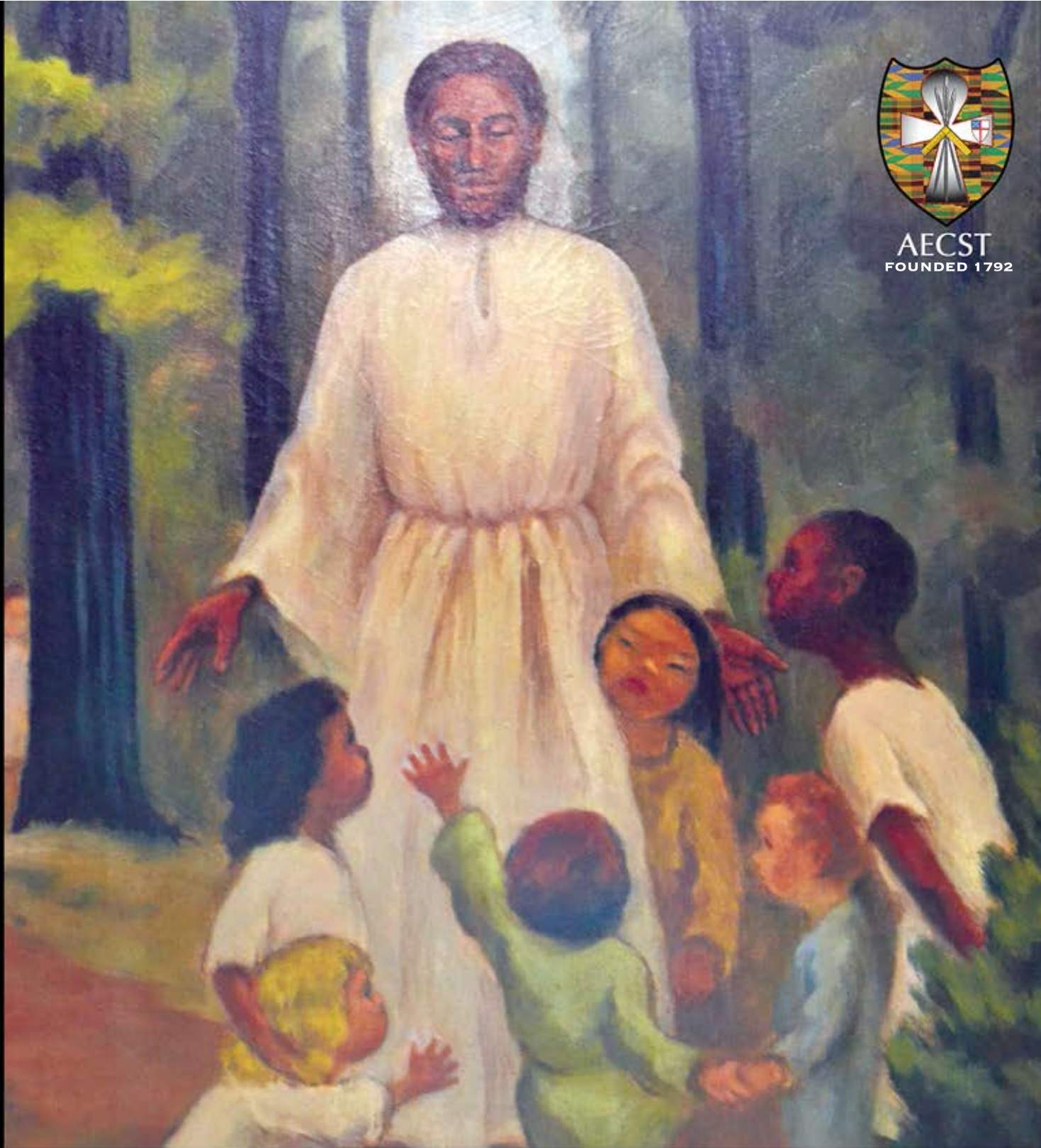




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**“Suffer the Little Children to Come Unto Me and Forbid Them Not:
For to Such Belongeth the Kingdom of Heaven”. Mark 10:14**

In 1949 the AECST invited local artists to participate in a contest to provide a centerpiece for the Children’s Altar. Robert Moore’s painting, presented here, was chosen and now resides in Anderson Hall, along with many other paintings by Mr. Moore, a long-time faithful member of the AECST..

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THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

September 4, 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 Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost. We welcome our Guest Priest, Rev. JoAnn Jones.

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.

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.



**CHURCH AND PARISH
OFFICE HOURS
JULY - AUGUST,
Monday - Thursday,
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
The church is closed
Mondays and Fridays.
Parish Office is closed
Fridays.**

St. Thomas is blessed and looking forward to welcoming two new Seminararians into our church family, starting September 11th.

