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THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Celebrating the Life of Octavius V. Catto (150th Anniversary of His Assassination)

Sunday, October 10, 2021 10:00 AM

Today we celebrate the life and ministry of St. Thomas' former member and Vestryman, Octavius V. Catto.

We welcome Philadelphia Mayor James F. Kenney, other Elected Officials and other guests.

At 2:00 PM this afternoon, there will be community event at the Catto Statue at City Hall. The Rector, St. Thomas Gospel Choir, St. Thomas and Scout Troop #133 will be participating.

Please join us.

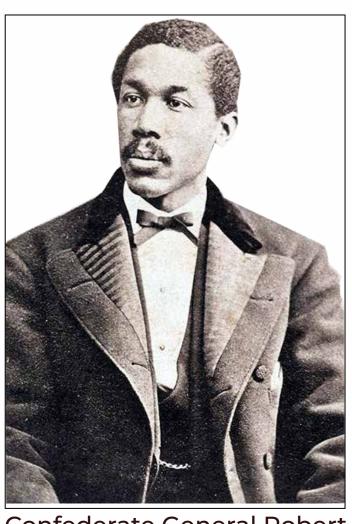
FROM THE RECTOR

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.

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**. You can view at **PAST SERVICES**.



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF OCTAVIUS V. CATTO

OCTAVIUS VALENTINE
CATTO (1839-1871) was
a celebrated student at
the Institute of Colored
Youth (ICY) Philadelphia's
premier high school for
African-American youth,
now Cheyney University.
He returned to his alma
mater as a teacher and an
administrator. Catto led a
contingent of ICY students
to Gettysburg to fight

Confederate General Robert E. Lee but black men were not allowed to enlist, When President Abraham Lincoln authorized the recruitment of black Union soldiers, Major Catto helped lead the effort. A talented athlete he played shortstop and served as Captain of the all-black Pythian Base Ball Club. By 1869, Catto was a St. Thomas Vestryman and served on the parish finance committee. He was active in the Banneker Literary Institute and broke the color bar becoming the first black member of the Franklin Institute. A leader of the National Equal Rights League, Catto spearheaded the effort to desegregate streetcars and win the vote for black men. He was assassinated on Election Day, October 10, 1871. Octavius V. Catto was remembered as a "Martyr to the cause of Constitutional Liberty."

A PASTORAL NOTE FROM THE RECTOR

Greetings My Dearest Sisters and Brothers, 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.

The Memorial Service for
The Reverend Dr. Sadie S. Mitchell "Pastor Sadie"
who transitioned on 12/16/2020 will be held on
Saturday, October 30, 2021, 10:00 AM, at The AECST.
Her ashes will be inurned in the columbarium at that time.

The family requests that those attending the service be fully vaccinated. Masks must be worn. Social distancing will be in effect. The service will be in-person, only.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that you please donate to the AECST's JFA, Sr. Scholarship Fund, noting in the check's memo, "In memory of Pastor Sadie."

We look forward to celebrating our mother's life with you.

Lovingly, The Family



In Memory of the Life of Octavius V. Catto, let us remember to

VOTE

Tuesday, November 2, 2021 or before that date.
Visit PA Voter Registration for more information.

ATTENTION AECST GRADUATE STUDENTS!

The Jesse F. Anderson Scholarship Committee would like to know and be in touch. Please text your name and contact information to Paula Lamb at 215-620-7250 or Thomasina Hack at 215-901-2773 before 10/23/2021.

THE CIRCLE OF PRAYER MINISTRY

Please join us for the Circle of Prayer Ministry Call on Monday, October 11, 2021 at 6:30 AM!

Thank you Fr. Martini Shaw, Cynthia Muse, Elizabeth Derr, Wanda Tarawaly, Carolyn Summers, Binky Seay, the members and all others who continue to participate and support our weekly Circle of Prayer call.

We encourage you to reach out to us at circleofprayer@aecst.org 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 Teleconference call number is: 605-313-6361

Access Code is: 268105

Prayer is the Answer!



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

PHYLLIS B. CATER * DAPHNE GILSTRAP
FACILITATORS

THE VERY REV. CANON MARTINI SHAW
RECTOR



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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.

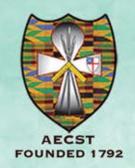
We will **Re-imagine** new ways to serve our seniors and youth.

