



AECST  
FOUNDED 1792

**THE PARABLE  
OF THE BAGS OF GOLD**  
...“YOU HAVE BEEN FAITHFUL  
WITH A FEW THINGS;  
I WILL PUT YOU IN CHARGE  
OF MANY THINGS.”  
MATTHEW 25:21 NIV

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**THE AFRICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF**

**ST. THOMAS**

# THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

July 24, 2022, 10:00 AM

## “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 Seventh Sunday of Pentecost.**

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

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Please click for the [Order of Service](#)  
for this Sunday's service.



**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.

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**CHURCH AND PARISH  
OFFICE HOURS  
JULY - AUGUST,  
Monday - Thursday,  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
The church is closed  
Mondays and Fridays.  
Parish Office is closed  
Fridays.**

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## **SIX WEEK SUMMER HOMILY SERIES**

**Theme: "Re-Imagining the Church - Post Pandemic"**

July 3rd	Introduction (Fr. Shaw)
July 10th	Re-Imagining History (Arthur Sudler)
July 17th	Re-Imagining Music (Dr. Jay Fluellen)
July 24th	Re-Imagining Resources (Albert S. Dandridge III, Esq)
July 31st	Re-Imagining Music (Dr. Rollo Dilworth)
August 7	Re-Imagining Worship (Quentin Heyward, Brandon Stiff, and Terri Tillman)
August 14	Re-Imagining Music (Waltier Blocker)

# PICTURES FROM THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST JULY 24, 2022







**SAVE THE DATE!**

You are invited to attend the  
Celebration of Marriage of  
*Nathan Wallace, Jr.*

&

*Carlía Miller*

on Saturday, August 13, 2022  
at 1:00 PM.

The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas  
6361 Lancaster Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19139



**THE ST. THOMAS GOSPEL CHOIR**  
was honored to be a part of the  
First United Music and Arts Conference  
at the Gallery One, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.  
Sponsored by Professor Craig Hayes.  
More pictures and videos can be found on  
The STGC Facebook Page.



### Master Class with Bishop Hezekiah Walker













**The Philadelphia  
Union Soccer Team**  
would like to invite you  
to  
their Faith and Family Night  
on **Saturday,**  
**July 30th at 7:30 PM.**

Join friends and family for an evening of fellowship and fun as the Union host Houston on Saturday, July 30th.

The match kicks off at **7:30 PM.**, but be sure to join us early for a pre-game panel that starts at 5 pm in-stadium featuring Philadelphia Union players, team Chaplain, and team staff. The players will speak about faith and the role it has played in their journey to becoming professional athletes. This intimate opportunity to engage directly with multiple Union players is a can't miss event!

If you are interested in attending this event, please contact **Gladyce** in the church office.



### **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.

# ST. JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING

6838 Woodland Ave. Phila., PA 19142

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE



### We Need Your Help!

Please consider donating backpacks with school supplies to benefit the children in our community. We are collecting school supplies for students in 1st- 8th grades. Supplies will be handed out at our church on Saturday, August 20th 11am-2pm.

#### School Supplies Drop-off Days/Times

July: Monday-Sunday 9am-12pm

August: Sundays 9am-12pm

Please drop-off supplies or your monetary donation by  
Sunday, August 14, 2022.



Cash App: \$stjameschurchphilly

No donation is too big or small. Everything helps! Thank you for supporting our children. Please contact Elsie Russell for additional information: [elsierussell721@gmail.com](mailto:elsierussell721@gmail.com)