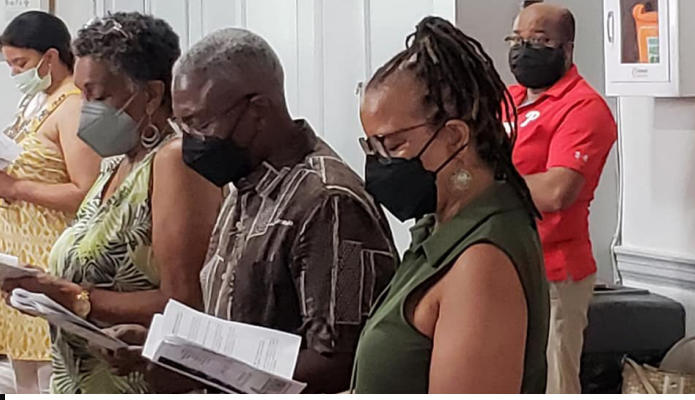


**David King - Seminarian
at Princeton Theological
Seminary in Princeton, NJ.**



**Kathryn Brossa - Seminarian
at General Theologica
Seminary, in New York.**

PICTURES FROM THE TWELFTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST AUGUST 28, 2022







CHURCH AND PARISH OFFICE HOURS

After September 5TH

Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

FISCAL OFFICE

Monday -Thursday 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

**DUE TO WORK BEING DONE IN THE CHURCH,
SERVICE WILL BE HELD IN ANDERSON HALL,
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2022 AT 10:00 AM.
THIS SERVICE WILL NOT BE LIVE-STREAMED.**

ATTENTION ALL MEN of St. Thomas!!!!!!

The next meeting of the Men's Ministry and Fellowship will be Saturday, September 10, 2022, at 8:30 A.M. Please join us as we begin to Re-Imagine our Ministry

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.

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.

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.**](#)

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS IN SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 11th

Back to School / Educators Sunday

We will welcome the new Superintendent of the Philadelphia School District,

Dr. Tony Watlington.

All students, educators, staff, and parents will receive a special blessing for the start of the new school year.

Outdoor Reception

Saturday, September 17th / Sunday, September 18th

Homecoming Weekend Celebration

(Celebrating 230th Parish Anniversary). A time to welcome back those who have been away.

Public Street Renaming Ceremony / Outdoor Reception

11:00 AM.

Sunday Homecoming Celebratory / Festive Worship

Outdoor Reception - 10:00 AM

Sunday Dedication of new addition to the Columbarium.

Saturday, September 24th

Outdoor Youth Fun Day for all ages

Please see the flyer for more information.

The Chancel Choir is sponsoring a concert featuring

the Swarthmore College and Howard University

Gospel Choirs at 2:00 PM in the sanctuary.

Sunday, September 25th

Church School Kick-Off for all grades.

Immediately the following service, there will be a Rector's Reception for families with children ages infant - 5 years old.

EDUCATION SUNDAY



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"REIMAGINING EDUCATIONAL
ADVOCACY...
POST PANDEMIC"

ANNUAL
BACK TO SCHOOL/EDUCATION SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 11, 2022, 10:00 A.M.

Students should bring their backpacks
and school bags to be blessed.
All educators
will be blessed and recognized.



Guest Speaker::
Tony B. Watlington Sr., Ed.D.
Superintendent of
The School District of Philadelphia

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DEIDRE R. FARMBRY, ED.D. • MONICA J. TAYLOR, ED.D.

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A HOMECOMING WEEKEND

Celebration

**“RE-IMAGINING THE CHURCH POST PANDEMIC”
CELEBRATING 230 YEARS OF
FAITHFUL MINISTRY AND SERVICE**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2022, AT 11:00 AM

CELEBRATING OUR FOUNDER
PUBLIC RENAMING OF
LANCASTER AVENUE TO ABSALOM JONES WAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2022, AT 10:00 AM

HOMECOMING FESTIVE WORSHIP

OUTDOOR RECEPTION ON BOTH DAYS



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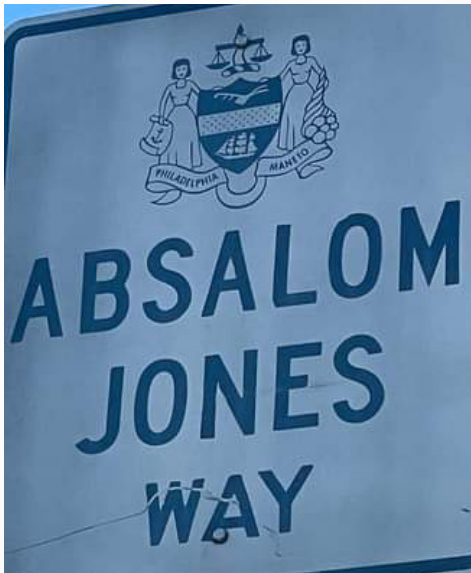
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SAVE THE DATE NOW!
Lancaster Avenue Re-naming
Saturday, September 17, 2022, at 11:00 AM

