

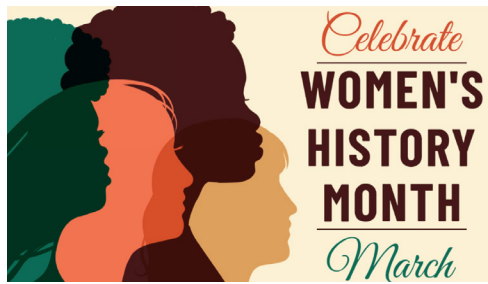
Lent

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



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THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
March 17, 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 Fifth Sunday in Lent.**

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 +

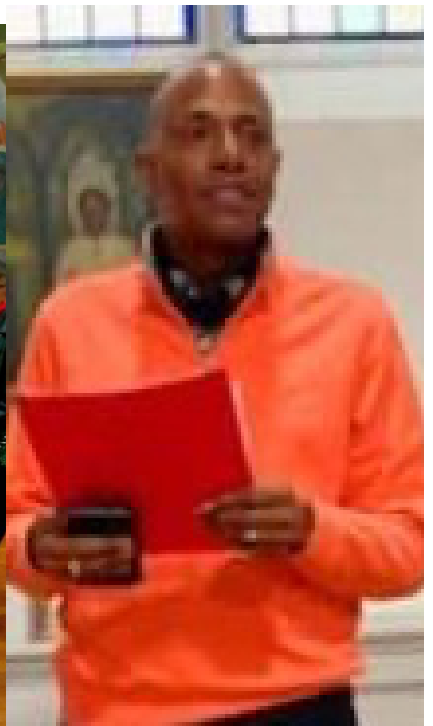
(The Very Rev. Canon) Martini Shaw, 17th Rector
and Dean of the Schuylkill Deanery

A LITURGICAL REQUEST FROM THE RECTOR

The Service (mass) is not over during the singing of the Closing Hymn. We ask that you please be respectful of others in worship and refrain from departing from your pew until after the Dismissal.

PARISH LEADERSHIP ENGAGED!!!

A dedicated, committed, and visionary Rector, Vestry and Auxiliary Vestry gather to dream and plan for the exciting future of our beloved St. Thomas.





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

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.

**The Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 10, 2024.
Rose Sunday/Laetare Sunday**





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

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY
Wednesdays in Lent
Lenten Theme: "From Gaza to Calvary"
6:00 P.M. - Holy Eucharist
6:30 P.M. - 7:15 P.M. -
Lenten Presentation / Discussion

2024 Lenten Series: "From Gaza to Calvary"

This week we welcomed our special guests and heard interesting testimonies from a Palestinian American Christian and a Jewish Colombian-American.





**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.



***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.

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.

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.

Please keep in your daily prayers during this upcoming week these individuals who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation/Reception and Reaffirmation next Sunday during our Bishop's Visitation.

Confirmation Candidates

Michelanne Bradwell

Sukona Davis

Marcia Forde

Ed Geiger

Kathy Geiger

Toya Gordon

Camryn Hamlin

Cydney Hamlin

Thomas Harris

Landon Leys

Alliyah Miller

Triniti Miller

Carolyn Paige

Eugene Phillips

Ashley Quetant

Kevin Quetant

Julio Rodriguez

Chelsea Selby

Khalita Wright

Lisa Harper

Sponsor

Ronnie Collins

Wendella Fox

Cynthia Muse

William Burke, Jr.

