

## THE AECST STAINED GLASS WINDOW HONORING BLACK SAINTS AND BISHOPS

Designer: Robert L. Jefferson

Artisans: The Joseph K. Beyer Stained Glass Studio

Installation Services: November 5, 2000

Celebrant: The Right Reverend Franklin D. Turner,  
Bishop Suffragan in the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania



The stained Glass Window is the conceptual collaboration of the Reverend Jesse F. Anderson, Jr. and artist Robert L. Jefferson of Yeadon, Pennsylvania. The window was crafted by the Beyer Stained Glass Company of Philadelphia from a preparatory design created by Mr. Jefferson. The window measures approximately 5 feet by 10 feet high and is divided into three sections.

The top section features four African symbols of the Akan peoples of Ghana and Cote'd Ivoire (Ivory Coast) in West Africa.

The symbols are: from left to right

- Nyame Biribi Wo Soro – God there is something in the heavens. A symbol of hope and aspiration;
- Bese Saka – group of cola nuts symbolizing affluence, power, abundance, togetherness and unity;
- Gye Nyame – Except God – the symbol of the omnipotence of God and
- Nyame Dua – God's Tree – the symbol of the presence of God and God's protection.

Black Saints featured In the lower left section of the Window Are:

1. St. Maurice, a black knight during the crusades;
2. St. Perpetua who was martyred as she and other Christians preached the Gospel. Since Christianity was banned at the time, she and the others met death after their baptism.
3. St. Augustine, know as the Father of Theology. He is considered a Christian pillar and authored over 90 books on various subjects including morals, history, philosophy and heresy.
4. St. Monica, mother of St. Augustine and mother of the church, who followed her son from North Africa to Italy with prayers and urged her son to be baptized.
5. St. Simon, who helped Christ carry the Cross, is also featured.
6. The Rev. Alexander Crummell, a noted theologian, preacher and scholar who challenged

the argument of slaves owners that the Bible allowed for slavery and that Africans were under the curse of Cain.

7. The Rt. Rev. James Theodore Holly, first Bishop of African descent; Bishop of Haiti; consecrated in 1804.
8. Rt. Rev. John Burgess, the first Bishop of African heritage in the State of Mass.
9. The Rt. Rev. Franklin D. Turner
10. Archbishop Desmond Tutu, South African's primatial (or chief) bishop. He won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984, and has been the recipient of many honorary degrees from the world's major institutes of learning.
11. The Rt. Rev. Barbara Harris, the first woman to be elected Bishop in the Episcopal Church of America.

# **THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

The Rev. Darrell Tiller - Celebrant & Homilist  
The Very Rev. Canon Martini Shaw - Assisting  
The Rev. Gerald Collins - Gospeller

November 1, 2020

10:00 A.M.

Outside Communion Distribution at St. Thomas

Fr. Tiller will also offer personal blessings.

You must wear a mask and practice social distancing.

## **IN - PERSON CHURCH SERVICE RE-ENTRY**

It is presently uncertain when we will return to worship in the church however planning is underway to assure that we are all able to safely worship upon our return. The Rector has appointed the following Committee to discern / guide the process and make recommendations to him and the Vestry.

The vestry has submitted to the Bishop our re-entry plan, which includes: Not re-entering for corporate worship until sometime in the fall. This plan has been approved by the Bishop.

Members of the Rector's Advisory Committee on Re-Entry:

Richard Jones, Rector's Warden, Co-Chair

Deborah Camp-Frye, Accounting Warden, Co-Chair

Fr. Jay Collins, Clergy

Deborah Harrison, Vestry, Building / Property Chair

Albert Dandridge, Esq., Vestry, Legal

Brenda Best Johnson, Vestry, Ushers

Deadra Cannon, Aux. Vestry, Support

Alfreda Brockman, Altar Guild

Dr. Calvin Johnson, M.D., Medical Advisor / Public Health

Phyllis Cater, Health Ministry

Dr. Gregory Allen, Ph.D, Communication

Gladyce DuBrey, Rector's Executive Assistant

## **PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday-Friday 9AM-4PM.

Please be advised that with social distancing still in effect:

1. No more than three (3) persons can visit the office at a time.
2. You must be masked to enter the building and must practice social distancing while present.
3. You must sanitize your hands upon entering the door.
4. Only entry to the entire property will be ONE DOOR, the Absalom Jones House ramp door.

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## **ALTAR FLOWERS:**

Flowers may now be placed on the altar in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a birthday, wedding anniversary or other celebration. Please send your payment to the church (6361 Lancaster Ave., Phila. PA 19151), in memory or care of the persons name and who it is given by. Flowers are \$50.00. The check can be made out to **The Altar Guild**.

