



AECST
FOUNDED 1792

**GIVE
THANKS...
WITH A
GRATEFUL
HEART!**



THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/CHRIST THE KING
The Very Rev. Canon Martini Shaw - Celebrant
Youth Sunday
Caryn Rivers - Homilist
November 22, 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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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 Co-Chairs are Richard Jones, Rector's Warden, and Deborah Camp-Frye, Accounting Warden.

**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: November 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

WE WELCOME:

The Delaware Valley (PA) Chapter of the Links, Incorporated worshipping with us today. The Links, Incorporated was founded in 1946 by St. Thomas Church Members - Margaret Roselle Hawkins and Sarah Strickland Scott who were very active members of the AECST.

Margaret Roselle Hawkins lasting legacy at the Church is her paintings of the 12 "Stations of the Cross" which is a traditional liturgical devotion commemorating the last day of Jesus' life. The Links, Incorporated is a Public Service organization determined to transform the lives of the vulnerable, the marginalized and the voiceless. We believe our core lies in the belief that Friendship, coupled with service has a transformational impact on our communities and our own lives.

The President of the Delaware Valley (PA) Chapter is Dr. Shawn Blue and the Vice President is Church Member Kimberly Lloyd. The following St. Thomas Church members are also Members of the Delaware Valley (PA) Chapter of the Links, Incorporated:

Lois Schdmit

Dr. Diana Hutchins

Pamela Johnson

Kimberly Lloyd

Lara Falusi

Dr. Monica Johnson Taylor

Mother Jo Ann B. Jones

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**

Flowers on the Altar:

We would like to wish a
"Happy Heavenly 100th Centennial Birthday"
to **Edith B Jones**

Our Mom, Mom Mom and Great Grand mom.
Love, Bobby, Pam, Ronnie, Ian, Kelvin, Ashley, KJ,
Julian, Scott and Baby Amelia

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:

Your gift of Christmas Poinsettias and flowers for the High Altar will help beautify the church for the holidays and will be a beautiful tribute to your loved ones. (Because of Covid -19 restrictions you will not be able to pick up your poinsettias.) Deadline is December 21, 2020.

Please send the following information by mail to Clara Mae Daniels at the church 6361 Lancaster Ave, Phila. PA 19151 or to 1792@aecst.org

-In Memory of (please list names, 5 per plant/arrangement)

-In Thanksgiving for (please list names (5 per plant/arrangement

-Given by (list name/names), Envelope number, Amount

The cost of the High Altar arrangement is \$50.00

The cost of the Poinsettias is \$20.00

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, Virginia Cooke,
Verger Stephen Hannum

Recovering in Facilities:

Pastor Sadie Mitchell - Saunders House
Carl Dean - Elkins Crest Rehab Center.

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.

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 W. Daye

Barry & Deborah Frye

D. Lynn Joell

Brenda Johnson Best

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
Cornella Camp
Andrea Cummings
Dr. Rillo Dillworth
William & Quincina Edmonds
Larry & Deidre Farmby
Loretta Ferguson
Earlene Ford
Gwen Francis
Elaine Gillison
Barbara Glenn
Clarice Grant
Linda Greaves
Carole Williams Green
Michele Green
Leotta Griffith
Gail & Roosevelt Harris, Sr.
Joyce Harrison
Richard & Gwenda Hart
Gregory Hayes
Quentin Heyward

THANK YOU!

Fleta Howell
Patricia & Donald Hunt
Dr. Diana Hutchins
Kim Hyde
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
Adrienne Logan
C. Adjoa Love-Dorsey
Constance Lyons
Deborah Matthews
Denise McKinney-Gibson
Regina Meecham Devero
Deirdre Milanes
Carl Minot
Colin & Helen Mitchell
Thelma Montara
Elsie Moto
Mueni Beatrice Mwanzia
Vincent & Lisa Napoleon

THANK YOU!

Jerome & Helen Peterson
Stephen Pugh
Karen Ragland
Dr. Vivian Ray
Victoria Rivers
Dr. Cassandra Ruffin
Yvonne Ruiz
Georgia Sawyer
Deborah Seay
Stephanie Seay
Leah Sheppard
Arlene Singletary
Velva Daniels Smalls
William Smalls
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 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

Week of 11/23/2020

Monday - Matthew 19: 1-12

Tuesday - Matthew 19: 13-22

Wednesday - Matthew 19: 23-30

Thursday - Matthew 20: 1-16

Friday - Matthew 20: 17-28

Saturday - Matthew 20: 29-34

Readings For:

The First Sunday of Advent November 29th

First Reading: Isaiah 64: 1-9

Psalm 80: 1-7, 16-18

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

The Holy Gospel: Mark 13: 24-37

UPCOMING SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

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

(Special Christmas Program with our Church School)

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.



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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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Fiscal Assistant to the Rector	Deadra Cannon	
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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
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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.