Brenda Johnson Best

Alaina Farooq

Mueni Mwanzia

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Richard Jones

Eugene Golson

Phyllis Cater

Carlia Wallace

Diedre Farmbry

Darryle (Bobby) Tillman

Pam Johnson

Kelvin Johnson

Jonathan Muse

Elaine Young

Gregory Hayes

Sharon Bullock

Reception Candidate

Karina Phillips

Tynecia Wilson

Reaffirmation Candidates

Carol Eten

Erika Eten

Lynn Fields Harris

Mary Dean

Elaine Gillison

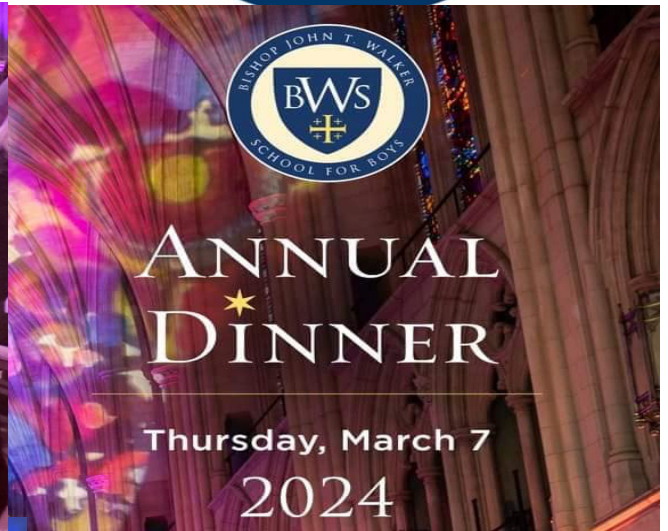
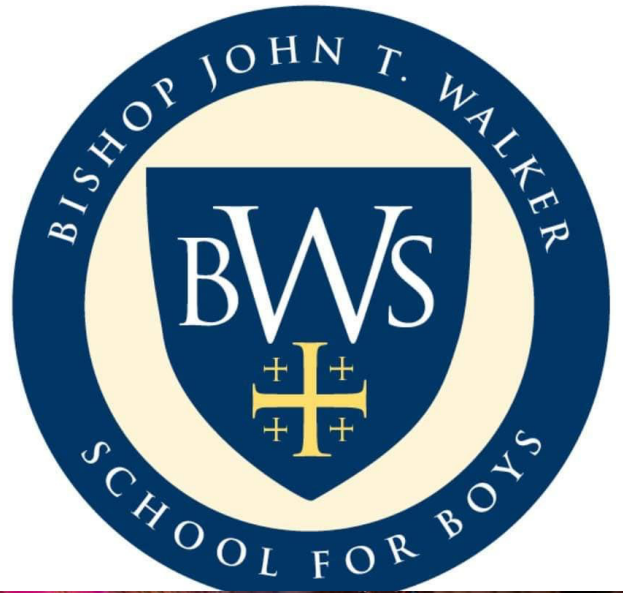
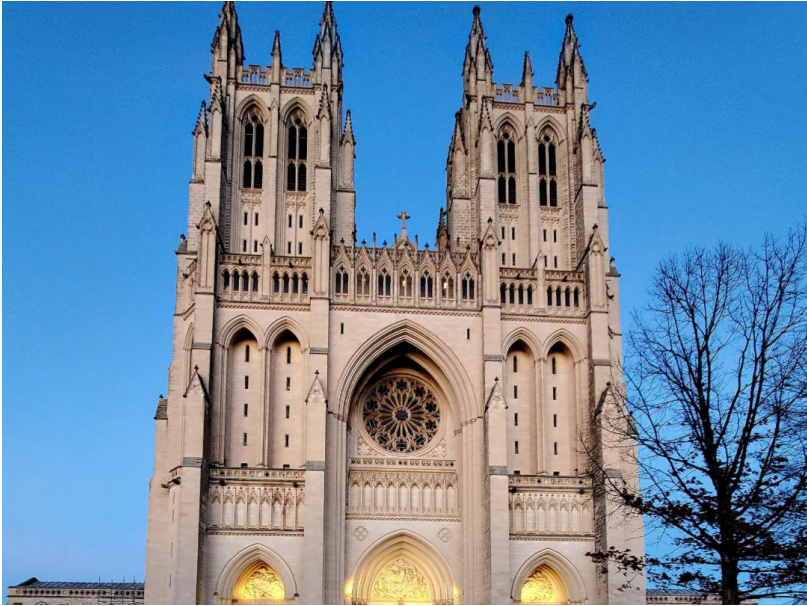
Deborah Matthews

PREPARATIONS FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER UNDERWAY!

Dedicated members of the Altar Guild and Mailing Team at work.



