



AECST
FOUNDED 1792

**NOVEMBER 3, 2024
10:00 AM**

**OBSERVANCE
OF
THE FEAST OF
ALL SAINTS/ALL SOULS**

THE STAINED GLASS WINDOW HONORING
BLACK SAINTS AND BISHOPS
WAS INSTALLED NOVEMBER 5, 2000.
BEHOLD ITS BRILLIANCE ON YOUR NEXT VISIT.

BLACK SAINTS FEATURED:
ST. MAURICE; ST. PERPETUA;
ST. AUGUSTINE; ST. MONICA;
ST. SIMON; THE REV. ALEXANDER CRUMMELL;
THE RT. REV. JAMES THEODORE HOLLY;
THE RT. REV. JOHN BURGESS;
THE RT. REV. FRANKLIN D. TURNER;
ARCHBISHOP DESMOND TUTU;
AND THE RT. REV. BARBARA HARRIS.

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THE VERY REVEREND CANON MARTINI SHAW, 17TH RECTOR
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**The Historic African Episcopal Church
Of St. Thomas**

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The Very Reverend Canon Martini Shaw
The 17th Rector

The Rev. Fr. Daren E. Evans
Associate Rector

The Rev. Fr. Gerald Collins
Associate Priest

THANK YOU

Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry
"If it's not about love, it's not about God!"



Today, **Saturday, November 2, 2024**, the Episcopal Church celebrates the New Ministry and Investiture of our new Presiding Bishop. We extend our congratulations and offer prayers of thanksgiving for the ministry of
The Most Reverend Sean Rowe.

We give thanks to the faithful ministry of our former Presiding Bishop, **the Most Reverend Michael B. Curry.** Bishop Curry's farewell message may be found [here.](#)

**THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 3, 2024**

“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

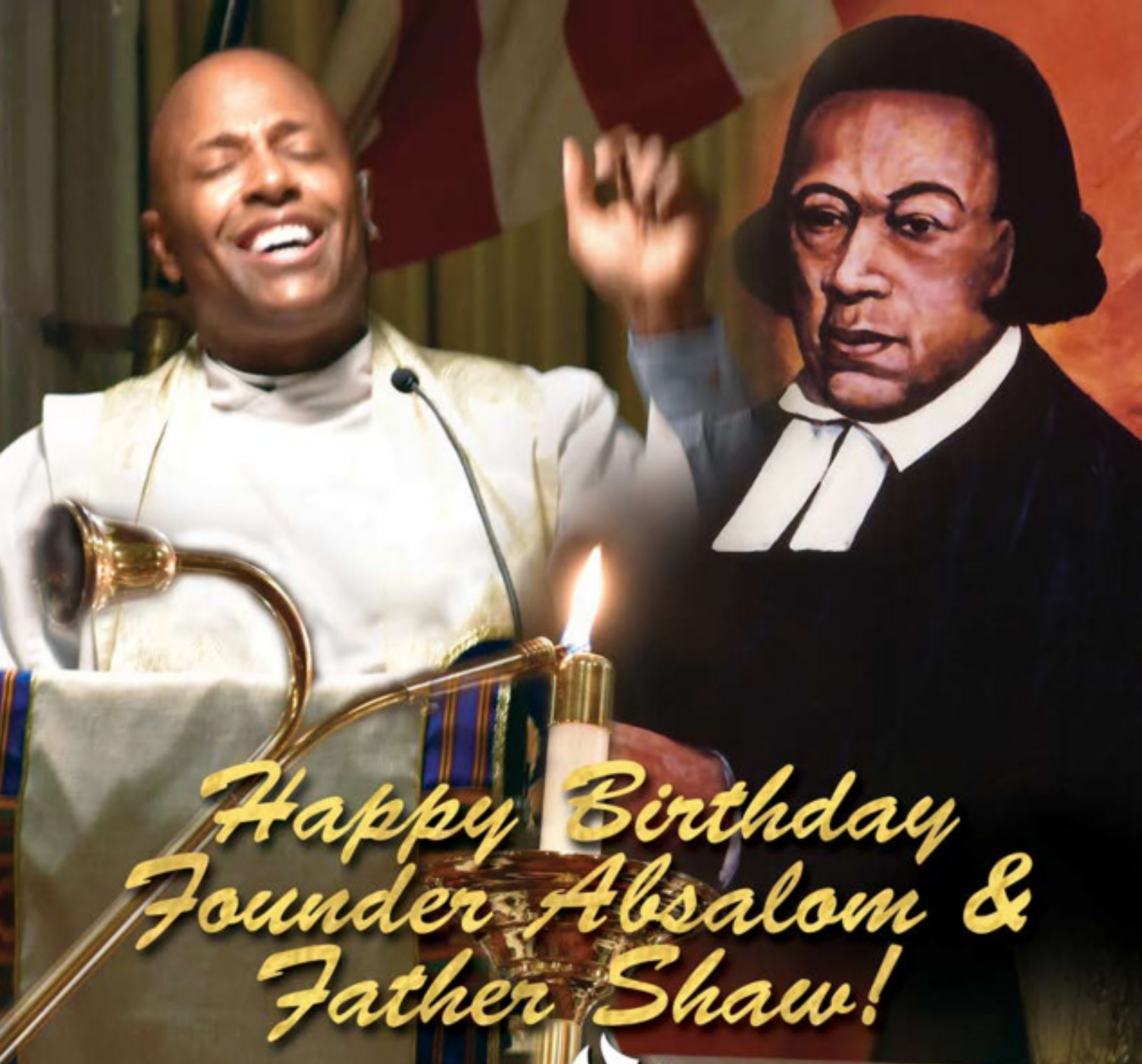
Grace and Peace to you from God on this
**the Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost,
the Feast of All Saints/All Souls, and the Observance
of our 1st Rector (Absalom Jones) and the
17th Rector’s (Fr. Shaw) birthdays.**

