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SUNDAY

OCTOBER 16, 2022, 10:00 AM

PLEASE JOIN US FOR
THE ANNUAL
CELEBRATION

OF THE
LIFE
OF
OCTAVIUS
V.
CATTO

(MEMBER OF ST. THOMAS CHURCH)

GUEST:

THE HONORABLE JAMES KENNEY
MAYOR, CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

Live Stream link found on our website, Facebook, or YouTube.

THE AFRICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS • FIRST BLACK EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE USA
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**The Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost
October 16, 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 the
Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost and Celebration
of the Life of Octavius V. Catto . We welcome the
Mayor of Philadelphia, the Honorable Jim Kenney.**

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 [Order of Service](#)
for this Sunday's service.

AN IMPORTANT NOTE FROM THE RECTOR

My dearest and faithful family members of St. Thomas,
Grace and Peace to you.

We have entered the Season of Stewardship, following 2 ½ years of being in the midst of a deep Pandemic. I invite you to now join me as we Re-imagine our ministries for 2023. You are aware that many of our programs and activities have restarted. Our need for an Associate Rector for Youth, Young Adult, and Family Ministries is crucial and at the top of my list of priorities.

PLEASE prayerfully consider increasing the level of your commitment this year in the offering of your [Faithful Giving Card](#). There is much being planned for 2023, and we will need your support. You may submit your card in four different ways:

- bring it to the altar Sunday morning during the offertory;
- drop it off at the parish office;
- mail it to the parish office;
- [electronically](#)

We celebrate that “We’ve come this far by faith leaning on the Lord”.

Faithfully,
Fr. Martini Shaw



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 Baseball 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."

**WE WELCOME THE HONORABLE JIM KENNEY,
MAYOR, CITY OF PHILADELPHIA.**

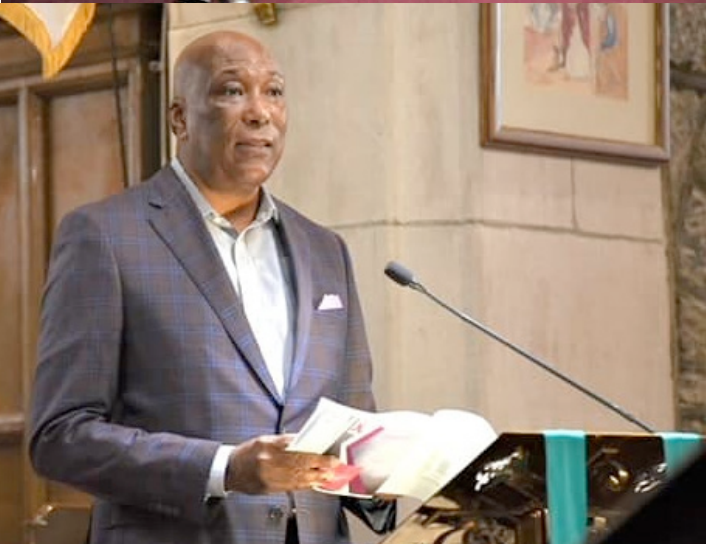
From the Rector: Whoever you may be and however you may find yourself experiencing life's journey, do know that St. Thomas Church welcomes you.

ST. THOMAS WAS PROMINENTLY REPRESENTED AT CITY COMMISIOINERS & THE O.V. CATTO VOTER EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVE, MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2022



**PICTURES FROM THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
OBSERVANCE OF THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
OCTOBER 9, 2022**





*You are
invited*

To the Installation Celebration
of our beloved
FR. SAMUEL K. NDUNG'U

Saturday, October 29th, 2022 at 10:00 AM.
St. Peter's Episcopal Church
121 Church Street, Phoenixville, PA

Reception to follow- R.S.V.P. to Gladyce DuBrey
at 215-586-0045

Deadline October 21st

WHERE HAS THE ST. THOMAS GOSPEL BEEN?

The choir recently traveled to Christ Episcopal Church, Charlotte, NC for three services on **October 9, 2022**.

You may view the service below.



We welcome **Jennifer Bell, Laura McNeil** and **Mason McNeil** who joined our church family last Sunday. We look forward to getting to know them.





BE A CHILD CARE VOTER!

As a Child Care Voter, you care about access to high-quality pre-k; you want to invest and expand access to infant and toddler care; you believe that when we support working families and invest in quality child care, all of Pennsylvania benefits.

Join the community and help make access to quality child care part of the conversation around the 2022 elections.



Join our Facebook Group
ChildCareVoter



Follow us on Instagram
ChildCareVoter





**OCTAVIUS
WANTS
YOU**

TO

VOTE!

NOVEMBER 8, 2022

IS THE GENERAL ELECTION.