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 wish to be baptized, please go to our website www.aecst.org, go to "About The AECST". Use the drop down to click on Holy Baptism. All the information about baptism and the electronic online Application Form can be found there.



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 churchschool@aecst.org for more information.

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

SPEARHEAD EMAILS

If you are not receiving the Spearhead emails, or have someone else you wish to receive, please visit http://eepurl.com/djyGiD 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.

A Virtual Call to Prayer for our Nation & the World

Please join The St. Thomas Chapter
The Order of the Daughters of the King

With a Call to

TRANSFORM, REVIVE and HEAL

Our NATION & The WORLD

Featuring voices from the African Episcopal Church St. Thomas and a special video Sermon from Bishop Michael Curry – Current Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church

> Sunday, October 17, 2021 3:00pm - 4:00pm

e must **PRAY** for our Children & Educators

e must PRAY for an end to Gun Violence

e must PRAY for Voting Rights across our Nation

e must PRAY for those affected by Climate Change

e must PRAY for Citizens of Haiti & Afghanistan

e must PRAY to end the Pandemic

e must PRAY for World Peace

e MUST PRAY FOR OUR NATION & the WORLD

Zoom Information Forthcoming

Or Contact:

Monica Lewis Jones
Email: mblj03@gmail.com

The Very Rev. Canon Martini Shaw
17th Rector
The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas

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DOK ANNUAL THANKSGIVING COLLECTIONS 2021

Dear Church family,

This year, The Order 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 10 th 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 blessing and a blessing to others.
The Order of the Daughters of the King of the African
Episcopal Church of Saint Thomas



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Dennis C. Hall and Candice E. Hamlin who were married on Sunday, October 3, 2021. May their union be blessed with many joyous years to come.

THE HEALTH MINSTRY Don't Play with you Health. Get Checked.



1 in 7 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime. Mammograms are the best way to find breast cancer early, when it is easier to treat, and before it is big enough to feel or cause symptoms.

Currently there is not sufficient knowledge on the causes of breast cancer, therefore, early detection of the disease remains the cornerstone of breast cancer control.

When breast cancer is detected early, and if adequate diagnosis and treatment are available, there is a good chance that breast cancer can be cured. If detected late, however, curative treatment is often no longer an option. The majority of deaths occur in low- and middle-income families, where most women with breast cancer are diagnosed in late stages due mainly to lack of awareness on early detection and barriers to health services.

DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS

Readings For

The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost October 10th

First Reading: **Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15**

Psalm 90: 12-17

Second Reading: <u>Hebrews 4: 12-16</u> The Holy Gospel: <u>Mark 10: 17-30</u>

Week of 10/11/2021

Monday - <u>Luke 8: 26-39</u>

Tuesday - <u>Luke 8: 40-56</u>

Wednesday - Luke 9: 1-7

Thursday - <u>Luke 9: 18-27</u>

Friday - <u>Luke 9: 28-36</u>

Saturday - <u>Luke 9: 37-50</u>

Readings For

The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
October 17th

First Reading: <u>Isaiah 53: 4-12</u>

Psalm 91: 9-16

Second Reading: Hebrews 5: 1-10

The Holy Gospel: Mark 10: 35-45

UPCOMING SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER

October 10th

-Annual Observance and Celebration of
The Life of Octavius V. Catto and
the 150th Anniversaryof his assassination, 10AM.
-A community event at the Catto Statue,
City Hall at 2:00 PM
The Rector, the St. Thomas Gospel Choir,
and St.Thomas Scout Troop #133 will be participating.

October 17th

Chosen 300 Sunday with The Rev. Brian Jenkins of Chosen 300 Ministries.

October 24th Youth Sunday

October 31st
Health Ministry Sunday

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

Tuesdays at **7:00 PM** via Zoom.

Please contact Fr. Jay by email to be added to the list and receive the Zoom link at:

jcoll1906@gmail.com

GFS FUN DAY CHERRY CREST FARM'S PUMPKIN FESTIVAL!

150 CHERRY HILL ROAD, RONKS, PA 17572

SAVE THE DATE:

11.6.21

ANIMALS, RIDES, GAMES, CORN MAZE, AND FOOD!

Calling all GFSers AND girls ages 3+ interested in joining GFS!

Parents, tag-a-longs, and GFS leaders are all welcome.

