

THE AFRICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS • FIRST BLACK EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE USA
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## THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST The Observance of Veterans Day

#### Sunday, November 14, 2021 10:00 AM

#### FROM THE RECTOR

Whoever you may be and where you may find yourself experiencing life's journey, do know that you are always welcome at St. Thomas Church.

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#### ST. THOMAS IS OPEN FOR IN-PERSON SERVICE

Due to CDC and Diocesan recommendations, we can only accommodate 150 people in the church. All others will be directed to Anderson Hall. There will be a sign-in sheet. Masks are MANDATORY for all in attendance. Seating will be spaced. Please check the signs on each pew before you enter. Hand sanitizer will be 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 **LIVE STREAM**.

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#### **PLEASE JOIN US FOR**

WORSHIP LIVE STREAM on the St. Thomas website, on Facebook or Youtube.com every Sunday morning at 10:00 AM.

#### A PASTORAL NOTE

Grace and Peace to you.

I pray that this communication finds you well. Recent news reporting re: COVID19 has caused me great concern, especially for our dear brothers and sisters who have not been fully vaccinated against COVID19. If you are unvaccinated, I ask you to prayerfully consider being vaccinated ASAP. Please spread the word regarding the importance of being fully vaccinated.

Please receive this note as a symbol of my deep concern and love. And let us continue to pray for those infected with and affected by the virus.

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#### THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Please place your special Thanksgiving offering in the collection plate, mail or online giving with the Givi app. Indicate that it is for "Thanksgiving", Thank You.

### THE PANDEMIC HAS EMPOWERED THE CHURCH TO RE-IMAGINE

Please join our rector in RE-IMAGINING.

We will **Re-imagine** new ways to view our relationship with Jesus Christ.

We will **Re-imagine** new ways to proclaim the Gospel. We will **Re-imagine** new ways to feed and nurture others.

We will **Re-imagine** new ways to evangelize and grow the church.

We will **Re-imagine** new ways to serve our seniors and youth.

We will **Re-imagine** new ways of community outreach and service.

We will **Re-Imagine** new ways to engage in social justice and politics.

#### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

is now being scheduled. If you or someone you know wish to be baptized, please go to our website <a href="www.aecst.org">www.aecst.org</a>, go to "About The AECST". Use the drop down to click on <a href="Holy Baptism">Holy Baptism</a>. All the information about baptism and the <a href="electronic online Application Form">electronic online Application Form</a> can be found there.

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#### **WE WELCOME**

Cecelia Washington and Ann Washington to the St. Thomas Family!

## GREAT NEWS FROM THE ST. THOMAS HEALTH MINISTRY Boosters - Boosters - Boosters

St. Thomas will offer Booster COVID19 Vaccines for individuals who received their first two on Saturday, November 20, 2021, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Boosters will be offered by our partnership with Penn Medicine. Please bring your vaccine cards with you. Both Pre-Registrations and Walk-Ins will be offered. Questions may be directed to Phyllis Cater at pbcater@comcast.net

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## THE WOMEN'S BOARD OF LANKENAU MEDICAL CENTER

invites you to attend
The Thirty-Fourth Annual
"Tree of Life"

A Virtual Lighting Ceremony

Monday, November 29, 2021 6:30PM

and our Facebook page.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

to Fr. Shaw, our Rector and two other honorees
Join them by watching Live on our Website
and our Facebook page.

#### THE CIRCLE OF PRAYER MINISTRY

Please join us for the Circle of Prayer Ministry Call on Monday, **November 15, 2021.** 

Thank you Fr. Shaw, Swanie Goldsmith, Susan Ben, Elizabeth Derr, Gloria Thomas, Terri Barber, the members, and all others who continue to participate and support our weekly Circle of Prayer call.

We look forward to our next prayer session which starts promptly at **6:30 AM**.

We encourage you to reach out to us at <a href="mailto:circleofprayer@aecst.org">circleofprayer@aecst.org</a> to submit prayer requests or if you are interested in leading the Intercessory Prayer, offer a prayer(s) or provide a meditation in song.

The eleconference call number is: 605-313-6361. The access code is 268105. Prayer is the Answer!

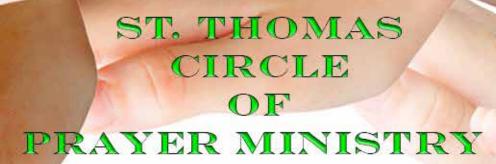
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PLEASE DO NOT PARK on the Carport ramp!

This is in violation of the fire code.

Thank you!