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Flowers on the High Altar are In Memory of My Loving Husband Isaac Barber, given by Terri Barber

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## **REMEMBER:**

**Daylight Savings Time**

Ends November 1st. Don't forget to set your clock back 1 hour!

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## **PEW PLAQUE DEDICATION**

Today we dedicate 4 Pew Plaques to loved ones who have died: Edith and Robert Jones; Tanya B. Johnson; Lucinda G. Stridiron Harper; Emory J. Thomas, Jr.



## **PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER**

### **Recovering At Home:**

Regina Meacham Devero, Waltier Blocker,  
Katrina Harris Marshall, Linda Holmes, Gail Harris,  
Pastor Sadie Mitchell, Rosalind Roberts Smalls,  
Quincina Edmonds, Virginia Cooke, Kenneth Dow

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### **A MESSAGE FROM STEWARDSHIP:**

The 2021 St. Thomas Offering Envelopes are now ready for pick up in Anderson Hall. You may pick them up during Parish Office Hours (M-F: 9:00 A. M - 4:00P.M.) by entering through the A.J. House entrance with the ramp. Please don't forget your mask. If by chance you live in the same neighborhood of a church member who is unable to pick theirs up, perhaps you can pick theirs up and put it in their mail slot or between their doors. Thank you.

October 11th began our 2021 Stewardship Drive. Faithful giving cards will be mailed to you with your 3rd quarter financial statement. Please prayerfully make your 2021 pledge, mail or deliver your card to the parish office ASAP so that we can begin planning for our 2021 ministries.

If you have changed your address, home/cell phone number or email address, please send your changed contact information to Judy Tillman at [tillman\\_72@msn.com](mailto:tillman_72@msn.com) or the church email [1792@aecst.org](mailto:1792@aecst.org) so that we can update the church records.

# 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

**If you have not submitted your 2021 pledge card already, there are several ways to submit it:**

Bring your offering to the Parish Fiscal Office

Mail your pledge card to the Parish Fiscal Office

Photograph and email your pledge card to the Parish Fiscal Office at [fiscal@aecst.org](mailto:fiscal@aecst.org)

Submit your pledge or 2021 Faithful Giving form online on our website under Donations | Pledges or under Support at: <http://www.aecst.org/> or on our Facebook pages.

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**Thank you to the following people who have submitted their 2021 Faithful Giving Cards.**

If you have not, please see the ways you can submit your pledge.

### **Clergy, Vestry, Auxiliary Vestry Leadership**

Fr. Martini Shaw

Fr. Gerald Collins

Mr. Albert Dandridge, III

Mr. & Mrs. Barry & Deborah Frye

Mrs. D. Lynn Joell

Mr. Richard Jones

Mr. & Mrs. Judith & Darryle Tillman

Ms. Patricia Akins

Mr. William Burke, Jr.

Mrs. Deadra Cannon

Mrs. Clara Daniels

Ms. Linda Holmes

Mrs. Cynthia Muse

Mrs. Shirley Caldwell

Joyce Harrison

Patricia & Donald Hunt

Fr. Darryl James

Mr. Tyrone Keller

Mrs. Deborah Seay

Ms. Gladys Tucker

Ms. Barbara Wiley

Mrs. Michele Wilkinson

## **ELECTION**

St. Thomas will be used as a polling place for the election on November 3rd. Those in Ward 34 Division 25 will be able to come to St. Thomas on election day. We are Not a satellite location for early voting.

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## **MY DEAREST SISTERS AND BROTHERS**

Please remember that it is our SACRED DUTY and OBLIGATION to VOTE in this coming Tuesday Election. Your VOTE matters and will make a difference. Fr. Shaw

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## **SPECIAL PRAYERS ON ELECTION DAY**

St. Thomas Doors WILL BE OPEN ON Election Day for persons who want to kneel and offer prayers from 9am-6pm. Masks and social distancing are required and must follow all CDC safety guidelines.

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## **VETERAN'S DAY IS BEING CELEBRATED ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2020.**

If you are a veteran or have a relative or loved one who may have passed away recently and was a veteran please send:

Name, Rank, Branch of Service, Date of Birth, Email or contact information. Campaigns or war service (e.g., Korean, Viet Nam, Iraq, Afghanistan, etc.)

