

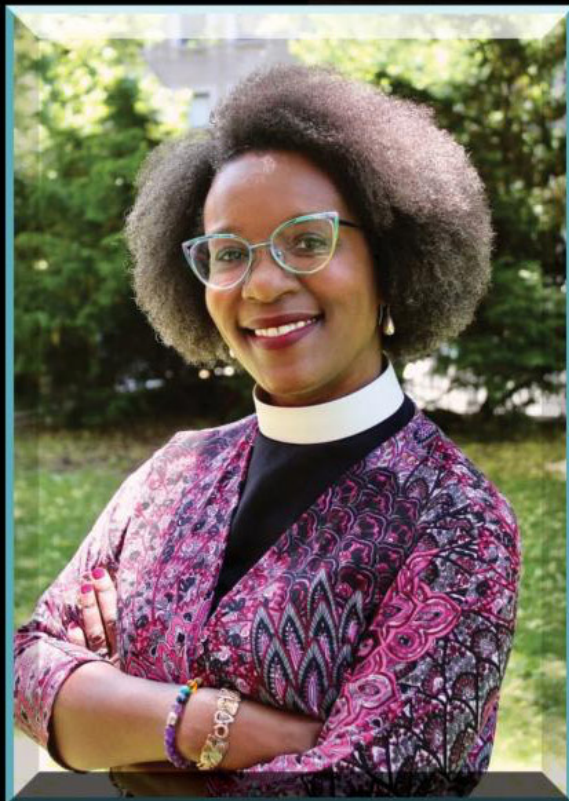


PLEASE JOIN US FOR
**A SERVICE
OF
CELEBRATION**

**The Life and Ministry
of**

**THE REV. ABSALOM JONES
and the**

ANNUAL MARDI GRAS JAZZ MASS



**Sunday, February 11, 2024
at 10:00 am**

**~ Guest Preacher ~
The Reverend Canon
STEPHANIE SPELLERS
Canon to Presiding Bishop,
The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry**

**Joining us in celebration:
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THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
A Celebration of the Reverend Absalom Jones
February 11, 2024

“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 **the Last Sunday after Epiphany, Celebration of the Life and Ministry of the Rev. Absalom Jones. Today, we welcome Canon Stephanie Spellers, Canon to the Presiding Bishop. We are also blessed to have worshipping with us members of Christ Church, St. Peter’s Church, The Rev. Edmund K. Sherrill, staff and students from Church Farm School, The Honorable Paul Anthony Hibner, No. 18, 160th Most Worshipful Grand Master, and members of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge.**

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. Whoever 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. Whoever you may be and however you may find yourself experiencing life’s journey, do know that St. Thomas Church welcomes you. Again, welcome!

Faithfully,

Martini Shaw +

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



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

A “History Note” from Arthur K. Sudler, Director
St. Thomas Historical Society and Archives

ABSALOM JONES AND RADICAL RECONCILIATION

People don't want to take Blessed Absalom Jones at his word. He is celebrated. He is venerated. But his own words about himself are not honored. If what Absalom said about himself is not the key source of information used to accurately tell the story of his life then he is disrespected and we are deprived of the opportunity to fully appreciate his gifts and to learn how God was using him to fulfill God's will. How Absalom gained his freedom is often a subject of misinformation. In his own words he said “My desire for freedom increased, as I knew that while I was a slave, my house and lot might be taken as the property of my master. This induced me to make many applications to [Benjamin Wynkoop] for liberty to purchase my freedom; and on the first of October, 1784, he generously gave me a manumission. I have ever since continued in his service at good wages, and I still find it my duty, both late and early, to be industrious to improve the little estate that a kind Providence has put in my hands.” Yet, it has often been written that Absalom Jones had to purchase his freedom. He could not have been more clear in what he said. How did that get twisted?

Absalom, you see, was radical. The Rev. Canon Dr. Stephanie Spellers knows something about being radical. Dr. Spellers has written several books including *Radical Welcome: Embracing God, The Other, and the Spirit of Transformation* and *The Church Cracked Open: Disruption, Decline and New Hope for Beloved Community*. Dr. Spellers has explained “radical welcome” as a way of being where someone doesn't just show hospitality to someone else who is “the other” but the invitation extended to that other person should initiate a transformative relationship between both of them. She uses the language of theologian Miroslav Volf, to suggest that it is an “embrace,” a “dance,” where both persons are engaged in the process of creating a new relational context. Absalom's description of how he got his freedom is an example of radical reconciliation – an acknowledgement that a radically transformative experience has occurred - and that a radically reconciled relationship now exists. The old superior/subordinate status has been cracked open. This doesn't mean that there isn't still room for more change. The embrace, the dance, continues. We aren't finished with each other and God isn't finished with us.

