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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

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**THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 6, 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 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost/
Stewardship - Kickoff**

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

Please click here
for the [Order of Service](#).

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.

IMPORTANT STEWARDSHIP NEWS - From the Rector

Sunday begins our **Annual Stewardship Drive**.

Please prayerfully consider an increase in your 2025 Faithful Giving Pledge 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?

This Sunday, parishioners are invited to follow the clergy and vestry in placing their offering and Faithful Giving card on the Altar of God.

The Faithful Giving Form may be found using the following [link](#)

**Dedicate a Pew Memorial Plaque for your loved ones
on All Saints Day Sunday, November 3, 2024
\$500.00**

Contact [Victoria A. Mosley Rivers](#) or call her [home phone](#)
or [cellphone](#)

Deadline: October 21, 2024

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



Please join the **Catto Voter Education Ministry**, which is hosting its Voting Resource Fair after service today in Anderson Hall.

**The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Health Ministry Sunday**

September 29, 2024







WELCOME



We welcome **Alonda Lord** and **Dr. Derek Griffin**, who joined our church family last Sunday. Alonda's shepherd is Clare Mae Daniels. Derek's shepherd is Richard Jones. We look forward to getting to know both of them.



CONGRATULATIONS:
to one of St. Thomas' own,
Dr. Dorothy E. Roberts,
who was named a
MacArthur Fellow.
Dorothy, your St. Thomas
family is so proud of you
and this prestigious honor.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!
UPCOMING DATES IN OCTOBER**

Sunday, October 13th - Celebration of the Life of Octavius V. Catto, Guest Speaker: **The Rev. Nicolas O'Rourke**, Philadelphia Council Member

Sunday, October 20th - Breast Cancer Awareness Sunday (Please wear something pink)

Sunday, October 27th - Youth and Young Adult Sunday
2nd Annual Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot after service

THE WEEK AT AECST - October 6, 2024

Monday, October 7th - Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. 6:00-9:00 PM in Anderson Hall

Tuesday, October 8th - Advocacy Outreach Group Meeting 6:00 PM

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

Wednesday, October 9th - 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, October 10th - Retired Peoples Ministry in the Undercroft 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Saturday, October 12th - Health Ministry Flu Shot and COVID Vaccination Clinic 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM



VOTE!

IT'S YOUR SUPERPOWER!

PLAN TO ATTEND...

October 6, 2024 11:30 AM - 1:30PM

**Octavius V. Catto Ministry's
RESOURCE FAIR**

- Voter Details Including:
Live Demonstrations for Mail-in &
Absentee Ballots -
- Philly 311 Services -
- Update Your ID - REAL ID -
- State and Federal Services -

Light Refreshments Served

THE OCTAVIUS V. CATTO VOTER EDUCATION MINISTRY
IS A NON-PARTISAN MINISTRY OF THE AFRICAN EPISCOPAL OF ST. THOMAS

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Sunday
October 13, 2024, 10:00 am
Please join us for
The Annual Celebration
of the
Life
of
OCTAVIUS V. CATTO

PLAN TO ATTEND...
October 6, 2024 at 11:30 AM
Octavius V. Catto Ministry's
RESOURCE FAIR
- voter details
- city services and more!

Guest Speaker:
THE REV. NICOLAS O'ROURKE
Philadelphia City Councilmember and
Covenant Pastor at the Living Water
United Church of Christ

Guest:
The Honorable James Kenney
Former Mayor,
City of Philadelphia

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TREE OF LIFE
Prison Ministry



Sunday

October 27, 2024,

After Church Service in Anderson Hall

Save The Date!

Recruitment Drive For New Members

Lite refreshments, history of ministry, trivia, giveaways, etc...

