday, or be a beautiful tribute to someone you love, a token of Thanksgiving for a blessing received. **(5 names per plant)** To order flowers, please return the form with payment to: Clare Mae Daniels or Alfreda Brockman.

Easter Flowers and Lilies: Deadline: Monday, **April 4, 2023**

- I would like to place flowers on the High Altar - \$125.
- I would like to place flowers on the Absalom Jones Altar - \$90.
- I would like to place flowers on the Columbarium - \$55.
- I would like an Easter Lily @\$25.00 each (5 names per plant).

(Please PRINT/ TYPE. You may use an additional piece of paper for more names.)

A) In memory of _____

B) In Thanksgiving for _____

Given by _____

Envelope # _____ Amount \$ _____

A ST. THOMAS HEALTH MINISTRY NOTE

STAY UP TO DATE with vaccinating against COVID-19 and the Flu. The new COVID-19 (Bivalent) booster is now available for anyone 12 and over.

For guidelines on when to get your booster go to the [CDC](#) or consult with your doctor's office. Both the COVID-19 booster and the Flu vaccine are available at local pharmacies (RiteAid, CVS and Walgreens).

Go on their website to schedule an appointment.

SPEARHEAD NEWSLETTER EMAILS

If you are not receiving the Spearhead emails, please use the [Newsletter](#) sign up link. Your information will NEVER be shared or sold and you can **UNsubscribe** at anytime by following the instructions provided at the bottom of every email message.

If you are a member of St. Thomas and wish to participate in a **monthly Vestry meeting** via Zoom, you must notify the Vestry Clerk. Send an email to vestryclerk@aecst.org at least two days prior to the meeting. You will then receive the link needed to join the meeting. Vestry meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM.

CHURCH SCHOOL

is held in the undercroft at **10:00 AM** for Youth ages 4 through High School. The theme for this church school year is “ The Lord’s Prayer”.

Join us as we RE-Imagine our Church School Adventures with Prayer, Fellowship, Programs, and Fun! Register in person or contact [Dottie Archey](#) for more information or 215 837-6941.

SCOUT TROOP #133 -

Our Cub Scout Program is open to boys grades 1-5. The Cub program meets at 2:00 PM on Saturdays.

The Scout Program is open to children aged 11-17 years old. The Scout Program will meet at 3:00 PM on Saturdays according to the schedule.

Please contact Scout Master [Howard Chapman](#) for more information.

Please help support our St. Thomas GFS Branch with a love donation. Donations will go to helping them go on their Founders Day trip to Washington D.C. in March and World Council in South Africa August 3-11, 2023. If you have any questions, please contact [Nikkol Simms](#).

JOIN THE GIRLS FRIENDLY SOCIETY!

Meetings are from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. All girls aged 3 - 30 are welcome. Girls participate in: service projects, girl talks, arts & crafts, World Day of Prayer, Founder's Day, Mission Day and GFS Day along with trips to the theater, museums, ice skating, mini golf, trips to the Pumpkin Patch and Holiday House in Cape, May, NJ. If you would like to volunteer as a leader or sponsor, please contact our Branch Advisor, [Nikkol Simms](mailto:njsimms@verizon.net)



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For more info:
<http://gfsus.org/>

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GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

**Meetings
begin
Oct. 1, 2022
11am-1pm**

GFS is ready to begin a new year of worship, study, play and service! We are excited to recharge our continuous mission of uplifting our young ladies and preparing them for today's society. We are also preparing for this year's theme to Love, Serve, and Grow and remembering our 75 years of legacy at St. Thomas.

Membership Ages:
Teddy Bears: 3-5 yo.
Junior Members: 5-13 yo.
Senior Members: 14-21 yo.
Ambassadors: 18-30 yo.

Girls participate in:
Service Projects
Girl Talks
Arts & Crafts
World Day of Prayer
Founder's Day
Mission Day
GFS Day

Past Recreational Opportunities:
White water rafting
Theaters
Museums
Ice Skating
Segway/Ziplining
Mini Golf
Holiday House in Cape May, NJ

RE-IMAGINING OUR MINISTRIES

Persons are needed:

-to lift their voices on the **Comfort Choir** during funeral services at St. Thomas. Please contact [D. Lynn Joell](#) if interested.

-to serve with the **Sound Ministry** for Sunday morning service and weekday funeral services. If interested, please contact Gladyce in the Parish Office.

-to serve on the **Altar Guild**. This amazing group of individuals prepares our altar each week for the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Interested people should contact [Alfreda Brockman](#).

-to serve as **Readers and Intercessors** to read the Holy Scripture during our weekly services. Interested persons should contact Gladyce in the Parish Office to sign up.

-to join the **Transportation Ministry**. The main mission of the ministry is to provide transportation to parishioners who attend Sunday Service who may be parked in a nearby remote parking lot. Please contact **Gladyce** in the office if you are interested.

-as **Acolytes** to serve on the altar. Please contact **Gladyce** in the office if you are interested.

-**Photography Ministry** is in need of additional photographers. You do not need to be a professional photographer but do enjoy taking pictures. Anyone interested can contact [Bill Edmonds](#) or [Dale Williams](#).