Please contact JR Brockman at [brock.man133@gmail.com](mailto:brock.man133@gmail.com)

## **DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS**

**This Sunday's Readings**  
**Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**  
**All Saints Day**  
**November 1st**

First Reading: Revelation 7: 9-17

Psalm 34: 1-10, 22

Second Reading: 1 John 3: 1-3

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

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### **Week of 11/2/2020**

Monday - Matthew 13: 36-43

Tuesday - Matthew 13: 44-52

Wednesday - Matthew 13: 53-58

Thursday - Matthew 14: 1-12

Friday - Matthew 14: 13-2

Saturday - Matthew 14: 22-36

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**Readings For:**  
**The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost**  
**November 8th**

First Reading: Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25

Psalm 78: 1-7

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25: 1-13

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## **UPCOMING SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER**

### **November 1st**

The First Mass of The Rev. Darrell Tiller

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### **November 6th**

Birthday Observances

The Rev. Fr. Absalom Jones (Nov. 6th), 1st Rector; and  
The Very Rev. Canon Martini Shaw (Nov. 6th ), 17th Rector

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### **November 8th**

**Veteran's Day Observed**

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### **TUESDAY ZOOM BIBLE CLASSES AT 7PM**

Please send your email to:

Fr. Collins at [JayCollins@comcast.net](mailto:JayCollins@comcast.net) or  
267-634-6185 to be added to the list.

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## **ALL SAINTS / ALL SOULS**

The Candle Memorials on the Altars are lit in memory of the following loved ones:

Isaac Barber, Samuel B. Jones, Jr., Samuel & Dorothy Jones, Sr., David Brown, June Raymond, Ethel Brown, Inelle Barber, Andy Willis, Lois Jones, Margaret McLane,  
-given by Terri Barber.

Hallie Billups, John Billups Jr., Christopher Billups,  
Isaac Robert Pitts,  
-given by Deborah Billups

Geraldine Bramwell, Jackie Deknight,  
Theophplus A. Bramwell, Steven Bramwell,  
Randle Moore Sr., Randall Moore Jr., Vivian Motley,  
Lydia Ravernell, Hattie McDonald.

A special thanks to my cousin Andrea Petricelli-Fields,  
Thank you for your support over the last 2 years.

-given by Theresa Bramwell

Louise Y. Burke, William J. Burke Sr.,  
-given by William J. Burke, Jr.

## **ALL SAINTS / ALL SOULS...**

Grace H. Daniels, Otis L. Daniels, William "Bo" Daniels,  
Julius C. Daniels, Lydia R. Daniels, Pankey L. Stanley, Jr.,  
Elizabeth "Tootie" Stanley, Otis R. Daniels, Sr.,  
Otis R. Daniels, Jr., Dorothy Wilson,  
-given by Cathy Stafford and Family.

Rosa Lea Hughey , Ronnie Hill, Pearl Hill,  
Geneva Jamison, Sarah Tyner, James Hughey, Terry Hill  
-given by Ronnie H. Collins.

Louise C. Lewis, William C. Lewis, Sarah Jones,  
Ernest Jones, Lucille Ray  
-given by Monica Lewis Jones

Henry Mercer, Gwendolyn Mercer, Andrea Mercer,  
Winston Joell, Julia Joell, Calvin Joell, Philip Joell,  
Natalie Edgerton  
-given by D. Lynn Joell.

Charles T. Mitchell Jr., Lucinda Harper,  
The Gordon Family, Julia Carter Descendants  
-given by Pastor Sadie S. Mitchell & Charlene Wiltshire.

## **ALL SAINTS / ALL SOULS...**

Edward L. Muse, Pearle Dillard Robinson,  
Ruth Fields Robinson, Justine Muse, Camilla D. Jenkins  
-given by Cynthia Muse.

Andre Seay,  
-given by Angelique Seay Howell, Kenneth Howell,  
Melvin Howell, Deborah Seay, Stephanie Seay,  
Geoffrey Seay, Therese Seay, Sean Seay, Ryan Wood,  
Cathy Seay, Gabrielle Seay, Brianna Seay.

Edward O. Watson, Sr., Clara May Watson,  
William L. Daniels, Edward O. Watson,  
William N. Leecan, Mattie Pressley, Mary E. Leecan,  
Irean F. Harris, Robert L. Harris, Sena B. Smith  
-given by The Daniels Family.

Ivory Elizabeth Mosley, John Clifford Mosley, Sr.,  
John Clifford Mosley, Jr., Dr. Gloria Pickney Hill  
-given by Victoria Rivers & Family.



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

- 11/1 Tyrone Gunby
- 11/2 Elsie Moto
- 11/3 Nohjay Nimpson
- 11/4 Steve Berg, Gregory Lyles, Ladene Kershaw
- 11/5 Michele Sudler
- 11/6 Absalom Jones, Canon Martini Shaw, Shawn Clark, Roger Peebles, Jr., Melvin Seegars, Sr.
- 11/7 Jonathan Edwards, Thomas Snowden, Joseph Stevenson, Rashid Faisal
- 11/9 Gregory Allen, Cathy Seay
- 11/10 Teri Tillman, Adanna Clarke, Maria McWilliams Zayzay
- 11/11 Betty Myers, Melvin Seegars
- 11/12 Thomasina Hack
- 11/13 Brenda Johnson, Tiffany Harding
- 11/14 Pauline Bantom, Catherine Stafford, Donald Young, Regina Meecham Devero
- 11/15 Sheila Stubbs, Jeremiah Scales
- 11/22 Grace Wetzel, Cassandra Ruffin
- 11/23 Ola Bass, Gail Harris
- 11/24 Richard Hart
- 11/25 Lara Falusi
- 11/26 Brenda Battle, Rebecca Scales, Tyleencia Wilson
- 11/27 Ronovan Bundy, Roslind Rodriguez, Keita Carr, Ruth Mugwanya
- 11/29 Anthony Carter
- 11/30 Loretta Ferguson, Grace Lincoln



