

Lenten Theme: "Emerging from the Wilderness with Jesus"

Palm Sunday, April 10th, 9:45 AM
Outdoor Blessing, Distribution of the Palms and Procession.
(We welcome the Rev. Andrew Kellner and students from St. James School participating in our Service.)

Holy Wednesday, April 13th, 7:00 PM. - Stations of the Cross
A Special Zoom Presentation,
sponsored by
The Delaware Valley (PA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated,
at St. Thomas.
Please tune in to the Website, Facebook or Youtube.

Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday), April 14th, 7:00 PM
Washing of Feet, Holy Eucharist,
Special music, and Stripping of the altar.
All-night telephonic Vigil until Noon Good Friday,
sponsored by St. Thomas Chapter of the Daughters of the King

Good Friday (April 15th), Noon Special Liturgy with music.

Resurrection (Easter) Sunday, (April 17th) 10:00 AM
A Festive Celebration.

Easter Egg Hunt For All Youth (immediately following the Service.)

"A special surprise visitor."

Who will find the Golden Egg???

PALM SUNDAY The Sunday of the Passion "Emerging from the Wilderness with Jesus"

APRIL 10, 2022 10:00 AM

A Call To Worship for Palm Sunday and Holy Week



Please click on the link provided for the <u>Order of Service</u> and <u>The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke</u> for this Sunday.



"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 this **Palm Sunday**: The Sunday of The Passion. We welcome the **Rev. Andrew Kellner**, **Mr. David Kasivich**, **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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

The wearing of masks will remain MANDATORY while at St. Thomas until further notice. St. Thomas will follow the recommended guidelines of the CDC, the City of Philadelphia, and the Diocese of PA. Let us love our neighbor and worship safely!

Masks are available for all in attendance if needed. Hand sanitizer is also available. The ventilation system has been changed to let in outside air. We request that all in attendance be VACCINATED. Unvaccinated individuals are requested to watch the Service via Live Stream.

FROM THE RECTOR

Whoever you may be and however you may find yourself experiencing life's journey, do know that you are always welcome at St. Thomas Church.

SPEARHEAD NEWSLETTER EMAILS

If you are not receiving the Spearhead emails, please use the <u>Newsletter</u> 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.

YOUR ASSISTANCE IS REQUESTED

Since we are back to In-Person Service, we are in need of Readers and Intercessors, Youth and Adult. If you are interested in helping spread the Word of God through a reading, Psalm, or Intercessory prayers, please contact Gladyce in the parish office. Thank you.



We Welcome the Rev. Andrew Kellner, Mr. David Kasivich, students, parents and staff from St. James School.

Thank you to the students that participated in the Passion:
Randy Brown
Gabby Brown
London Marshal
Yamir Sanders
Kamajiah Speaks
Myley Peterson
Myles Peterson

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 p.m.

ATTENTION:

We are so blessed to be stewards of a beautiful property that God has entrusted to our care. Persons are needed to serve on our Property Committee. If interested, please speak with Deborah Harrison or call the Parish Office to express your interest.

A Virtual Tour The Way of the Cross

AS ILLUSTRATED BY

LINKS FOUNDER MARGARET ROSELL HAWKINS



Webinar Registration https://bit.ly/37TXisC

Margaret Rosell Hawkins was a gifted artist and faithful member of The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas, home to her original, watercolor paintings of the 14 stations of the cross. Experience this special ARTS showcase narrated by area members of The Links, Incorporated.



President

The Very Rev. Canon Martini Shaw,

17th Rector

MAUNDY THURSDAY SILENT NIGHT WATCH VIGIL

Then HE returned to His disciples and found them sleeping.
"Simon, HE said to Peter, are you asleep? Couldn't you keep watch for one hour?"

Mark 14:37

The St. Thomas Chapter of the Order of the Daughters of the King invites you to pray with us or this year's Maundy Thursday Night watch Vigil on April 14, 2022, from 8:00 PM to 12:00 noon on Good Friday.

This year we invite you to join us in a silent vigil where you can pray in your own space, in your own way, and share a deeper connection with God. In keeping with scripture, and to ensure that we have continuous prayer throughout the night, we ask that you sign up prior to Maundy Thursday indicating which hour you and your family will be in prayer with us. As a note, this year there will be no in-person vigil.

When you sign up, we will forward additional information to you along with several suggested prayers and meditations you may use.

Your commitment to the hour, in whatever space and place you may be, will be between you and God. We only ask you to commit to one hour.

Sign up forms will be in the rear of the church on Sundays prior to Maundy Thursday, or you may register by email to **Sharon Bullock**.

