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FOUNDED 1792



# CONGRATULATIONS

THE AFRICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS • FIRST BLACK EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE USA  
THE VERY REVEREND CANON MARTINI SHAW, 17TH RECTOR  
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**THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**Graduate Sunday**  
**Dr. W. Franklin Evans - Speaker**

**Sunday, June 13, 2021**  
**10:00 AM**

We welcome our Graduate Sunday speaker  
**DR. W. FRANKLIN EVANS**



The 37th President of West Liberty University,  
West Virginia. He is the first black President of the  
University's 184 year history.  
Former President of one of our Episcopal Churches  
HBCUs, Voorhees College.  
He is also an ordained elder with  
The Church of God in Christ.



**WE WELCOME**  
our new member  
**Patricia Holmes**  
to our church family.  
Her shepherd is  
**Judith Simkins-Booth.**



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### **LIVE STREAM UPDATE**

Our new livestream cameras and wiring has begun. Our livestream team has been formed and is preparing to provide a weekly livestreaming of our weekly Services beginning in September when we are back physically together.

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### **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM**

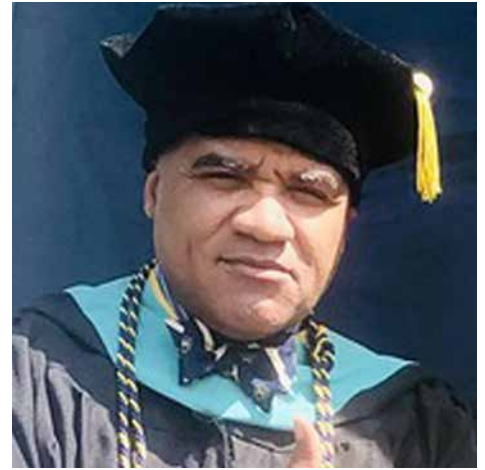
is now being scheduled. If you or someone you wish to be baptized, please go to our website [www.aecst.org](http://www.aecst.org), go to "About The AECST". Use the drop down to click on HolyBaptism. All the information about baptism and the electronic application form can be found there.

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**ANESSA DONAHUE**

**GRADUATES  
OF  
THE AECST  
2021**



**RASHID FAISAL**



**RYAN RENEE  
LYNCH**



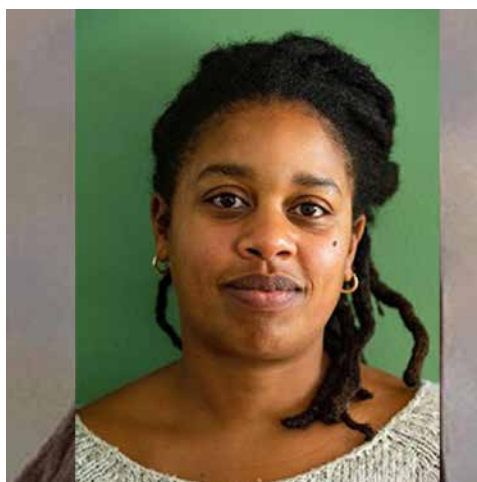
**JENNIE PATTERSON**



**SEAN SEAY**



**REBECCA STUBBS**



**TERI TILLMAN**



**TYLEENDA WILSON**

# **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2021!**

**We celebrate the following graduating students.**

## **HIGH SCHOOL**

**Aneesa Donahue** from Cristo Ray Philadelphia High School - taking a gap year/college undecided

**Ryan Renee Lynch** from Friends Central School to Hampton University

**Rebecca Olivia Stubbs** from Science Leadership Academy- Beeber to Point Park University

**Tyleenda Wilson** from Belmont Charter Academy High School to Arcaida University

## **COLLEGE**

**Sean Seay** from Mount St. Mary's University

## **GRADUATE SCHOOL**

**Jennie Patterson** from Georgetown University

**Rashid Faisal** from University of Michigan - Dearborn

**Teri Tillman** from Temple University



**SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS  
ST. THOMAS TO RESUME IN-PERSON WORSHIP!!!.**

The Big countdown begins  
for St. Thomas to resume In-Person worship  
for all parishioners, families and friends,

Homecoming Sunday  
**September 12, 2021, at 10:00 AM**

(14 weeks or 97 days)

If you live out of town, make your travel plans NOW.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

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**IN PERSON CHURCH SERVICE RE-ENTRY**

It is our hope to return to in-person worship Homecoming Sunday, September 12th. Planning is underway to assure that we are all able to safely worship upon our return. The Rector has appointed an Advisory Committee to discern /guide the process and make recommendations to him and the Vestry. The Co-Chairs are Richard Jones, Rector's Warden, and Deborah Camp-Frye, Accounting Warden.

