

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Rejoice!

The Word became flesh
and made his dwelling among us.
We have seen his glory,
the glory of the one and only Son,
who came from the Father,
full of grace and truth.

John 1:14 NIV



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THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
December 31, 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
this First Sunday after Christmas.

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
for the [Order of Service](#) for this Sunday



START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT!

Join us next **Sunday, January 7th** (the First Sunday after Epiphany) as we give thanks, receive the sacrament, and offer a “liturgical toast” to the new year.



Important Note from the Rector:

Please help us to end the year without a deficit by completing your 2023 financial pledge by **December 31st, 2023**. If you are unsure of your balance, please contact Jeanette in the Fiscal Office.

Any Group, Guild, Ministry, or Fellowship wishing to have a flyer placed in the bulletin will have to provide the copies to the office no later than Wednesday for insertion in the Sunday bulletin.

MEMBER INFORMATION FORMS

In an effort to get correct member information, we are asking **EVERY** parishioner to fill out a Member form. The church has received many returned mailings because of bad addresses. We would appreciate your new address, phone number, and email address. Please fill out the [form](#) and return it to the [church office email](#). Please fill out 1 form for each adult member of your family, children may go on one of the forms.

Forms are also available on the table in the back of the church.

Thanks so much for your help with this.

The Anti-Violence Legislative Campaign Letter for December, and the [QR Code](#) for State Representatives, can be found on the Schuylkill Deanery [website](#).

Pictures from Christmas Eve, December 24, 2023









More pictures may be found on our [Facebook](#) page.



We would like to thank the following guilds and people for lending the church its Holiday Spirit:

The Christmas Tree decorated at AJ House - **Mueni Mwanzia, Kim Hyde and Paula Lamb**; for the Christmas Trees donated in church **Vincent Tulli**; Christmas Trees decorated in church **Suzanne Closson and team**; Nave Decorations - **Young Adults**; Refreshing Hot Apple Cider - **Pentecost Committee**; the Altar and Absalom Jones Altar - **Altar Guild**; Church Entry Decorations - **Quentin Heyward**; and The teachers and students of the Church School for a wonderful presentation last Sunday.

**A CALL TO LEADERSHIP -
SHARE YOUR LEADERSHIP ABILITY**

Nominations for Vestry and Auxiliary Vestry Positions, Delegates to the Schuylkill Deanery, and Delegates and an alternate delegate to the 2024 Diocesan convention will be accepted from **December 10, 2023, until January 21, 2024.**



**A REMINDER TO ALL GUILDS, ORGANIZATIONS,
MINISTRIES, AND INDIVIDUALS:**

ANY and **ALL** Activities using the church facilities (ie; Anderson Hall, the Undercroft, the church) or the Absalom Jones House **MUST** be scheduled and approved by the Parish Administrator: [Gladyce DuBrey](#) or call (215-473-3065) and **NOT the SEXTON** beforehand.

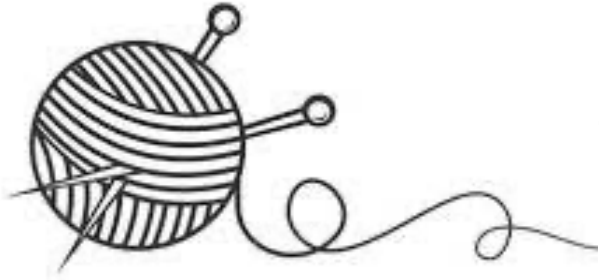
It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that all activities are listed on the calendar of the Parish Office.

SHARE YOUR SPECIAL GIFT!!!

The O.V. Catto Voter Education Ministry is in search of individuals who are **COMPUTER SAVVY**. Are you proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, Google Drive, etc.? Are you familiar with constant contact, mail chimp or other email list services? **CATTO MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!!** Responsibilities include data entry, assisting with Zoom meetings, event flyers, and other small tasks. Please consider sharing your special gift with the Catto Ministry.

For more information, please speak with:

[Ernestine Johnson](#) or [Ted Smith](#).



KNITTING CLUB:
Is back in the Absalom
Jones House on
Tuesdays from **10:00 AM - Noon.**
Bring your yarn, and patterns
and join in on the fun!

UPCOMING SUNDAYS

Dec. 31st - Last Sunday of 2023 - First Sunday of Christmas.

**Jan. 7, 2024 - A Toast - 1st Sunday of the New Year /
Epiphany Sunday, Renewal of Baptism Vows.**

We will be blessed with the water from the Jordan River.
Let us lift our glasses for a toast to the New Year.

