

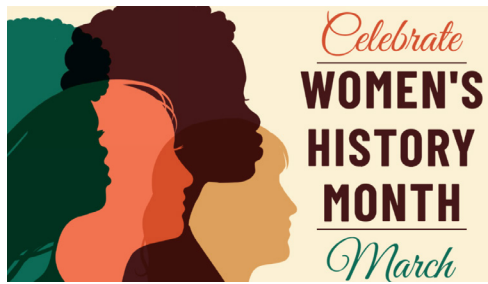
# Lent

**A Season of Reflection,  
Renewal, and Preparation**



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**THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**March 10, 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 Fourth Sunday in Lent, Rose Sunday / Laetare Sunday.**

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

## WHAT IS ROSE OR LAETARE SUNDAY

Rose or Laetare Sunday is the fourth Sunday in the season of Lent., in the Western Christian liturgical calendar.

Traditionally, this Sunday had been a day of celebration, within the austere period of Lent. This Sunday gets its name from the first few words (incipit) of the traditional Latin entrance (Introit) for the Mass of the day. “Laetare Jerusalem” (Rejoice, O Jerusalem”) is Latin from Isaiah 66:10

Flowers may appear on the high altar. Priests are given the option to wear rose-colored vestments at Mass help on this day in place of the violet vestments normally worn during Lent. The term “rose” is used to describe this lighter shade of the color violet.

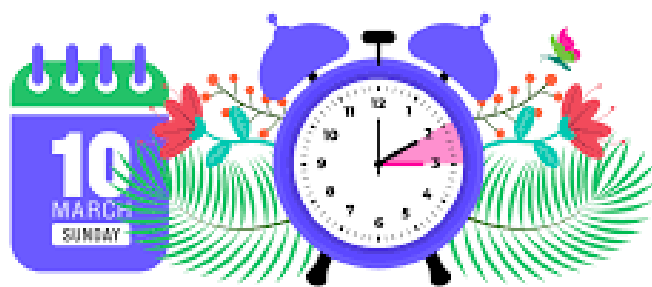


## OUR CONDOLENCES

to Sharon Johnson and her family on the death of her sister, **Sheryl Johnson**. A Memorial will be held here at St. Thomas on **March 12, 2024**, at **10:30 AM**.

Please keep the family in prayer.

May the soul of Sheryl rest in peace and rise in glory.



**SPRING FORWARD-2024**

SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR



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**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.

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

**Fr. Shaw and AECST Family,**

Fr. Shaw, thank you for your time shared with me. It was very comforting. I also cannot thank my Church Family enough for your many inquiries, get well wishes, and condolences for myself and my family.

**Sandra Bryant-Miller and family**



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**During a recent visit to the Governor's Mansion, our rector was very pleased to see the photos of two St. Thomas' former members hanging prominently on the wall: Abolitionist James Forten (St. Thomas 1st Vestry and his wife and abolitionist Charlotte Forten. Thank you, Governor Josh Shapiro.**







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

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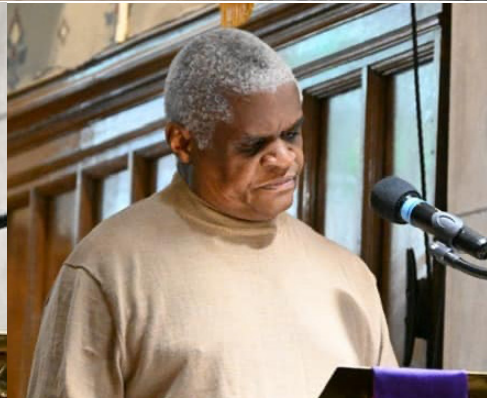
**Any Group, Guild, Ministry, or Fellowship wishing to have a flyer placed in the bulletin will have to provide the copies to the office no later than Wednesday for insertion in the Sunday bulletin.**

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**Confirmation Classes** are on Sundays at 8:30 AM and Zoom on Mondays. Please speak with [Fr. Daren](#) or [Seminarian Kathryn Brossa](#) for further details.



