



AECST
FOUNDED 1792

Caribbean Festival

**Behold, how good
and how pleasant
it is for brethren to dwell
together in unity!**

Psalm 133.1

THE AFRICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF
ST. THOMAS

**THE CARIBBEAN FESTIVAL COMMITTEE IS PLEASED TO HOST
THE 11TH ANNUAL CARIBBEAN FESTIVAL ON
SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH 10:00 AM!**

**JOIN US FOR THE SWEET SOUNDS OF STEELPAN MUSIC,
SAMPLINGS OF DELICACIES FROM THE CARIBBEAN, AND LOTS OF FELLOWSHIP AND FUN!**

GILLIAN WILSON, CHAIRPERSON
THE VERY REVEREND CANON MARTINI SHAW, 17TH RECTOR
THE REVEREND FR. DAREN E. EVANS, ASSOCIATE TO THE RECTOR
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**The Second Sunday of Pentecost
Caribbean Sunday
June 11, 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 The
**Second Sunday after Pentecost and
our Annual Caribbean Festival.**

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

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

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

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

From the Rector:

The mode of receiving holy communion has returned to the sacrament being placed in each person's mouth by the priest or Eucharistic Minister. If only a blessing is desired and not communion, please cross your chest with your arms.



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



SUMMER PARISH HOURS (July and August)

Administrative Offices and Church will be open

Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

The Parish Offices and Church are closed on Fridays and Saturdays. If you have an emergency, please leave a message on the church voicemail which is regularly monitored.

RE-IMAGINING SUMMER WORSHIP

During July and August we are reimagining our weekly worship by using a combination of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and hymnals in place of bulletins. Together we will become more familiar with the BCP and all its beauty.

OUR CONDOLENCES

and prayers for Howard Tucker and the entire family (Ginger, Gladyce, Courtney, and Cheyenne) on the death of his mother, **Gladys Tucker**. The funeral will be at St. Thomas on Tuesday, **June 20, 2023**. A continental breakfast will be available from 10:00-11:00 AM and the Requiem Mass at 11:00 AM.

May the soul of Gladys rest in peace and rise in glory. Please keep the family in prayer.

We welcome **Khalita Wright**, who joined our church family last Sunday. Her shepherd is **Patricia Lynch**. We look forward to getting to know her.



**PICTURES FROM WOMEN'S DAY
JUNE 4, 2023**

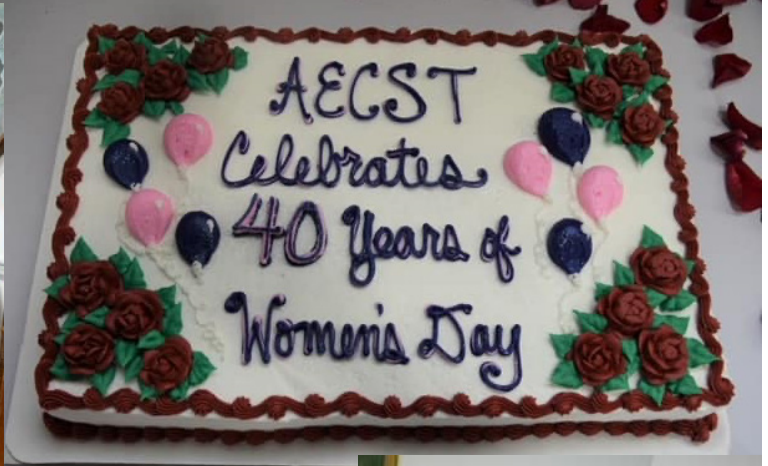
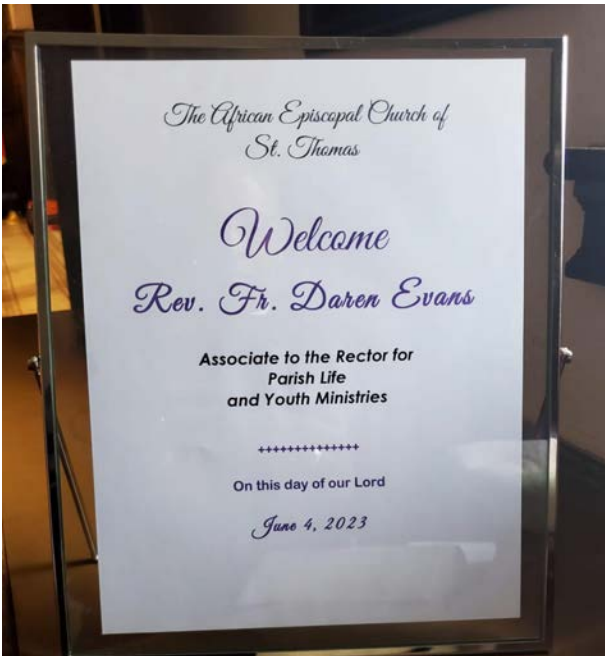
More pictures may be found on our [Facebook page](#).







