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# Thank You Veterans!

**We honor and celebrate  
those who served  
or are serving in our military.**



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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

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Please click on the link provided for  
the [Order of Service](#) for this Sunday.

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Fr. Shaw would like to thank everyone for all the many expressions of love received for his birthday. He would especially like to thank the Pentecost Committee for hosting the wonderful Birthday Reception last Sunday.

**PLEASE JOIN US**

This Sunday, we will pray for our country and celebrate those who have served and are serving in the military.  
May God Bless the U.S.A..

**THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
NOVEMBER 10, 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  
**The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost,  
the Observance of Veterans Day.**

**We welcome the Delaware Valley (PA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, worshiping with us this morning.**

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



*Linked in Friendship, Connected in Service*  
**Delaware Valley (PA) Chapter**

**The Delaware Valley (PA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated** has gathered to celebrate the rich legacy of friendship and service that our co-founders **Margaret Rosell Hawkins** and **Sarah Strickland Scott** began on November 9, 1946.

The vision of our co-founders, who were both members of the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas, continues to live on in our hearts and minds and through the work we do to help those who need it the most. Along with the vision they cast, was a light of hope, love, and faith that burns brightly in each of us.

In association with our Friendship Month activities throughout November, we collectively take pride in the work we have done as friends, transforming communities through service.



Please join the Men's Ministry & Fellowship and Lisa Stevenson-Woodley, after service in Anderson Hall for a Chat a Chew in remembrance of **Joseph Stevenson**.

## **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.

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## **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](#).

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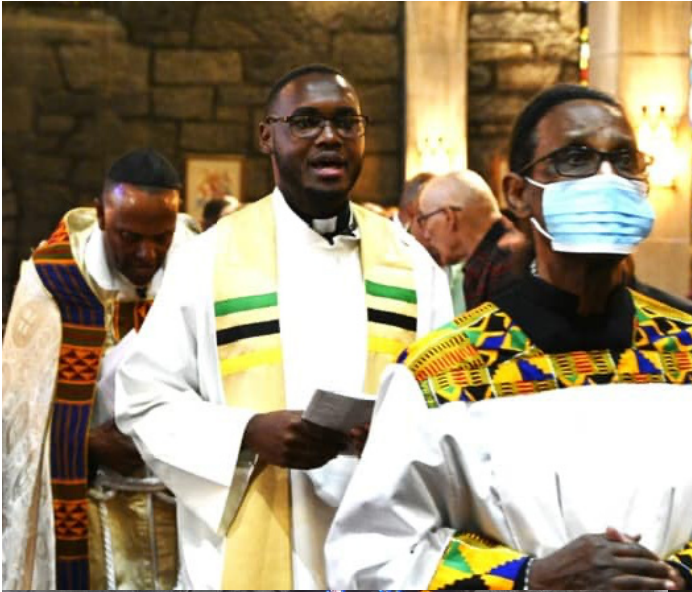
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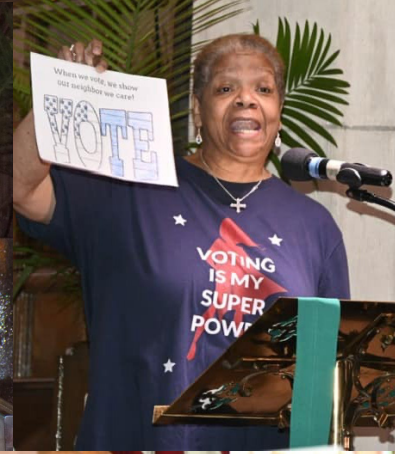
Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the many cards, kind words and comforting support you have shown us following the death of **Sara Dean**, our mother and mother-in-law.

From Cassandra Ruffin, Carl and Mary Dean

# The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Observance of All Saints / All Souls November 3, 2024





The Pentecost Committee hosted a birthday party for Fr. Shaw on Sunday, November 3, 2024 after service.



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



Everyone is invited to join the Men's Ministry & Fellowship  
on **Saturday, November 16 at 8:30 AM.**

**Men's Ministry & Fellowship**  
The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas



**Rod Colon Executive Coach**

## “Managing Your Career”

Unemployed, Under Employed, Looking to Change Careers, The Men's Ministry and Fellowship of St. Thomas is offering a workshop on how to find a job, improve your career, and learn to network for greater professional success. Come and hear Rod Colon speak an Executive Coach who teaches on how to manage your career for professional success and how to navigate in today's job market.