UPCOMING GOSPEL CHOIR EVENTS

April 30, 202, 3737 Seminary Rd. 2, at 11 Bent not Broken Music Conference Concert Grace United Methodist Church 900 N. Washington Street, Wilmington, DE 19801

May 24 & 25, 2022 (Time TBD)
Concert & Recording
Virginia Theological Seminary,
3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22304

RE-IMAGINING OUR MINISTRIES

Persons are needed to serve on the Altar Guild. This amazing group of individuals prepare our beautiful altar each week for the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Interested people should contact Alfreda Brockman at fredabee@verizon.net

Readers and Intercessors to read Holy Scripture during or weekly Services. Interested persons should contact Gladyce in the Parish Office to sign up.

We are looking for a few individuals 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.



Bowling with the Bishop!

Youth Ministry Bowling with the Bishop at Wynnewood Lanes, 2228 Haverford Ave, Ardmore PA, April 30th, from 2:00-4:00 PM. You may register for this event here.



EASTER EGG HUNT FOR ALL YOUTH

(outside immediately following service)
"A Special Suprise Visitor"
Who will find the Golden Egg?

Adult volunteers needed, Please contact <u>Dottie Archey</u>, Church School Superintendent

VIRTUAL CHURCH SCHOOL

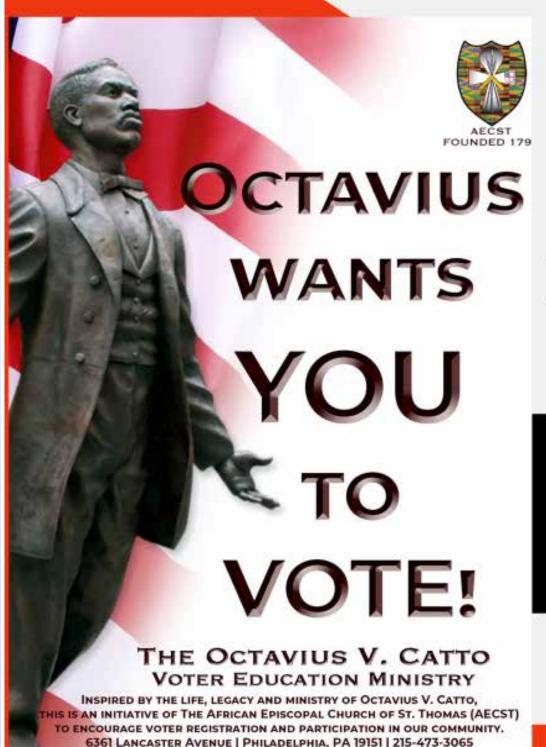
Church school will meet by ZOOM on Sundays at noon. All parents and church school aged children are encouraged to attend. If you need more information please contact Dottie Archey at: 215-474-2815 or you can send an email to **Dottie Archey** for more information.



CONGRATULATIONS TO TYNECIA WILSON!

On Saturday, March 26, 2022, she competed for Miss Philadelphia. She was awarded First Runner Up. She was asked to compete again the next day in the Miss Bucks/Montgomery/Liberty Bell pageant. We are PROUD to announce that she is the New Miss Liberty Bell 2022 and she will be competing at States for the Miss Pennsylvania crown in June. Your church family is SO proud of you!

Registration Deadline May 2nd



GO TO:

WWW.
Philadelphiavotes.
com/en/voters

- Register to vote
- Check your Registration status

PRIMARY ELECTION: MAY 17TH

THE ST. THOMAS O.V. CATTO VOTER EDUCATION MINISTRY

is reminding its Pennsylvania members to please check their Voter Registration Status for the 2022 Midterm Elections and the Primary. Go to **pavoterservices.pa.gov** and verify your voting status. You will need to do this to confirm that you are registered to vote, your voting district and if you are a mailin voter. You will also be able to get directions to your polling location as well if needed. Please contact **Gregory Allen** or **Gregory Lyles** for more information.

Remember that the Mid-term elections, voter turnout is as important if not greater than the general. Make sure you know your status as soon as possible!!!

DUE DATES AND DEADLINES:

May 2 - Last day to register to vote.

May 10 - Last day to request a mail-in or absentee ballot.

May 17 - Primary Election

Link to PA Voters

https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov

POSITION OPENING - ST. THOMAS ASSISTANT SEXTON

Part-time position is open for an Assistant Sexton. Hours are typically some weekday evenings, Saturdays, and Sundays. Presently, reduced hours due to pandemic restrictions. Hours will increase as in-person activities increase. For more information, interested persons should contact **Deborah Harrison**.

WONDERFUL NEWS!