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**PROPERTY UPDATE -GOOD NEWS!**

Major work will finally soon begin on our entire roof, pointing of all exterior and interior stones, and ultimately the cleaning of the interior stones.

The Church and Administrative Offices will be closed **Fridays in July and August.** Have a great summer!

**ST. THOMAS  
CIRCLE  
OF  
PRAYER MINISTRY**

**PLEASE JOIN  
US WEEKLY FOR  
MONDAY MORNING  
PRAYER CALL**

**AT 6:30 AM**

**THE TELECONFERENCE NUMBER IS:  
(605) 313-6361 CODE: 268 105**

**YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND  
AN INTERCESSORY PRAYER  
REQUEST TO:**

**[CIRCLEOFPRAYER@AECST.ORG](mailto:CIRCLEOFPRAYER@AECST.ORG)**

**PHYLLIS B. CATER \* DAPHNE GILSTRAP  
FACILITATORS**

**THE VERY REV. CANON MARTINI SHAW  
RECTOR**



**THE AFRICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS  
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## **THE CIRCLE OF PRAYER MINISTRY**

Thank you Fr. Martini Shaw, Verger Lisa New, Carla Spates, Deborah “Binky” Seay, Carolyn Summers, Wanda Tarawaly, the members and all others who continue to participate and support our weekly Circle of Prayer call. We look forward to our next prayer session on **Monday, June 14, 2021.**

You are encouraged to reach out to us at [circleofprayer@aecst.org](mailto:circleofprayer@aecst.org) to submit prayer request or if you are interested in leading the Intercessory Prayer, the Prayers of the People, or a Meditation in Song.

We start promptly at **6:30 AM.**  
The teleconference call number is  
605-313-6361: access code is 268105.

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### **THE ST. THOMAS GOSPEL CHOIR**

has been nominated once again for the **Rhythm of Gospel Awards!** They are nominated in the categories of:

1. Special Event CD Of The Year “Jesus”
2. CCM Christian Song Of The Year
3. Church Choir Of The Year
4. Traditional Choir Of The Year
5. Special Event/Instrumental Artist Of The Year.

**The online voting has started from April 5th - June 5th.**

You must vote for someone in each category, please share the link with family and friends (make sure they know to vote for us) and the link is <http://hstrial-therhythmofo.go.homestead.com/voting.html>.



## **DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS**

### **Readings For The Third Sunday After Pentecost June 13th**

First Reading: Ezekiel 17: 22-24

Psalm 92: 1-4, 11-14

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10, [11-13], 14-17

The Holy Gospel: Mark 4: 26-34

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### **Week of 6/14/2021**

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

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### **Readings For The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

First Reading: Job 38: 1-11

Psalm 107: 1-3, 23-32

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13

The Holy Gospel: Mark 4: 35-41

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## **UPCOMING SUNDAYS IN JUNE**

(All Services below can be viewed on our Facebook, website or youtube channels)

**June 13th**

**Graduate Sunday**

We honor members of St. Thomas who graduate this year

**June 20th**

**Father's Day**

We celebrate all Fathers

**June 27th**

**Youth and Church School Sunday**

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### **TUESDAY ZOOM BIBLE CLASSES**

with Fr. Jay at 7:00 PM

Please send your email to:

Fr. Collins at [JayCollins@comcast.net](mailto:JayCollins@comcast.net) or  
267-634-6185 to be added to the list.