Members of St. Thomas celebrating the mission of the Bishop Walker School for Boys at the Washington National Cathedral.



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.

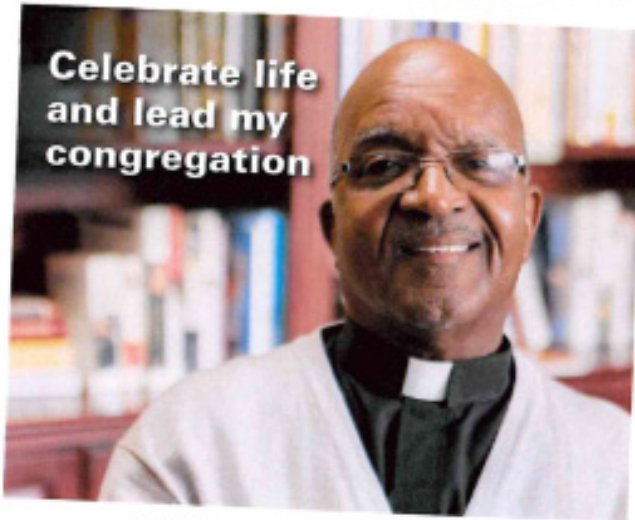
What if you or a loved one needed a transplant?



Register as an organ and tissue donor at donors1.org



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





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.

***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](#)**.

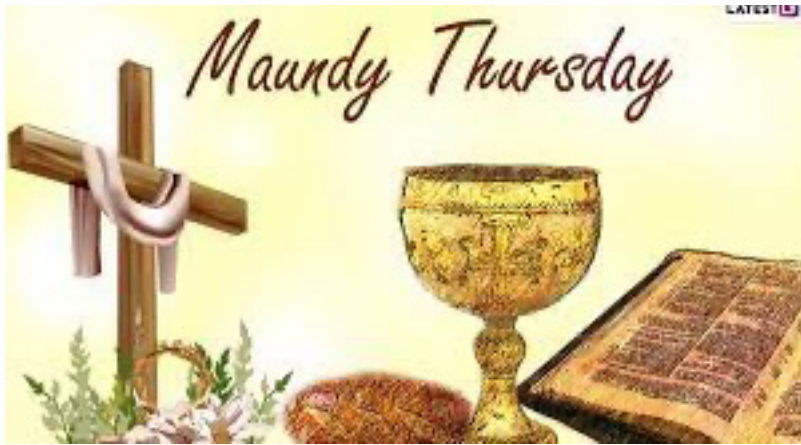
Day 1: Sunday, March 24, 2:00 PM, walk from the Liberty Bell to the Philadelphia Zoo – 2.7 miles.

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.

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Philadelphia's most beautiful spaces.*



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MARCH 15-23, 2024

*Presented by Partners for
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IN COLLABORATION WITH

The Philadelphia Orchestra • The Marian Anderson Historical Society
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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

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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The sister of Mrs. Inez Turner, **Ms. Gloria Jackson**, passed away in October of 2023. Her memorial service will be held as follows:

Date: **Wednesday, April 17, 2024**

Church: St. Simon the Cyrenian Episcopal Church

Location: 1401 S. 22nd St. (22nd & Reed),
Philadelphia, PA 19146

Visitation: 10:00 AM Service: 11:00 AM

Burial: Private

Contact for Questions: [Charlene M. Wiltshire](#)

DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS

READINGS FOR The Fifth Sunday in Lent March 17, 2024

The First Lesson - [Jeremiah 31:31-34](#)
[Psalm 119:9-16](#)

The Second Lesson - [Hebrews 5:5-10](#)
The Holy Gospel - [John 12:20-33](#)

The Holy Gospel Readings for the Week of March 18, 2024

Monday - [John 8:1-11](#)

Tuesday - [Luke 2:41-52](#)

Wednesday - [John 8:31-42](#)

Thursday - [John 8:51-59](#)

Friday - [John 10:31-42](#)

Saturday - [John 11:45-53](#)

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](#).

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 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,
Dr, 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.



St. Thomas continues its
mission and partnership of
serving our youth: St. James
School - Philadelphia)

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](#).

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 **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.

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