

Our service starts at 10:00 AM. If you are physically unable to attend, please join us virtually via our website, YouTube, or Facebook pages.

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# THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MOTHER'S DAY

May 8, 2022, 10:00 AM

## "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 Fourth Sunday of Easter, and Mother's Day.

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

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

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

Please click for the <u>Order of Service</u> for this Sunday's service.

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# MAY GOD BLESS our mothers and mother figures in our lives.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

to our Oldest Mother **Inez Turner.**She is the mother of Glenn Turner.

## A MOTHER'S DAY TRADITION RETURNS

Honor your mother (Living or Deceased) by wearing a red, pink, or white carnation provided by the St. Thomas Gardeners. Free will offering donations will be used for the purchase of mulch, Spring and Fall flowers.

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## THE WOMEN'S DAY COMMITTEE

is looking to honor our Ninety-Year Young women of St. Thomas Church. If you know

or any women who have not been recognized or honored in the past year and have reached the young age of ninety-plus (+), please contact the Women's Day Co-chairs: Deborah Matthews: debmadanco@verizon.net, or Yvonne Caldwell White: luycs@aol.com by email. Thank you for your support.

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## WOMEN'S DAY COMMITTEE PRETZEL SALE

The Women's Day Committee is glad to announce that we will be selling pretzels on upcoming Sundays, outside of the church, weather permitting. The cost of the pretzel is still \$1.00. Thank you for your continuous support.

Deborah Matthews & Yvonne Caldwell White 2022 Women's Day Committee Co-Chairs

**From the Rector:** Whoever you may be and however you may find yourself experiencing life's journey, do know that St. Thomas Church welcomes you.



HIGHLIGHTS:
"Third Sunday of Easter/
Baptisms/Confirmations/
Bishop's Return".

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# A FEW QUOTES AND PARAPHRASES ON "VIRTUAL WORSHIP"

"Virtual and live stream worship have been, and will continue to be, a blessing to the church. However, by no means can it substitute coming and physically receiving the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist (Communion)."

(From Fr. Martini Shaw's Homily on Jan. 16, 2022).

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"Online Masses and Spiritual Communion do not represent the church. The faithful not gathered to receive the Sacraments is not the church. Jesus' disciples always lived their relationship with the Lord in Community. They gathered, around the sacrament, at the same table, as a sign of community". (Pope Francis' recent message)

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"If you are unable to receive the Sacrament, by reasons of extreme sickness or physical disability; or when being present at a celebration is absolutely impossible, it is possible to open yourself to God's grace and blessing". (Episcopal Church Book of Common Prayer).



## **IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

The wearing of masks will remain MANDATORY while at St. Thomas until further notice. St. Thomas will follow the recommended guidelines of the CDC, the City of Philadelphia, and the Diocese of PA. Let us love our neighbor and worship safely!

Masks are available for all in attendance if needed. Hand sanitizer is also available. The ventilation system has been changed to let in outside air. We request that all in attendance be VACCINATED. Unvaccinated individuals are requested to watch the Service via <u>Live Stream</u>.

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## **WONDERFUL NEWS!**

On Tuesday, May 24, 2022, St.Thomas will be honored at the 2022 Scholarship Benefit for St. James School. The theme of the event is "On the Horizon". It will be held at The Mann Center for the Performing Arts. St. Thomas will also be joined by another honoree, Dr. Ala Stanford, founder of the Black Doctors COVID-19 Consortium. For more information please contact Wendella Fox or Phyllis Cater.



## on the HORIZON

ANNUAL DR. AUDREY EVANS SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT



Tuesday, May 24th 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Outdoors, Under a Tent, On Top of the Hill at the Mann Center for the Performing Arts

We're Invited to a Festive Evening!

## Pay What You Wish Tickets

St. James School is inviting more of their school community to participate and making this event accessible to all.

\$125 suggested amount per person
Or pay what you wish

## Honoring



Health equity trailblazer

Dr. Ala Stanford.