Please contact Nikkol Simms at njsimms@verizon.net if interested.

For their COVID policies:

https://www.cherrycrestfarm.com/covid

Varying discounts are available on regular ticket price.

RECOVERING AT HOME

Harold Yates

IN THE HOSPITAL

Alice Cropper, Inez Turner

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

Suzanne Closson, Shirley Caldwell, Carl Dean, LisaWoodley, Adinah Edwards, Francina Norris, Isedora "Gwen" Francis, Kenneth Dow, Shirley Winkfield, Robert Brown, Joan Hall, Judith Simpkins-Booth, Stephanie Williamson, Linda Holmes, Ridart "Butch" Farmer, Georgia Sawyer, Rosalind Roberts Smalls, Dr. Thomas Snowden, Leatrice Snowden.

WE PRAY FOR

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

OUR CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS TO

Irenda Gates on the death of her mother,
Alice Rebecca Harris Gates Williams.

Robin Van Lynch, Tyler, Ryan and Thomas III and family on the death of their mother **Adrienne V. Hymes** who passed away on Saturday, October 2, 2021.

(The viewing and visitation was held on Friday, October 8, 2021 from 7:00-8:30PM. Bliley Funeral Home- Chippenham, 6900 Hull Street Road, Richmond, VA 23224; The Homegoing Service at The Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, 4207 Forest Hill Avenue, Richmond, VA 23225.)

May the souls of **Alice and Adrienne** rest in peace and rise in glory. Please pray for their families.

The African Episcopal Church of Saint Thomas

6361 LANCASTER AVENUE

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19151

The Very Reverend Canon Martini Shaw, Rector

PEW MEMORIAL PLAQUES



THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2021 DEDICATE A PEW PLAQUE IN MEMORY OF YOUR LOVE ONES

\$500.00

(Payment Deadline: October 10, 2021)

Checks or money orders can made payable to: AECST.

You may pay also through the "givi" app.

Make certain to indicate your wish to purchase a

Pew Memorial Plaque and include contact information.

Visit the Church's website at http://www.aecst.org/donations.htm

for other Payment options.

For additional questions or information contact:

Victoria A. Mosley Rivers

victoria.rivers@verizon.net or 215-878-3651

ALL SAINTS / ALL SOULS MEMORIAL CANDLES



On November 7th, we are celebrating the Feast of All Saints / All Souls, you are encouraged to bring in photographs of your loved ones to place on the Columbarium. In addition you will be able to dedicate a

Memorial Candle to your loved one. Candle Memorials will be \$2.00 per single name, married couples would be \$4.00. Please give all forms and money to Clara Mae Daniels, Freda Brockman, or mail to the church office at 6361 Lancaster Ave. Phila. PA., 19151. The Deadline is Tuesday, November 2nd.

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.

PROPERTY UPDATE -GOOD NEWS!

Major work has started on our roof, pointing of exterior and interior stones, and ultimately the cleaning of the interior stones. If you have questions, please speak with our Vestry Property Chair, Ms. Deborah Harrison.

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

From The Rector:

You will soon be receiving 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 215-473-3065 from 9:30AM-2:00PM 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.

OCTOBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH

During this month, you are asked to please bring both your offering and 2022 Faithful Giving Card to the High Altar of God.

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 <u>Pledge Form.</u> For the members who weren't in church your pledge cards will be mailed in October.

If you have decided to use the Givi App or Online Giving Donations, please email me at stewardship@aecst.org with your name and envelope number. Thank you very much.

Judy Tillman, Stewardship Committee

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

- 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: http://www.aecst.org/donations.htm. 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.

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
Deadra Cannon
Albert Dandridge, Esq.
Clara Mae Daniels
Barry and Deborah Camp-Frye
D. Lynn Joell
Brenda Johnson Best
Richard Jones
Cynthia Muse
Darryle & Judith Tillman

THANK YOU!

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

Patricia Akins
Terri Barber
Theresa Bramwell
Carmen Brown
Carmella Bullock
Sharon Cotton Bullock
Barbara Glenn
Tyrone Keller
Colin Mitchell
Lisa New
Kim Phillips
Karen Ragland
Clarence Rice
R. Seth Williams

MINISTRY STAFF

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Albert S. Dandridge Deborah Harrison D. Lynn Joell

Brenda Johnson Best

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.