Join us for **A Service in Celebration of The Life and Ministry** of The Rev. Absalom Jones on Sunday, February 11, 2024, at 10:00 AM. Please watch the video invitation below.



The Epiphany season is about to come to an end and **Ash Wednesday (Lent)** is fast approaching next week (2/14).

This Sunday, please join us for **A MARDI GRAS JAZZ MASS** celebrating the **Feast of Blessed Absalom Jones**.

Please wear your beads and bring your Mardi Gras attitude. "Laissez le bon temps rouler."

(Let the good times roll.)

(At Blessed Absalom's own Church)



We welcome:
Canon Stephanie Spellers,
Canon to the Presiding Bishop as our
guest speaker today.

The Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers serves as Canon to Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry and spearheads Episcopal efforts around evangelism, racial reconciliation and creation care. Her newest books are *The Church Cracked Open: Disruption, Decline* and *New Hope for Beloved Community*

and an updated 15th anniversary edition *Radical Welcome: Embracing God, The Other and the Spirit of Transformation* featuring new reflections by Spellers and other leaders (released November 2021). She has served as Chaplain to the Episcopal House of Bishops, directed and taught mission and evangelism at General Theological Seminary, and served as a canon in the Diocese of Long Island. Before that, she founded The Crossing, a ground-breaking church within St. Paul's Cathedral in Boston, and led numerous church-wide renewal and justice efforts. A native of Frankfort, Kentucky, and a graduate of both Episcopal Divinity School and Harvard Divinity School, she and her husband Albert deGrasse make their home today in New York's Harlem neighborhood. Learn more about her recent works at www.churchcrackedopen.com.



CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS

for the Miller and Simms families on the death of **Carl Bryant, Jr**, the only brother of Sandra Bryant-Miller.

May the soul of Carl rest in peace and rise in glory! Amen.



As you may or may not know, our sister church Overbrook Presbyterian had a fire that destroyed their sanctuary and some of their meeting spaces. In an effort to assist them, they are currently holding some meetings in our spaces. We would like to help them rebuild. We are asking St. Thomas to help bless their rebuilding fund. Checks can be made out to

St. Thomas and in the memo please indicate that the money is for “Overbrook Presbyterian Church”.

2024 Liturgical Calendars are on sale for \$8.00 Please see Clare Mae Daniels or any member of the Altar Guild to purchase one.

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.

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

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, February 4, 2024

A Glorious start to Black History Month Celebration.

Including Speaker - Dr. Ashley Jordan (President/CEO of the African American Museum in Philadelphia) and soloist Jillian Patricia Pirtle (President of the Marian Anderson Society).









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



Chosen 300
"Have a Heart"
for the homeless,
sheltered,
underserved

Our 2024 Fundraiser for Chosen 300 will begin in "Heart Month" on **Sunday, February 18th**. The funds will provide meals to be served at the **Chosen 300** Spring Garden St. site and the Lancaster Ave, site.

Checks should be made payable to:
AECST Chosen 300: Put Chosen 300 and your envelope number on the memo line.
Mail checks to: St. Thomas Church
6361 Lancaster Ave., Phila. PA 19151
Attention: Chosen 300 or Place your check in the collections plate. Questions:
[Cynthia Muse](#)

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!!

Our own Church School Superintendent,
Ms. Tynecia Wilson has been crowned Miss Philadelphia!!!!

She will now represent Philadelphia in the state competition and prayerfully the national to become Miss America! Tynecia, your church family is so proud of you.



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.

UPCOMING SUNDAYS

February 11, 2024

Celebration of the Feast of Absalom Jones and Annual
Mardi Gras Jazz Mass.

JFA Mardi Gras Brunch - Noon in Anderson Hall.

February 18, 2024

Annual Church Meeting after church.

Love Sunday (In celebration of St. Valentine/Valentine's
Day) Tokens of love will be distributed to all in attendance

Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge
Founders Day Service- 4:00 PM

February 25, 2024

Youth and Young Adult Sunday
St. Thomas Celebrates Episcopal HBCUs
Scout Sunday

***Coffee Hour (Chat and Chew)**

Have you ever considered hosting a Coffee Hour (Chat
and Chew) following Service in thanksgiving for a blessing
received or in memory of a departed loved one? Please
contact Gladyce for further details.