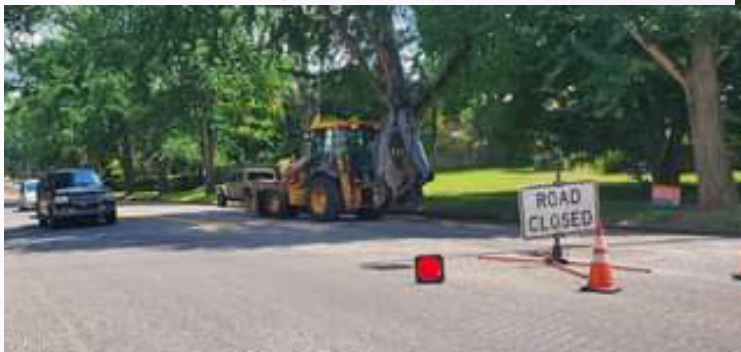
A portion of Lancaster Avenue will be renamed
Absalom Jones Way.

Homecoming Weekend:
Come join us for part of this Homecoming Weekend.
In Celebration of our 230th Year Anniversary
and renaming of a portion of Lancaster Avenue
in Memory of Blessed Absalom Jones.

Homecoming Sunday
September 18, 2022
Co-Chairs - Albert S. Dandridge, III Esq.
Monica Lewis Jones, Catherine Stafford



The street is now being newly paved.



ALL ABOARD THE AECST YOUTH FUN DAY TRAIN

on **September 24th** from **10:00 AM - 2:00PM**.

COME and Re- CONNECT with your St. Thomas family in A fun-filled outdoor event for our youth, from toddlers to teens and the young at heart.

Adults are welcome to bring a child or teen. Come when you can and stay as long as time permits.

Activities include 2 separate inflatable obstacle courses for younger and older children; Teen Talk Table Time; a Reading Corner (11:00 AM & 1:00 PM sessions) for little ones and parents with a book drawing at 12:30 PM; several lawn games; 2 Scout Challenges; and learn how to bake cookies outdoors (Noon & 1:30 PM)!!

Light refreshments will be served.

Volunteers are needed to set up, clean up, patrol the church campus during the event, serve refreshments, and help with games & activities.

This is a good day to learn about and join one or more of our youth groups at AECST.

(Acolytes, Church School, The Girls' Friendly Society, and the Scouts).

Let's make this fun day memorable! And rebuild what St. Thomas was once known for, a thriving youth community.

For more information and to volunteer, please contact [Nikkol Simms](#) or [Wendella Fox](#)



Youth FUN Day

**September 24, 2022
10 am – 2 pm**

Calling All Children, Teens and Families to

ST. THOMAS

for fun and fellowship.

There will be activities and games for ALL ages!



**Come learn about The Acolytes, Angels in Motion,
Church School, The Girls' Friendly Society
and the Scouts.**

Bring a friend. All are Welcome!

For more information, contact
Nikki Simms at njsimms@verizon.net
or Wendella Fox at wpfox3008@verizon.net



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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://forms.gle/pegss3GK3gVDxBHn9>



QUESTIONS,
PLEASE CONTACT:
DOTTIE ARCHY 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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CALL TO ACTION - THE SCHUYLKILL DEANERY'S LETTERS TO STOP GUN VIOLENCE - TAKE UP YOUR PENS!

St Thomas, you are reminded to take a copy of the letter home today. YOU are asked to address the letter with your state legislature's name and address. Mail your letter this week! (Don't forget your return address). There will be additional mailings in July, August, and September. The Schuylkill Deanery will provide us with copies of letters each month as we attempt to be a consistent and constant voice addressing gun violence in Philadelphia. Here are links to the [Letter](#) and [Script](#).

If you have any specifics you would like to see added to future letters, please contact [Mary Dean](#) or [Phyllis Cater](#). Your voices need to be heard!

How to Find Your Representative: Need to find your local, state, or federal elected representatives so that you can mail our letter? <https://myreps.datamade.us/>



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](#).



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 and address. You may also speak with her before or after Sunday services.

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).

