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# Medicine & Faith

## Health Ministry Sunday



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**THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 29, 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 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost/  
Health Ministry Sunday. We welcome The Rev. Fr. Levon Alkins,  
Priest in charge at Holy Cross Church, Barbados.**

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](#).



**Please join the Health Ministry in Anderson Hall for a Chat and Chew after service on Sunday.**

**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 CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS**

for Eugene Golson and family on the death of his cousin, music great - **Benny Golson**. May the soul of Benny rest in peace and rise in glory. Please pray for the family.



# On Saturday, September 21, 2024, St. Thomas held its Second Annual Youth Fun Day









**EXPRESSION OF THANKS**  
**Greetings our Church Family**

Thank you to everyone who showed up for our Youth Fun Day on September 21, 2024 - youth, parents, guardians, young adults, volunteers, authors, Child Care Voters, and Cassandra Lee & The Philly Jumping Jems Double Dutch Team.

We are giving a shout out to the Planning Committee - Nikki Simms, Carlia Wallace, Howard Chapman, the Scouts and those who gave an assist - The Girls Friendly Leaders, Kadeja Wexler, Elaine Gillison and Ed Geiger and his MM&F crew.

Gratefully, Pam Johnson, Wendella Fox and Fr. Daren



**CONGRATULATIONS**  
to **Julio Rodriguez** and  
**Alexandra McFadden** who received  
the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on  
Saturday, September 28, 2024

**The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Youth and Young Adult Sunday  
September 22, 2024**















**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**



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

**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

**Sunday, October 20th** -Twenty-Second Sunday after  
Pentecost

**Sunday, October 27th** - 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat in the  
church parking lot after service

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**This Week at AECST - September 30, 2024**

**Tuesday, October 1st** - Adult Bible Study with Fr. Jay via  
Zoom - 7:00 PM

**Wednesday, October 2nd** - 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, October 5th** - The Girls Friendly Society begins  
at 11:00 AM in the Undercroft

The Dr. Ala "Like My Own" Community Choir Rehearsal -  
10:00 AM -12:00 PM in the St. Thomas Sanctuary





# 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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**AECST  
TREE OF LIFE  
Prison Ministry**



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

**IMMEDIATE REPLY REQUESTED!!**

If you are interested in assisting high school students who will be eligible to vote, for the first time, in the **General Election** on **November 5, 2024**, please email

**[Elaine Gillison](#)** or **[Wendella Fox](#)** ASAP.

**DEMOCRACY NEEDS YOU!**

If you are age 17 and up you can contribute to the success of the **November 5, 2024**, General Election and GET PAID!! Yes, **GET PAID**. The city and state of Pennsylvania need poll workers. Depending upon your specific interests, training can often take place online. Please visit **[www.vote.pa.gov](http://www.vote.pa.gov)**; scroll down and click on “Become a Poll Worker,” and complete the interest form.