Confirmation Classes are on Sundays at 8:30 A.M. Please
speak with [Fr. Daren](#) or [Seminararian Kathryn Brossa](#) for
further details.

Upcoming Events



OUR LENTEN JOURNEY BEGINS

Ash Wednesday Services

(Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist)

February 14, 2024

7:00 AM, 12 :00 Noon

6:00 P.M.

Wednesdays in Lent

Lenten Theme: "From Gaza to Calvary"

6:00 PM - Holy Eucharist

6:30 PM - 7:15 PM

Lenten Presentation / Discussion

Friday, February 23, 2024 - 8PM

Winter Concert

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church
625 Montgomery Avenue
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010

The Main Line Symphony Orchestra

Don Liuzzi, Music Director

WORLD PREMIERE

Dr. Jay Fluellen

Mass for The Light Becoming

*with members of The Philadelphia
Community Mass Choir, Singing City, and
Philadelphia Chorale*

Rachmaninoff

Piano Concerto #2

Priscila Navarro, soloist

Vocalise #14

Tchaikovsky

Pezzo Capriccioso

*Kwanyun Loo,
soloist*

Photo by Chris Swisher

More information:



Tickets available at the door and online:

https://MLSO_Winter_Concert_2024.eventbrite.com

MLSO.org



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



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!

The Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania will celebrate the **Feast of Absalom Jones**, on **Saturday, February 17, 2024**, at 10:00 A.M., at Episcopal Academy Chapel, 1785 Bishop White Drive, Newtown Square, PA. Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Daniel G.P. Gutierrez; Preacher: The Rev. Canon Rondald C. Byrd, Sr. There will be a bus going to the service. For a reservation on the bus, please call the church office.



**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.

**ATTENTION ALL GUILDS, MINISTRIES AND
ORGANIZATION PRESIDENTS:**

The Parish Annual Meeting, **Sunday, Feb 18, 2024**, following 10:00 AM Service. End of the Year Reports for the Annual Parish Meeting must be submitted no later than February 5, 2024. Your 2023 reports should be 1(One) page and include: Your vision, 2023 activities, and 2024 Planned activities and any other information you would like to share. Please send to Gladyce at 1792@aecst.org.

The deadline for reports is **Monday, February 5, 2024**. The Agenda at the Parish Annual meeting on February 18, 2024, will include the Vestry's November 16, 2023 approval of the Amended Bylaws. Copies will be available.

Candidate profiles can be found at this [Link](#)

DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS

READINGS FOR

the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 4, 2024

The First Lesson: [Isaiah 42:5-9](#)

[Psalm 126](#)

The Second Lesson: [2 Corinthians 4:3-6](#)

The Holy Gospel: [John 15: 12-16](#)

Palm Sunday is March 24th and we would love to have a donkey to lead our procession. Please assist us in securing a donkey with a donation to **“Sponsor a Donkey”**! Any amount is appreciated. Envelopes can be found on the table in the back of the church.

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.

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](#).

JOIN THE GIRLS FRIENDLY SOCIETY!

Meetings are on Saturdays from 11am -1pm. All girls aged 3-30 are welcome. Girls participate in: Service Projects, Gir Talk, Arts & Crafts, World Day of Prayer, Founder's Day, Mission Day and GFS Day, along with trips to the Theatre, 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 the Branch Advisor, Nikkol Simms at njsimms@verizon.net**



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”

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.

Church School begins at 10:00 AM.

The theme this year is :”Exciting Stories of the Bible.” Registration forms may be found on the tables in the Undercroft Sunday School room or the registration [link.](#)

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE:

IN HOSPITAL:

Sheryl Johnson - Jefferson Hospital

IN REHAB:

Helena Allen - Simpson House

Fr. Darryl James -Stapeley Rehab; Joyce Harrison,
Patricia Ellison, Terry Corson, Leotta Griffin.

RECOVERING AT HOME:

Adinah Edwards, Robert Brown, Ridart "Butch" Farmer,
Gwendolyn Langford, Laverne Hudson, Shirley Winkfield,
Lemont Johnson, Ronald Coleman, Thelma Silvers,
Dr. Thomas Snowden, Linda Holmes. Gladyce DuBrey,
Alletta Parris-Olday, Kenneth Dow.

KEEP IN PRAYER:

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

WE PRAY FOR

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers are not placed on the altar in Lent except for Rose Sunday, March 10, 2024.

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

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](#).

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

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 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. **NOTE:** Please remember to enter your envelope number in the Customer ID field, if you are a member of St. Thomas when filling out your online giving information.)
 - 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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Dr. Monica Johnson Taylor
Pamela Johnson
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.