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**THE PARABLE
OF THE BAGS OF GOLD**
...“YOU HAVE BEEN FAITHFUL
WITH A FEW THINGS;
I WILL PUT YOU IN CHARGE
OF MANY THINGS.”
MATTHEW 25:21 NIV

ST. THOMAS
THE AFRICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF

**The Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost
October 2, 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
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
and Stewardship Sunday.**

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.

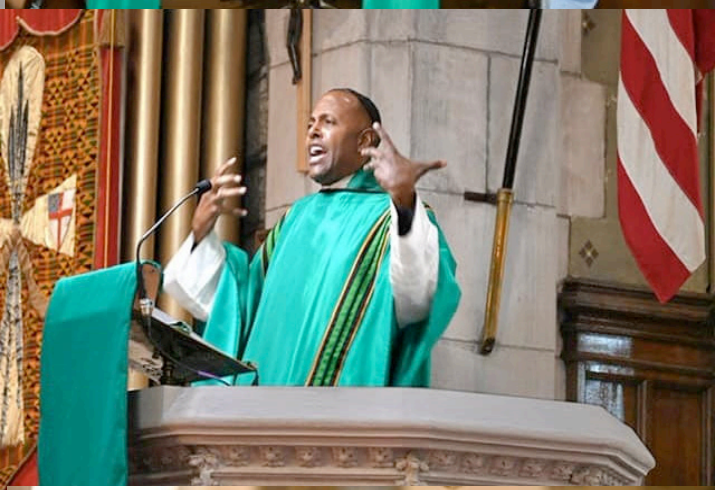
FUN DAY

On Saturday, September 24th, the Acolytes, Angels in Motion, Church School, The Girls' Friendly Society and the Scouts of St. Thomas, enjoyed Fun Day, which filled their day with activities and games, opened to all.



PICTURES FROM THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST YOUTH / YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2022





We welcome **Peter Horner and John Maxwell** who joined our church family last Sunday. We look forward to getting to know them.



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.

A Note From the Rector: "St. Thomas is BACK!!!"

As we enter this Season of Stewardship, following 21/2 years of being in the midst of a deep Pandemic, I invite you to now join us as we Re-Imagine our ministries. As you are aware, many of our programs and activities have restarted. Our need for an Assistant Rector for Youth and Young Adult Ministries is crucial and at the top of my list of priorities. PLEASE consider increasing the level of your commitment this year in offering your Faithful Giving Card. Much is being planned for 2023, and we will need your support.

"To whom much is given, much is requested".



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).

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS IN OCTOBER

Sunday, October 2nd - Kick-Off - Stewardship 2023



Oct 9th - Observance of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
(Blessing of the Animals) This year, the animals of our family will be blessed by us placing on the altar their possessions. Please bring a photo, a collar, a leash, or anything that belongs to your pet to be blessed.



Sunday, October. 16th - Octavius V. Catto Observance.
Please see flyer for more details.

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

The City Commissioners & The O.V.Catto Voter Empowerment Initiative Invites You To Commemorate The 151st Anniversary Of

OCTAVIUS CATTO

The 2022 commemoration of O.V Catto will be a public tribute to his ongoing legacy over the last 151 years. It will also be a thank you to Mayor James Kenney and the City of Philadelphia for honoring Catto with a statue in the 21st century.