**Saturday November 16, 2024 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.**

**African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas**

**6361 Lancaster Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19151**

**If you are unemployed, a new grad looking for a job, looking to change careers, want to know how to improve your professional career, retired and looking to get back into the workforce, or retired and looking to help someone with their career come, join in, and share the experience.**

**FREE TO ATTEND and CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

**To register send email to [brock.man@verizon.net](mailto:brock.man@verizon.net) with your name with subject line “Career Day” – Registration is for food preparation only  
Registration is not required to attend**

With 32 years of experience in Human Resources, recruitment, networking, and career architect, Rodrigo “Rod” Colón possesses a unique perspective on navigating the complexities of the global job market. A sought-after Executive Coach and speaker, Rod leverages his considerable career management experience to share his insights and wisdom gained over the years. He reframes networking as a collaborative process of giving and sharing, urging professionals to relentlessly hone their networking skills and manage their careers with the same dedication as one would their own company: “ME, Inc.” A published author, Rod champions the importance of networking and building strong relationships through his book, “Win the Race for 21st Century Jobs,” and by hosting the interactive weekly webinar, “Own Your Career Workshop,” for the past decade.

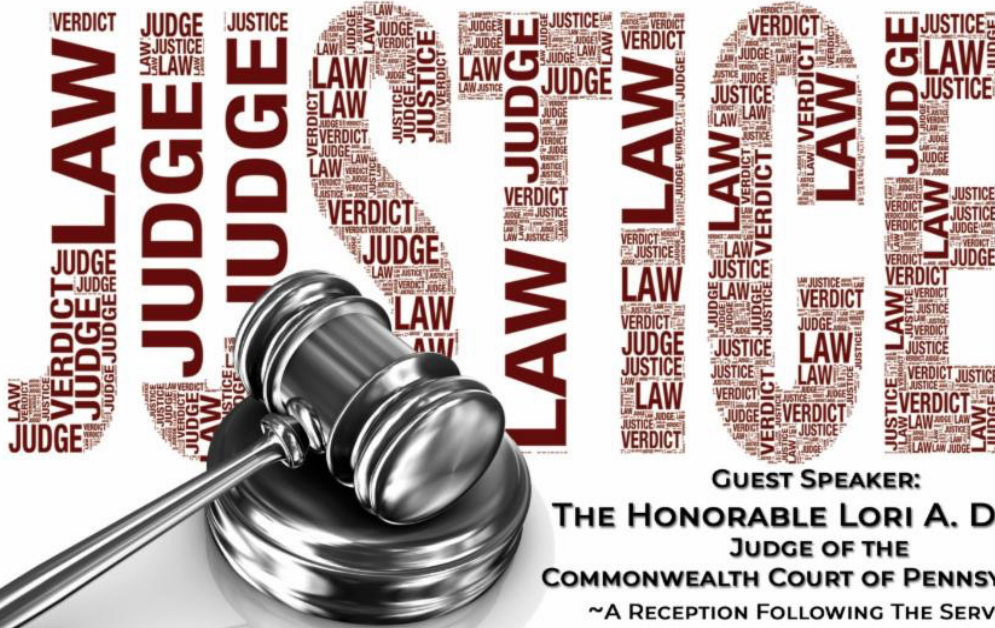
*You are invited to join us for*



**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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**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!**

## **THE WEEK AT AECST - November 11, 2024**

**Monday, November 11th** - Church and Parish Office closed in Observance of Veterans Day!

**Tuesday, November 12th** - Advocacy Outreach Group Meeting - 6:00 PM

Adult Bible Study via Zoom with Fr. Jay at 7:00 PM

**Wednesday, November 13th** 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

### **Saturday, November 16th**

Men's Ministry and Fellowship - 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM in Anderson Hall

Chancel Choir rehearsal - 10:00 AM-12:00 PM in the Church

William J. Burke Ushers meeting -11:00 AM in the AJ House

Girls Friendly Society (GFS) 11:00 AM-1:00 PM in the Undercroft

Gift of Life Concert - 4:00 PM in the Church

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### **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.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
UPCOMING SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER/DECEMBER**

**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

**An Advent Theological Series** - Immediately after service  
Dec. 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd - Facilitated by David King

**Sunday, December 8th** - Second Sunday in Advent  
Men's Day-Guest Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Mark Kelly Tyler,  
Former Pastor, Mother Bethel A.M.E Church



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Facilitated by David King



**The Pentecost Committee** would like to take this  
opportunity to thank everyone who came out to celebrate  
Fr. Shaw's birthday party! He had fun....I hope you did!