**January 14, 2024 - 2nd Epiphany - Our Annual Celebration
of the Life and Ministry of the Rev. Dr. Martin L. King, Jr.**

Men's Ministry Chat and Chew after service

January 21, 2024 - 3rd Epiphany,
Welcome 2023 New Members.

January 28, 2024 - 4th Epiphany -
Youth and Young Adult Sunday.

Girls Friendly Induction and Chat and Chew.

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

January 1st Church and Office Closed for New Year's Day

January 3rd Bible Study with Fr. Jay - 7:00 PM

January 5th Comfort Choir Luncheon - 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM

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, St. Thomas Chancel Choir or St. Thomas Gospel Choir. If interested, please contact Gladyce in the Parish Office ASAP to get details on upcoming scheduled rehearsals.

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 10:00 AM. You can also watch [Past Services](#).

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 [Fr. Daren](#) 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](#).



Bible Study with Fr. Jay is every Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM. If anyone is interested in joining the group, contact [Fr. Jay](#).

Confirmation Classes will start Sunday, January 21, 2024, at 8:30 A.M. Please speak with [Fr. Daren](#) or [Seminarian Kathryn Brossa](#) for further details.



Young Adult Bible Study

Fr. Daren is offering a Bible Study series for Young Adults on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM.

Fall Topic:

“If It’s Not About Love, It’s Not About God”

DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS

Readings for New Year's Eve December 31, 2023

The First Lesson: [Isaiah 61:10-62:3](#)
[Psalm 147](#)

The Second Lesson: [Galatians 3:23-25;4:4-7](#)
The Holy Gospel: [John 1:1-18](#)

The Holy Gospel Readings for the Week of January 1, 2024

Monday - [John 3:31-36](#)

Tuesday - [Luke 2:22-40](#)

Wednesday - [John 2:1-11](#)

Thursday - [John 4:46-54](#)

Friday - [John 5:1-15](#)

Saturday - [Matthew 1:18-25](#)

First Sunday after the Epiphany January 7, 2024

The First Lesson: [Genesis 1:1-5](#)
[Psalm 29](#)

The Second Lesson: [Acts 19:1-7](#)

The Holy Gospel: [Mark 1:4-11](#)

The Holy Gospel Readings for the Week of January 7, 2024

Monday - [John 6:30-33,48-51](#)

Tuesday - [John 7: 37-52](#)

Wednesday - [John 8:12-19](#)

Thursday - [John 10:7-17](#)

Friday - [John 14:6-14](#)

Saturday - [John 15:1-16](#)

Calling for Youth Acolytes!



All youth of our church are invited to serve in the AECST Acolyte Ministry. No prior experience is needed as training will be provided. This is an excellent way for our children and youth to be involved in the life of the church. For more information please speak with [Fr. Daren](#).

Scout Troop #133 - Our Cub Scout Program is open to children grades 1-5. The Cub program meets at 2:00 PM. on Saturdays. Our Boy 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.



Nikkol Simms
Branch Advisor
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For more info:
<http://gfsus.org/>

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Thomas

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

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.

We meet Saturday mornings

First meeting:

September 30, 2023

11am-1pm

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

GFS World Council Sri Lanka 2026

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE:

IN HOSPITAL:

Sheryl Johnson - Jefferson Hospital

IN REHAB:

Helena Allen - Simpson House

Fr. Darryl James - Stapeley Rehab

RECOVERING AT HOME:

Adinah Edwards, Robert Brown, Ridart "Butch" Farmer,
Gwendolyn Langford, Dr. Alice Bowman-Cropper,
Laverne Hudson, Leotta Griffin, Shirley Winkfield,
Lemont Johnson, Alletta Parris-Olday, Ronald Coleman,
Kenneth Dow, Lynda Tapper-Smith, Cathy Stafford,
Thelma SilverS, Dr. Thomas Snowden, Linda Holmes.

KEEP IN PRAYER:

Justin Trotman, Daryn Stewart, Cathy Stafford,
Teri Taylor, Lisa Woodley and Irving Stevenson,
Joyce Harrison.

WE PRAY FOR

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

To order flowers, please return the form with payment to: Clare Mae Daniels or Alfreda Brockman. (Please do not place it in the collection plate or give to the church office.) Thank you.

- I would like to place flowers on the High Altar - \$60.
- I would like to place flowers on the Absalom Jones Altar - \$50.
- I would like to place flowers on the Columbarium - \$40.

(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 \$ _____

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](#).