**All Interested persons should contact:
Conchetta Brewer, Secretary (267) 975-7283**

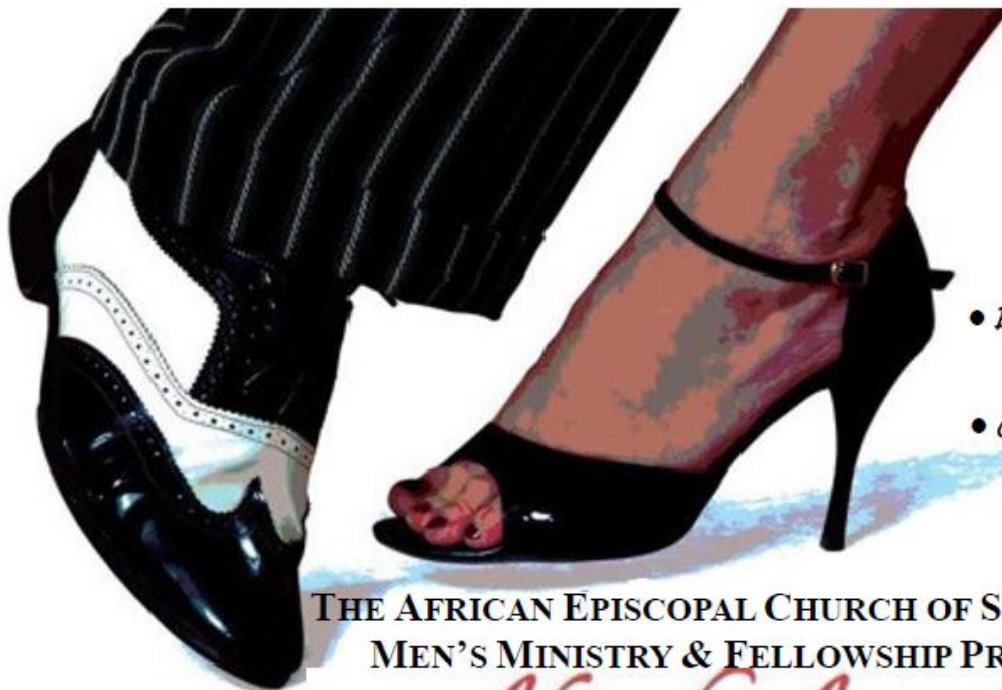
**Thank you,
Ricardo Bostic Co-Chair
Catherine Stafford, Co-Chair**

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HEALTH MINISTRY SURVEY Possible Health Topics

Members of the Health Ministry met and have suggested several topics for the upcoming 2024-2025 church period, beginning in October 2024.

Please click on this [link](#) for a VERY short survey to let us know which topics you are most interested in learning more about. 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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CATTO MINISTRY CORNER UPDATE
Wendella Fox and Elaine Gillison Co-Chairs

IMPORTANT!!

If your mail-in/absentee ballot **RETURN ENVELOPE** arrived sealed, don't panic. Due to humidity and moisture, some envelopes may have become sealed. You have a few options to correct this inconvenience:

Carefully open the return envelope; insert your sealed, yellow ballot envelope and then tape close the return ballot envelope;

Go to a satellite election office and request a new ballot; or Call 215-686-VOTE for instructions.

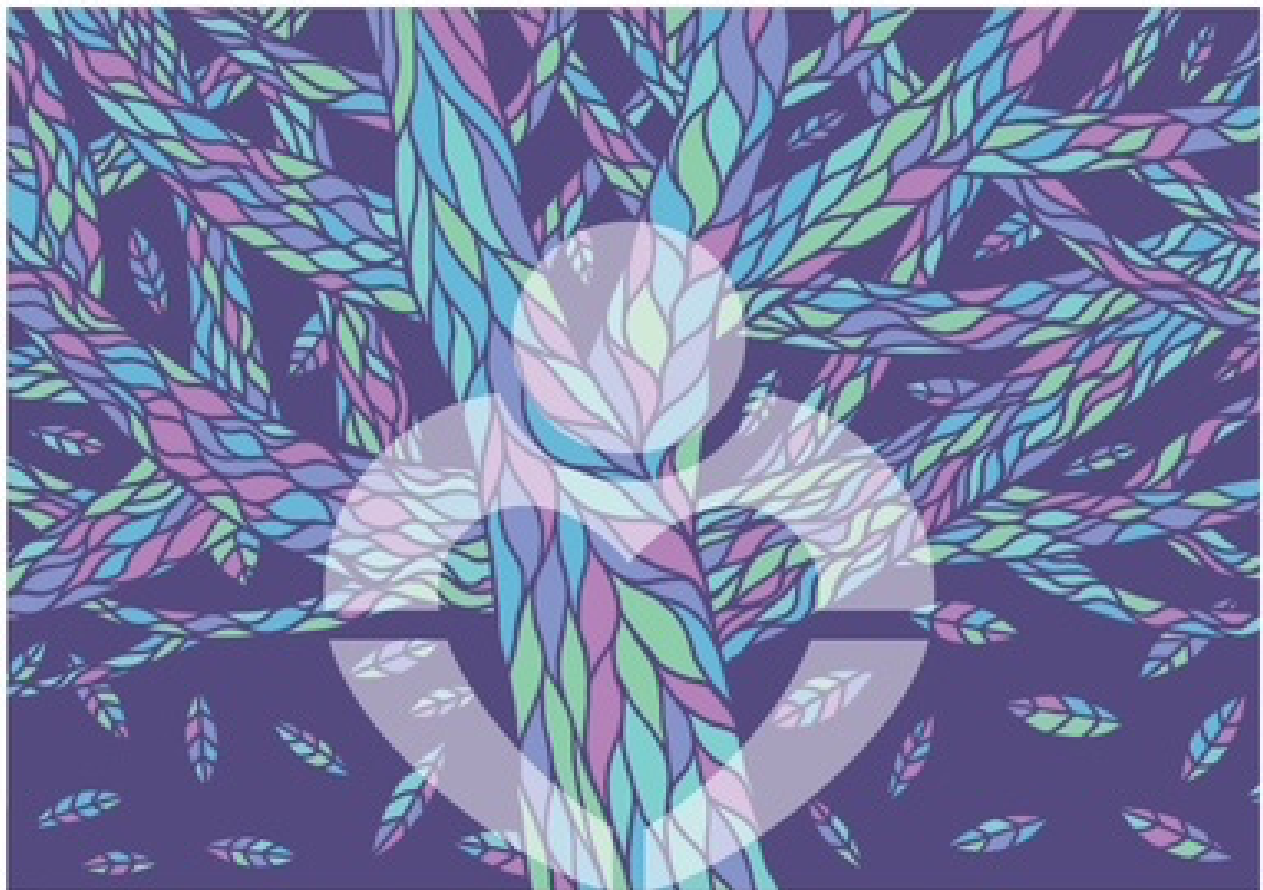
Remember PA voters can track a mail-in or absentee ballot by using the website www.pavoterservices.pa.gov.