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 USA. 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. Whoever 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. Whoever you may be and however you may find yourself experiencing life’s journey, do know that St. Thomas Church welcomes you. Again, welcome!

Faithfully,+
Martini Shaw

(The Very Rev. Canon) Martini Shaw, 17th Rector
and Dean of the Schuylkill Deanery



*Happy Birthday
Founder Absalom &
Father Shaw!*



THE AFRICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF

ST. THOMAS

FIRST BLACK EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE USA

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

**Please join us in Anderson Hall after service for a
Special Birthday Reception in honor of Blessed
Absalom Jones and Fr. Shaw.**

Both were born on November 6th.

Sponsored by the Pentecost Committee

**All Saints/All Souls Pew Plaque Memorials
are being dedicated on
Sunday may be found [here](#).**



All Saints / All Souls Memorial Candles

Sunday, we dedicate candles on the Columbarium to our deceased loved ones. Please bring photographs of your deceased loved ones and place them on the Columbarium.

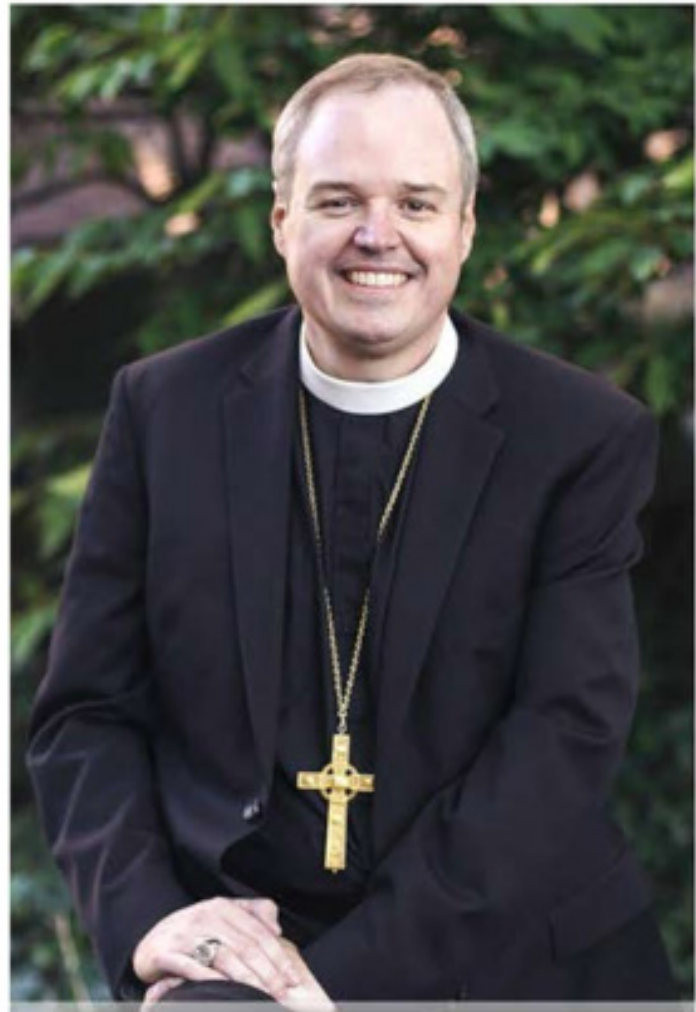
The list of candle memorials may be found [here](#).



You are
cordially
invited
to view
the
live celebration
at:

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THE MOST REVEREND MICHAEL CURRY
REQUESTS YOUR PRESENCE AT THE
CELEBRATION OF
THE NEW MINISTRY AND INVESTITURE OF
THE RIGHT REVEREND SEAN ROWE
AS PRESIDING BISHOP AND PRIMATE
OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2024
"ROLL CALL" OF DIOCESES - 9:30 AM
SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST - 11:00 AM

IMPORTANT STEWARDSHIP NEWS - From the Rector

Our **Annual Stewardship Drive** has begun. Please prayerfully consider an increase in your 2025 Faithful Giving toward the vibrant ministries of St. Thomas.