**OCTOBER 10TH, 2022
OCTAVIUS CATTO STATUE
SOUTHSIDE OF CITY HALL
10:00AM - 1:00PM**

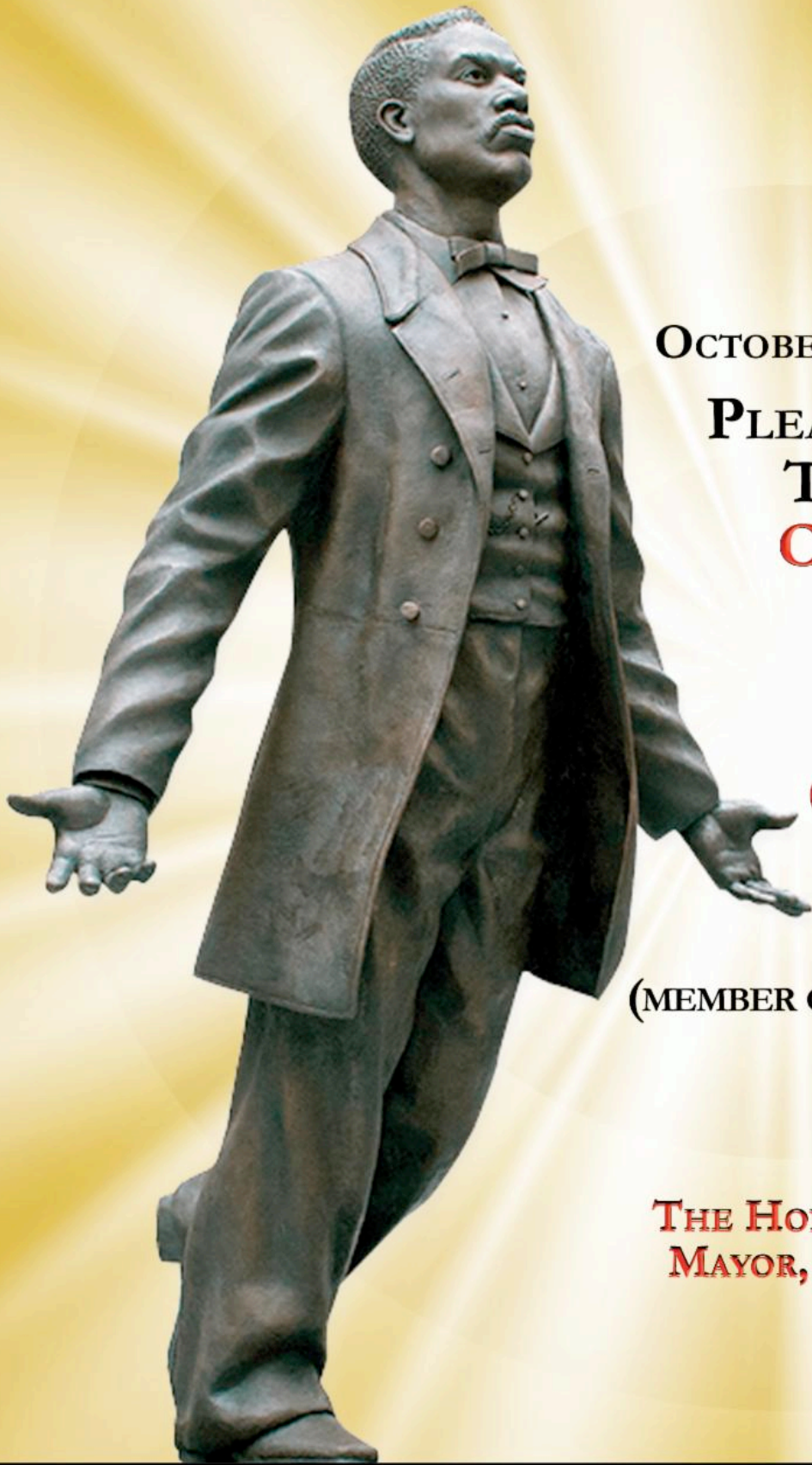
*for more info,
O.V.C Initiative Chair, Joe Certaine
215-510-9928 or sumaiyah.bynum@phila.gov*



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City Commissioners**

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AECST
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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.

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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 3pm on Saturdays according to the schedule.

Please contact Scout Master Howard Chapman for more information.

THE AFRICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS

CHURCH SCHOOL RETURNS!