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## **PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER**

### **Recovering At Home**

Linda Holmes, Joseph Stevenson, Lisa Woodley,  
Regina Meecham Devero, Deborah Joell,  
Kenneth Dow, Carol Williams Green, Donald Young,  
Suzanne Closson, Rosalind Roberts Smalls, Carl Dean,  
Georgia Sawyer, Adinah Edwards, Francina Norris,  
Isedora "Gwen" Francis, Shirley Winkfield, Robert Brown,  
Judith Simpkins-Booth, Joyce Jackson, Shirley Caldwell,  
Stephanie Williamson, Joan Hall, Ridart "Butch" Farmer,  
Dr. Thomas Snowden, Leatrice Snowden.

## **WE PRAY FOR**

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

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## **OUR CONDOLENCES**

to our own Louise Trotman, Carmen Alexander,  
Lorna Wilson, Laura (Suzie) Wilson, and the entire Wilson  
family on the death of their oldest brother, **Melville Wilson**.  
May the soul of Melville rest in peace and rise in glory.  
Please pray for the family.

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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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The African Episcopal Church  
of  
St. Thomas  
Church School

Calling ALL AECST  
Students K-12, Parents  
and Teachers

**JOIN US  
FOR OUR  
VIRTUAL CLASSES  
EVERY  
SUNDAY @ 12:00 NOON**

**KNOW JESUS.  
CHANGE THE WORLD!**

**Registration required via email**  
To RSVP contact Supt. Dottie Archey  
(215) 837-6941 or email at [churchschool@aecst.org](mailto:churchschool@aecst.org)

**Interested in becoming a Church School Teacher?**  
Contact Dottie Archey to learn more.

**The Very Reverend Canon Fr. Martini Shaw, Rector**

"Start children off on the way they should go,  
and even when they are old, they will not turn from it"  
Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)



## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

to the members of our parish celebrating birthdays in June.

- 6/1 Marceline Fitzwilliam
- 6/3 Laverne Hudson, Diedre Milanes, Jonathan Muse
- 6/4 Sylvia Simkins, Julian Smith
- 6/5 Edita Dauthney, Yvonne Smith, Jennifer Caviness
- 6/6 Barbara Glenn, Autumn Simmons
- 6/10 Jean Brogden, Roy Ellison
- 6/11 Harold Yates, Micaiya Camera
- 6/12 William Shepherd, Patricia Akins
- 6/13 Mercedes Sadler, J. Maurice Pearsall,  
Teena Watson Mathews
- 6/14 Yaseen Farooq
- 6/15 Renee Perna
- 6/17 Herb Wetzel, Adjioa Love-Dorsey
- 6/20 Ivan Juzang, Monica Jones, Nora Corbin
- 6/22 Elaine Alvarez
- 6/23 Leotta Griffin, Louise Lewis, Devon Tucker,  
Cheyenne Williamson,  
Claude Waterford
- 6/25 Kim Hyde, Justin Trotman, Erin Napoleon
- 6/27 Merle Hopson
- 6/28 Alexis Benton
- 6/30 Michael McIntosh

## **PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday-Friday 9:00AM-4:00PM.**

Please be advised that with social distancing still in effect:

1. No more than three (3) persons can visit the office at a time.
2. You must be masked to enter the building and must practice social distancing while present.
3. You must sanitize your hands upon entering the door.
4. Only entry to the entire property is the Absalom Jones House.

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## **FROM THE RECTOR**

There is still time for you to prayerfully submit your 2021 Faithful Giving Card. You may do so by several methods: mail, drop off in the office, on our website: [www.aecst.org](http://www.aecst.org) or [www.facebook/aecst1792](https://www.facebook.com/aecst1792).

If you have questions, please contact the Fiscal Administrator, Jeanette Jeffrey in the Fiscal Office from 10:00 AM-1:00 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.

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## **PARISH GIVING**

Quarterly Statements will be mailed in July to cover mid-year giving (January-June).



## **A MESSAGE FROM STEWARDSHIP**

Our theme for this year's Stewardship - "Our Doors Are Open"  
2021 St. Thomas Offering Envelopes are now ready for pick up  
in Anderson Hall. You may pick them up during Parish Office  
Hours (M-F 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM) by entering through the A.J.  
House entrance with the ramp.