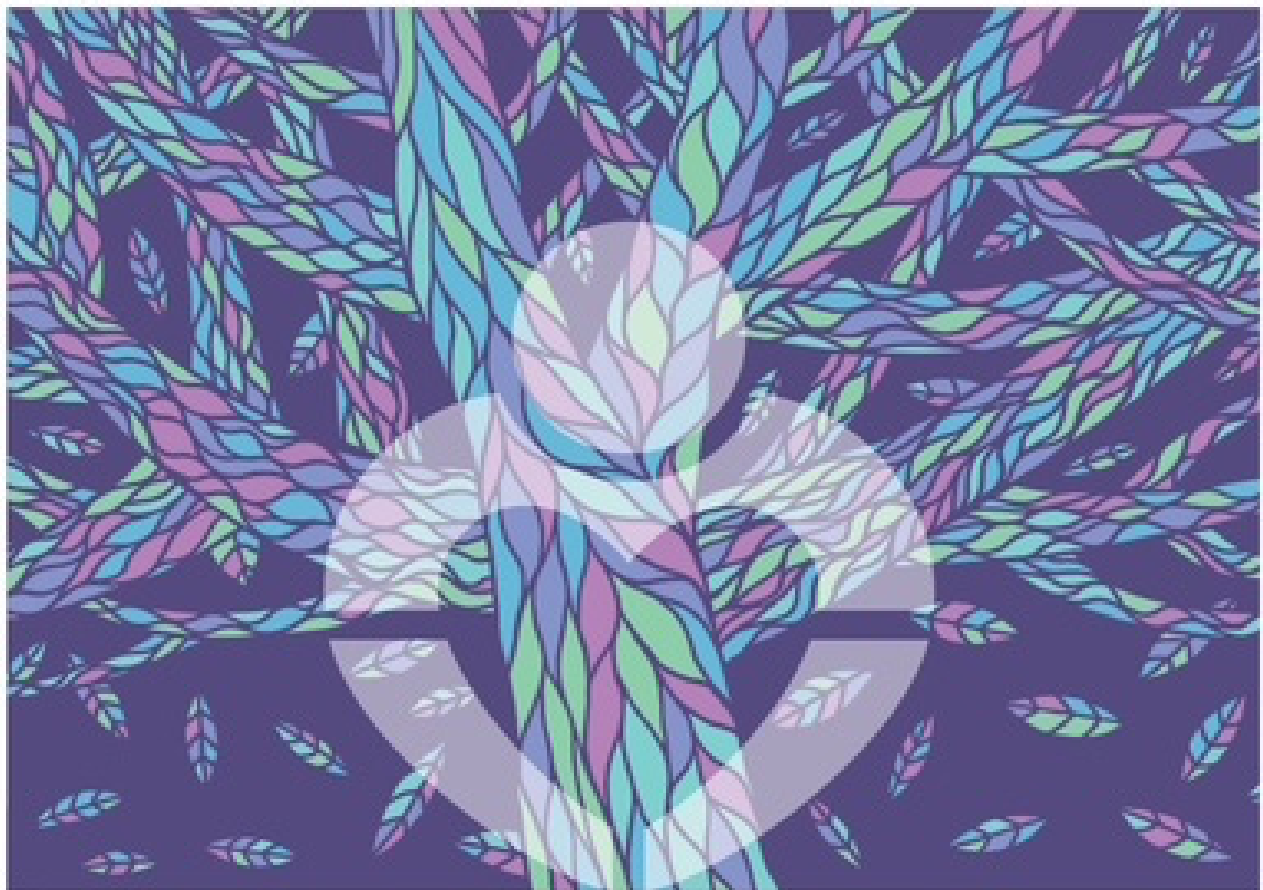
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NOVEMBER IS

# 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

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A Legacy of MEMORIES. A Future of HOPE.

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**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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## **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](#).

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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.



## 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 **Julio** and **Alexandra Rodriguez**, who were joined in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, September 28, 2024.

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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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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.

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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.



## DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS

### READINGS FOR

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 29, 2024**

The First Lesson - Numbers [11:4-6,10-16,24-29](#)  
[Psalm 19:7-14](#)

The Second Lesson - [James 5:13-20](#)

The Holy Gospel - [Mark 9:38-50](#)

### **The Holy Gospel Readings for the Week of September 30, 2024**

Monday - [Matthew 6:25-34](#)

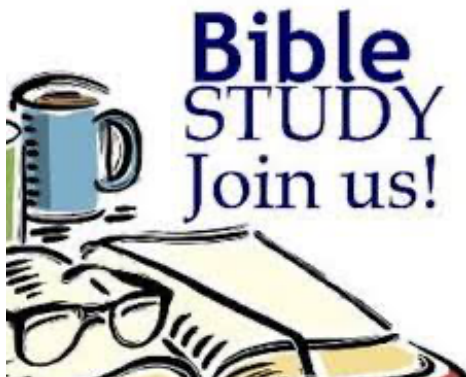
Tuesday - [Matthew 7:1-12](#)

Wednesday - [Matthew 7:13-21](#)

Thursday - [Matthew 7:22-29](#)

Friday - [Matthew 8:1-17](#)

Saturday - [Matthew 8:18-27](#)



**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; 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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Church of St. Thomas |  
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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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**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-determanation, 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.