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Please pray about your Faithful Giving for 2024. We need strong support for our budget and many endeavors and outreach projects at St. Thomas. You'll be able to either complete your Faithful Giving Card or go on our website, Spearhead, Facebook page, or this [link](#) to complete your Faithful Giving Card. You can also mail your Faithful Giving Card or bring it to the Altar at Church.

The Building Fund Envelopes have been placed in Anderson Hall beside the Offering Envelopes. Please pick them up with your offering envelopes. And if you've already picked your offering envelopes up please pick up your Building Fund envelopes. You can also do your Building Fund offering online once a month. Each box of Building Fund envelopes will include twelve envelopes, one for each month. Thank you

IMPORTANT: Please make sure your name, number, and amount are placed on your offering envelope. This is very important to keep bookkeeping accurate. If you're unsure of your number, please don't hesitate to [contact](#) me. We appreciate your help with this.

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

A list of the Sick and Shut-In parishioners has been put in Anderson Hall with the Offering Envelopes. If you live near a parishioner who is unable to come to church, it would be much appreciated if you could slot their envelopes. Thank you

ENORMOUS THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE SUBMITTED THEIR 2024 FAITHFUL GIVING CARD!!!!!!!!!!!!

Is your name listed? If not, submit yours now by using the [link](#).

2024 Faithful Giving Cards

Enormous thanks to these individuals who have submitted their 2024 Faithful Giving cards. Is your name included? Please submit yours today.

Patricia Akins	Tiffani Davis-Burton	Thomas & Lynn Harris
Alister Allman	Johanna Daye	Walter & Nicole Harris
Constance Anderson	Carl & Mary Dean	Katrina Harris Marshall
Dorothy Archey	Dr. Rollo Dillworth	Deborah Harrison
Jeanne J. Arnold	Musu Doe	Joyce B. Harrison
Rev. Paul Bach	Barbara Douglass	Richard & Gwenda Hart
Walter & Patricia Bantom	Kenneth Dow	Gregory Hayes
Dr. Timothy Barksdale	Vernette S. Dow	Maurice Hayes
Brenda Battle	Andrew & Lisa Renee Dumas	Rene Hayes
Jennifer Bell	William & Quincina Edmonds	Quentin Heyward
Susan Ben	Roy & Patricia Ellison	Erica Hill-Yates
Deborah Billups	Carol Etlén	Ashley & Lena Hines
Walter Blocker	Erkia Etlén	Angela Holloway
Dr. Naomi Johnson Booker	Fr. Daren Evans	Patricia Holmes
Deborah Booker-Mathews	Rashid & Christie Faisal	Merle Hopson
Guy Booth	Larry & Deidre Farmby	Fleta Howell
Ricardo Bostic	Loretta Ferguson	Robert Hugh
I. Page Bowser	Thomas & Meredith Fitzpatrick	Donald & Patricia Hunt
Michélanne Bradwell	Dr. Jay Fluellen	Diana Hutchins
Theresa Bramwell	Marcekine Fitzwilliam	Kim Hyde
Conchetta Brewer	Marcia Forde	D. Lynn Joell
Lorita Brockington	Angela Foster	Bobby Johnson
J.R. & Alfreda Brockman	Stephen & Donna Foster	Calvin Johnson
Carmen Brown	Wendella Fox	Dr. Frank Johnson
Marilyn Brown	Norman & Nikki Franke	Kelvin & Pamela Johnson
Robert & Jayne Brown	Barry & Deborah Frye	Lemont Johnson
William H. Brown, III	Rev. Wilda Gafney	Sheryl Johnson
Julia Bryant	Irenda Gates	Brenda Johnson-Best
Sandra Bryant Miller	Edita Gauthney	Bettie Jones
Sharon Bullock	Edward & Kathryn Geiger	Donna Jones
Kenneth Bundy	Elaine Gillison	Monica Lewis Jones
William Burke, Jr.	Barbara L. Glenn	Richard Jones
Yvonne Caldwell White	Swanie Goldsmith	Robert & Joyce Jones
Cornelia Camp	Eugene & Marie Golson	Clarence Jones, Jr.
Deadra Cannon	Jessica Golson	Sheila Jones-Smith
Charlotte Card	Chad & Toya Gordon	Marie Jordan
Phyllis B. Cater	Josephine Graham	Winsome Josephs
Eleanor Chestnut	Clarice Grant	Tyrone Keller
Suzanne Closson	Arlene Gray	Reggie & Sherilynn Kimble
Lynada Coleburn-Bryant	Linda Greaves Street	Jurdina Koiler
Ronald Coleman	Carole W. Green	John Kortue
The Rev. Fr. Gerald Collins	Michele Green	Paula Lamb
Terry Corson	PJ Grier	Gwendolyn Langford
Ronnie H. Collins	Thomasina Hack	Nancy Lee
Tracy Collins, M.D.	Joan Perry Hall	Doris Levin
Gwendolyn Cottman	Lisa Sharon Harper	Joyce Levin
Zenobia Dancy	Sharon Harper	Steven & Jameela Lewis
Albert Dandridge, III	Carole Townsend Harrell	Karen Leys
Clare Mae Daniels	Roosevelt, Sr. & Gail Harris	Landon Leys