Founder/CEO of Black

Doctors COVID-19

Consortium



The Very Rev. Canon Martini Shaw and the people of The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas

#### MAKE AN IMPACT WITH YOUR DONATION



\$25 Band-aids and cough drops



\$75 Afternoon snacks for graduates



\$250 Class set of novels



Class field trip



\$1,000 Welcome Table programming

Special thanks to St. Thomas co-chairs and event liaisons, Phyllis B. Cater and Wendella P. Fox, Esquire!

Contact them if you have not received an invitation.

Proof of vaccination required. RSVP by May 6 or earlier!

click here to visit or purchase online



## **CONGRATULATIONS**

to the Newly Baptized /Confirmed / Received Members of our church family.
To God Be The Glory!

## **Newly Baptized**

Gabrielle Reine Faisal Kevin Carter

## **Sponsor**

Dorothy Archey Frank Johnson

## **Youth Confirmed**

Gabrielle Reine Faisal Savannah Fitzpatrick Thomas Lynch, V

Dorothy Archey

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## **Adults Confirmed**

Joyce Adams
Kevin Carter
Christine Faisal
Rashid Faisal
Joseph Gobern
Josephine Graham
Dennis Hall
Bradley Hammond
Patricia Holmes

Rene Hayes

Angela Kelly

Derede McAlpin

Adults Received

David King

## **Sponsor**

Brenda Best Johnson Frank Johnson Darryl & Judith Tillman Darryl & Judith Tillman

Frank Johnson Cynthia Muse Richard Jones

Jumba Mugwabya Judith Simkins Booth

Conchetta Brewer
Conchetta Brewer

Arthur Sudler
Sheryl Johnson

D. Lynn Joell D. Lynn Joell

## Beverly Moore Rosalind Roberts Smalls

Mary Ann Jones Alexandra McFadden R. Seth Williams Judith Simkins Booth Judith Simkins Booth Al Dandridge, Esq.

## Adults Reaffirmed

Sharon Harper Cynthia Muse

## **ATTENTION:**

We are so blessed to be stewards of a beautiful property that God has entrusted to our care. Persons are needed to serve on our Property Committee. If interested, please speak with <u>Deborah Harrison</u> or call the Parish Office to express your interest.

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# UPCOMING GOSPEL CHOIR EVENT May 24 & 25, 2022 (Time TBD)

Concert & Recording Virginia Theological Seminary, 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22304

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## **VESTRY MEETING**

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

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## SPEARHEAD NEWSLETTER EMAILS

If you are not receiving the Spearhead emails, please use the <u>Newsletter</u> sign up link. Your information will NEVER be shared or sold and you can <u>UNsubscribe</u> at anytime by following the instructions provided at the bottom of every email message.



# **GRADUATES / PARENTS OF GRADUATES:**

Have you graduated? Please call the church office with information on your

graduation. Graduate Sunday is June 12th. Information should be in the office by **June 6th**.

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## VIRTUAL CHURCH SCHOOL

Church school will meet by ZOOM on Sundays at noon. All parents and church school aged children are encouraged to attend. If you need more information please contact Dottie Archey at: 215-474-2815 or you can send an email to **Dottie Archey** for more information.

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The Rector has restarted an official Search Process for the calling of a new Rector's Associate for Youth and Young Adult Ministries.

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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.

If interested, please contact Gladyce in the Parish Office ASAP to get details on upcoming scheduled rehearsals.

## **RE-IMAGINING OUR MINISTRIES**

Persons are needed to serve on the Altar Guild. This amazing group of individuals prepare our beautiful altar each week for the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Interested people should contact Alfreda Brockman at fredabee@verizon.net

We are in need of **Readers** and **Intercessors**, Youth and Adult. If you are interested in helping spread the Word of God through a reading, Psalm, or Intercessory prayers, please contact Gladyce in the parish office. Thank you.

We are looking for a few individuals 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.

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## CALLING ALL FUTURE SHEPHERDS OF THE AECST

Plans are in the works for resurrecting and re-imagining the SHEEP & SHEPHERDS MINISTRY created many years ago by parishioner Mrs. Vernette Dow. As a telephone ministry, the goal is that every AECST family of parishioners (sheep) will have a shepherd that keeps in touch with them on a regular basis. We are now calling for parishioners to volunteer as shepherds. Before this ministry can be rolled-out, a sufficient number of volunteers is needed in order to minimize the number of families that each will shepherd. Please note that the Vestry will continue to shepherd new members. For more information and to volunteer, please either see Charlene M. Wiltshire before or after Sunday church services or send an email to her at cwiltshi@comcast. net. Thank you!