Please don't forget your mask. If by chance you live in the  
same neighborhood of a church member who is unable to  
pick up their envelope, perhaps you can pick it up for them  
and put it in their mail slot or between their doors.

If you have decided to use the Givi App or Online Giving  
donation button and no longer want to receive offering  
envelopes please let me know by **Sunday, August 8th**. Please  
email me at [stewardship@aecst.org](mailto:stewardship@aecst.org) with your name and  
envelope number.

If you have changed your address, home/cell phone number  
or email address, please send your changed contact  
information to Judy Tillman at: [tillman\\_72@msn.com](mailto:tillman_72@msn.com) or  
the church email: [1792@aecst.org](mailto:1792@aecst.org) so that we can update the  
church records. Thank you very much.

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

- 1) Mail in your check or money order to the church.  
Please use the following address:  
The Historic African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas  
c/o Fiscal Administrator.  
6361 Lancaster Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19151
  
- 2) 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**.
  
- 3) Bring your check directly to the Parish Office during regular business hours (In August, Monday - Thursday 9AM-2PM). After business hours, drop your envelope in the door mail slot located on the front patio of the Absalom Jones House.
  
- 4) Church website <http://www.aecst.org/donations.htm>  
Simply select the button/s on the page that represents where you'd like your payment to be applied, i.e. your pledge, Church School, Chosen 300, 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.

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

# **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**

<b>Yearly Income</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>10%</b>
\$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



## **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.

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If you are not receiving the Spearhead emails, or have someone else you wish to receive, please visit <http://eepurl.com/djyGiD> to subscribe.

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.

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Please join us for worship on the St. Thomas Website [www.aecst.org](http://www.aecst.org) or our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/aecst1792> or [youtube.com](http://youtube.com) every Sunday morning at 10:00 AM.

## MINISTRY STAFF

Bishop	The Rt Rev Daniel G P Gutierrez	
Rector	The Very Rev Canon Martini Shaw	rector@aecst.org
Assistant to the Rector		
Associate Priest	The Rev Fr Gerald Collins	
Associate Minister	The Rev Dr Thomas G Snowden	
Associate Minister	The Rev Dr Paul Bach	
Parish Vergers	Stephen Hannum	
	Lisa Steward-New	
	Karen Ragland	
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Fiscal Assistant to the Rector	Deadra Cannon	
Investments Advisor to the Rector	Albert S. Dandridge, III, Esq	
Fiscal Administrator	Jeannette Jeffrey	fiscal@aecst.org
Sexton	LaDon Elliott	
Asst Sexton	James Brown	
Rector's General Counsel	Joe Tucker, Esq	215.875.0609
Chancel Choir Master	Jay Fluellen, D.M.A.	drjfluellen@gmail.com
Gospel Choir Master	Waltier Blocker	
Jazz Ensemble Director	Joe Stevenson	
Church School Superintendent	Dottie Archey	215.474.2815
Memorial Flowers	Alfreda Brockman	
Baptism Co-Chairs	Gail H Harris	215.450.9312
	Patricia Walker-Ellison	215.643.7223
Ed Muse Photography Ministry	William Edmonds	302.502.6375
	Dale Williams	
Social Media Manager	Gregory J Allen, PhD	215.477.2672
Scout Pack 133	Arlene Gray	bsapack0133@gmail.com
Sound Ministry	Joe Stevenson	
Transportation Ministry	J Reggie Kimble	610.585.8053
William Burke Ushers Ministry	Brenda Johnson Best	
Parish Webmaster	Gail H Harris	webmanager@aecst.org
Property Chair	Deborah Harrison	215.473-3065

## **THE VESTRY**

Rector's Warden - Richard C. Jones  
Accounting Warden - Deborah Camp-Frye  
Clerk of the Vestry - Johanna W. Daye  
Treasurer - Kelvin Johnson

Alister Allman	Albert S. Dandridge	Jonathan Muse
Patricia Bantom	Deborah Harrison	Darryl (Bobby) Tillman
Ronnie Collins	D. Lynn Joell	Judith Tillman
	Brenda Johnson Best	

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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 taught, lived and spread.

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