

THE AFRICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS

# YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY



# AMEN

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**THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 22, 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 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost/  
Youth and Young Adult Sunday**

On behalf of the Clergy, Wardens, Vestry, and People of God, welcome to the historic **African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas**, founded in 1792 as the first Black Episcopal Church in the 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

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



## **Our Clergy and Vestry leadership met on Saturday, September 14, 2024 for:**

September Vestry Meeting;

Vestry Retreat to begin new program church year;

A Toast to the start of the new program church year and  
the 40th Wedding Anniversary of Kelvin and Pam Johnson.





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Two new Lay Eucharistic Visitors were installed:  
**Tyrone Keller and Eugene Golson.**  
Enormous gratitude goes to those who make home visits to our homebound members and take to them the Blessed Sacrament.

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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!

**Our Homecoming Weekend** began with Dr. Jay Fluellen and St. Thomas hosting an afternoon of beautiful music in memory and celebrating the life of Marian Anderson. (The Vocal Scholars of the Marian Anderson Historical Society)



# Singsation

A Musical Tribute To Marian Anderson  
Presented by The Marian Anderson Museum

JOIN US AS WE PRESENT A TRIBUTE CONCERT OF BRAHMS SCHUBERT AND NEGRO SPIRITUALS DEDICATED TO MARIAN ANDERSON. FEATURING THE MARIAN ANDERSON SCHOLAR ARTISTS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF MAHS MUSIC DIRECTOR DR. JAY FLUELLEN

**SEPTEMBER 14TH 2024**  
LOCATION: AFRICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST THOMAS  
6361 LANCASTER AVE, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19151  
**3PM**  
CONCERT TICKET ADMISSION: \$40.00

**FEATURING**

 <b>LAURICE KENNEL</b> SOPRANO	 <b>JILLIAN PIRTLE</b> SOPRANO	 <b>LILY KASS</b> SOPRANO	 <b>DR. JAY FLUELLEN</b> MUSICAL DIRECTOR
 <b>TERRANCE HART</b> TENOR	 <b>MARCUS SIMMONS</b> BASS	 <b>BRENTON MATTOX</b> BASS	

FOR TICKETS PLEASE VISIT THE LINK : <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/singsation-a-musical-tribute-to-marian-anderson-presented-by-the-marian-anderson-museum-tickets-942985824987?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl>

OR CALL OUR OFFICE @ 215-779-4219





**The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Homecoming Sunday  
September 15, 2024**











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



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# Homecoming

# Sunday

# 2024

"Celebrating 232 Years  
of relevant and vibrant ministry"

**All aboard the AECST EXPRESS!!!**

**September 15, 2024 - 10:00 AM**  
(Reception to follow Service)

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# WELCOME

## New Members to St. Thomas!

We welcome **Sarah** and **Kellen Thomas** and their daughter, **Naomi**. Sarah's shepherd will be Judith Simkins-Booth. Kellen's shepherd will be Bobby Tillman. We look forward to getting to know them. To God be the glory!!!



**On Wednesday, September 18, 2024, St. Thomas hosted a meeting of the Schuylkill Deanery.**



**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**



### **OUR CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS**

to Deborah Harrison, Elaine Young, and family on the death of Debbie's sister, **Claretta White**.

to the Sudler family, especially Art, Michele, and Andrew on the death of Michele's sister, **Bernice Bryant**.

to Dr. Derek Griffith and family on the death of his father **Dr. Patrick Griffith**.

to Gail Harris, Aleah Wilson, and their families on the death of Aleah's companion, **Clinton Martin**.

May the souls of Claretta, Bernice, Patrick, and Clinton rest  
in peace and rise in glory  
Please keep the families in prayer.

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### **Expression of Thanks**

Sincere thanks to my St. Thomas family for all of their thoughtful expressions of sympathy during this difficult time following the passing of my brother, **Keith Smith**. Your support has been overwhelming and truly appreciated.