The Women's Day Service reception, held in Anderson Hall. It was also a chance for Parishioners to greet Fr. Daren Evans.



UPCOMING SUNDAYS IN JUNE

June 11th - Annual Caribbean Festival

June 18th - Father's Day Observance

June 25th - Annual Youth Recognition Celebration



The church offices will be closed on June 19th in celebration of Juneteenth. Juneteenth, also called America's Second Independence Day, marks the end of slavery in the United States. After many years of advocacy, Juneteenth was finally recognized as a federal holiday in 2021.

AECST Family & Friends,

The Women's Day Committee would like to

Thank You

for your generous support of our
40th Anniversary Celebration!

We are honored to carry on the legacy of the amazing
women who started it all.

While our Women's Day service is now a vivid and
wonderful memory,
we remain prayerful that you continue to support
Women's Day through the
envelopes found in your church pews
for the coming weeks.

These funds are important in our work to curate
future programs, benefit the general fund
of our Parish and support our beautiful edifice, also
recognized as The African Episcopal Church of
St. Thomas.

Again, **Thank You!**

The 2023 Women's Day Committee
Monica Lewis Jones
Yvonne Caldwell White
Co-Chairs

June 25th - We will celebrate the **Youth Ministries** of our
Parish: Church School, The Girls Friendly, and The Scouts.



ATTENTION ALL MEN!!!!!!
MEN'S BREAKFAST GATHERING
(Ages 18 - 99 years old)
Saturday, June 17, 2023,
at 8:30 AM
**SPREAD THE WORD AND
INVITE OTHERS.**



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

**THE WOMEN'S DAY
MARKETPLACE
(FLEA MARKET)**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023
[RAIN DATE, 10.7.23]

Held on the Grounds of
St. Thomas Church

Sign Up Information Forthcoming

- 2023 Women's Day Committee -

The Reverend Canon Thomas Wilson Stearly Logan, Sr.
Memorial Scholarship
The Schuylkill Deanery of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania

Review Committee

Jean Fowler

Marcia L. Hinton, Chair

Meredith Wiggins

The Reverend Canon Thomas Wilson Stearly Logan, Sr.

March 19, 1912—May 2, 2012



Education and achievement were very important to, and stressed by the Logan family. Throughout his life, he was surrounded by accomplished men and women and he was encouraged to make his own significant contributions to society.

He graduated from Central High School and attended Johnson C. Smith University and Lincoln University graduating in 1935. He earned a Bachelor of Sacred Theology from General Theological Seminary (GTS) in New York City, and a Masters of Sacred Theology from Philadelphia Divinity School in 1941. Father Logan also received five honorary doctorates, including Lincoln University, Hampton University and St. Augustine's College.

Father Logan selflessly devoted over seventy-three years of his life to the Episcopal Church. At the time of his death, he was the oldest serving African American priest in the Episcopal Church, USA.



[More information](#) and an application can be found at the link provided.

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

SCOUT TROOP #133 -

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

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

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

AECST LIVE STREAM

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

ST. THOMAS HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

STAY UP TO DATE with vaccinating against COVID-19 and the Flu. The new COVID-19 (Bivalent) booster is now available for anyone 12 and over. For guidelines on when to get your booster go to the [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov) or consult with your doctor's office. Both the COVID-19 booster and the Flu vaccine are available at local pharmacies (RiteAid, CVS and Walgreens). Go on their website to schedule an appointment.

A link to Main Line Health's Spring Newsletter can be found [here](#).

