



**AECST
FOUNDED 1792**

**VETERANS
DAY**
**HONORING ALL
WHO HAVE SERVED.
THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SERVICE.**

ST. THOMAS
THE AFRICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Veterans Day Observance

The Very Rev. Canon Martini Shaw - Celebrant

The Rev. Gerald Collins - Gospeller

J.R. Brockman - Homilist

St. Thomas Scout Troop #133

November 8, 2020

10:00 A.M.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Today we celebrate the Observance of the November 6th Birthdays of Blessed Absalom Jones (1st Rector) and Canon Martini Shaw (Present Rector)

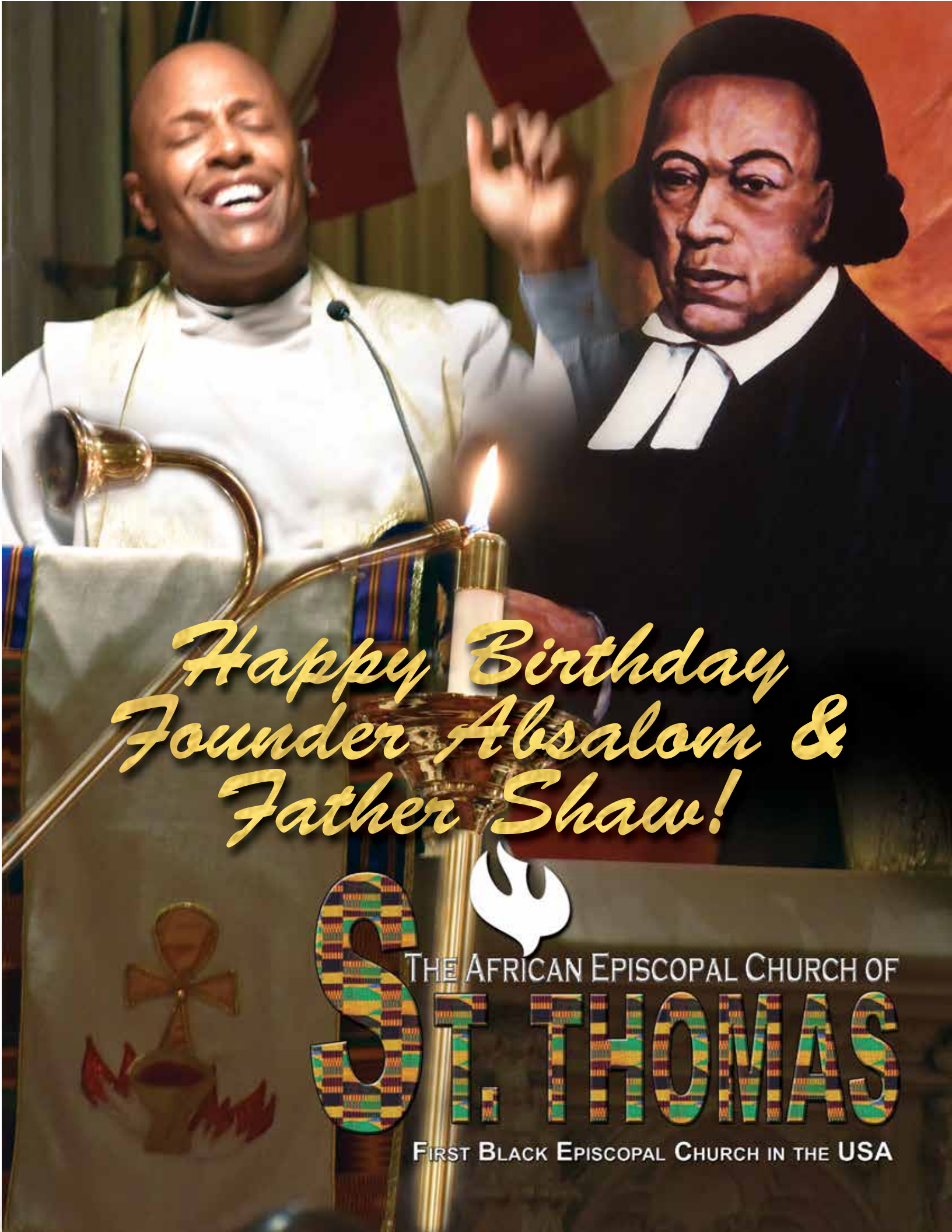
The Parish Administrative Offices and Church will be CLOSED on Monday, November 9th in Observance of Veterans Day.

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.



*Happy Birthday
Founder Absalom &
Father Shaw!*



THE AFRICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF
ST. THOMAS

FIRST BLACK EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE USA

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

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**.

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 or the church email 1792@aecst.org so that we can update the church records.

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
- 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.

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

THANK YOU!
to the following people who have submitted their
2021 Faithful Giving Cards.

Clergy, Vestry, Auxiliary Vestry Leadership

Fr. Martini Shaw

Fr. Gerald Collins

Walter & Patricia Bantom

Ronnie Collins

Albert Dandridge, III

Johanna Daye

Barry & Deborah Frye

D. Lynn Joell

Brenda Johnson

Kelvin Johnson

Richard Jones

Judith & Darryle Tillman

Patricia Akins

Conchetta Brewer

William Burke, Jr.

Deadra Cannon

Clara Mae Daniels

Linda Holmes

Cynthia Muse

THANK YOU!

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

Shirley Caldwell
Larry & Deidre Farmby
Barbara Glenn
Gail & Roosevelt Harris, Sr.
Joyce Harrison
Patricia & Donald Hunt
Kim Hyde
Fr. Darryl James
Jenelle Wilson Johnson
Bettie Jones
Tyrone Keller
John Kortue, Sr.
C. Adjoa Love-Dorsey
Deborah Matthews
Regina Meecham Devero
Colin & Helen Mitchell
Jerome & Helen Peterson
Victoria Rivers
Mrs. Deborah Seay
Linda Tapper-Smith
Catherine Stafford
Dr. H. Lynn Starr
Dr. Monica Taylor
Ms. Gladys Tucker
Inez Turner
Barbara Wiley
Michele Wilkinson
Paula Wright

DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS

This Sunday's Readings 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

Week of 11/9/2020

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

Readings For:

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost November 15th

First Reading: Judges 4: 1-7

Psalm 123

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-30

UPCOMING SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER

November 22nd -
Youth Sunday

November 29th
First Sunday of Advent

TUESDAY ZOOM BIBLE CLASSES AT 7PM

Please send your email to:
Fr. Collins at JayCollins@comcast.net or
267-634-6185 to be added to the list.

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

Recovering At Home:

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

Recovering in Facilities:

Pastor Sadie Mitchell - Abramson Rehab Center North Wales



AECST
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The African Episcopal Church
of
St. Thomas
Church School
is

BACK!

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
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.

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.

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 every Sunday morning at 10am.

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	
Parish Vergers	Stephen Hannum	
	Karen Ragland	
	Lisa Stewart	
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Asst Sexton	James Brown	
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Jazz Ensemble Director	Joe Stevenson	
Church School Superintendent	Dottie Archey	215..474..2815
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	Patricia Walker-Ellison	215..643..7223
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	Dale Williams	
Social Media Manager	Gregory J Allen, PhD	215..477..2672
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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.