Remember that our individual goal should be to become a biblical tither (10% of one's earnings).

Are you working toward that spiritual goal? A chart to assist with Faithful Giving may be found [here](#).

The Faithful Giving Form may be found using the following link or when you come to church on Sunday please place your Faithful Giving card on the Altar of God.

Thank you to the individuals who have submitted their 2025 Faithful Giving cards.

The list of names may be found [here](#).

Attention GFS Members, Advisors, and Sponsors (Past and Present):

Please make plans to attend the AECST's All Saints' Day Sunday service on **November 3, 2024**. A memorial pew plaque donated by the GFS will be dedicated to the memory of our Branch Advisor extraordinaire,
Ms. Julia M. Porter.

FROM THE DESK OF THE RECTOR:

This is a reminder that the Mass ends following the Closing Hymn and Dismissal. Please make an extra effort to refrain from leaving the Service before the conclusion.

This request is being made in order to respect others gathered for worship.

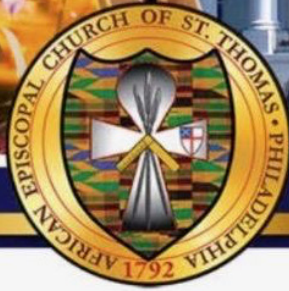
The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost Youth and Young Adult Sunday

October 27, 2024





More pictures may be found on our [Facebook](#) page.



YOU ARE INVITED
TO A
ZOOM PRAYER GATHERING

PLEASE JOIN US FOR SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER
AS OUR NATION PREPARES TO ELECT ITS
47TH PRESIDENT OF THE U.S.A.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2024, 7:00 P.M.
(THE EVE OF ELECTION DAY)

You may connect via website: www.aecst.org
or facebook: www.facebook.com/aecst1792

PLEASE JOIN US!!!
Join [Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 879 9935 5093

Passcode: 887244



Important... Please Read

CATTO MINISTRY CORNER FINAL ELECTION UPDATE

Elaine Gillison and Wendell Fox, Co-Chairs

The time has come Saints. What is your plan on Election Day? Will you talk to your family, neighbors, or friends about going to vote? Can you drive someone to the polls?

“It is a Christian obligation to vote, and more than that, it’s the church’s responsibility to help get souls to the polls.” - former Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

Pennsylvania

Tuesday, November 5, 2024, at 8:00 PM, is the last day to turn in your completed mail-in or absentee ballot. Put your ballot in a mail ballot drop box. Do not mail your ballot using USPS. If there is a line to place your ballot in the Drop Box, **DO NOT GET OUT OF LINE!!** Remain in the line until it is your turn to place your completed ballot in the box. Go to www.vote.pa.gov to find ballot box locations.

If you requested a mail-in ballot but now want to use a voting machine, **DO NOT THROW AWAY YOUR BALLOT!** You must take the entire packet with you to your polling location and see an election official for further instructions. This is very important.

Lastly, **ELECTION DAY POLLING HOURS:**

Pennsylvania 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Delaware 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM

New Jersey 6:00 AM - 8:00 PM

If you encounter problems voting, experience any type of voter intimidation or are denied the opportunity to vote, know that you have rights. You can call the Voter Hotline in your state:

Pennsylvania 1-877-868-3772

Delaware 1-866-687-8683

New Jersey 1-877-658-6837

VOTE! It's your Superpower; your act of faith.



STAYING CONNECTED!!!

We are so blessed with many active and faithful parishioners who live around the country. We will occasionally post photos of them sending greetings.

We begin with: The Rev. Dr. Paul Bach and Dr. Julie Hergerather, now living in Bloomsburg, PA.

St. Thomas is a vibrant and active Church
On Saturday, October 26, 2024, the St. Thomas Chapter of the DOK (Daughters of the King) met for their monthly meeting.



On Wednesday, October 23, 2024, we became joyful recipients of three beautiful Absalom Jones stained glass windows donated by St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Laurel, MD.





**DAUGHTERS OF THE KING
THANKSGIVING GIFT OF JOY**

Each year the Daughters of the King collect donations for our Thanksgiving Project. The money collected will help individuals in need. We are asking you to prayerfully consider making a donation.

Members will be at the church entrance, to receive donations today thru November 17th.

Thank you!