PLEASE JOIN
US WEEKLY FOR
MONDAY MORNING
PRAYER CALL

AT 6:30 AM
THE TELECONFERENCE NUMBER IS:
(605) 313-6361 Code: 268 105

YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND AN INTERCESSORY PRAYER REQUEST TO:

CIRCLEOFPRAYER@AECST.ORG

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FACILITATORS

THE VERY REV. CANON MARTINI SHAW
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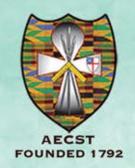
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#### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Flowers on the Columbarium are in Loving Memory of David Merrick, Lucy Merrick, Constance Carter, Wanda Newman, Margaret Hubble and Geneva Carter, given by Charles and Jean Brown and David Merrick. Also flowers on the Columbarium are in Loving Memory of Debra Wilson, given by The Family.

#### TO ORDER FLOWERS,

please send in information with payment to the church c/o Clara Mae Daniels or Alfreda Brockman at: St. Thomas Church, 6361 Lancaster Ave., Phila. Pa 19151 I would like to place flowers on the High Altar \$55.00 I would like to place flowers on the Absalom Jones Altar \$50.00 I would like to place flowers on the Columbarium \$40.00 (Please PRINT) a) In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_ b) In Thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_ Given by \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope # \_\_\_\_ Amount \$\_\_



The African Episcopal Church

of

St. Thomas

Church School

is

# BACK!

Calling ALL AECST Students K-12, Parents and Teachers

WELCOME TO A NEW AND EXCITING YEAR OF ADVENTURE IN OUR CHRISTIAN JOURNEY - LEARNING AND LIVING THROUGH CHRIST

KNOW JESUS. CHANGE THE WORLD!

JOIN US
THE AECST CHURCH SCHOOL
EVERY SUNDAY AT NOON

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

Please register using our AECST Church School Registration Link https://forms.gle/nat7CGEYd7WNcS6X8 Once you register, you will receive the Zoom link to attend.

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
churchschool@aecst.org for more information.

#### WELCOME BACK VIRTUAL CHURCH SCHOOL!

Church school will meet by ZOOM Sundays, at noon. You can still register your child using AECST Church School **Registration Link.** 

Once you register, you will receive the Zoom link to attend Church School. 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 <a href="mailto:churchschool@aecst.org">churchschool@aecst.org</a> for more information.

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#### VIRTUAL CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

will not be held this Sunday. Instead, we invite you to attend the Church School Open House. Please see the attached flyer and the letter of invitation from Fr. Shaw.

Dorothy Archey, Superintendent Educational Staff:

Quincina Edmonds
Regina Meacham Devereaux
Mueni Mwanzia
Rashanda Stiff
Mayla Jackson
Alana Faroog

Clare Mae Daniels

Bobby Tillman
Pamela Johnson
Arlene Gray
Erica Hill-Yates
Caryn Rivers
Wendella Fox



Hello! We want to provide the best possible Church School experience for the children of AECST. We desire to continue building a foundation of faith in our young people that they can take wherever God leads them.

AECST Church School would like to determine where best to direct our energy.

Please complete the short survey below to assist in this endeavor. Your feedback is very helpful to the ongoing Church School program at AECST. We want you and your child/children to love and cherish the program that is offered.

Please click here for the survey.

#### **SPEARHEAD EMAILS**

If you are not receiving the Spearhead emails, or have someone else you wish to receive, please visit <a href="http://eepurl.com/djyGiD">http://eepurl.com/djyGiD</a> to subscribe. Your information will NEVER be shared or sold and you can UNsubscribe at anytime by following the instructions provided at the bottom of every email message.



# ATTENTION ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN

**Sunday, November 14, 2021** 

(immediately following church Service)



Please join Fr. Shaw and Dottie Archey on a tour of our newly renovated educational space for our youth.

A gift bag will be distributed to each family in attendance.

#### **DOK ANNUAL THANKSGIVING COLLECTIONS 2021**

Dear Church Family,

This year, The Order of the Daughters of the King - St. Thomas Chapter will again be collecting donations for families through our Annual Thanksgiving Service project. Daughters will be collecting outside of the Church after services beginning Sunday, October 10th through Sunday November 21st.

If you wish to donate via check, make the check out to AECST; in memo please note: ThksProjDOK.

And if you aware of a household(s) associated with St. Thomas Church and in need of a Thanksgiving contribution, please contact:

Ms. Thomasina Hack @ 215-901-2773 or email:

Sharon Bullock at scmci@aol.com

The deadline to submit names is Sunday, November 14, 2021.

May you be a blessed and a blessing to others.

The Order of the Daughters of the King of the African Episcopal Church of Saint Thomas.