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

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.



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](#).



CHAT AND CHEW

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

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

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

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

Flowers on the High Altar are in Loving memory of **Gail Lowe**, given by James Lowe, Jr., and Jared Lowe.

The Feast of All Saints / All Souls is being celebrated on Sunday, November 3rd.



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.



Bring your Ghost, Ghouls, Heroes, Villains, Prince, and Princesses to the 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot after service on **Sunday, October 27, 2024.**

Volunteers needed to decorate your trunk and pass out candy. Please get in touch with [Gladyce](#) in the church office.

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.

**Kid
Friendly!
Ages 12 &
Under**

AECST

3rd Annual

**TRUNK
OR
TREAT**

**Volunteers
needed to
decorate your
trunk and hand
out candy!**

Come and Join Us!

October 27th

*Costumes optional
but encouraged!*

Time: After service

Location: AECST Parking Lot

**Bring your little ghosts, goblins, princesses,
and superheros to join in the fun!**

Please contact Gladyce in the church office at
215-473-3065 or 1792@aecst.org



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DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS

READINGS FOR

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 6, 2024

The First Lesson - [Genesis 2:18-24](#)

[Psalm 8](#)

The Second Lesson - [Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12](#)

The Holy Gospel - [Mark 10:2-16](#)

The Holy Gospel Readings for the

Week of October 7, 2024

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

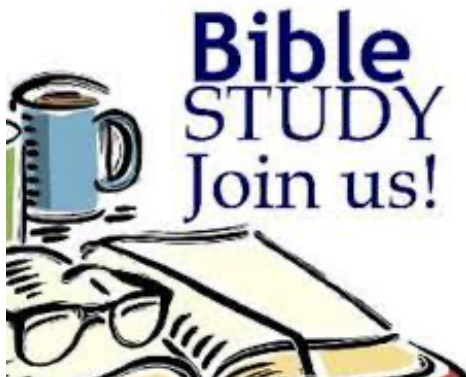
Tuesday - [Matthew 9:1-8](#)

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

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

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

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



The Adult Bible Study Group meets on Tuesday, 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 THE HOSPITAL:

Rev. Dr. Thomas Snowden-U Penn; Inez Turner-Lankenau

IN REHAB:

Helena Allen - Simpson House; Fr. Darryl James - Stapley Rehab; Leotta Griffith, Linda Holmes - Saunders House; Gwendolyn Langford - Arden Courts of Cherry Hill; Daryn Stewart - Liberty Center for Rehab; Deborah "Binky" Seay - Broomall Manor 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

KEEP IN PRAYER:

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

WE PRAY FOR

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



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](#).

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.

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.

MINISTRY STAFF

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