

# HOLY WEEK 2024

## SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

**(Palm Sunday) - March 24th, 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 WEDNESDAY - March 27th

A "virtual" Stations of the Cross Presentation

found on St. Thomas's Website, YouTube, and Facebook pages.

## HOLY THURSDAY

**(Maundy Thursday) March 28th**

**6:00 PM** -Dinner Hosted by the Vestry & Auxiliary Vestry.

Get your dinner tickets today (\$20.00/ person) \*Limited Seating

**7:00 PM** -Service of Foot Washing; The Holy Eucharist;

Stripping of the Altar; and All Night "Re-Imagined" Virtual Vigil sponsored by the Daughters of the King (Please sign up for an hour of prayer.)

## GOOD FRIDAY

**March 29th, 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 30th, 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 31st**

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

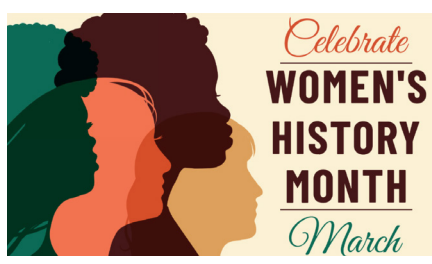
**10:00 AM** - Festive Eucharistic Celebration with special music and dance..



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**Palm Sunday: The Sunday of The Passion**  
**March 24, 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 **Palm Sunday: The Sunday of The Passion. We welcome our Bishop: The Rt. Rev. Daniel G.P. Gutiérrez, and staff; Mr. David Kasievich, students, parents, and staff from St. James School. Today, we enter the Holiest Week of the Year.**

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.

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### **ALL ABOARD!!!!**

You don't want to miss this start of Holy Week.

Video: Quentin Heyward (St. Thomas Videography Ministry)



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## **OUTSTANDING LENTEN SERIES ENDS!!!**

### **“From Gaza to Calvary”**

In week five of our Lenten Series the community gathered for a powerful moment of prayer for Gaza. We prayed that God would move our leaders to call for an immediate ceasefire. We concluded with writing our prayers on cans of food symbolic of the many being turned away in aid trucks on the southern border. Enormous thanks to our Lenten facilitator:

Lisa Sharon Harper.





### **OUR CONDOLENCES TO**

the family of **Mercedes Sadler**, who recently died. Her Memorial Service will be held at St. Thomas Church on **Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 11:00 AM**. May the soul of Mercedes rest in peace and rise in glory.  
Please pray for the family.

the family of **LaVern Hudson**, who recently died. Her funeral will be held here at St. Thomas, on **Tuesday, April 2, 2024**. Her viewing will begin at 10:00 AM and a Requiem Mass will be said at **11:00 AM**. May the soul of LaVern rest in peace and rise in glory. Please pray for the family.

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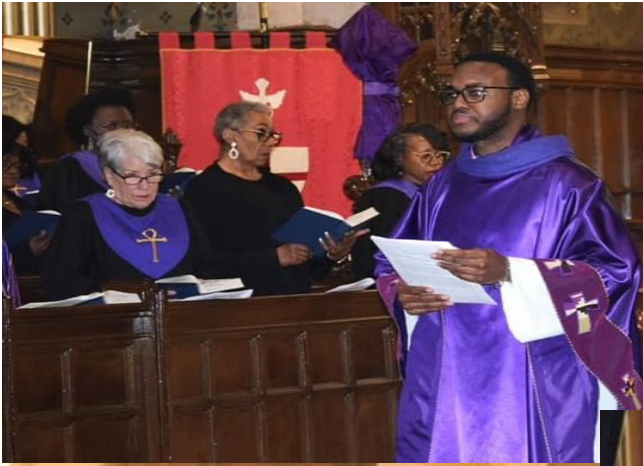
**Any Group, Guild, Ministry, or Fellowship wishing to have a flyer placed in the bulletin will have to provide the copies to the office no later than Wednesday for insertion in the Sunday bulletin.**

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



# The Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 17, 2024





**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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**JOIN US THIS SUNDAY!**

**The Sunday of the Passion and the start of Holy Week.**

**Joining us will be our Bishop (Bishop Daniel G.P. Gutiérrez) and our special friends from St. James School.**







## **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.

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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.