On Tuesday, May 24, 2022, St.Thomas will be honored at the 2022 Scholarship Benefit for St. James School. The theme of the event is "On the Horizon". It will be held at The Mann Center for the Performing Arts. St. Thomas will also be joined by another honoree, Dr. Ala Stanford, founder of the Black Doctors COVID-19 Consortium. For more information please contact Wendella Fox or Phyllis Cater.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

The Jesse F. Anderson, Sr., Scholarship Award applications are available. Applications must be a St. Thomas member for one year and active in youth activities. Application deadline is May 3, 2022. For more information contact Paula Lamb (215) 620-7250 or Thomasina Hack (215)901-2773.

Over 200 Scholarships are available through the Philadelphia Foundation. Philadelphia Foundation's 2022 Scholarship Application process is now open!

The window to apply for more than 200 available postsecondary education scholarships offered through the Philadelphia Foundation is open now through May 9, 2022. Click <u>here</u> for the website.





SAVE THE DATE

Acest 2022 Women's Day May 22,2022

THEME

"Growing in God's Love"
May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each
other and everyone else, just as ours does for you.

The Guest Speaker

Minister Eryka Waller the daughter of Dr. Ellen Jo Waller and Rev. Alyn Waller senior pastor of Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church

Women's Day we will Honor our Ninety year old Honorees

AND

We also have a new award ACEST Woman Of the Year Check you Bulletin more information and announcements

Respectfully The Women's Day Committee

Please contact: <u>Deborah Matthews</u> - OR <u>Yvonne Caldwell-White</u> for more information.

A Message from the St. Thomas Chapter of THE ORDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

"Our long-term commitment to racial justice and reconciliation is embedded in our identity as baptized followers of Jesus. We will still be doing it when the news cameras are long gone." Excerpt from a word to the Church from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, May 30, 2020.

In keeping with Presiding Bishop Curry's sentiments, the St. Thomas Chapter formed the Anti-Racism Initiative Committee (ARIC) in September of 2020 to actively pursue the goal of promoting racial justice, reconciliation, and healing, consistent with our Baptismal Covenant and the Motto of our Order. In connection with this effort, ARIC has delivered brief educational programs to the chapter about the language of and best practices for advancing antiracism efforts. The group also created some supporting documents, including a Prayer for Racial Equity and Healing, a Glossary of Anti-Racist/Bias Terms, and a list of Suggested Resources that Support Anti-Racism Efforts.

This month, as we continue to honor Black History, we encourage you to review them at your leisure.

For more information about this effort, feel free to contact ARIC's chairperson, Karen Jackson Vaughn

DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS

Readings for
The Passion of Our Lord
Palm Sunday

April 10th

The Liturgy of the Palms

The Gospel - <u>Luke 19:28-40</u>

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

The Holy Gospel: Luke 23:1-49

The Holy Gospel Readings for the Week of 4 /11/2022

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 19:19-42**

Holy Saturday - John 19:38-42

Maundy Thursday Readings

April 14th

The First Reading: Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

The Holy Gospel: **John 13:1-17, 31b-35**

Good Friday Readings April 15th

The First Reading: Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Psalm 22

The Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
The Holy Gospel: John 19:19-42

Easter Sunday April 17th

The First Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

The Second Reading: ICorinthians 15:19-26
The Holy Gospel: Luke 24:1-12



AECST BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. JAY

Tuesday Evening Bible Study will resume via Zoom at 7:00PM. If you are interested in joining a lively, interactive Bible study group, contact Fr. Jay via email: associatepriest@aecst.org to be included on our membership list serve. You will receive the Zoom link and our weekly lesson plan to prepare in advance for the week's meeting.

THE ST. THOMAS ALTAR GUILD

is selling Liturgical Calendars. They are \$7.00 and can be purchased from Alfreda Brockman or Clare Mae Daniels.



To order flowers for the Sundays after Easter, please return the form with payment ment to **Clare Mae Daniel**s or **Alfreda Brockman**.

(Please **do not** place in the collection plate or give to the church office) Thank you.

_ flowers on the High Altar - \$60.00 _ flowers on the Absalom Jones Altar - \$50.00 _ flowers on the Columbarium- \$40.00 _An Easter Lily @\$25.00 each (5 names per plant)
Please PRINT In Memory of, In Thanksgiving for,
Name, Envelop#, Amount

YOUTH SUNDAY

Fourth Sundays of each month (except for July and August) are designated **YOUTH SUNDAY** at ST. THOMAS; The Rector has restarted an official Search Process for the calling of a new Rector's Associate for Youth and Young Adult Ministries.

A FEW QUOTES AND PARAPHRASES ON "VIRTUAL WORSHIP"

"Virtual and live stream worship have been, and will continue to be, a blessing to the church. However, by no means can it substitute coming and physically receiving the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist (Communion)." (From Fr. Martini Shaw's Homily on Jan. 16, 2022).