Are you **EXCITED** about encouraging voter registration in your community like our beloved ancestor and St. Thomas activist Octavious V Catto??? Then join an OVC committee meeting to find out how you can be apart of our efforts to increase & assist

with voting awareness, registration information & current policies for our upcoming elections. Send your name via email TODAY to <a href="mailto:Gregory.Jay.Allen@gmail.com">Gregory.Jay.Allen@gmail.com</a> and HELP US keep up the EXCITEMENT of our voices in voting RIGHTS and SOCIAL JUSTICE."

## THE ST. THOMAS O.V. CATTO VOTER EDUCATION MINISTRY

is reminding its Pennsylvania members to please check their Voter Registration Status for the 2022 Midterm Elections and the Primary. Go to **pavoterservices.pa.gov** and verify your voting status. You will need to do this to confirm that you are registered to vote, your voting district and if you are a mailin voter. You will also be able to get directions to your polling location as well if needed. Please contact **Gregory Allen** or **Gregory Lyles** for more information.

Remember that the Mid-term elections, voter turnout is as important if not greater than the general. Make sure you know your status as soon as possible!!!

## **DUE DATES AND DEADLINES:**

May 2 - Last day to register to vote.

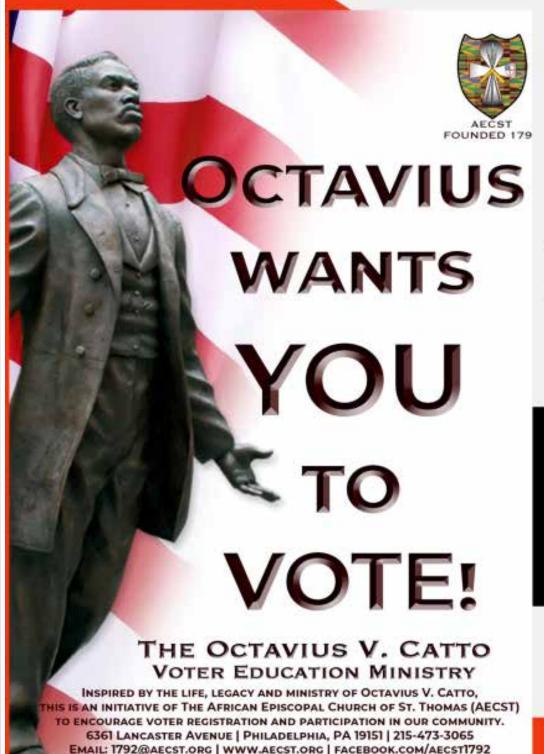
May 10 - Last day to request a mail-in or absentee ballot.

May 17 - Primary Election

Link to PA Voters

https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov

# Registration Deadline May 2nd



## GO TO:

WWW.
Philadelphiavotes.
com/en/voters

- · Register to vote
- Check your Registration status

PRIMARY ELECTION: MAY 17TH



## St. Thomas Women's Day Celebration Join us...

# Growing In God's Love

Sunday, May 22, 2022 10:00 am

The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas

Guest Speaker **Minister Eryka Waller** 

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Color this Year White w/Splash of Pastel

Honoring our Ninety Years Young Women AECST 'Woman of The Year' Award

Uplifting our younger community

2022 Women's Day Committee

Co-Chairs Deborah Matthews Yvonne Caldwell White

The Very Reverend Canon Martini Shaw 17th Rector - AECST

Please contact: **Deborah Matthews** - or Yvonne Caldwell-White for more information.

## **OUR CONDOLENCES TO**

Bradley Hammond, who was confirmed this past Sunday, and his family on the death of his grandfather, **Joe Walker**. May the soul of Joe rest in peace and rise in glory.

Sheryl Johnson and family on the death of her aunt, Clara Ruth Herring.