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#### DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS

#### **Readings For**

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Novembert 14th

First Reading: Daniel 12: 1-3

Psalm 24

Second Reading: Revelation 21: 1-6a
The Holy Gospel: John 11: 32-44

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#### Week of 11/15/2021

Monday - Luke 16: 19-31

Tuesday - <u>Luke 17: 1-10</u>

Wednesday - <u>Luke 17: 11-19</u>

Thursday - **Luke 17:20-37** 

Friday - **Luke 18: 1-8** 

Saturday - <u>Luke 18: 9-14</u>

#### **Readings For**

The Last Sunday after Pentecost November 21st

Daniel <u>7: 9-10, 13-14</u>

Psalm 93

Second Reading: Revelation 1: 4b-8

The Holy Gospel: John 18: 33-37

#### **UPCOMING SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER/DECEMBER**

#### November 14th

The Observance of Veterans Day Church School Open House after service

#### November 21st

**Thanksgiving Testimonials** 

#### November 28th

The First Sunday in Advent

#### December 5th

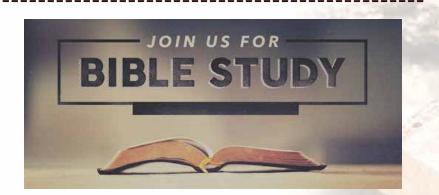
The Second Sunday in Advent Men's Day - Theme "A Man for All Seasons"

#### December 12th

The Third Sunday in Advent (Rose Sunday)

#### December 19th

The Fourth Sunday in Advent



#### **AECST BIBLE STUDY**

Tuesdays at 7:00 PM via Zoom.
if you are interested in joining a lively,
interactive Bible Study group,
contact Fr. Jay via email at
associatepriest@aecst.org

to be included on our membership list.
You will receive the link and our weekly leson plan
to prepare in advance for the week's meeting.

#### THE ST. THOMAS GOSPEL CHOIR WANTS YOU!

For the 14th year our St. Thomas Gospel Choir has been asked to join the Philly Pops Christmas Spectacular at The Kimmel Center for 8 shows and all are invited to join in! Rehearsal dates are: Wednesday, November 10, 17 and 24. For further information please call 484-816-STGC (7842)

For tickets call: 215-893-1999 and use the code "Chorus" for the discount by phone or online only at phillypops.org.

(This code can also be used for ANY future concerts presented by the POPS.)

Concerts featuring: Scarlett Strallen, Vocalist

Hugh Panara, Vocalist

Charlie Albright, Guest Artist

The Philly POPS Festival Chorus

The Philadelphia Boys Choir and

The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas Gospel Choir

#### **Concert Dates and Times**

Friday, Dec. 3rd - Sold Out

Saturday, Dec. 4th - 3pm

Wednesday, Dec. 8th -8pm

Friday, Dec. 10th -3pm

Saturday, Dec. 11th -3pm

Wednesday, Dec. 15th - 8pm

Friday, **Dec. 17th - 3pm** 

Saturday, Dec. 18th -3pm

#### 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. The Ensemble will offer musical selections for Christmas Eve Mass.

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

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE: IN THE HOSPITAL

Leotta Griffith

#### **RECOVERING AT HOME**

Harold Yates, Alice Bowman-Cropper, Arnott Trottman, Inez Turner, Kenneth Dow

#### **PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER**

Suzanne Closson, Shirley Caldwell, Adinah Edwards, Shirley Winkfield, Robert Brown, Stephanie Williamson, Linda Holmes, Ridart "Butch" Farmer, Georgia Sawyer, Joan Hall, Rosalind Roberts Smalls, Dr. Thomas Snowden, Leatrice Snowden, Isadora "Gwen" Francis, Bernadine Abad

#### **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.

#### 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.

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#### IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM STEWARDSHIP

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.

If you have moved and have not sent your new address to the church office, call 215-473-3065 or **email** us 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.

You can now complete your pledge card by mail or on our website via the online <a href="Pledge Form">Pledge Form</a>
If you have decided to use the Givi App or <a href="Online Giving Donations">Online Giving Donations</a>, please email me at <a href="mailto:stewardship@aecst.org">stewardship@aecst.org</a> with your name and envelope number.

Thank you very much.

Judy Tillman, Stewardship Committee

#### WELCOME GREETINGS FROM THE RECTOR

Greetings My Dearest Sisters and Brothers, Grace and Peace to you.

Let me first express enormous gratitude to you for your commitment and dedication to stewardship. Because of your continued and amazing support during the past Pandemic year, we have been able to accomplish so much around our church in upgrades and beautification, both inside and outside.

As we look forward to coming out of the Pandemic, we can now further focus our attention and energies on Re-Imagining ministry. This will require your continued and increased support.