**The Third Sunday in Lent, March 3, 2024**  
Commissioning and Blessing of the Vestry,  
Auxiliary Vestry, Diocesan Convention delegates,  
and Schuylkill Deanery delegates.



## **UPCOMING SUNDAYS**

**March 24, 2024**

**Palm Sunday - 9:30 AM**

Bishop Daniel G. P. Gutiérrez's Visitation.

**March 31, 2024**

**Resurrection Sunday**

6:00 AM – Early Sunrise Service

(Low Mass with no music)

10:00 AM – Festive Eucharistic Celebration  
with special music and dance.

**April 14, 2024**

Gift of Life Sunday

**April 21, 2024**

Heroes' Sunday

**April 28, 2024**

Annual Men Are Cooking Event.

More information coming soon.

**\*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.





# FROM GAZA TO CALVARY!



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

This week the **Lenten Series** listened in on member Lisa Sharon Harper's conversation with Rev. Dr. Munther Isaac (Pastor, Christmas Evangelical Lutheran Church of Bethlehem) on the Freedom Road Podcast. Participants considered how Rev. Dr. Isaac engages his Christian faith in the context of the occupied West Bank in Palestine at a time when his people are suffering a genocide only a few miles away in Gaza. It was a profound conversation that led to lively conversation. Listen in on the full conversation with Rev. Dr. Isaac on the [Freedom Podcast](#).

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## **OUR LENTEN JOURNEY**

### **Wednesdays in Lent**

### **Lenten Theme: "From Gaza to Calvary"**

6:00 PM - Holy Eucharist

6:30 PM - 7:15 PM

Lenten Presentation / Discussion

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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, 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.



# 10 REASONS to SAY YES

95%

of people support organ donation.

Transplants give people a **second chance at life**, so they can work, travel, play sports, graduate, marry, have children, raise families and more.



Over **46,000 Americans** receive a **life-saving transplant** each year, but many more are waiting and 17 die each day.



Diabetes and hypertension damage organs, **increasing** the need **in multicultural communities**.



Being a donor **does not affect** medical care or funeral arrangements.



If everyone registered, it is estimated that an additional **17,000 people** would receive a **life-saving transplant** each year.



One organ donor can **save up to 8 lives** and a tissue donor can **help about 100 others**.



**Everyone can register**, regardless of their age or health history.



Donation is **supported by all major religions** for its humanity, love and compassion.

**What if you or a loved one needed a transplant?**

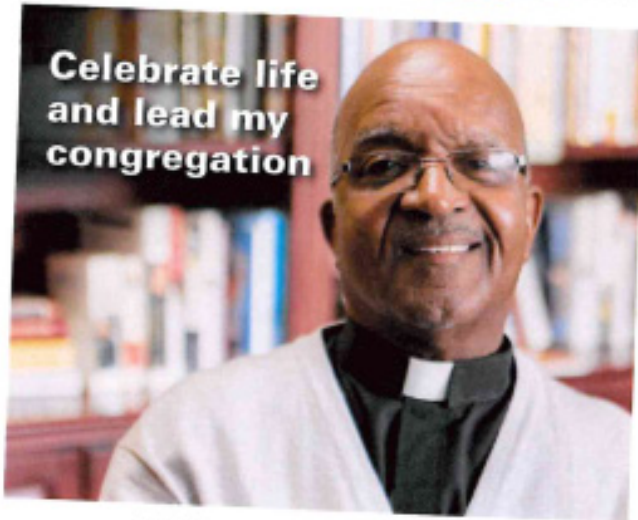


Register as an organ and tissue donor at [donors1.org](https://donors1.org)





Because someone said  
**YES** to organ  
donation,  
I'm alive to:



*CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Anna, liver recipient;  
Sebastian, kidney recipient; Christina, kidney recipient;  
Reverend James, liver recipient.*

Register as an organ and tissue donor at [donors1.org](https://donors1.org)



## **\*MONDAY AND TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK AT ST. THOMAS**

St. Thomas is proud to partner with the Philadelphia Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimage, organized by Lisa Sharon Harper (Freedom Road, LLC), Shane Claiborne (Red Letter Christians) and Ariel Gold (Fellowship of Reconciliation). Philadelphia's Pilgrimage is a part of the global Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimage movement. People of faith in 145 cities, in 18 countries, on every continent are walking the length of Gaza in their cities in solidarity with the people of Gaza. The Philadelphia Pilgrimage will take place over Holy Week (Palm Sunday to Good Friday). Participants will walk an average of 4 miles each day, from the Liberty Bell to Lockheed Martin. Find out more and join **the Philadelphia Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimage**.

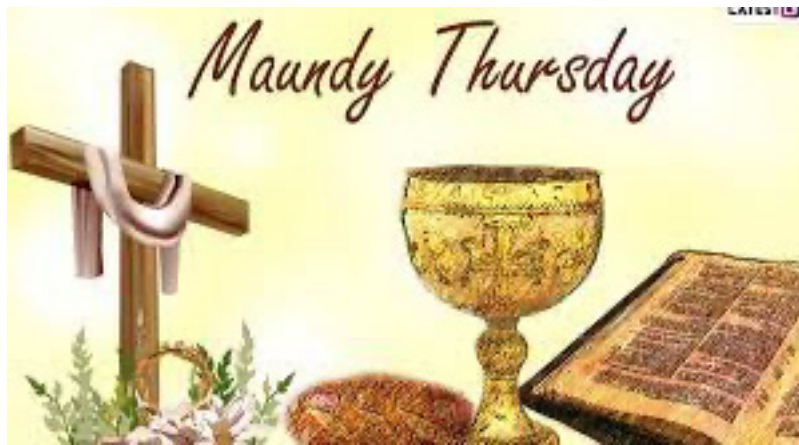
**Day 1:** Sunday, March 24, 2:00 PM, walk from the Liberty Bell to the Philadelphia Zoo – 2.7 miles.

**Day 2:** Monday, March 25, 10:00 AM, walk from the Philadelphia Zoo to the Historic African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas (arrive at noon) – 3.3 miles.

**Day 3:** Tuesday, March 26, 10:00 AM, walk from the Historic African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas to Bryn Mawr – 4.3 miles.

## **\*WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK AT ST. THOMAS (March 27, 2024)**

A “virtual” Stations of the Cross - found on St. Thomas's YouTube and Facebook pages.



The Vestry and Clergy invite you to join us  
**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
**March 28, 2024**  
**Dinner 6:00 PM.**

Limited tickets for dinner are \$20.00 per person  
and will be on sale March 10th, 17th and 24th.

7:00 PM. Foot Washing, The Holy Eucharist,  
Stripping of the Altar, Beginning of the All Night Vigil.  
Sponsored by DOK



Join our Deanery Churches and The Right Reverend Daniel  
G. P. Gutiérrez as we celebrate the Great Vigil of Easter on  
**Saturday, March 30, 2024, at 7:00 PM** at the Philadelphia  
Episcopal Cathedral, 23 S 38th St., Philadelphia, PA 19104.





## **MAUNDY THURSDAY SILENT NIGHT WATCH**

Then HE returned to HIS disciples and found them sleeping. Simon, HE said to Peter, are you asleep? Couldn't you keep watch for one hour?"

Mark 14:37

The St. Thomas Chapter of the Daughters of the King invites you to pray with us on this year's **Maundy Thursday Night Watch Vigil** on **March 28, 2024**, from 8:00 PM until 12:00 noon on **March 29, 2024**, Good Friday.