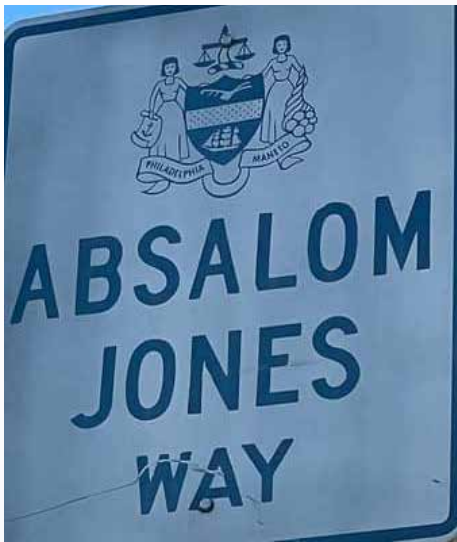


**SAVE THE DATE NOW!**  
**Lancaster Avenue Re-naming**  
**Saturday, September 17, 2022, at 11:00 AM**

A portion of Lancaster Avenue will be renamed  
**Absalom Jones Way.**

**Homecoming Weekend:**  
Come join us for part of this Homecoming Weekend.  
In Celebration of our 230th Year Anniversary  
and renaming of a portion of Lancaster Avenue  
in Memory of Blessed Absalom Jones.

**Homecoming Sunday**  
**September 18, 2022**  
Co-Chairs - Albert S. Dandridge, III Esq.  
Monica Lewis Jones, Catherine Stafford



The street is now  
being newly paved.







# A HOMECOMING WEEKEND

## *Celebration*

**“RE-IMAGINING THE CHURCH POST PANDEMIC”  
CELEBRATING 230 YEARS OF  
FAITHFUL MINISTRY AND SERVICE**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2022, AT 11:00 AM**

**CELEBRATING OUR FOUNDER  
PUBLIC RENAMING OF  
LANCASTER AVENUE TO ABSALOM JONES WAY**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2022, AT 10:00 AM**

**HOMECOMING FESTIVE WORSHIP**

**OUTDOOR RECEPTION ON BOTH DAYS**



**AECST**  
FOUNDED 1792

**CO-CHAIRS**

**ALBERT S. DANDRIDGE, III ESQ., MONICA LEWIS JONES, CATHERINE STAFFORD**

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## **GHOST GUNS FACT SHEET**

What is a Ghost Gun?

Ghost guns — untraceable firearms without serial numbers, assembled from components bought online — are increasingly becoming the lethal weapon of easy access

for those legally barred from buying or owning guns around the country. The criminal underground has long relied on stolen weapons with filed-off serial numbers, but ghost guns represent a digital-age upgrade.

**Ghost guns** have flourished because of a loophole in federal regulation: The parts used to build “privately made firearms” are classified as components, not actual guns, which means that online buyers are not required to undergo background checks or register the weapons. that makes them a powerful magnet for those banned from gun ownership, including convicted felons, domestic abusers subject to orders of protection, the mentally ill and children.

**The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)**’s current interpretation of federal law allows people who can’t legally own a firearm to easily buy the parts for a ghost gun. In less than one hour, these self-made weapons become fully functioning, untraceable firearms. A person can buy the parts and assemble a ghost gun from a kit on the Internet.

### **The Scope of the Problem**

In 2021 NBC News in Philadelphia reported that 1 out of every 10 of all firearms confiscated at crime scenes in Philadelphia were ghost guns. That number is rapidly expanding year by year. Ghost guns are the fastest-growing gun safety problem facing our country.

“The number of “ghost guns” recovered by Philadelphia police during criminal investigations has skyrocketed to 436 through Oct. 4 of this year, more than all the homemade guns seized in the city in 2019 and 2020 combined.”

This epidemic is hitting young people hard. “People aren’t buying regular guns anymore,” said Antoine Towers [quoted in the New York Times], who works for an anti-violence program in Oakland. “Almost all the youngsters are using ghosts.”

### **Needed Legislation**

Closing the ghost gun loophole is vital for Pennsylvania. What we need is a law that would treat ghost guns as traditional firearms:

- requiring core components to be engraved with serial numbers,
- imposing background checks, and
- requiring online purchasers to pick up their orders at federally licensed gun shops.