**POLLS ARE OPEN ON
ELECTION DAY**

FROM 7AM - 8PM



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**THE OCTAVIUS V. CATTO
VOTER EDUCATION MINISTRY**

INSPIRED BY THE LIFE, LEGACY AND MINISTRY OF OCTAVIUS V. CATTO.
THIS IS AN INITIATIVE OF THE AFRICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS (AECST)
TO ENCOURAGE VOTER REGISTRATION AND PARTICIPATION IN OUR COMMUNITY.
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**[HTTPS://WWW.VOTESPA.COM](https://www.votespa.com)
1-877-VOTESPA (1-877-868-3772)**



DEAR CHURCH FAMILY,

This year, the St. Thomas Chapter of the Daughters of the King will again collect donations for under-sourced families through our Annual Thanksgiving Service project.

The Daughters will be collecting outside of the Church or near the front doors after Sunday service until

Sunday, November 20th.

If you wish to donate via check, please make the check out to AECST; in the memo, please note: ThksProjDOK. You may also mail your donation to The Historic African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas, 6361 Lancaster Avenue, Phila. PA 19151, attention: Fiscal Administrator.

And if you are aware of household(s) within the St. Thomas Church family/community who are in need of a Thanksgiving contribution, please contact:

[Ms. Sharon Bullock](#) or [Ms. Thomasina Hack](#)

215-901-2773 or any of our

St. Thomas Chapter Daughters of the King.

The deadline to submit names is **Sunday, November 20, 2022.**

Thank you in advance for your generosity.



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 [Live Stream](#).

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).

“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’ message)

“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).

Health Corner

In 2022, 287,500 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Women, spouses, children, grandchildren, and friends of women encourage them to schedule their mammogram today.



Breast cancer death rates are **40% higher among Black women**.



Health Corner



The American Cancer Society estimates for breast cancer in men in the United States for 2022 are:

- About 2,710 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed
- About 530 men will die from breast cancer

Breast cancer is about 100 times less common among white men than among white women. It is about 70 times less common among Black men than Black women. As in Black women, Black men with breast cancer tend to have a worse prognosis (outlook). For men, the lifetime risk of getting breast cancer is about 1 in 833.

MALE BREAST CANCER

7 FACTS TO KNOW

The main RISK FACTORS for breast cancer in men is elevated ESTROGEN levels, prior RADIATION exposure, and a FAMILY HISTORY of breast cancer.

Male breast cancer is a RARE cancer type and only comprises 1% of all breast cancers.

The most common SYMPTOM of male breast cancer is a LUMP behind the nipple.

SURGERY is the most common initial treatment for male breast cancer. Other treatments include chemotherapy, hormonal therapy and radiation therapy.

Like breast cancer in women, the PROGNOSIS for male breast cancer largely depends on the TUMOR STAGE.

Male breast cancer STAGING (reflecting the degree of cancer spread) is identical to female breast cancer.

The most common type of male breast cancer is INFLTRATING DUCTAL CARCINOMA.

ALWAYS SEE YOUR DOCTOR

A ST. THOMAS HEALTH MINISTRY NOTE

STAY UP TO DATE with vaccinating against COVID-19 and the Flu. The new COVID-19 (Bivalent) booster is now available for anyone 12 and over.

For guidelines on when to get your booster go to the [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov) or consult with your doctor's office. Both the COVID-19 booster and the Flu vaccine are available at local pharmacies (RiteAid, CVS and Walgreens). Go on their website to schedule an appointment.

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS IN OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

Oct. 16th - **Octavius V. Catto Observance.**

Oct. 23rd - **Youth and Young Adult Sunday (YAYA)**

Oct. 30th - **Breast Cancer Awareness Sunday**
Wear Something Pink

10th Anniversary Celebration of the St. Thomas Voices of Comfort

Oct. 30th - **A.E.C.S.T. Kid Friendly Trunk and Treat**
Immediately after service in the church parking lot.
Bring your little ghosts and goblins, princesses, and
superheros to join in the fun in costume or not
Ages 12 and Under.

Volunteers are needed to decorate your trunk
and pass out candy.

Please contact Dottie Archey or 215-837-6941 or
Gladyce in the church office.

Nov. 6th - **Observance of the Feast of All Saints/All Souls**
Observance of Birthdays - 1st Rector (Absalom Jones)
and 17th Rector (Fr. Shaw).

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October 30, 2022

Immediately following service...
Bring your little Ghosts and Goblins,
Princesses, and Superheroes
to join in the fun in costume or not.
Ages 12 and Under

Please contact Dottie Archey, Church School Superintendent
email: churchschool@aecst.org or Church Office

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YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

The Rector has restarted an official Search Process for the Calling of an Associate to the Rector for Youth Ministries and Parish Life.