Please continue to pray for me and my family.  
Paula Wright

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

**Sunday, September 22nd** -Youth and Young Adult Sunday

**Sunday, September 29th** - Health Ministry Sunday  
Church School reconvenes for all children and youth

**Sunday, October 6th** - Stewardship Kickoff  
Catto Ministry Resource Fair - **11:30 AM to 1:30 PM**

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

**THIS WEEK AT AECST  
September 23, 2024**

**Monday, September 23rd**  
Alcoholics Anonymous - 7:00 PM in the Undercroft

**Tuesday, September 24th**  
Adult Bible Study with Fr. Jay via Zoom - 7:00 PM

**Wednesday, September 25th**  
Young Adult Bible Study with Fr, Daren - 6:00 PM-  
Gospel Choir rehearsal in Anderson Hall - 7:30 PM

**Friday, September 27th**  
Retired Peoples's Ministry - Anderson Hall -  
11:30 am - 1:00 PM

**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).

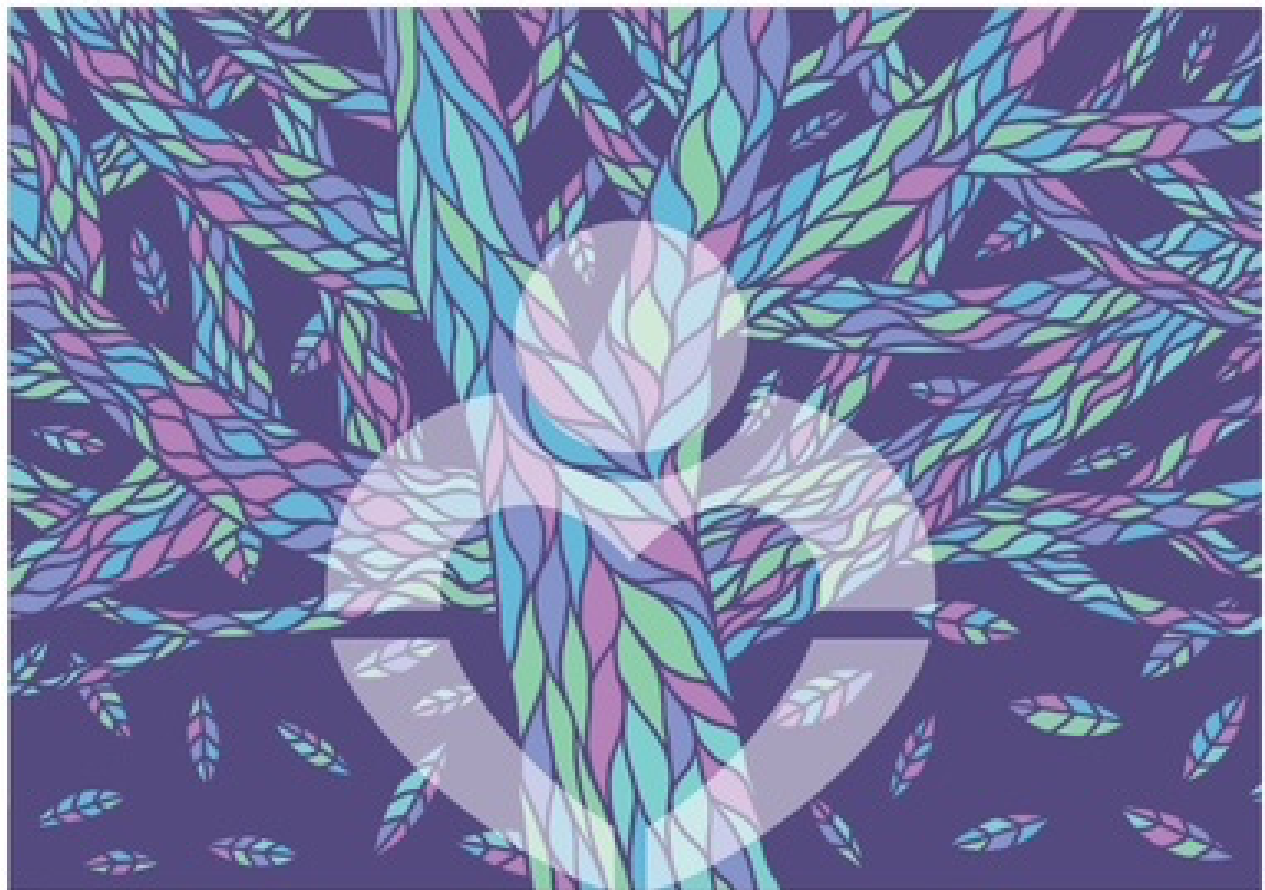
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NOVEMBER IS