"Online Masses and Spiritual Communion do not represent the church. The faithful not gathered to receive the Sacraments is not the church. Jesus' disciples always lived their relationship with the Lord in Community. They gathered, around the sacrament, at the same table, as a sign of community". (Pope Francis' recent message)

"If you are unable to receive the Sacrament, by reasons of extreme sickness or physical disability; or when being present at a celebration is absolutely impossible, it is possible to open yourself to God's grace and blessing". (Episcopal Church Book of Common Prayer).



THE BISHOP IS COMING!

Bishop Gutierrez will be making an official visit to St. Thomas on Sunday, May 1st.

ACOLYTES NEEDED

We are in need of Acolytes (Youth and Adults) Please consider serving God in this rewarding ministry. If interested, please contact the Rector ASAP.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

DR. DILWORTH who is the recipient of the 2022 Chorus America, Alice Parker Fund Award. The awards will be presented during a virtual Awards Celebration on Thursday, June 9 at 5:00 pm EDT and recognized at Chorus America's in-person Conference event on June 15-17.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE:

IN THE HOSPITAL: Rosalind Rodriguez

RECOVERING AT HOME

Inez Turner, Dorothy Smith, Kenneth Dow, Gwenda Hart, Alice Bowman-Cropper, Susan Ben, Justin Trotman, Teena Watson Matthews, Lisa Woodley, Dr. Walter Harris, Winston Lowe.

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

Shirley Caldwell, Adinah Edwards, Shirley Winkfield, Robert Brown, Stephanie Williamson, Linda Holmes, Ridart "Butch" Farmer, Georgia Sawyer, Joan Hall, Rosalind Roberts Smalls, Dr. Thomas Snowden, Francina Norris, Leatrice Snowden, Leotta Griffith, Karen Ragland, Isadora "Gwen" Francis, Edita Gauthney, Brandon Barksdale, Joseph Stevenson.

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

FROM THE RECTOR

You should have received your Third Quarter Statement of the Stewardship year. I am urging everyone to please assure that your 2021 Pledge is current. If you have questions, please contact the Fiscal Administrator, Jeanette Jeffrey in the Fiscal Office from 9:30 AM-2:00 PM Monday -Thursday. Thanking you in advance for the many ways that you share your Time, Talents and Treasures toward the ministries of St. Thomas Church.

I ask that you, using the chart below to assist you, prayerfully fill out your 2022 Faithful Giving Card. Please place it in the offering plate, postal mail, or electronically use our Faithful Giving. Pledge Form on our website.

Again, thanks so much for your continued support to the ministries of our amazing parish.

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

Faithfully, The Very Rev. Canon Martini Shaw, 17th Rector and Dean of the Schuylkill Deanery

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**.

A CHART TO ASSIST US WITH OUR FAITHFUL GIVING

Holy Scripture commends a minimum tithe of (10% of our earnings)

Where are you on your spiritual journey? Annual Faithful Giving

2%	5%	10%
\$200.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
\$300.00	\$750.00	\$1,500.00
\$400.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
\$500.00	\$1,250.00	\$2,500.00
\$600.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00
\$800.00	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00
\$1,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00
\$1,200.00	\$3,000.00	\$6,000.00
\$1,400.00	\$3,500.00	\$7,000.00
\$1,600.00	\$4,000.00	\$8,000.00
\$1,800.00	\$4,500.00	\$9,000.00
\$2,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00
\$2,200.00	\$5,500.00	\$11,000.00
\$2,400.00	\$6,000.00	\$12,000.00
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THE 2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES

are now ready for you to pick up in Anderson Hall. If you're unable to pick them up on Sundays after church you may do so Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. If you have a parishioner who lives near you who can't get to church, perhaps you can pick theirs up as well.

You can now complete your pledge card by mail or on our website.

If you have decided to use the Givi App or Online Giving Donations, please email me at stewardship@aecst.org with your name and envelope number.

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.

Thank you very much.

Judy Tillman, Stewardship Committee

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 still be sent for 2022. Please send them via the US mail to the church or electronically through the www.aecst.org website or send an email to our Fiscal Administrator. Thank you so much and thank you to all who have sent them in.

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THE AUXILIARY VESTRY

Patricia Akins Conchetta Brewer Sharon Bullock Gregory Lyles Patricia Lynch

The African Episcopal Church of Saint Thomas is a Christ-centered community that welcomes all people. This community embraces and executes the core values of our founder, the Reverend Absalom Jones: leadership, morality, spirituality, equal rights, education, liberty, charity, justice, humanitarianism, self-determination, self-respect, and freedom.

St. Thomas is an open, Christ-centered community of faith in which the Gospel is re-imaged, taught, lived and spread.