-**The Shepherds Ministry** is still in need of many more volunteers to be able to shepherd all households of our congregation. Shepherds set their own schedules to be in regular touch with their households of sheep by phone, email, text or various social media platforms. Each is assigned no more than 4 households. All Ministry meetings are held via Zoom. Please note that the Vestry will continue to shepherd, for one year, all new members joining the congregation. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact [Charlene M. Wiltshire](#).

Readings for Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023

Liturgy of the Palms

The Holy Gospel: [Matthew 21:1-11](#)

[Psalm 118:1-2,19-29](#)

The First Lesson: [Isaiah 50:4-9a](#)

[Psalm 31:9-16](#)

The Second Lesson: [Philippians 2:5-11](#)

The Holy Gospel: [Matthew 26:14- 27:66](#)

The Holy Gospel Readings for the Week of April 3, 2023

Monday - [John 12:1-11](#)

Tuesday - [John 12:20-36](#)

Wednesday - [John 13:21-32](#)

Maundy Thursday - [John 13:1-17,31b-35](#)

Good Friday - [John 18:1-19:42](#)

Holy Saturday - [John 19:38-42](#)

Readings for Easter / Resurrection Sunday

April 9, 2023

The First Lesson: [Acts 10:34-43](#)

[Psalm 118:1-2,14-24](#)

The Second Lesson: [Colossians 3:1-4](#)

The Holy Gospel: [John 20:1-18](#)

The Holy Gospel Readings for the Week of April 10, 2023

Monday - [Matthew 28:9-15](#)

Tuesday - [John 20:11-18](#)

Wednesday - [Luke 24:13-35](#)

Thursday - [Luke 24:36b-48](#)

Friday - [John 21:1-14](#)

Saturday - [Mark 16:9-15,20](#)

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE:

IN THE HOSPITAL: Nia Mathurin; Nikki Frank.

IN REHAB:

Nora Corbin- Little Flower Rehab; Linda Holmes; Tyrone Keller Moss Rehab Center, Elkins Park, PA.

RECOVERING AT HOME:

Rosalind Rodriguez, Alletta Parris-Olday, Harold Yates, Dr. Walter Bantom, William Smalls, Leatrice Snowden. Pearl Henderson, Wendell Whitlock Joe Stevenson, Ronald Coleman, Fr. Jay Collins, Terri Taylor.

KEEP IN PRAYER:

Louise Lewis, Adinah Edwards, Robert Brown, Justin Trotman, Georgia Sawyer, Shirley Caldwell, Stephanie Williamson, Francina Norris, Leotta Griffith, Ridart "Butch" Farmer, Karen Ragland, Kenneth Dow, Gwendolyn Langford, Eleanor Chestnut, Dorothy Smith, Alice Bowman-Cropper, Daryn Stewart, Joan Hall, Sheryl Johnson, Shirley Winkfield, Dr. Thomas Snowden, Lemont Johnson.

WE PRAY FOR

those who are Incarcerated and their families, as well as those affected by their actions.

ST. THOMAS COLUMBARIUM INURNMENT

If you have a loved one who has passed away in the last year and would like to schedule a St. Thomas columbarium inurnment, please contact the church office at 215-473-3065.

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

If you have moved and have not sent your new address to the church office at 215-473-3065 or email, please do so ASAP. The church has received many returned mailings because of bad addresses. We would appreciate your new address, phone number, and email address. Thanks so much for your help with this.

If you have decided to use the **Givi App** or [Online Giving Donations](#), please email your name and envelope number. Thank you very much. -Judy Tillman

CAPITAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN

Thank you to all who have contributed to the fund. Everyone is asked to please make a minimum sacrificial gift of \$40 per month. Please use the envelope from your packet or place Building Fund in the Memo section of your check or click the Donation Button or Capital Improvement [Donation Button](#) on our [website](#).

WAYS TO CONTINUE TO BE FAITHFUL TO GOD AND THE CHURCH THROUGH STEWARDSHIP

“To whom much is given, much is required.” Luke 12:48

- 1) **Sunday Offering Plate.**
- 2) **Mail in** your check or money order to the church.
Please use the following address:
The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas
c/o Fiscal Administrator.
6361 Lancaster Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19151
- 3) **Use the Givi app.** If you don't already use the app and don't have an account, it's easy to obtain.
Please click the links below for the type of device you own to download the **givi app (givi IOS App)** for your Apple (iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch) or **(givi Android App)** for your Android device. If you have any questions, please speak with **Deadra Cannon**, 215-844-6115.
- 4) **Bring your check** directly to the Parish Office during regular business hours. After business hours, drop your envelope in the door mail slot located on the front patio of the Absalom Jones House.
- 5) **Church website - [Online Giving](#)**
Simply select the button/s on the page that represents where you'd like your payment to be applied, i.e. your pledge, the AJ House, Easter, etc.
- 6) **Pledge Cards:** Pledge cards can now be sent for 2023. Please send them via the US mail to the church or electronically by clicking this link [Click>](#) or send an email to our [Fiscal Administrator](#). Thank you so much and thank you to all who have sent them in.

MINISTRY STAFF

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Clerk of the Vestry - Clare Mae Daniels
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Deadra Cannon
Wendella Fox, Esq.
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Deborah Harrison
D. Lynn Joell
Kelvin Johnson
Jonathan Muse
Judith Tillman

THE AUXILIARY VESTRY

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Ronnie Collins
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Pamela Johnson
Patricia Lynch
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