Michelle Lofton
Adrienne Logan
C. Adjoa Love-Dorsey
James Lowe
Gregory Lyles
Patricia Lynch
Constance Lyons
Katrice Mathurin
John Maxwell
Sheila Sawyer McCullough
Denise McDaniel-Henderson
Cheryl McIntosh
Michael McIntosh
Denise McKinney
Denise McKinney-Gibson
Laura McNeill
Regina Meacham-Devero
William Meek
Deidre Milanes
Colin Mitchell
Donald & Dorothy Roberts Moore
Elsie Moto
Cynthia Muse
Jonathan Muse
Mueni Mwanzia
Vincent & Lisa Napoleon
Francina Norris
Deborah Otey
Carolyn Paige
Samuel & Deidre Patterson
Andrea Petrocelli-Fields
Eugene Phillips
Kim Phillips
Mary Ann Phillips
Simone Pollard
Stephen Pugh
Audrey Pyles
Michael Pyles
Kevin & Ashley Quetant
Karen Ragland
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Clarence Rice
Caryn Rivers
Victoria Rivers
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Rosalind Roberts Smalls
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Georgia Sawyer
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Leah Sheppard
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Cary Smith
Dorothy Smith
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Joyce Ann Stewart
Shelly & Ann Stewart
Brandon Stiff
Arthur & Michele Sudler
Carolyn Summers
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Rosita Taylor
Teri Taylor
Cheryl Taylor Stiles
Gloria Thomas
Calvin Thompson
Darryle & Judy Tilman
Teri Tillman
Harold Townsend, III
Arnott Trotman
Justin & Lee Ann Trotman
Louise Trotman
Elizabeth Trulear
Joe Tucker & Alycia Horn
Inez Turner
Robin Vann-Lynch
Karen Vaughn
Evelyn Washington
Joe & Alexcia Wells
Barbara Wiley
Michelle Wilkinson
Julia Williams
R. Seth Williams
Stephanie Williamson
Dorothy Willis
Jenelle Wilson-Johnson
Charlene Wiltshire
Denise Wing
Diane Winkfield

Shirley Winkfield
Edgar Wise
Wanda Wood
Lisa Woodley
Khalita Wright
Paula Wright
I. Bernadette Wyche
Alice Young
M. Elaine Young

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

<u>Yearly Income</u>	<u>2%</u>	<u>5%</u>	<u>10%</u>
\$10,000.00	\$200.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
\$15,000.00	\$300.00	\$750.00	\$1,500.00
\$20,000.00	\$400.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
\$25,000.00	\$500.00	\$1,250.00	\$2,500.00
\$30,000.00	\$600.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00
\$40,000.00	\$800.00	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00
\$50,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00
\$60,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$3,000.00	\$6,000.00
\$70,000.00	\$1,400.00	\$3,500.00	\$7,000.00
\$80,000.00	\$1,600.00	\$4,000.00	\$8,000.00
\$90,000.00	\$1,800.00	\$4,500.00	\$9,000.00
\$100,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00
\$110,000.00	\$2,200.00	\$5,500.00	\$11,000.00
\$120,000.00	\$2,400.00	\$6,000.00	\$12,000.00
\$150,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$15,000.00
\$175,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$8,750.00	\$17,500.00
\$200,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$20,000.00

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

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

Ways to continue to be Faithful to God and the Church through Stewardship:

- 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 Fiscal Office during regular business hours (Monday - Thursday 10 am-2 pm)
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** - Please send them via the US mail to the church or fill out the form **[electronically](#)** through the 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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Deborah Harrison
D. Lynn Joell
Kelvin Johnson
Jonathan Muse
Judith Tillman

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Conchetta Brewer
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Dr. Monica Johnson Taylor
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Patricia Lynch
Cynthia Muse
Darryle "Bobby" Tillman

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.