- *Dance, Caribbean & Line Dance Music*
- *Complimentary Set-ups*
- *Free Parking*
- *Cash Raffle*

**THE AFRICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS
MEN'S MINISTRY & FELLOWSHIP PRESENTS**

~ Old School Cabaret ~

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2024 • 6PM TO 10PM

NARBERTH FIRE HALL

100 CONWAY AVENUE, NARBERTH, PA 19072

TICKETS \$25.00 PER PERSON OR \$50 PER COUPLE

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT MEN'S MINISTRY & FELLOWSHIP OUTREACH INITIATIVES

FOR INFORMATION & TICKETS CONTACT:

ED GEIGER (716) 207-0405 OR MIKE ARCHEY (215) 983-3939

DRESS LIKE YOU'RE BLESSED & READY TO HAVE AN ENJOYABLE EVENING!

BRING AND SHARE FAVORITE FOODS, BEVERAGES AND DESSERTS

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AFRICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS
MEN'S MINISTRY & FELLOWSHIP PRESENTS

"Old School Cabaret"

Saturday, November 2, 2024, 6PM to 10PM

Narberth Fire Hall

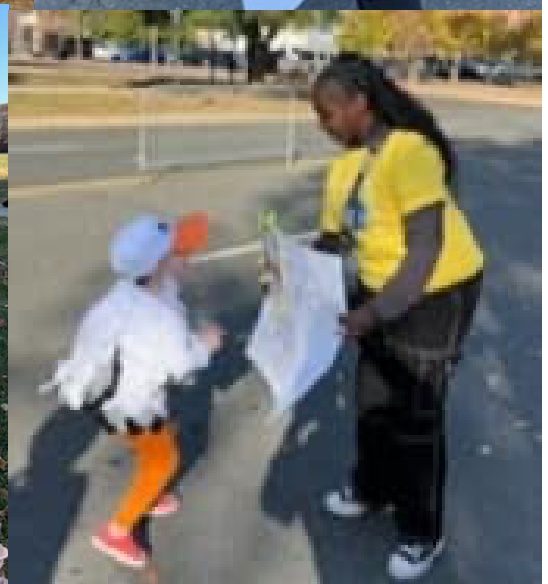
100 Conway Avenue, Narberth, PA 19072

Tickets: \$25 Per person

(tickets sold at the door)

ACTIVE YOUTH OUTREACH!!!

Our Girls Friendly Society (GFS) attended the Alex Lemonade Charity Walk, with volunteers, and cheerleaders supporting families. It's their second year participating in such a fulfilling and worthwhile event.



THE WEEK AT AECST - November 4, 2024

Monday, November 4th - Meeting of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated. 6:00-9:00 PM in Anderson Hall

A Prayer Service of Hope on the Eve of Election Day on Zoom - 7:00 PM

Tuesday, November 5th - Election Day! Please Go Vote!!!!
St. Thomas will be used as a polling place from 7:00 AM-8:00 PM

Adult Bible Study will resume next Tuesday, November 12th at 7:00 PM

Wednesday, November 6th - Young Adult Bible Study with Fr. Daren - 6:00 PM in the Absalom Jones House

St. Thomas Gospel Choir- 7:30 pm in Anderson Hall

Friday, November 8th - Retired People's Ministry- 10:00 AM-12:00 PM in the Undercroft

Saturday, November 9th - Girls' Friendly Society (GFS) 11:00 AM-1:00 PM in the Undercroft



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

UPCOMING DATES IN NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

Sunday, November 10th - Observance of Veterans Day

Sunday, November 17th - Annual Judicial Sunday
Guest Homilist - The Honorable Lori A. Dumas of the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania

Sunday, November 24th - Youth and Young Adult Sunday

Sunday, December 1st - First Sunday in Advent

You are invited to join us for

JUDICIAL SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 17, 2024 10AM

THE AFRICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS



GUEST SPEAKER:

THE HONORABLE LORI A. DUMAS
JUDGE OF THE
COMMONWEALTH COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

~A RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE SERVICE~

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SAVE THE DATE for MEN'S DAY
DECEMBER 8, 2024

Guest Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Mark Kelly Tyler, Pastor,
Mother Bethel A.M.E Church

ACTIVE COMMUNITY OUTREACH!

St. Thomas hosts and partners with Overbrook Presbyterian Church for their recent RPM (Retired Person's Ministry) Cafe luncheon.



A Celebration of 70 years at St. Thomas
Please join **Loretta Ferguson** on Sunday, December 1, 2024, after service, for a "Chat and Chew Trip Down Memory Lane", celebrating her 70 years as a member of St. Thomas.

Save the Date: Saturday, January 25, 2025
8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Join the AECST Women's Ministry Retreat

Revived, Renewed, Restored: Finding Strength in Faith
Panel Discussion, Workshops, Yoga, Continental Breakfast, Lunch



Tickets \$50.00 - available Nov. 17, 2024

Purchase by December 15, 2024 and receive a special gift

Ticket deadline: January 19, 2025

Please contact Cynthia Muse, at musecyn@aol.com or 215-870-7724 for ticket information.

The honor and joy of preparing the Lord's table for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Is God calling you to become a member of the altar guild? Please express your interest with [Freda Brockman](#), director.