Special thanks to: Conchetta Brewer, Alonda Lord,  
Melissa Gray, Cynthia Muse and Sharon Cotton.  
Love and God Bless: Cathy Stafford/Chairperson

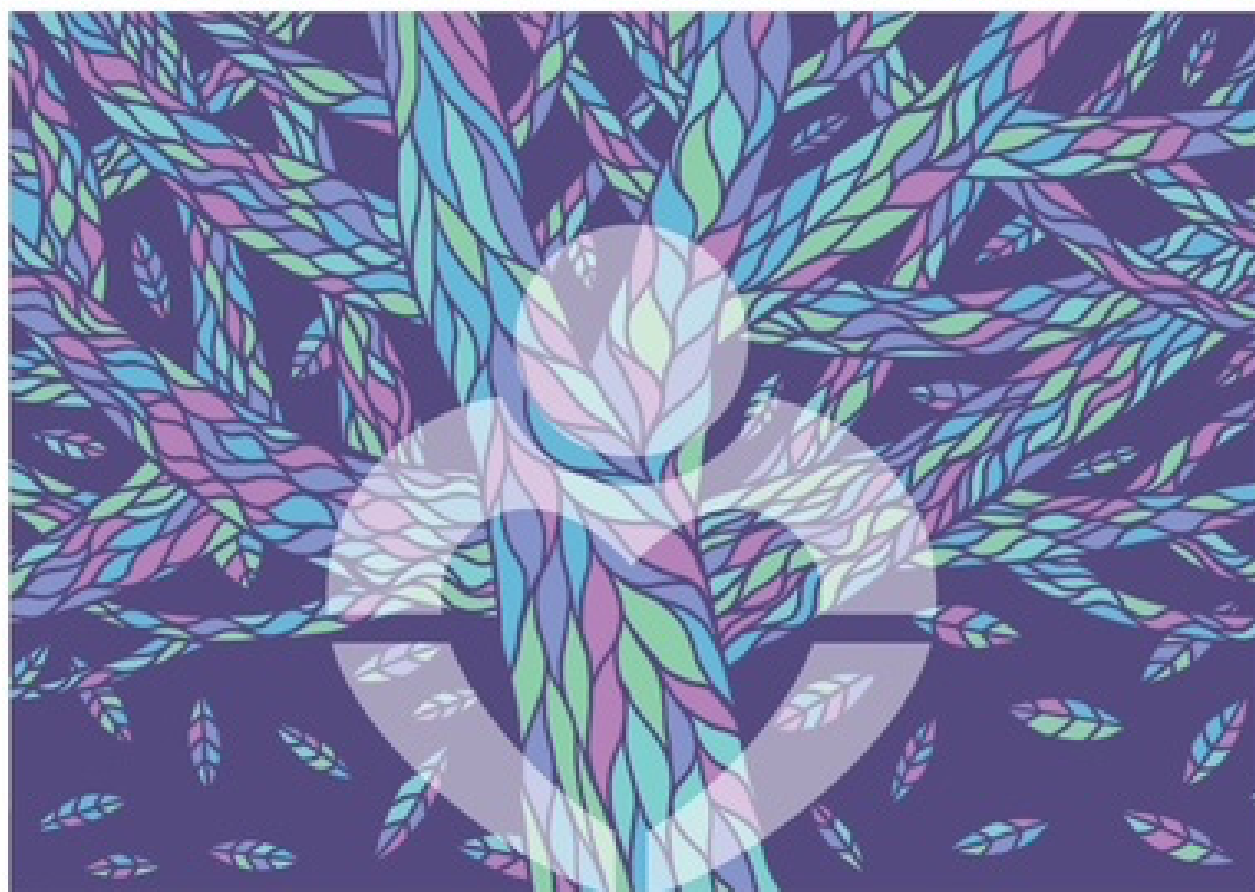
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NOVEMBER IS

# 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](mailto:nkillebrew@donors1.org) for more information.



Communicate, educate and advocate to save lives in your

# COMMUNITY

**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<sup>of</sup> 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](mailto:nkillebrew@donors1.org).