IN PERSON / VIRTUAL
SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2022

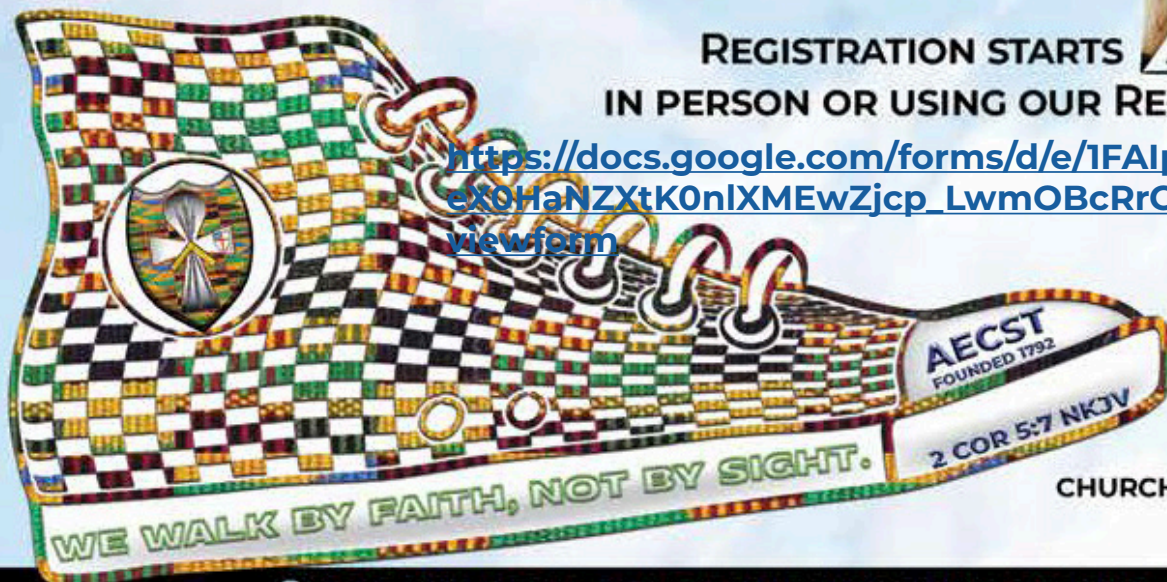
CALLING ALL AECST
YOUTH AGES 4 THRU HIGH SCHOOL
EVERY SUNDAY AT 10:00 AM

CHURCH SCHOOL THEME FOR 2022
“THE LORD’S PRAYER”

JOIN US AS WE RE-IMAGE OUR
CHURCH SCHOOL ADVENTURES
WITH PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP,
PROGRAMS AND FUN!

REGISTRATION STARTS AUGUST 21, 2022
IN PERSON OR USING OUR REGISTRATION LINK

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdXhN0yZ_eX0HaNZXtK0nIXMEwZjcp_LwmOBcRrCy7T-Uwvb_w/viewform



QUESTIONS,
PLEASE CONTACT:
DOTTIE ARCHEY AT
CHURCHSCHOOL@AECST.ORG
OR (215) 837-6941

START CHILDREN OFF ON THE WAY THEY SHOULD GO,
AND EVEN WHEN THEY ARE OLD THEY WILL NOT TURN FROM IT. PROVERBS 22:6 NIV
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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



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





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 begin October 1, 2022 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)



Nikkol Simms
Branch Advisor
njsimms@verizon.net

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

Find us on Facebook!
GFS PA African
Episcopal Church of St.
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 Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost 10/2/22

The First Reading: [Habakkuk 1:1-4,2:1-4](#)

[Psalm 37:1-10](#)

The Second Reading: [2 Timothy 1:1-14](#)

The Holy Gospel: [Luke 17:5-10](#)

The Holy Gospel Readings for The Week of 10/3/22

Monday - [Matthew 8:28-34](#)

Tuesday - [Matthew 9:1-8](#)

Wednesday - [Matthew 9:9-17](#)

Thursday - [Matthew 9:18-26](#)