Happy Birthday to the following members of our church family born in November

- 11/1 Tyrone Gunby
- 11/2 Elsie Moto
- 11/3 Nohjay Nimpson
- 11/4 Steve Berg, Gregory Lyles, Ladene Kershaw
- 11/5 Michele Sudler
- 11/6 **Absalom Jones, Canon Martini Shaw**, Shawn Clark, Roger Peebles, Jr.,
Melvin Seegars, Sr.
- 11/7 Jonathan Edwards, Thomas Snowden, Joseph Stevenson, Rashid Faisal,
Allan Grizzle
- 11/9 Gregory Allen, Cathy Seay
- 11/10 Teri Tillman, Maria McWilliams Zayzay
- 11/11 Betty Myers, Melvin Seegars
- 11/12 Thomasina Hack
- 11/13 Brenda Johnson, Tiffany Harding
- 11/14 Pauline Bantom, Catherine Stafford, Regina Meecham Devero
- 11/15 Sheila Stubbs, Jeremiah Scales
- 11/17 Rashid Faisal
- 11/18 Alexandra McFadden
- 11/22 Grace Wetzel, Cassandra Ruffin
- 11/23 Ola Bass, Gail Harris
- 11/24 Richard Hart
- 11/25 Lara Falusi
- 11/26 Brenda Battle, Rebecca Scales, Tyleencia Wilson
- 11/27 Ronovan Bundy, Roslind Rodriguez, Keita Carr, Ruth Mugwanya, Thomas Rolland
- 11/30 Loretta Ferguson, Grace Lincoln

CHAT AND CHEW

Have you ever considered hosting a Coffee Hour (Chat ad Chew) following Service in thanksgiving for a blessing received, or in memory of a departed loved one?

Please contact [Gladyce](#) for further details.



CALLING ALL DANCERS!!!!

Opportunity awaits if you want to praise the Lord in dance and worship. The “Angels in Motion” dance ministry, a multi-generational ministry welcomes all ages, and skill levels in ballet, modern, jazz, and African dance to join! Interested? Please contact, Director, [Pamela Johnson](#).

BE INSPIRED AND UPLIFTED!

Join us for a joyful evening of music and unity as we come together to celebrate the life-saving power of organ and tissue donation.

GIFT_{of} LIFE **DONOR SABBATH** CONCERT

featuring the acclaimed

ST. THOMAS GOSPEL CHOIR & SPECIAL GUESTS



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16 • 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas, 6361 Lancaster Avenue, Philadelphia

CLICK HERE TO RESERVE FREE TICKETS

Seating is limited! Light refreshments and fellowship to follow.

DON'T MISS THIS SOULFUL CELEBRATION OF HOPE AND FAITH!
For more information, contact Naja Killebrew at nkillebrew@donors1.org.

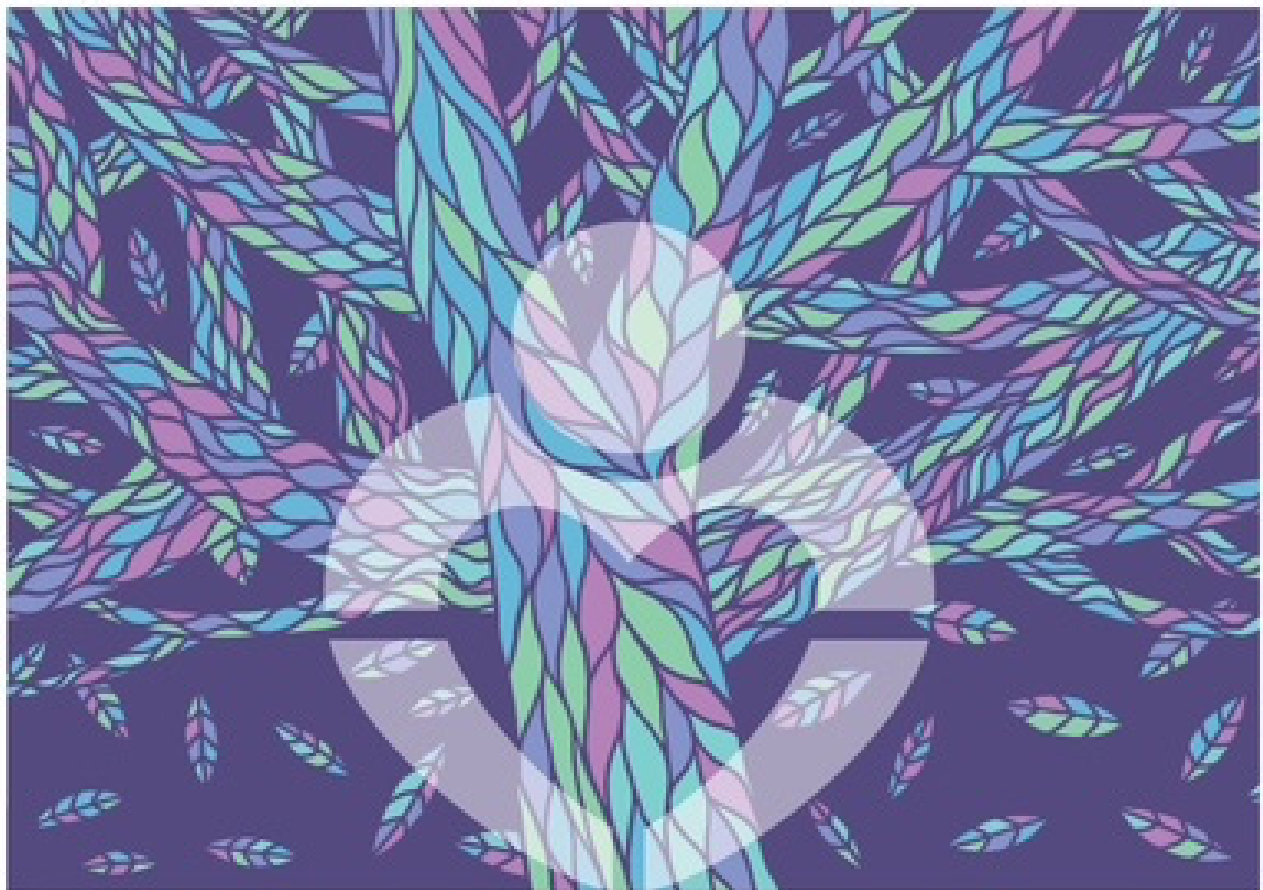
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DONOR PROGRAM
A Legacy of HEROES. A Future of HOPE.

