



AECST
FOUNDED 1792

**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

ST. THOMAS
THE AFRICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
The Very Rev. Canon Martini Shaw - Celebrant
The Rev. Gerald Collins - Homilist
November 15, 2020
10:00 A.M.

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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Thanks from the Rector:

Enormous thanks for all the birthday wishes,
expressions and gifts
for the
Anniversary of my,
and
Blessed Absalom's birth.
Much affection to each one of you.

**A THANKSGIVING MESSAGE
FROM THE RECTOR
MEET, GREET AND GIVE THANKS!!!!**

Please join me for a brief moment to
GIVE THANKS,
hear Scripture
and receive a Thanksgiving Day Blessing,
Thursday November 26, 2020 at 10:00 A.M.
You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: Nov 26, 2020
10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Register in advance for this meeting:
<https://bit.ly/2UsEBCt>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email
containing information about joining the meeting.

As an expression of your gratitude to God,
please prayerfully consider
mailing, going online at www.aecst, or dropping off
your Thanksgiving donation.

With Affection and Gratitude
for each one of you,
Fr. Shaw

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

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.

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.

You have several ways to submit your Pledge Card:

- Bring your offering to the Parish Fiscal Office
- Mail your card to the Parish Fiscal Office
- Photograph and email your 2021 Faithful Giving/Pledge Card to the Parish Fiscal Office at fiscal@aecst.org
- Submit online at www.aecst.org or on our Facebook page.

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**

2021 FAITHFUL GIVING CARDS

Thank you to the following individuals who have already 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

Sharon Bullock

William Burke, Jr.

Deadra Cannon

Clara Mae Daniels

Linda Holmes

Cynthia Muse

Judith Simkins-Booth

THANK YOU!
IS YOUR NAME LISTED BELOW?
If you have not, please prayerfully submit yours TODAY!.

Jean Armstrong
Cedric Babb
Brenda Battle
Deborah Billips
Theresa Bramwell
Jean Brogden
William Brown, III
Shirley Caldwell
Andrea Cummings
William & Quincina Edmonds
Larry & Deidre Farmby
Earlene Ford
Gwen Francis
Barbara Glenn
Carole Williams Green
Michele Green
Leotta Griffith
Gail & Roosevelt Harris, Sr.
Joyce Harrison
Richard & Gwenda Hart
Fleta Howell
Patricia & Donald Hunt
Dr. Diana Hutchins
Kim Hyde

THANK YOU!

Fr. Darryl James
Bobby Johnson
Lemont Johnson
Sheryl Johnson
Jenelle Wilson Johnson
Bettie Jones
Robert & Joyce Jones
Sheila Jones-Smith
Tyrone Keller
Jurdina Koiler
John Kortue, Sr.
Louise Lewis
Kimberly Lloyd
C. Adjoa Love-Dorsey
Constance Lyons
Michele Wilkinson
Julia Williams
Dorothy Willis
Wanda Wood
Paula Wright
Deborah Matthew
Regina Meecham Devero
Deirdre Milanes
Carl Minot
Colin & Helen Mitchell
Thelma Montara

THANK YOU!

Elsie Moto
Mueni Beatrice Mwanzia
Jerome & Helen Peterson
Stephen Pugh
Dr. Vivian Raya Rivers
Yvonne Ruiz
Mrs. Deborah Seay
Stephanie Seay
Arlene Singletary
Dorothy Smith
Langsten Smith
Linda Tapper-Smith
Catherine Stafford
Dr. H. Lynn Starr
Joyce Ann Stewart
Sheila Stubbs
Dr. Monica Taylor
Rosita Taylor
Gladys Tucker
Inez Turner
Barbara Wiley
Michele Wilkinson
Julia Williams
Dorothy Willis
Wanda Wood
Paula Wright

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

DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS

This Sunday's Readings 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

Week of 11/16/2020

Monday - Matthew 17: 1-13

Tuesday - Matthew 17: 14-21

Wednesday - Matthew 17: 22-27

Thursday - Matthew 18: 1-9

Friday - Matthew 18: 10-20

Saturday - Matthew 18: 21-35

Readings For:

The Last Sunday after Pentecost-Christ the King

November 22nd

First Reading: Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24
Psalm 100

Second Reading: Ephesians 1: 15-23

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46

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.

UPCOMING SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER/DECCEMBER

November 22nd

Youth Sunday

November 29th

First Sunday of Advent with Bishop Gutierrez

December 6th

Second Sunday of Advent

December 13th

Third Sunday of Advent (Annual Men's Day)

December 20th

Fourth Sunday of Advent

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

Recovering At Home:

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

Hospitalized:

Verger Stephen Hannum

Recovering in Facilities:

Angela Foster - Magee Rehab Center

Pastor Sadie Mitchell is now doing her rehab from hip replacement surgery at Saunders House, Wynnewood, PA. She's in a 14-day quarantine for coronavirus testing, so no visitors are allowed. Also she is unable to receive phone calls. Our family very much appreciates your prayers. Thank you St. Thomas family! -- Charlene M. Wiltshire

Virginia Cooke - In need of a caregiver upon discharge. Please call Barbara Douglass at (215) 480-2441, if interested.



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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	
Executive Assistant to the Rector	Gladyce DuBrey	1792@aecst.org
Fiscal Assistant to the Rector	Deadra Cannon	
Investments Advisor to the Rector	Albert S. Dandridge, III, Esq	
Fiscal Administrator	Jeannette Jeffrey	fiscal@aecst.org
Sexton	LaDon Elliott	
Asst Sexton	James Brown	
Rector's General Counsel	Joe Tucker, Esq	215.875.0609
Chancel Choir Master	Jay Fluellen, D.M.A.	drjfluellen@gmail.com
Gospel Choir Master	Waltier Blocker	
Jazz Ensemble Director	Joe Stevenson	
Church School Superintendent	Dottie Archey	215..474..2815
Memorial Flowers	Alfreda Brockman	
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
Scout Pack 133	Arlene Gray	bsapack0133@gmail.com
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.