Friday - [Matthew 9:27-34](#)

Saturday - [Matthew 9:35-10:4](#)

Readings for the Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost 10/9/22

The First Reading: [2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c](#)

[Psalm 111](#)

The Second Reading: [2 Timothy 2:8-15](#)

The Holy Gospel: [Luke 17:11-19](#)

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

Monday - [Matthew 10:5-15](#)

Tuesday - [Matthew 10:16-23](#)

Wednesday - [Matthew 10:24-33](#)

Thursday - [Matthew 10:34-42](#)

Friday - [Matthew 11:1-6](#)

Saturday - [Matthew 11:7-15](#)

**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](#)

THANK YOU! GRACIAS!! MERCI BEAUCOUP!!!
to our St. Thomas Family

For All who participated, All who Volunteered, All Who took the lead for refreshments, set- up & break down, the Reading Nook, registration, arts & crafts, All who invited someone, the awesome flyer, All who supported & gave encouragement for Youth Fun Day at St. Thomas. There were approximately 50 children through age 18 years old; and counting all participants & volunteers, we had close to 80 Folks who had Fun!! It was for the young and young at heart!!

The Planning Committee – Nikki Simms, Howard Chapman,
Deadra Cannon, Pam Johnson, Wendella Fox



Happy Birthday to our members born in October

10/4	Paula Stanley Cropper
10/6	Kemil Dawkins, David Rivers, Andrew Dumas
10/7	Loretta Brockington, Susan Taylor, Denise Akognon
10/8	John Kortue, Ashley Hines
10/9	Eugene Harris, Denise George, Aminita Thomas
10/10	Tiffany Pearsall
10/11	Dorothea Bell, Denise Gibson, Bettie Jones
10/12	Angela Holloway, Ronald Campbell
10/13	Jeannette Jeffrey
10/14	Roosevelt Harris, Sr., William Hanscom, Calais Guglielmi
10/15	Clarice Grant, Telena Gunby
10/16	Frank Abbott, Yvonne Hyde-Carter
10/17	Jordina Koilor, Kayma Sherman-Knickles
10/18	Kalif Williams
10/19	Quentin Harris
10/20	Rasheena Muhammed
10/21	Hilda Zack, Vince Napoleon, Kathryn Brossa
10/22	Sandra Rushin
10/23	Cornelia Camp, Jacquelyn Wallace
10/25	Butch Farmer, Gladyce DuBrey, Norma Albritton
10/27	Diane Abbott
10/28	Velva Smalls, Ian Clementon
10/30	Michael Grizzle, Eugene Golson
10/31	Arleatha Wilson, Lisa Woodley, Alice Bowman -Cropper

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

Resumed 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 High Altar are in Thanksgiving for the 50th Wedding Anniversary of **Judy** and **Bobby Tillman**.

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 _____

WHERE IS THE ST. THOMAS GOSPEL CHOIR?

They will be traveling to Christ Episcopal Church
1412 Providence Rd, Charlotte, NC 28207 on
Saturday, October 8th.

Here is their schedule for **Sunday, October 9th**

8:45 AM - Contemporary Morning Service

10:00 AM - Concert

11:15 AM - Children's Discovery Service

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.

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

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

TODAY starts the Kick-Off for the start of the Stewardship Campaign for 2023. All parishioners are requested to bring their Faithful Giving Card to the altar. The Clergy, Vestry and Auxiliary Vestry members will lead by first offering their cards to the altar. Other options for submitting your cards in addition to In-Person are:

- Postal mail or
- electronically online by clicking this link [Click>](#)

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

MINISTRY STAFF

Bishop	The Rt. Rev. Daniel G P Gutierrez	
Rector	The Very Rev. Canon Martini Shaw	rector@aecst.org
Assistant to the Rector		
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Associate Minister	The Rev. Dr. Paul Bach	pauljaybach@gmail.com
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	Patricia Walker-Ellison	p.walker.ellison@gmail.com
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