NOVEMBER IS

GIFT *of* LIFE

DONOR SABBATH

JOIN OUR INTERFAITH MISSION to Save Lives



Join our interfaith mission to help save lives in your community. Leave a legacy of love by signing up to become an organ and tissue donor and encourage others to do the same.

CLICK HERE or scan the QR code for materials, speakers, program ideas and our inspiring faith video. Contact Naja Killebrew at nkillebrew@donors1.org for more information.



Communicate, educate and advocate to save lives in your

COMMUNITY

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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 [Fr. Daren](#) if you are interested.

-**Photography Ministry** is in need of additional photographers. You do not need to be a professional photographer but do enjoy taking pictures. Anyone interested can contact [Bill Edmonds](#) or [Dale Williams](#).

The Shepherds Ministry is still in need of many more volunteers to be able to shepherd all households of our congregation. Shepherds set their own schedules to be in regular touch with their households of sheep by phone, email, text or various social media platforms. Each is assigned no more than 4 households. All Ministry meetings are held via Zoom. Please note that the Vestry will continue to shepherd, for one year, all new members joining the congregation. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact [Charlene M. Wiltshire](#).



EXCITING NEWS!!! SPREAD IT!!!

Our new and exciting Family Podcast Series is ALIVE!!
Two series are now available for your listening enjoyment.

#1 - Fr. Daren introduces the Series with **Fr. Shaw** as his guest. "Creating a Culture of Conversation". The podcast can be found using this [link](#).

#2 - Fr. Daren welcomes **Pamela Johnson** as his guest. "Body Image: Good Enough for Jesus". The podcast can be found using this [link](#).

#3 - Fr. Daren welcomes **Tynecia Wilson** as his guest. Conversation: "The Adultification of Black Girls".
The podcast can be found using this [link](#):





ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers on the Columbarium are in loving memory of my wife, **Phyllis Johnson**, given by Bobby Johnson.

To order flowers for the High Altar, Absalom Jones Altar, or Columbarium, please use this [link](#).



A REMINDER TO ALL GUILDS, ORGANIZATIONS, MINISTRIES, AND INDIVIDUALS:

ANY and **ALL** Activities using the church facilities (i.e., Anderson Hall, the Undercroft, the church) or the Absalom Jones House **MUST** be scheduled and approved by the Parish Administrator: [Gladyce DuBrey](#) or call (215-473-3065) and **NOT the SEXTON** beforehand.

It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that all activities are listed on the calendar of the Parish Office.