# 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.



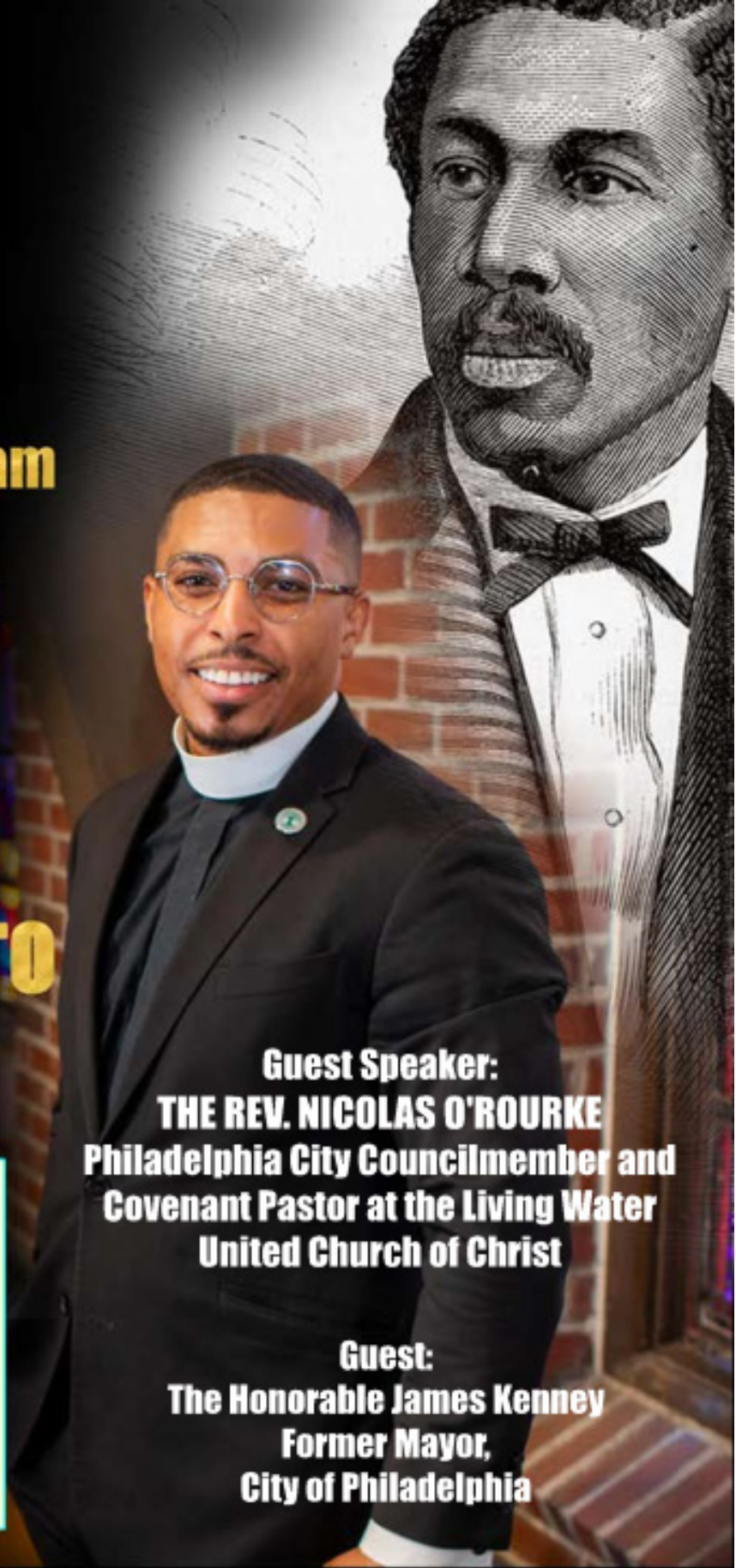
Communicate, educate and advocate to save lives in your

# COMMUNITY





**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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## **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 00 to join! Interested? Please contact, Director, [Pamela Johnson](#).