CHURCH SCHOOL

is held in the undercroft at **10:00 AM** for Youth ages 4 thru High School. The theme for this church school year is “ The Lord’s Prayer”.

Join us as we RE-Imagine our Church School Adventures with Prayer, Fellowship, Programs, and Fun! Register in person or contact [Dottie Archey](#) for more information or 215 837-6941

SCOUT TROOP #133 - Meetings begin October 1st and are outside for right now. Our Cub Scout Program is open to boys grades 1-5. The cub program meets at 2:00 PM on Saturdays.

Our 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.

The African Episcopal Church of Saint Thomas
6361 Absalom Jones Way
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19151
The Very Reverend Canon Martini Shaw, Rector

PEW MEMORIAL PLAQUES



THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS'
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2022
DEDICATE A PEW PLAQUE
IN MEMORY OF YOUR LOVE ONES
\$500.00

(Payment Deadline: October 20, 2022)

Checks or money orders can be 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 267-253-2899/215-878-3651



ALL SAINTS / ALL SOULS MEMORIAL CANDLES

On November 6th, 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.

Please Print:

_____ I would like to dedicate a Memorial Candle,

Given by _____

Envelop # _____.



SHEPHERDS MINISTRY

Re-imagined

ATTENTION: AECST MEN, WOMEN, COUPLES

This is an opportunity to share your caring and kindness with our AECST flock!



THE MINISTRY

- **Immediate Goal:** Shepherd our sick and shut-in parishioners
- **Primary/Ultimate Goal:** Shepherd ALL AECST parishioners
- **Number of Households:** No more than 4 sheep households per shepherd

SHEPHERDS' ROLE

- Set your own schedule to regularly contact sheep via phone or other media
- *Attend Zoom meetings with fellow shepherds (no in-person meetings)*

Please consider joining the 10 Shepherds who have volunteered.

For more information, please contact Charlene M. Wiltshire:
cwiltshi@comcast.net



Note: Vestry members will continue to shepherd all new members until their one-year anniversary.

Join the Girls Friendly Society! Meetings are from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. All girls aged 3 - 30 are welcome. Girls participate in: Service Projects, Girl Talks, Arts & Crafts, World Day of Prayer, Founder's Day, Mission Day and GFS Day along with trips the Theater, 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 our Branch Advisor, [Nikkol Simms](mailto:njsimms@verizon.net)



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For more info:
<http://gfsus.org/>

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Thomas

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

**Meetings
begin
Oct. 1, 2022
11am-1pm**

GFS is ready to begin a new year of worship, study, play and service! We are excited to recharge our continuous mission of uplifting our young ladies and preparing them for today's society. We are also preparing for this year's theme to Love, Serve, and Grow and remembering our 75 years of legacy at St. Thomas.

Membership Ages:
Teddy Bears: 3-5 yo.
Junior Members: 5-13 yo.
Senior Members: 14-21 yo.
Ambassadors: 18-30 yo.

Girls participate in:
Service Projects
Girl Talks
Arts & Crafts
World Day of Prayer
Founder's Day
Mission Day
GFS Day

Past Recreational Opportunities:
White water rafting
Theaters
Museums
Ice Skating
Segway/Ziplining
Mini Golf
Holiday House in Cape May, NJ

GFS World Council South Africa 2023

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 **Gladyce** in the office if you are interested.

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. Vernetta 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. Thank you!

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.

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:

[Deborah Harrison](#).

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 [Deborah Harrison](#) or call the Parish Office to express your interest.

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 vestryclerk@aecst.org 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.

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 am. You can also watch [Past Services](#) and [Highlights](#) from past services.

ATTENTION RISING COLLEGE FRESHMEN: FENCE (Families of Episcopalians Nurturing within the College Environment) is a ministry created for the AECST's college students who will be living away from home. An Episcopal parish closest to your campus and a family or individual that is a member of that parish will help to facilitate your assimilation into your new community.

If interested, for more information, please send an email to Ms. Charlene M. Wiltshire at cwiltshi@comcast.net providing your name, telephone number, college name & address. You may also speak with her before or after Sunday services.

SPEARHEAD NEWSLETTER EMAILS

If you are not receiving the Spearhead emails, please use the [Newsletter](#) sign up link. 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 MEN

Every Sunday, ALL men are invited to briefly stop and greet other men of the parish outside under the carport after service each week.

DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS

Readings for the Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost 10/16/22

The First Reading: [Genesis 32:22-31](#)

[Psalm 121](#)

The Second Reading: [2 Timothy 3:14-4:5](#)

The Holy Gospel: [Luke 18:1-8](#)

The Holy Gospel Readings for the Week of 10/17/22

Monday - [Matthew 11:16-24](#)

Tuesday - [Matthew 11:25-30](#)

Wednesday - [Matthew 12:1-14](#)

Thursday - [Matthew 12:15-21](#)

Friday - [Matthew 12:22-32](#)

Saturday - [Matthew 12:33-42](#)

Readings for the Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost 10/23/22

The First Lesson: [Jeremiah 14:7-10,19-22](#)

[Psalm 84:1-6](#)

The Second Reading: [2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18](#)

The Holy Gospel: [Luke 18:9-14](#)

The Holy Gospel Readings for the Week of 10/24/22

Monday - [Matthew 12:43-50](#)

Tuesday - [Matthew 13:1-9](#)

Wednesday - [Matthew 13:10-17](#)

Thursday - [Matthew 13:18-23](#)

Friday - [Matthew 13:24-30](#)

Saturday - [Matthew 13:31-35](#)

ASSOCIATE RECTOR SEARCH

The Rector has restarted an official Search Process for the Calling of an Associate to the Rector for Youth Ministries and Parish Life.

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.



AECST BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. JAY via Zoom Tuesdays at 7:00 PM.

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 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 my wife **Phyllis B. Johnson**, given with love by your husband Bobby.

To order flowers for the Sunday, please return the form with payment 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

Please PRINT
In Memory of _____

In Thanksgiving for _____

Given By _____

Envelope# _____ Amount _____

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE:

IN REHAB: Linda Holmes

RECOVERING AT HOME:

Alice Bowman-Cropper, Rosalind Rodriquez,
Deborah “Binky” Seay, Daryn Stewart, Joan Hall,
Charles Fleming, Harold Yates, Leatrice Snowden,
William Smalls, Angela Foster, Erica Hill-Yates.

KEEP IN PRAYER:

Louise Lewis, Terri Barber, Adinah Edwards, Robert Brown,
Georgia Sawyer, Shirley Winkfield, Dr. Thomas Snowden,
Shirley Caldwell, Stephanie Williamson, Francina Norris,
Leotta Griffith, Ridart “Butch” Farmer, Karen Ragland,
Winston Lowe, Kenneth Dow, Edita Gauthney, Justin Trotman.

WE PRAY FOR

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

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

OUR CONDOLENCES

to Patricia Hunt and family on the death of her mother,
Delores Brown. May the soul of Delores rest in peace and
rise in glory.

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

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

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](#).

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 now be sent for 2023. Please send them via the US mail to the church or electronically by clicking this link [Click>](#) or send an email to our [Fiscal Administrator](#). Thank you so much and thank you to all who have sent them in.

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

2023 Faithful Giving Cards

Last Sunday, we kicked off our Annual Stewardship Season at St. Thomas. Enormous thanks to our Clergy, Vestry and Aux. Vestry who submitted their Faithful Giving Cards as leaders of the parish. Please add your name to the list this week by submitting your card today.

Thank you!

To the following who have submitted their 2023 Faithful Giving Cards:

Clergy, Vestry, Auxiliary Vestry Leadership Clergy

Fr. Martini Shaw
Rev. Dr. Paul Bach
Rev. Fr. Gerald Collins

Vestry

Patricia & Walter Bantom
Ronnie H. Collins
Deadra Cannon
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Kelvin Johnson
Pamela Johnson
Brenda Johnson-Best
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Pat Akins
Conchetta Brewer
Sharon Bullock
William Burke, Jr.
Particia Lynch

Michael & Dorothy Archey
Deborah Booker-Matthews
I. Page Bowser
Theresa Bramwell
Lorita Brockington
Carmen M. Brown
Marilyn Brown
Theodore Bythewood
Johanna Daye
Musu Doe
William & Quincina Edmonds
Barry & Deborah Frye
Barbara L. Glenn
Carole W. Green
Michelle Green

Sharon Harper
Roosevelt & Gail Harris
Joyce B. Harrison
Simone Jeffers
Sheryl L. Johnson
Mary Ann Jones
Richard Jones
Tyronne Keller
James T. Lowe, Jr.
Gregory Lyles
Gerakline B. Martin
Cynthia Muse
Francina Norris
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Mary Ann Phillips
Stephen Pugh
Dolores Redmond
Clarence H. Rice
Yvonne Ruiz
Barbara D. Savage
Richard & Rebecca Scales
Arlene Singletary
Anita Smith
Dorothy Smith
Catherine Stafford
Irving Stevenson
Joseph Stevenson
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Justin & Lee Anne Trotman
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St. Thomas is an open, Christ-centered community of faith in which the Gospel is re-imaged, taught, lived and spread.