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. Please 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

#### 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

Yearly Income	2%	5%	10%
\$10,000.00	\$200.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
\$15,000.00	\$300.00	\$750.00	\$1,500.00
\$20,000.00	\$400.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
\$25,000.00	\$500.00	\$1,250.00	\$2,500.00
\$30,000.00	\$600.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00
\$40,000.00	\$800.00	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00
\$50,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00
\$60,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$3,000.00	\$6,000.00
\$70,000.00	\$1,400.00	\$3,500.00	\$7,000.00
\$80,000.00	\$1,600.00	\$4,000.00	\$8,000.00
\$90,000.00	\$1,800.00	\$4,500.00	\$9,000.00
\$100,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00
\$110,000.00	\$2,200.00	\$5,500.00	\$11,000.00
\$120,000.00	\$2,400.00	\$6,000.00	\$12,000.00
\$150,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$15,000.00
\$175,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$8,750.00	\$17,500.00
\$200,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$20,000.00

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

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

- Mail in your check or money order to the church.
   Please use the following address:
   The Historic African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas c/o Fiscal Administrator.

   6361 Lancaster Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19151
- 2) Use the Givi app. If you don't already use the app and don't have an account, it's easy to obtain. Please click the links below for the type of device you own to download the givi app (givi IOS App) for your Apple (iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch) or (givi Android App) for your Android device.

If you have any questions, please speak with Deadra Cannon, 215-844-6115.

- 3) Bring your check directly to the Parish Office during regular business hours. After business hours, drop your envelope in the door mail slot located on the front patio of the Absalom Jones House.
- 4) Church Website: <a href="http://www.aecst.org/donations.htm">http://www.aecst.org/donations.htm</a>.

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.

#### 2022 FAITHFUL GIVING CARDS

If you have not submitted your Faithful Giving Card, please place your card in the offering plate today.

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#### Thank you!

To the following people who have submitted their 2022 Faithful Giving Cards.

#### Clergy, Vestry, Auxiliary Vestry Leadership

Fr. Martini Shaw
Fr. Gerald Collins
Ronnie Collins
Deadra Cannon
Albert Dandridge, Esq.
Clare Mae Daniels
Barry and Deborah Camp-Frye
Deborah Harrison
D. Lynn Joell
Kelvin & Pamela Johnson
Brenda Johnson Best
Richard Jones
Cynthia Muse
Darryle & Judith Tillman
Judith Simkins Booth

#### Thank you!

To the following people who have submitted their 2022 Faithful Giving Cards.

Joyce Adams

Patricia Akins

Jeanne Arnold

Cedric Babb

Terri Barber

Susan Ben

Deborah Billups

Deborah Booker-Matthews

Guy Booth

I. Page Bowser

Theresa Bramwell

Conchetta Brewer

Lorita Brockington

J.R. & Alfreda Brockman

Carmen Brown

Jayne and Robert Brown

Marilyn Brown

Phyllis S. Brown William H. Brown, III

Sandra Bryant-Milller

Carmella Bullock

Sharon Cotton Bullock

William Burke

Ted Bythewood

Cornelia Camp

Kevin Carter

Phyllis Cater

Lynada Coleburn Bryant

**Terry Corson** 

Gwendolyn Cottman

Carl & Mary Dean

Elizabeth Derr

Dr. Rollo Dilworth

Patrick and Musu Doe

Dr. Barbara Douglass

William & Quincina Edmonds

Lynette Edwards

Larry & Deidre Farmby

Loretta Fergueson

Wendella Fox & Herb Wetzel

Isedora (Gwen) Francis

Norman & Nikki Franke

Edita Gauthney

Elaine Gillison

Barbara Glenn

Swanie Goldsmith

Christopher Golson

Eugene & Marie Golson

Clarice Grant

Arlene Gray

Linda Greaves

Austin Green

Michelle Green

Thomasina Hack

Joan P. Hall

Stephen Hannum

Sharon Lawrence Harper

Roosevelt & Gail Harris

Joyce Harrison

**Gregory Hayes** 

Maurice Hays

Rene Hayes

Denise McDaniel Henderson

Quentin Heyward

Linda Holmes

Patricia Holmes

Fleta Howell

Dr. Diana H. Hutchins

#### Thank you!

To the following people who have submitted their 2022 Faithful Giving Cards.

Kim Hyde

Bobby Johnson

Jenelle Wilson Johnson

Sheryl Johnson

Robert & Joyce Jones

Tyrone Keller

J. Reggie & Sherilynn Kimble

Jordina Koilor Paula Lamb

Nancy Conway Lee

Karen Leys

Kimberly Lloyd

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Stephen Pugh

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Catherine Stafford

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Clare Mae Daniels
Deborah Harrison
D. Lynn Joell
Jonathan Muse
Darryl (Bobby) Tillman
Judith Tillman

The African Episcopal Church of Saint Thomas is a Christ-centered community that welcomes all people. This community embraces and executes the core values of our founder, the Reverend Absalom Jones: leadership, morality, spirituality, equal rights, education, liberty, charity, justice, humanitarianism, self-determination, self-respect, and freedom.

St. Thomas is an open, Christ-centered community of faith in which the Gospel is taught, lived and spread.

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