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## **ATTENTION: ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN**

Church School will begin on **Sunday, September 29th**. Please register using this [link](#).

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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.



**CATTO MINISTRY CORNER UPDATE**  
**Wendella Fox and Elaine Gillison Co-Chairs**

**Who's On The PA Ballot?**

With social media and the press intensely focused on the Presidential race, you have to ask is there anyone else running?

Who else is on the November 5, 2024 General Election ballot?

Listed below are the offices for election. Take a moment to familiarize yourself with these offices and research the candidates. There are several parties that have identified candidates for the following offices:

- United States Senator
- United States Representative (Congress)
- Attorney General
- Auditor General
- Treasurer
- State Senator (odd-numbered districts)
- State Representative

The Catto Voter Education Ministry's "Voter's Guide" will soon be available. We encourage you to do your homework; talk to neighbors, friends, and family, and familiarize yourself with the candidates running for offices in Pennsylvania.

Also, pay attention to important deadlines and dates:

**PA residents only:**

**Monday, October 21, 2024** - Last day to register for the November election.

**Tuesday, October 29, 2024** – Last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot.

**Tuesday, November 5, 2024** – General Election day polls open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

“It is your Christian obligation to vote...” Don’t throw away your shot!

VOTE – It is your Superpower!!

Father Daren offered the Opening Prayer at the Grand Opening of the 4th District Satellite Election Office, 5610 Lancaster Avenue in Overbrook. This center will serve citizens 7 days/a week, year-round, providing accurate voter information.





# 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  
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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

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

Flowers on the High Altar are in Thanksgiving for the **safe and healthy delivery of Isidore Francis Brossa**, given by his grateful parents Kathryn and Ryan Brossa.

Flowers on the Columbarium are in Loving Memory of **John (Jay) McCullough**, given by Sheila McCullough and Family.

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### **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.

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**The Schuylkill Deanery of the Diocese of Pennsylvania** is pleased to announce and congratulate St. Thomas' own, **Channing Wells** for being awarded The Rev. Canon Thomas Wilson Stearly, Sr. Memorial Scholarship. Channing is currently attending Bucknell University in Lewisburg, PA.

Channing, your AECST Church Family is proud and wishes you much success.

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**Coming to a Church parking lot near you!  
Trunk or Treat! More details coming soon.**



## DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS

### READINGS FOR

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 22, 2024**

The First Lesson - [Jeremiah 11:18-20](#)

[Psalm 54](#)

The Second Lesson - [James 3:13-4:3,7-8](#)

The Holy Gospel - [Mark 9:30-37](#)

### **The Holy Gospel Readings for the Week of September 23, 2024**

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

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

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

Thursday - [Matthew 6:7-15](#)

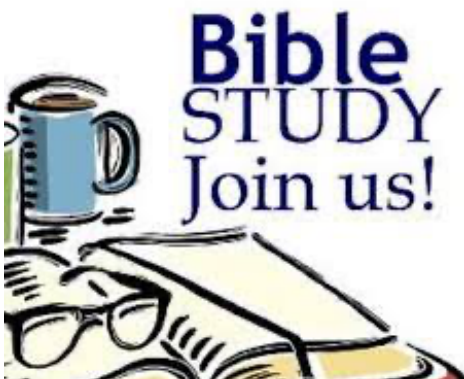
Friday - [Matthew 6:16-18](#)

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



### **The Adult Bible Study Group Meetings**

resume on Tuesday, September 10th 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; Daryn Stewart-Temple

### **IN REHAB:**

Helena Allen - Simpson House; Fr. Darryl James - Stapley Rehab; Leotta Griffith, Linda Holmes - Saunders House; Gwendolyn Langford - Arden Courts of Cherry Hill

### **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, Loretta Ferguson, Sandra Bryant Miller, Ann Stewart

### **WE PRAY FOR**

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

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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](#).

## **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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## **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.

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