JUNE HEALTH AWARENESS

Men's Health Month

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

Scleroderma Awareness Month

SCOLIOSIS Awareness Month

JUNE is National PTSD AWARENESS MONTH

NATIONAL CANCER SURVIVORS DAY - JUNE 2

JUNE is National MIGRAINE AWARENESS MONTH

Want to see these stats change?

- On average, men live about 5 years less than their female counterparts
- Men have a higher death rate for most of the leading causes of death, including cancer, heart disease, diabetes and suicide
- 1 in 2 men will develop cancer in their lifetime
- Men make 1/3 as many physician visits for prevention as women

Schedule a checkup today!
Do it for yourself and for those who count on you.

STATISTICS:

MEN ARE

- 100 times more likely than women to have cancer
- 80% more likely than women to have hearing loss
- 100% more likely than women to die of heart disease

AND YET, MEN ARE

- 100% less likely than women to seek preventative care

SO BY THE AGE 100,
women outnumber men **1 to 8**

ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers on the High Altar are in Loving Memory of:
W. Gerard Best, given by Brenda Johnson Best.

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 \$ _____

On **Tuesday, June 20, 2023** at **7:00 PM**, the **STGC** will
be singing the National Anthem at the Phillies game
at Lincoln Financial Field, 1020 Pattison Avenue,
Philadelphia, Pa 19148.

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.

Readings for the Second Sunday after Pentecost -

Caribbean Sunday - June 11th

The First Lesson: [Genesis 12:1-9](#)

[Psalm 33:1-12](#)

The Second Lesson: [Romans 4:13-25](#)

The Holy Gospel: [Matthew 9:9-13,18-26](#)

The Holy Gospel Readings for the Week of June 12, 2023

Monday - [Matthew 15:21-28](#)

Tuesday - [Matthew 15:29-39](#)

Wednesday - [Matthew 16:1-12](#)

Thursday - [Matthew 16:13-20](#)

Friday - [Matthew 16:21-28](#)

Saturday - [Matthew 17:1-13](#)

Readings for the Third Sunday after Pentecost Father's Day - June 18, 2023

The First Lesson: [Exodus 19:2-8a](#)

[Psalm 100](#)

The Second Lesson: [Romans 5:1-8](#)

The Holy Gospel: [Matthew 9:35-10:8](#)

The Holy Gospel Readings for the Week of June 19, 2023

Monday - [Matthew 17:14-21](#)

Tuesday - [Matthew 17:22-27](#)

Wednesday - [Matthew 18:1-9](#)

Thursday - [Matthew 18:10-20](#)

Friday - [Matthew 18:21-35](#)

Saturday - [Matthew 19:1-12](#)



AECST BIBLESTUDY MEETING WITH FR. JAY is held on Tuesdays evening by Zoom at **7:00 PM**. If you are interested in joining a lively, interactive Bible study group, contact [Fr. Jay](#) via email to be included on our list. You will receive the Zoom link and our weekly lesson plan to prepare in advance for the week's meeting.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

The Summer Youth Jam at St. Peter's in Great Valley has been POSTPONED until September due to concerns over recent air quality issues. Please watch this space for more information.

RE-IMAGINING OUR MINISTRIES

Persons are needed:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE:

In the Hospital: Laverne Hudson - Lankenau Hospital.

IN REHAB:

Nora Corbin- Little Flower Rehab; Linda Holmes - St. Ignatius Rehab; Fr. Darryl James - Stapley.

RECOVERING AT HOME:

Rosalind Rodriguez, Alletta Parris-Olday, Harold Yates, William Smalls, Pearl Henderson, Fr. Jay Collins, Teri Taylor, Tyrone Keller, Conchetta Brewer, Ronald Coleman, Seminarian David King, Cathy Stafford.

KEEP IN PRAYER:

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

WE PRAY FOR

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

ST. THOMAS COLUMBARIUM INURNMENT

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

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Please remember to maintain your pledged financial giving during the summer months of travel!

Parishioners, please remember to include your envelope number as well as your name on your offering envelope. The number is especially important. If you don't have your envelope number please don't hesitate to contact me. Thanks so much for your help with this. [Judy Tillman](#)

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

CAPITAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN

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

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

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

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

MINISTRY STAFF

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THE VESTRY

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Deadra Cannon
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Deborah Harrison
D. Lynn Joell
Kelvin Johnson
Jonathan Muse
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THE AUXILIARY VESTRY

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Ronnie Collins
Eugene Golson
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.