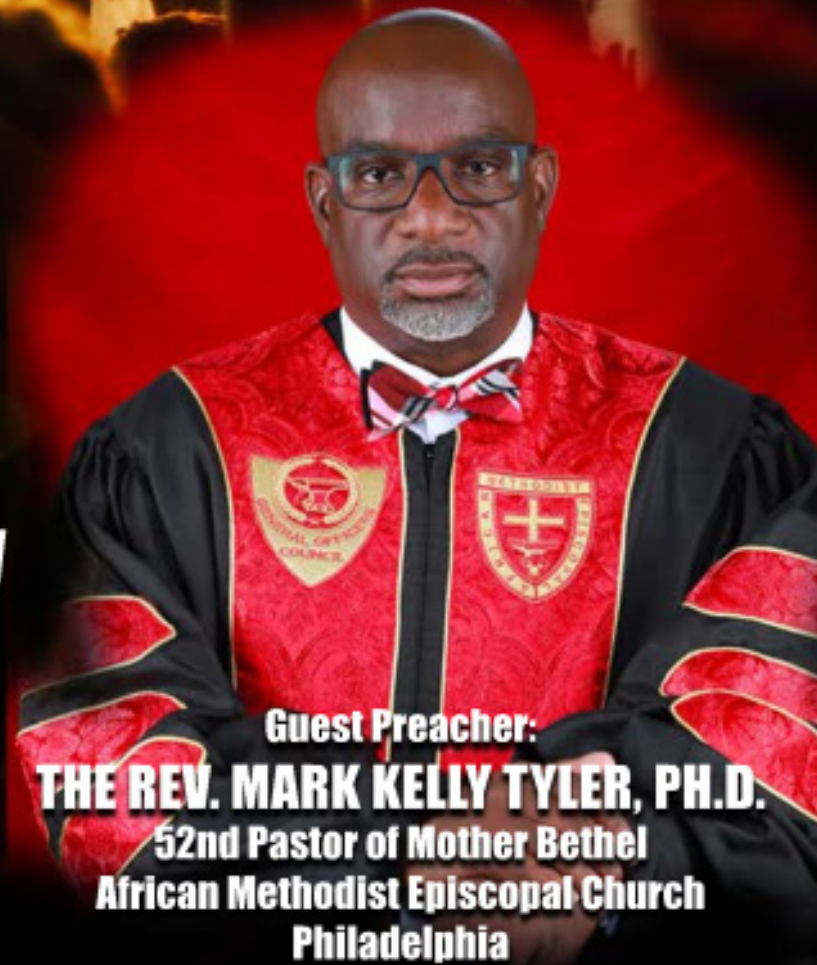
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**GIFT<sup>of</sup> LIFE**  
DONOR PROGRAM  
A Legacy of HEROES. A Future of HOPE.



**Sunday  
December 8, 2024  
10:00 am  
Please join us for  
The Annual Men's Day  
Celebration  
"Embracing  
Our Call"**



**Guest Preacher:  
THE REV. MARK KELLY TYLER, PH.D.  
52nd Pastor of Mother Bethel  
African Methodist Episcopal Church  
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### **IN THE NEWS!!!**

Men of St. Thomas speak out! A group of Black male voters explains why the 2024 election feels different compared to past elections. Please go to this [link](#) to view the video.

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On Monday, November 4th, over 150 people joined us for a Prayer Zoom Gathering that included prayer and scripture, as our nation prepared to elect its 47th President of the United States.

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**St. Thomas was the site of political engagement and involvement on Election Day, November 5, 2024.**







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

St. Thomas celebrates the Investiture of the 28th Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church: The Most Reverend Sean Rowe, and we give thanks for the ministry and leadership of former Presiding Bishop Michael Curry.



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### **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.



## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Flowers on the Columbarium are in celebration of the life of **Debra Greaves**, given by the family.

Flowers on the Columbarium are in thanksgiving for the **45th Wedding Anniversary of Reggie and Sherilynn Kimble**, given by Sherilynn Kimble.

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

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## **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](#).

## 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](#):





## **St. Thomas, can we be St. James School's Sweet Potato Church Again?**

The Sisterhood Guild is collecting cans of sweet potatoes to help the families of the St. James School. They are requesting 250 cans to be distributed to the families. There will be a box at the back of the church for the cans. We will be collecting them from now until November 13. Thank you in advance for all of your support in this effort.



### **ATTENTION ALL ACOLYTES**

Rehearsals are EACH SUNDAY immediately following service. For more information, please speak with Fr. Daren.

## 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.

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

***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*



**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.



## DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS

READINGS FOR  
Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
November 10, 2024

The First Lesson - [1 Kings 17:8-16](#)

[Psalm 146](#)

The Second Lesson - [Hebrews 9:11-14](#)

The Holy Gospel - [Mark 12:28-34](#)

The Holy Gospel Readings for the  
Week of November 11, 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](#)



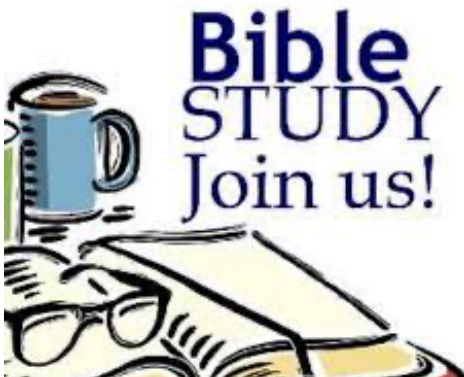


## **VERGERS NEEDED!**

Are you being called to this exciting ministry?  
Want to know more about what a Verger does?

The Verger Guide may be found [here](#)

Please speak with Karen Ragland or the Rector  
for more details.



**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 Wetzel, 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.

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### **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.

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## **GIRLS FRIENDLY**

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

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## **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](#).

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**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.

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### 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](http://www.aecst.org)** website or send an email to our **[Fiscal Administrator](#)**.  
Thank you so much to all who have return them.

## MINISTRY STAFF

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