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Church School  
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Calling ALL AECST  
Students K-12, Parents and Teachers

WELCOME TO A  
NEW AND EXCITING YEAR  
OF ADVENTURE IN OUR CHRISTIAN JOURNEY  
- LEARNING AND LIVING THROUGH CHRIST

**KNOW JESUS.  
CHANGE THE WORLD!**

**JOIN US  
THE AECST CHURCH SCHOOL  
EVERY SUNDAY AT NOON**

Registration required via email  
To RSVP contact Supt. Dottie Archey  
(215) 837-6941 or email at [churchschool1792@gmail.com](mailto:churchschool1792@gmail.com)  
Interested in becoming a Church School Teacher?  
Contact Dottie Archey to learn more.

The Very Reverend Canon Fr. Martini Shaw, Rector

"Start children off on the way they should go,  
and even when they are old, they will not turn from it"

Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)



## HOW CAN I STILL GIVE TO THE CHURCH WHEN I AM ASKED TO STAY INDOORS / MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING?

- 1) Mail in your check or money order to the church.  
Please use the following address:  
The Historic African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas  
c/o Fiscal Administrator  
6361 Lancaster Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19151
  
- 2) Use the **Givi app**. If you don't already use the app and don't have an account, it's easy to obtain.  
Please click the links below for the type of device you own to 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.
  
- 3) Drop off a payment at the church anytime in the mail slot of the AJ House door on the patio or the Parish Office during office hours.
  
- 4) Church website **<http://www.aecst.org/donations.htm>**  
(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.)



## **CAPITAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN**

Thank you to all who have contributed to the fund. Everyone is asked to please make a minimum sacrificial gift of \$40 per month.

Please use the envelope from your packet or place Building Fund in the Memo section of your check.

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If you are not receiving the Spearhead emails, please visit <http://eepurl.com/djyGiD> to subscribe. Your information will NEVER be shared or sold and you can unsubscribe at anytime by following the instructions provided at the bottom of every email message.

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Don't have Facebook but want to see the service? Please join us for our Virtual Worship Service on the St. Thomas Website: [www.aecst.org](http://www.aecst.org) every Sunday morning at 10am.

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### **THE VESTRY**

Rector's Warden - Richard C. Jones  
Accounting Warden - Deborah Camp-Frye  
Clerk of the Vestry - Johanna W. Daye  
Treasurer - Kevin Johnson

Alister Allman	Albert S. Dandridge	Jonathan Muse
Patricia Bantom	Deborah Harrison	Darryl (Bobby) Tillman
Ronnie Collins	D. Lynn Joell	Judith Tillman
	Brenda Johnson-Best	



## MINISTRY STAFF

Bishop	The Rt Rev Daniel G P Gutierrez	
Rector	The Very Rev Canon Martini Shaw	rector@aecst.org
Assistant to the Rector		
Associate Priest	The Rev Dr Sadie S Mitchell	
Associate Priest	The Rev Fr Gerald Collins	
Associate Minister	The Rev Dr Thomas G Snowden	
Associate Minister	The Rev Dr Paul Bach	
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	Karen Ragland	
	Lisa Stewart	
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Gospel Choir Master	Waltier Blocker	
Jazz Ensemble Director	Joe Stevenson	
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Baptism Co-Chairs	Gail H Harris	215..450..9312
	Patricia Walker-Ellison	215..643..7223
Ed Muse Photography Ministry	William Edmonds	302..502..6375
	Dale Williams	
Social Media Manager	Gregory J Allen, PhD	215..477..2672
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Sound Ministry	Joe Stevenson	
Transportation Ministry	J Reggie Kimble	610..585..8053
William Burke Ushers Ministry	Brenda Johnson Best	
Parish Webmaster	Gail H Harris	ghwebmaster@aecst.org

***The African Episcopal Church of Saint Thomas is a Christ-centered community that welcomes all people. This community embraces and executes the core values of our founder, the Reverend Absalom Jones: leadership, morality, spirituality, equal rights, education, liberty, charity, justice, humanitarianism, self-determination, self-respect, and freedom. St. Thomas is an open, Christ-centered community of faith in which the Gospel is taught, lived and spread.***