**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

# 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)

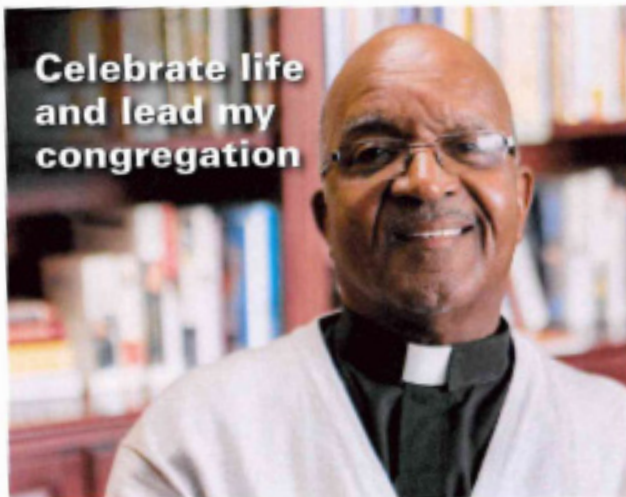


**GIFT of LIFE**  
DONOR PROGRAM





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)



## HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES

### 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 website: [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#) pages.



## 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.

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**St. Thomas folks out and about representing:  
members of the St. Thomas D.O.K.  
Daughters of the King) in Paoli, PA.  
Members of the St. Thomas GFS  
(Girls Friendly Society) in Lancaster, PA.**



**As of this morning, 12 churches are working with the Transformation Committee to monetize their underutilized property.**

**Hear one of our committee members talk about the difficulty and rewards of change.**

**Listen to our own, Canon Albert Dandridge, Esq. speak to the Diocese.**



**Albert S. Dandridge, III**  
Transformation Committee





# HEROES' SUNDAY

APRIL 21, 2024 10:00 AM

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



**ALL first responders are invited to attend!**  
**THE AFRICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS**  
**FIRST BLACK EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE USA**

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## **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.





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.



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](#)

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## DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS

### READINGS FOR

**Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024**

#### The Palms

The Holy Gospel - [Mark 11:1-11](#)

The Psalm [118:1-2,19-29](#)

The First Lesson - [Isaiah 50:4-9a](#)

[Psalm 31:9-16](#)

The Second Lesson - [Philippians 2:5-11](#)

The Holy Gospel - [Mark 15:1-39,\(40-47\)](#)

### The Holy Gospel Readings for the Week of March 25, 2024

Monday - [John 12:1-11](#)

Tuesday - [John 12:20-36](#)

Wednesday - [John 13:21-32](#)

Thursday - [John 13:1-17,31b-35](#)

Friday - [John 18:1-19:42](#)

Saturday - [Matthew 27:57-66](#)

## 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](#). **Bible Study will NOT meet on April 2, 2024, for Easter Break.**

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**Young Adult Bible Study**  
**Bible Study** will resume on Wednesday, April 17 at 6:00 PM in the Absalom Jones House. During the Spring, we will explore the Acts of the Apostles. Join our exciting journey with the Apostles of Jesus. All are welcome!

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### **Ready for the Easter Egg Hunt?**

On Easter Sunday, **March 31, 2024** - Bring your young ones to be a part of our Annual Easter Egg Hunt! This year we will have prizes in exchange for your eggs. Immediately after service on 3/31, please meet our Superintendent, Tynecia Wilson, and Church Volunteers in Anderson Hall to receive an Easter Egg Hunt Basket before going outside to hunt for your eggs; and maybe even find the GOLDEN EGG! The more eggs you find, the bigger the prize you can get!

## **Podcast Series**

Stay tuned for an upcoming parish podcast series for parents with young children, and those who are responsible for the care of children. The series will explore the text: *When Kids Ask Hard Questions: Faith-filled Responses for Tough Topics* edited by Bromleigh McCleneghan and Karen Ware Jackson.

## **Youth Council**

Do you feel called to work with Youth? Do you have great ideas that will help the church to connect with the youth of today (and vice versa)? You are invited to be a part of our parish Youth Council. Please contact [Fr. Daren](#) for more details.

## **Young Adult Gathering**

All young adults are invited to a time of fellowship on the 4th Sunday of every month in the parish hall immediately following worship.

## **Vacation Bible School**

If you would like to be part of a team to help with the planning of a Vacation Bible School, please speak with [Fr. Daren](#).

## **Join the Girls Friendly Society!**

Meetings are on Saturdays from 11:00 AM -1:00 PM. All girls aged 3-30 are welcome. Girls participate in: Service Projects, Girl 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)**



## 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,  
Dr. Thomas Snowden.

**KEEP IN PRAYER:**

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

**WE PRAY FOR**

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





## EASTER FLOWERS (Please Print All Names)

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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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### 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](#).

## **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

**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

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## 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](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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	Patricia Walker-Ellison	p.walker.ellison@gmail.com
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