**A Deadly Loophole** – Specs on a Ghost Gun Ghost guns pose an elemental question: What makes a gun a gun?

Every semiautomatic weapon consists of two main parts: the movable upper “slide,” which sits on the barrel of a pistol, and the “receiver” or “frame” — the lower part to which almost everything else, including the trigger and magazine, can be attached and made functional after drilling a few holes and filing a groove into an unfinished, factory-produced frame.

Under federal law, any frame or receiver considered 80 percent finished is a functional firearm subject to the same regulations as a fully assembled gun. If it is less than 80 percent finished, it is not subject to the same federal safeguards. Even so, an amateur can make the minor modifications needed to turn it into a working firearm in less than an hour.



## **CALL TO ACTION - THE SCHUYLKILL DEANERY'S LETTERS TO STOP GUN VIOLENCE - TAKE UP YOUR PENS!**

St Thomas, you are reminded to take a copy of the letter home today. YOU are asked to address the letter with your state legislature's name and address. Mail your letter this week! (Don't forget your return address). There will be additional mailings in July, August, and September. The Schuylkill Deanery will provide us with copies of letters each month as we attempt to be a consistent and constant voice addressing gun violence in Philadelphia. Here are links to the [Letter](#) and [Script](#).

If you have any specifics you would like to see added to future letters, please contact [Mary Dean](#) or [Phyllis Cater](#). Your voices need to be heard!

How to Find Your Representative: Need to find your local, state, or federal elected representatives so that you can mail our letter? <https://myreps.datamade.us/>

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### **ATTENTION RISING COLLEGE FRESHMEN: FENCE (Families of Episcopalians Nurturing within the College Environment)**

is a ministry created for the AECST's college students who will be living away from home. An Episcopal parish closest to your campus and a family or individual that is a member of that parish will help to facilitate your assimilation into your new community.

If interested, for more information, please send an email to Ms. Charlene M. Wiltshire at [cwiltshi@comcast.net](mailto:cwiltshi@comcast.net) providing your name, telephone number, college name and address. You may also speak with her before or after Sunday services.

## **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).

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“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’ message)

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“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).

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### **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](#).

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### **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](#).

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### **YOUTH FUN DAY**

Calling All Children, Teens, and Families to St. Thomas for fun and fellowship on our **Youth Fun Day, September 24, 2022. 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**. There will be activities and games for all ages.

Come and learn about the Acolytes, Angels in Motion, Church School, The Girls' Friendly Society, and the Scouts. Bring a friend. All are Welcome! For more information, please contact [Nikki Simms](#) or [Wendella Fox](#).

## **ATTENTION ALL MEN**

Every Sunday, ALL men are invited to briefly stop and greet other men of the parish outside under the carport after service each week.

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## **VESTRY MEETING**

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](mailto: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.





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*African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas*

Women's Day Committee Fundraiser

## 'Pretzels & A Bag'

*Enjoy a Delicious  
Philly Pretzel*

**\$1.00 each**



*Carry your goods in Style*

with a

**Limited Edition Custom Tote Bag**

**\$15.00 each**

**Women's Day Special**

**2 for \$25.00**



*Proceeds benefit the AECST  
General Fund*

## **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.

**Calling All Future Shepherds of the AECST:** Plans are in the works for resurrecting and re-imagining the **SHEEP & SHEPHERDS MINISTRY** created many years ago by parishioner Mrs. Vernetta Dow. As a telephone ministry, the goal is that every **AECST** family of parishioners (sheep) will have a shepherd that keeps in touch with them on a regular basis. We are now calling for parishioners to volunteer as shepherds. Before this ministry can be rolled-out, a sufficient number of volunteers is needed in order to minimize the number of families that each will shepherd. Please note that the Vestry will continue to shepherd new members. For more information and to volunteer, please either see **Charlene M. Wiltshire** before or after Sunday church services or send an email. Thank you!



**DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS**  
**READINGS FOR**

**The Seventh Sunday of Pentecost**  
July 24, 2022

The First Reading: [Genesis 18:20-32](#)  
[Psalm 138](#)

The Second Reading: [Colossians 2:6-15](#)  
The Holy Gospel: [Luke 11:1-13](#)

**The Holy Gospel Readings for**  
the Week of July 25, 2022

Monday- [Mark 6:14-29](#)

Tuesday- [Mark 6:30-46](#)

Wednesday - [Mark 6:47-56](#)

Thursday- [Mark 7:1-23](#)

Friday - [Mark 7:24-37](#)

Saturday - [Mark 8:1-10](#)

**The Eighth Sunday of Pentecost**  
July 31, 2022

The First Reading: [Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14](#)  
[Psalm 49:1-11](#)

The Second Reading: [Colossians 3:1-11](#)  
the Holy Gospel: [Luke 12:13-21](#)

**The Holy Gospel Readings for**  
the Week of August 1, 2022

Monday - [Mark 8:11-21](#)

Tuesday - [Mark 8:22-33](#)

Wednesday - [Mark 8:34-9:1](#)

Thursday - [Mark 9:2-13](#)

Friday - [Mark 9:14-29](#)

Saturday - [Mark 9:30-41](#)

## **READINGS FOR**

**The Ninth Sunday of Pentecost  
August 7, 2022**

The First Reading: [Genesis 15:1-6](#)  
[Psalm 33:12-22](#)

The Second Reading: [Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16](#)

The Holy Gospel: [Luke 12:32-40](#)

## **The Holy Gospel Readings for the Week of August 8, 2022**

Monday- [Mark 9:42-50](#)

Tuesday- [Mark 10:1-16](#)

Wednesday - [Mark 10:17-31](#)

Thursday- [Mark 10:32-45](#)

Friday - [Mark 10:46-52](#)

Saturday - [Mark 11:1-11](#)

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## **AECST BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. JAY**

Bible Study with Fr. Jay will resume on Tuesday,  
September 13th at 7:00 PM.

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Flowers on the High Altar are in Loving Memory of my sister, **Marie Hopper**, given by Carolyn D. Hopper.

Flowers on the Columbarium are In Loving Memory of my wife **Phyllis B. Johnson**, given with love by your husband Bobby.

To order flowers for the Sunday, please return the form with payment to:

**Clare Mae Daniels 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 \_\_\_\_\_, Envelope# \_\_\_\_\_, Amount \_\_\_\_\_.

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## **ASSOCIATE RECTOR SEARCH**

The Rector has restarted an official Search Process for the Calling of an Associate to the Rector for Youth Ministries and Parish Life.

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## **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.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE:**

**IN THE HOSPITAL:**

Leatrice Snowden - Saunders House

**RECOVERING AT HOME**

Alice Bowman-Cropper, Grace Wetzel, Gwenda Hart,  
Rosalind Rodriguez, Charles Flemming,  
Deborah "Binky" Seay, Daryn Stewart, Joan Hall.

**PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER**

Louise Lewis, Terri Barber, Adinah Edwards, Joan Hall,  
Robert Brown, Georgia Sawyer, Isedora "Gwen" Francis,  
Shirley Winkfield, Dr. Thomas Snowden, Shirley Caldwell,  
Lisa Woodley, Stephanie Williamson, Francina Norris,  
Ridart "Butch" Farmer, Leotta Griffith, Karen Ragland,  
Winston Lowe, Kenneth Dow, Linda Holmes,  
Edita Gauthney, Justin Trotman, Teena Watson Matthews,  
Gail and Roosevelt Harris, Sr.

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**WE PRAY FOR**

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

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**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.

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## **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](#).

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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](mailto: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

# 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

Yearly Income	2%	5%	10%
\$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



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

**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](http://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.

## MINISTRY STAFF

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## **THE VESTRY**

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Clerk of the Vestry - Clare Mae Daniels  
Treasurer - Albert S. Dandridge, III Esq.

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Brenda Johnson Best  
Judith Simkins Booth  
Ronnie Collins  
Wendella Fox, Esq.  
Deborah Harrison  
D. Lynn Joell  
Jonathan Muse  
Darryl (Bobby) Tillman  
Judith Tillman

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