Denise McDaniel Henderson, Mayla Henderson Jackson, Deidre Farmby, and their families on the death of their cousin, Col. (Ret) Raymond H. Lee.

May the souls of Joe, Clara, and Raymond rest in peace and rise in glory.

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## **UPCOMING SUNDAYS IN MAY**

May 8th

Mother's Day

May 15th

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 22nd

Annual Women's Day Celebration
Guest Speaker - Minister Eryka Lynn Waller

May 29th

Health Awareness Sunday

## DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS

Readings for

# The Fourth Sunday of Easter May 8, 2022

The First Reading: Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23

The Second Reading: Revelation 7:9-17
The Holy Gospel: John 10:22-30

# The Holy Gospel Readings for the Week of May 9, 2022

Monday - Matthew 5:1-10

Tuesday - Matthew 5:11-16

Wednesday - Matthew 5:17-20

Thursday - Matthew 5:21-26

Friday - Matthew 5:27-37

Saturday - Matthew 5:37-48

# The Fifth Sunday of Easter May 15, 2022

The First Reading: Acts 11:1-8
Psalm 149

The Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

The Holy Gospel: John 13:31-35

# The Holy Gospel Readings for the Week of May 16, 2022

Monday - <u>Matthew 6:1-6,16-18</u>

Tuesday - Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday - Matthew 6:19-24

Thursday - Matthew 6:25-34

Friday - Matthew 7:1-12

Saturday - Matthew 7:13-21

## **MOTHER'S DAY IS COMING!**

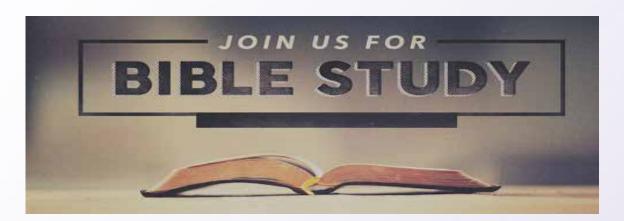


Don't forget to support the St. Thomas Gardeners on **Sunday, May 8th** by purchasing a carnation. Donations go to helping keep the grounds beautiful.

#### **ACOLYTES NEEDED**

We are in need of Acolytes (Youth and Adults). Please consider serving God in this rewarding ministry. If interested, please contact the Rector ASAP.

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## **AECST BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. JAY**

Tuesday Evening Bible Study will resume via Zoom at 7:00PM. If you are interested in joining a lively, interactive Bible study group, contact Fr. Jay via email: <a href="mailto:associatepriest@aecst.org">associatepriest@aecst.org</a> to be included on our membership list serve. You will receive the Zoom link and our weekly lesson plan to prepare in advance for the week's meeting.

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Flowers on the Columbarium are in Loving Memory of Our Mother, **Geneva Thompson**, given by Calvin and Lance Thompson.

To order flowers for the Sundays after Easter, please return the form with payment ment to **Clare Mae Daniels** or **Alfreda Brockman**. (Please **do not** place in the collection plate or give to the church office) Thank you.

_ flowers on the High Altar - \$60.00			
flowers on the Absalom Jones Altar - \$50.00			
_ flowers on the Columbarium- \$40.00			
_An Easter Lily @\$25.00 each (5 names per plant)			
Please PRINT n Memory of, In Thanksgiving for,			
Name, Envelop#, Amount			

## THE ST. THOMAS ALTAR GUILD

is selling Liturgical Calendars. They are \$7.00 and can be purchased from Alfreda Brockman or Clare Mae Daniels.

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## **POSITION OPENING - ST. THOMAS ASSISTANT SEXTON**

Part-time position is open for an Assistant Sexton. Hours are typically some weekday evenings, Saturdays, and Sundays. Presently, reduced hours due to pandemic restrictions. Hours will increase as in-person activities increase. For more information, interested persons should contact <a href="Deborah">Deborah</a> Harrison.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE:

IN THE HOSPITAL: Rosalind Rodriguez

## **RECOVERING AT HOME**

Inez Turner, Dorothy Smith, Justin Trotman, Alice Bowman-Cropper, Teena Watson Matthews, Dr. Walter Harris, Kenneth Dow, Guy Booth, Winston Lowe, Gladyce DuBrey, Gwenda Hart.

## PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

Shirley Caldwell, Adinah Edwards, Shirley Winkfield, Robert Brown, Stephanie Williamson, Linda Holmes, Ridart "Butch" Farmer, Georgia Sawyer, Joan Hall, Terri Barber, Rosalind Roberts Smalls, Dr. Thomas Snowden, Susan Ben, Francina Norris, Leatrice Snowden, Leotta Griffith, Karen Ragland, Isadora "Gwen" Francis, Edita Gauthney, Brandon Barksdale, Joseph Stevenson, Lisa Woodley.

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## **WE PRAY FOR**

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

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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.

## STEWARDSHIP NEWS

## FROM THE RECTOR

You should have received your Third Quarter Statement of the Stewardship year. I am urging everyone to please assure that your 2021 Pledge is current. If you have questions, please contact the Fiscal Administrator, Jeanette Jeffrey in the Fiscal Office from 9:30 AM-2:00 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.

I ask that you, using the chart below to assist you, prayerfully fill out your 2022 Faithful Giving Card. Please place it in the offering plate, postal mail, or electronically use our Faithful Giving. Pledge Form on our website.

Again, thanks so much for your continued support to the ministries of our amazing parish.

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

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

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## 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**.

## 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

2%	5%	10%
\$200.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
\$300.00	\$750.00	\$1,500.00
\$400.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
\$500.00	\$1,250.00	\$2,500.00
\$600.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00
\$800.00	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00
\$1,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00
\$1,200.00	\$3,000.00	\$6,000.00
\$1,400.00	\$3,500.00	\$7,000.00
\$1,600.00	\$4,000.00	\$8,000.00
\$1,800.00	\$4,500.00	\$9,000.00
\$2,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00
\$2,200.00	\$5,500.00	\$11,000.00
\$2,400.00	\$6,000.00	\$12,000.00
\$3,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$15,000.00
\$3,500.00	\$8,750.00	\$17,500.00
\$4,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$20,000.00
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## THE 2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES

are now ready for you to pick up in Anderson Hall. If you're unable to pick them up on Sundays after church you may do so Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. If you have a parishioner who lives near you who can't get to church, perhaps you can pick theirs up as well.

You can now complete your pledge card by mail or on our website.

If you have decided to use the Givi App or Online Giving Donations, please email me at <a href="mailto:stewardship@aecst.org">stewardship@aecst.org</a> with your name and envelope number.

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.

Thank you very much.

Judy Tillman, Stewardship Committee

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

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

- 1) Sunday Offering Plate.
- 2) Mail in your check or money order to the church. Please use the following address: The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas c/o Fiscal Administrator. 6361 Lancaster Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19151
- 3) **Use the Givi app.** If you don't already use the app and don't have an account, it's easy to obtain. Please click the links below for the type of device you own to download the **givi app (givi IOS App)** for your Apple (iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch) or **(givi Android App)** for your Android device. If you have any questions, please speak with **Deadra Cannon**, 215-844-6115.
- 4) **Bring your check** directly to the Parish Office during regular business hours. After business hours, drop your envelope in the door mail slot located on the front patio of the Absalom Jones House.
- 5) Church website Online Giving
  Simply select the button/s on the page that represents
  where you'd like your payment to be applied, i.e. your
  pledge, the AJ House, Easter, etc.
- 6) Pledge Cards: Pledge cards can still be sent for 2022. Please send them via the US mail to the church or electronically through the <a href="www.aecst.org">www.aecst.org</a> website or send an email to our <a href="Fiscal Administrator">Fiscal Administrator</a>. Thank you so much and thank you to all who have sent them in.

#### **MINISTRY STAFF**

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#### THE VESTRY

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Judith Simkins Booth
Ronnie Collins
Wendella Fox, Esq.
Deborah Harrison
D. Lynn Joell
Jonathan Muse
Darryl (Bobby) Tillman
Judith Tillman

## THE AUXILIARY VESTRY

Patricia Akins Conchetta Brewer Sharon Bullock Gregory Lyles Patricia Lynch

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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 re-imaged, taught, lived and spread.