My Beloved St. Thomas family,

Thank you so much for the love you showed me and my family as we celebrated the life of our father Walter W. Taylor. You helped lift us up in our time of need, and we are forever grateful. “1 John 4:7 - Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.”

Love, Anita Smith

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.

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.

VESTRY MEETING

If you are a member of St. Thomas and wish to participate in a monthly Vestry Meeting via Zoom, you must notify the Vestry Clerk. Send an email to 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.



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African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas

Women's Day Committee Fundraiser

'Pretzels & A Bag'

*Enjoy a Delicious
Philly Pretzel*

\$1.00 each



Carry your goods in Style

with a

Limited Edition Custom Tote Bag

\$15.00 each

Women's Day Special

2 for \$25.00



*Proceeds benefit the AECST
General Fund*

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!

DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS
READINGS FOR

The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 4, 2022

The First Reading: [Deuteronomy 30:15-20](#)
[Psalm 1](#)

The Second Reading: [Philemon 1-21](#)
The Holy Gospel: [Luke 14:25-33](#)

The Holy Gospel Readings for
the Week of September 5, 2022

Monday - [Mark 15:40-47](#)

Tuesday - [Mark 16:1-8](#)

Wednesday - [Matthew 2:1-12](#)

Thursday - [Matthew 2:13-23](#)

Friday - [Matthew 3:1-12](#)

Saturday - [Matthew 3:13-17](#)

READINGS FOR

The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 11, 2022

The First Reading: [Exodus 32:7-17](#)
[Psalm 51:1-11](#)

The Second Reading: [1 Timothy 1:12-17](#)
The Holy Gospel: [Luke 15:1-10](#)

The Holy Gospel Readings for
the Week of September 12, 2022

Monday - [Mark 4:1-11](#)

Tuesday - [Mark 4:12-17](#)

Wednesday - [Mark 4:18-25](#)

Thursday - [Mark 5:1-10](#)

Friday - [Mark 5:11-16](#)

Saturday - [Mark 5:17-20](#)

**Readings for
the Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 18, 2022**

The First Reading: [Amos 8:4-7](#)
[Psalm 113](#)

The Second Reading: [1 Timothy 2:1-7](#)
The Holy Gospel: [Luke 16:1-13](#)

**The Holy Gospel Readings for
the Week of September 19, 2022**

Monday - [Mark 5:21-26](#)

Tuesday - [Mark 5:27-37](#)

Wednesday - [Mark 5:38-48](#)

Thursday - [Mark 6:1-6, Mark 6:16-18](#)

Friday - [Mark 6:7-15](#)

Saturday - [Mark 6:19-24](#)

AECST BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. JAY

Bible Study with Fr. Jay will resume on Tuesday,
September 13th at 7:00 PM.



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

__An Easter Lily @\$25.00 each (5 names per plant)

Please PRINT

In Memory of _____, In Thanksgiving for _____,

Name _____, Envelope# _____, Amount _____.

OUR CONDOLENCES

to Rackell Smith, Roger Smith, Jr and Family on the death of their dad, **Roger Smith, Sr.** His service will be held at St. Thomas on Thursday, September 15, 2022. Visitation 10am, Requiem Mass at 11am. May the soul of Roger rest in peace and rise in glory. Please pray for the family.

to the family on the death of **Pauline Bantom.** May her soul rise in peace and rise in glory. Please pray for the family.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE:

IN THE HOSPITAL:

Linda Holmes, Angela Foster.

RECOVERING AT HOME

Alice Bowman-Cropper, Gwenda Hart, Joan Hall,
Rosalind Rodriguez, Charles Fleming, Harold Yates,
Deborah "Binky" Seay, Daryn Stewart, Leatrice Snowden.

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

Louise Lewis, Terri Barber, Adinah Edwards,
Robert Brown, Georgia Sawyer, Isedora "Gwen" Francis,
Shirley Winkfield, Dr. Thomas Snowden, Shirley Caldwell,
Stephanie Williamson, Francina Norris, Ridart "Butch" Farmer,
Leotta Griffith, Karen Ragland, Winston Lowe, Kenneth Dow,
Linda Holmes, Edita Gauthney, Justin Trotman,
Teena Watson Matthews, Gail and Roosevelt Harris, Sr.

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.

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](#).

THE 2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES

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

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

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

If you have moved and have not sent your new address to the church office at 215-473-3065 or email, please do so ASAP. The church has received many returned mailings because of bad addresses. We would appreciate your new address, phone number and email address. Thanks so much for your help with this.

Thank you very much.

Judy Tillman, Stewardship Committee

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 |
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| \$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 |

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

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

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

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

MINISTRY STAFF

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