This year we invite you to join us in a silent vigil where you can pray in your own space, in your own way, and share a deeper connection with God. In keeping with scripture and ensuring that we have continuous prayer throughout the night, we ask that you sign up prior to Maundy Thursday indicating which hour you and your family will be in prayer with us.

As a note, this year there will be no in-person vigil. When you sign up, we will forward additional information to you along with several suggested prayers and meditations you may use.

You may sign up by email to [Sharon Bullock](mailto:Sharon.Bullock@stthomas.org) or by using the sign-up sheet, which will be at the rear of the church on Sunday.



## **SCHEDULE OF HOLY WEEK - 2024**

### **Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday), March 24, 2024, 9:30 AM**

We welcome our bishop - The Right Reverend Daniel G. P. Gutiérrez and students and staff from St. James School. Blessing and Distribution of Palms / Outdoor procession / Confirmations, Receptions, and Re-Affirmations / Holy Eucharist.

### **Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday), March 28, 2024**

**6:00 PM** - Dinner hosted by the Vestry and Auxiliary Vestry (Tickets on sale March 10th -\$20.00 per person - limited seating)

**7:00 PM** - Service of Foot Washing; Holy Eucharist; Stripping of the altar; and All Night "Re-Imagined" Virtual Vigil sponsored by the DOK (please sign up for an hour of prayer).

### **Good Friday, March 29, 2024, 12:00 Noon**

We welcome the pastor and members of Overbrook Presbyterian Church.

Special Good Friday liturgy includes Stations of the Cross.

### **Holy Saturday, March 30, 2024, 7:00 PM**

We join our sisters and brothers from the Schuylkill Deanery at the Cathedral for the celebration of the Easter Vigil.

### **Easter Sunday (Resurrection Sunday), March 31, 2024**

**6:00 AM** - Early Sunrise Service (Low Mass with no music)

**10:00 AM** - Festive Eucharistic Celebration with special music and dance.

*Experience the beauty and awe  
of historic pipe organs in some of  
Philadelphia's most beautiful spaces.*



## PHILADELPHIA ORGAN FESTIVAL

MARCH 15-23, 2024

*Presented by Partners for  
Sacred Places*

IN COLLABORATION WITH

The Philadelphia Orchestra • The Marian Anderson Historical Society  
Artcinia • The Crossing • Opera Philadelphia

[PhillyOrganFestival.org](http://PhillyOrganFestival.org)





*There's history in every note.*

“Friends of the Festival” discount! Use code **PSPFRIENDS** when ordering.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 7 PM**

Ravel's *Boléro* for Organ and Brass

Chelsea Chen, organist

Brass Ensemble

ORGAN: 1931 E.M. Skinner

Girard College Chapel

**SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 3 PM**

Gothic Drama from Screen and  
Keyboard: *The Passion of Joan of Arc*

Matthew Glandorf, organist

Improvised score to the silent film classic

ORGAN: Originally Carlton C. Mitchell 1894;

revised Casavant Frères Ltée. (1955) et al

St. Luke's Germantown

**SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 7 PM**

The Organ's Modern Touch:  
Minimalism and Contemporary Works

Amanda Mole, organist

Music of Nico Muhly and Steve Reich featuring percussion  
ensemble and singers from *The Crossing*

ORGAN: 1919 Austin

The First Presbyterian Church in Germantown

**SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 7 PM**

Celebrating the Memory and  
Art of Marian Anderson

Alan Morrison, organist

Marian Anderson Historical Society Scholars, vocalists

ORGAN: 1927 Möller

Tindley Temple

**TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 7 PM**

Reimagining the Sound of Revolution:  
*Garras de Oro*, U.S. Premiere of New score  
by Juan Pablo Carreño

Parker Kitterman, organist

Austin Chanu, conductor

Ensemble including Musicians from The Philadelphia Orchestra

Vocalists from Opera Philadelphia:

Jessica Beebe, soprano; Sam Higgins, countertenor

Live electronics

ORGAN: 1928 Austin

Rodeph Shalom

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 7 PM**

J. S. Bach Cantata BWV 146:  
*Wir müssen durch viel Trübsal*

John Walthausen, organist

Baroque orchestra and vocalists

ORGAN: 1964 Rieger

Unitarian Society of Germantown

**THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 7 PM**

Holst's *The Planets* and Premiere

Daryl Robinson, organist

Percussion Ensemble including Musicians from  
The Philadelphia Orchestra

ORGAN: 2021 Emery Brothers, incorporating 1906 Austin  
and 1936 Möller

Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral

**FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 7 PM**

Romance in the Garden:  
Franck and Rachmaninoff at Longwood

Alcée Chriss, organist

String and Woodwind Ensemble including Musicians from  
The Philadelphia Orchestra

ORGAN: 1930 Aeolian

Longwood Gardens

[PhillyOrganFestival.org](http://PhillyOrganFestival.org)

Check the website for updates on performers  
and additional events!



# HEROES' SUNDAY

## APRIL 21, 2024 10:00 AM

**Philadelphia Police Commissioner  
KEVIN BETHEL, GUEST SPEAKER**



**ALL first responders are invited to attend!**  
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## DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS

### READINGS FOR The Fourth Sunday in Lent March 10, 2024

The First Lesson - [Numbers 21:4-9](#)  
[Psalm 107:1-3,17-22](#)

The Second Lesson - [Ephesians 2:1-1](#)  
The Holy Gospel - [John 3:14-21](#)

### The Holy Gospel Readings for the Week of March 11, 2024

Monday - [John 4:43-54](#)

Tuesday - [John 5:1-18](#)

Wednesday - [John 5:19-29](#)

Thursday - [John 5:30-47](#)

Friday - [John 7:1-2,10,25-30](#)

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

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## 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](#).

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### **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](mailto:njsimms@verizon.net)**

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### **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.](#)

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**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.

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### **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 REHAB:**

Helena Allen - Simpson House  
Fr. Darryl James -Stapeley Rehab  
Leotta Griffin - Saunders House  
Terry Corson - Deer Meadows

**AT HOME:**

Adinah Edwards, Robert Brown, Ridart “Butch” Farmer,  
Gwendolyn Langford, Shirley Winkfield, Lemont Johnson,  
Ronald Coleman, Thelma Silvers, Linda Holmes,  
Alletta Parris-Olday, Kenneth Dow, Cedric Babb,  
Joyce Harrison, Patricia Ellison, Carl Dean, Laverne Hudson,  
Thomas Snowden.

**KEEP IN PRAYER:**

Justin Trotman, Daryn Stewart, Cathy Stafford,  
Teri Taylor, Lisa Woodley, Irving Stevenson,  
Sandra Bryant Miller, Gladyce DuBrey.

**WE PRAY FOR**

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



**EASTER FLOWERS (Please Print All Names)**

Flowers on the High Altar are in memory of the Heavenly birthday of

**Robert Warner Joell**, given by Debra Joell.

Flowers on the High Altar are in memory of the 100th Heavenly Birthday of our dear mother/grandmother, **Vera M. Walker**, given by Patty, Roy, Simone & Samuel Ellison.

Flowers on the Columbarium are in memory of **Sheryl Johnson**, who was a Daughter of the King. May she rest in peace and rise in glory, given by Debra Joell.

To order flowers, please return the form with payment to Clare Mae Daniels or Alfreda Brockman

**Easter Flowers and Lilies Deadline: Monday, March 25, 2024**

I would like to place flowers on the High Altar - \$125.00

I would like to place flowers on the Absalom Jones Altar - \$90.00

I would like to place flowers on the Columbarium- \$55.00

I would like an Easter Lily @\$25.00 each (5 names per plant)

**(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](#).

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**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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