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

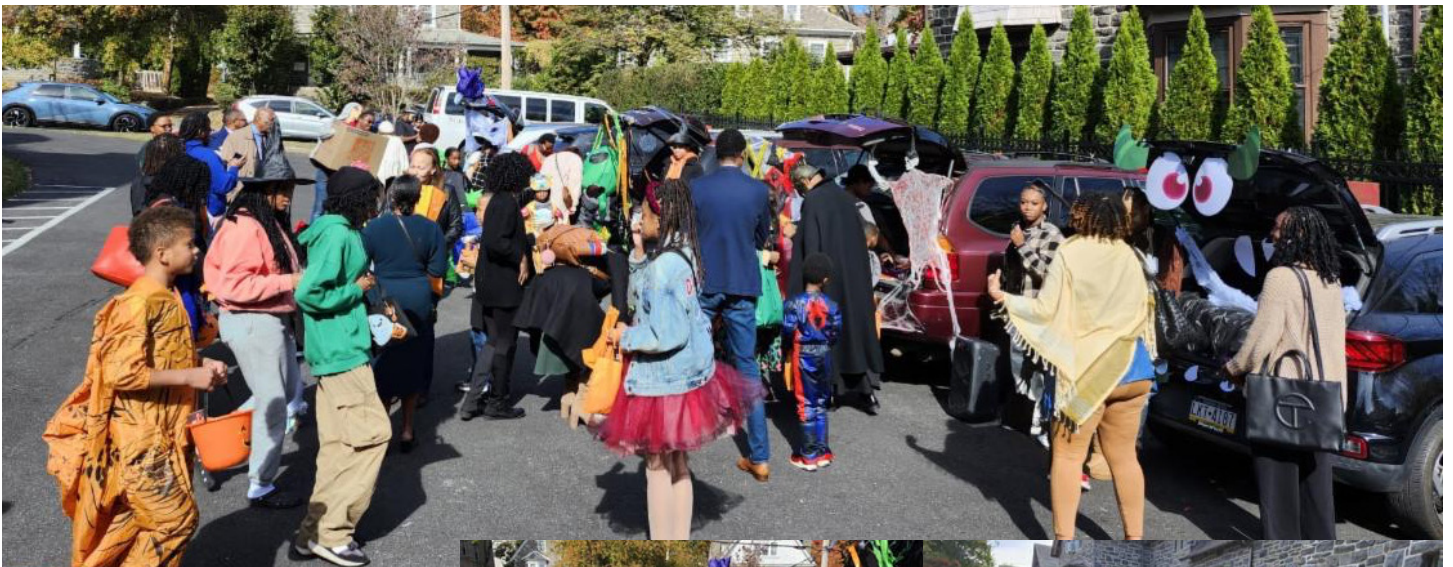
Are you willing to serve for at least one Sunday per month as a church school teacher? Please prayerfully consider this call. We are especially looking for young adults, men, and anyone who loves children. Please speak with [Fr. Daren](#) ASAP if you are interested.



At St. Thomas, we embrace and celebrate our youth. If you have children in your family or neighborhood, please invite or bring them to be a part of our amazing Church School program. When was the last time you invited someone to church?



Church School 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat
AN ENJOYABLE TIME FOR ALL!!!
Sunday, October 27, 2024





**Church School begins at 10:00 AM on Sundays
in the Undercroft.
Please use the QR Code to register your child.**

DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS

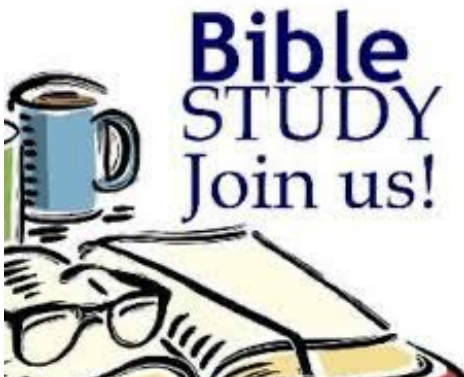
READINGS FOR Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost November 3, 2024

The First Lesson - [Deuteronomy 6:1-9](#)
[Psalm 119:1-8](#)

The Second Lesson - [Hebrews 9:11-14](#)
The Holy Gospel - [Mark 12:28-34](#)

The Holy Gospel Readings for the Week of November 4, 2024

Monday - [Matthew 15:1-20](#)
Tuesday - [Matthew 15:21-28](#)
Wednesday - [Matthew 15:29-39](#)
Thursday - [Matthew 16:1-12](#)
Friday - [Matthew 16:13-20](#)
Saturday - [Matthew 16:21-28](#)



The Adult Bible Study Group
meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM via
Zoom. Anyone interested in joining
Bible Study should contact [Fr. Jay](#)
to receive the Zoom link.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE:

IN REHAB:

Helena Allen - Simpson House; Fr. Darryl James - Stapley Rehab; Leotta Griffith, Linda Holmes - Saunders House; Deborah "Binky" Seay - Broomall Manor Rehab; Inez Turner, Veger Stephen - St. Francis Rehab

AT HOME:

Robert Brown, Ridart "Butch" Farmer, Alletta Parris-Olday, Ola Bass; Ronald Coleman, Shirley Winkfield, Thelma Silvers, Lemont Johnson, Patricia Ellison, Mary Ann Jones, Shirley Caldwell, Terry Corson, Barbara Douglas, Verger Stephen Hannum, Wendell Whitlock, Cornelia Camp, Kenneth Dow, Yvonne Syndor, Donald Hunt, Jr., Rev. Dr. Thomas Snowden, Grace Wetzels, Yvonne Syndor

KEEP IN PRAYER:

Justin Trotman, Cathy Stafford, Teri Taylor, Lisa Woodley, Waltier Blocker, Adinah Edwards, Carl Dean, Patricia Holmes, Sandra Bryant Miller, Ann Stewart, Autumn Simmons

WE PRAY FOR

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

Our Wednesday in-person Bible Study

has resumed. We continue our journey through Acts of the Apostles. Join us every Wednesday at 6:00 PM in the AJ House.

YOUTH COUNCIL

Do you feel called to work with Youth? Do you have great ideas that will help the church to connect with the youth of today (and vice versa)? You are invited to be a part of our parish Youth Council. Please contact [Fr. Daren](#) for more details.

YOUNG ADULT GATHERING

All young adults (those in their 20's and 30's) are invited to a time of fellowship on the 4th Sunday of every month in Anderson Hall immediately following worship.

GIRLS FRIENDLY

Girls Friendly will begin on **Saturday, October 5th**. Please contact [Nikkol Simms](#) for more information.

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, St. Thomas Chancel Choir or St. Thomas Gospel Choir. If interested, please contact [Gladyce](#) in the Parish Office ASAP to get details on upcoming scheduled rehearsals.

Calling for Youth Acolytes!



All youth of our church are invited to serve in the AECST Acolyte Ministry. No prior experience is needed as training will be provided. This is an excellent way for our children and youth to be involved in the life of the church. For more information please speak with [Fr. Daren](#).

Scout Troop #133 - Our Cub Scout Program is open to children 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 meets at **3:00 PM on Saturdays.**

Please contact Scout [Master Howard Chapman](#) for more information.

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 10:00 AM. You can also watch [Past Services](#).

HOW CAN I BE FAITHFUL TO GOD AND THE CHURCH THROUGH STEWARDSHIP?

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

The Stewardship Committee of the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas recognizes that stewardship may take form in several ways, your time, your talent or your treasures. The one commonality is that each of us must prayerfully ask God to guide us in making the right choices and have faith that He will guide us to the right decision.

Our church has a tremendous congregation that is thriving and growing. The ministries that we have serve all of God’s children near and far. These endeavors require all three forms of stewardship: but especially your sharing of treasures. Prayerfully consider donating to one or all of the special requests below.

FAITHFUL GIVING CARD (PLEDGE)

Please pray for your Faithful Giving for 2024 and 2025. You’ll be able to complete your [Faithful Giving Card](#) on the [church website](#), or by using the paper Faithful Giving Card. Strong support is needed to meet the budget, our many endeavors and outreach projects at St. Thomas. Your Faithful Giving Card can also be placed in the Alms Basin or mailed to the church office.

THE BUILDING FUND ENVELOPES have been placed in Anderson Hall beside the Offering Envelopes. Please pick them up with your offering envelopes. If you’ve already picked your offering envelopes up, please pick up your Building Fund envelopes. You can also do your Building Fund offering [online](#). Each box of Building Fund envelopes will include twelve envelopes, one for each month.

Thank you.

CAPITAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENT FUND

If you are actively contributing, thank you! Your gifts are truly appreciated. Everyone is asked to make a minimum sacrificial gift of \$40 per month. The Building Fund Envelopes are located in Anderson Hall beside the Offering envelopes. When using electronic payments select "Building Fund." If using checks write "Building Fund" on the memo line of your check.

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

The church has received many "undeliverable" mailings. If you have moved, please update your mailing address with the church office by [email](#) or phone 215-473-3065.

Can you help deliver offertory envelopes to our sick and shut-in parishioners? If you live near a parishioner who is unable to come to church, it would be much appreciated if you would bring their envelopes to them. A list of our sick and shut-in parishioners is located next to the offertory envelopes in Anderson Hall.

IMPORTANT: Make sure your name, envelope #, and amount are included on the front of your offering envelope. This is critical for bookkeeping accuracy. Help is just an email away. Contact [Judy Tillman](#).

RECTOR'S PRAYERFUL WISH LIST

\$100,000.00. Our air conditioning units have provided over 30 years of comfort. They are now in need of being replaced. Please prayerfully consider donating toward the replacement and use the [link](#) provided. Thank you to those who have already given toward the new air-conditioning units.

There are several ways to submit your offering and tithes: church service offertory, use the QR code, website donations, download the Givi app, U.S. Mail or hand deliver it to the fiscal office.



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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, (Absalom Jones Way).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 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 Fiscal Office during regular business hours (Monday - Thursday 10:00 AM-2:00 PM) **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. **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.)
- 6) **Pledge Cards** - Please send them via the US mail to the church or fill out the form **[electronically](#)** through the **www.aecst.org** website or send an email to our **[Fiscal Administrator](#)**.
Thank you so much to all who have return them.

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THE AFRICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. 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 re-imaged, taught, lived, and spread.