On Mother’s Day
Every Spring, Mother’s Day gives us a wonderful chance to celebrate the special women who mean the most to us...
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Mother’s Day
May 10, 2020

Today is Mother’s Day and we celebrate all mothers. We especially want to acknowledge our:
Oldest Mother - Ruth Hopson who is 107 years old
Newest and Youngest Mother - Onyinye “Onyi” Ejeh Nwaneshiudu
mother to Caleb Nwaneshiudu

We give thanks for all the mothers in our lives, our birth mothers, foster mothers, adoptive mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, “play and other mothers”, and anyone who expressed the love of a mother.

Our condolences to William and Velva Smalls on the death of William’s sister Gwendolyn Smalls. Please keep the Smalls and Daniels families in prayer. May Gwendolyn’s soul rest in peace and rise in glory. †

Our condolences to Anita Smith and family on the death of her mother-in-law, Betty Young. Please keep the Smith and Young families in prayer. May Betty’s soul rest in peace and rise in glory.. †

Our condolences to Lynette and Jonathan Edwards and family on the death of her father Lynn Dickerson. Please keep the Dickerson and Edward’s families in prayer. May Lynn’s soul rest in peace and rise in glory. †

I would like to thank my church family for all the notes, letters, texts, Posts, emails and calls of condolence for the passing of my uncle The Honorable Paul A. Dandridge. -Al Dandridge, Esq. †

Next Sunday is Women’s Day, we would like to recognize our parishioners that will be turning 90 this year, those still with us and those who have gone home to be with the Lord. Please submit names to Monica Lewis at mblj03@gmaol.com by Tuesday, May 12th. If you have already submitted a name to Gladyce, thank you it has been passed on.

St. Thomas has been identified as one of the Testing Sites for COVID-19. The date will be announced soon.
Effective IMMEDIATELY, the church and parish offices will be closed for entry until further notice. Only staff will be on the premises Monday- Wednesday and Friday from 9am-2pm to receive calls and other emergencies. Anyone who needs to contact clergy or staff should email: 1792@aecst.org or call (215) 473-3065.

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.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study, led by Fr. Jay Collins, Tuesdays from 7:00 P.M.- 8 P.M. Please send your email to Father Jay at: jcoll1906@gmail.com to be added to the list. Thanks to our Bishop Daniel G P Gutiérrez and the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania, this will occur online using Zoom. Please watch your Spearhead email and Facebook posting for connection information.

STEWARDSHIP
For all those who didn’t give me your name last year and want to stop getting your offering envelopes so you can give through the Givi App or the Donate Button on the AECST webpage, please send your name and envelope number to me at: tillman_72@msn.com

Please send them to me from now through August 2nd.
Thank you, Judy Tillman

St. Thomas is proud to partner with the following two organizations to address community needs during the Pandemic:
Overbrook West Neighbors (OWN) and Project Isaiah is distributing lunch for Philadelphia’s Seniors, those with pre-existing illnesses and vulnerable families a few days a week.

A HEARTFELT THANK-YOU to our beautiful St. Thomas Church family on behalf of the Harper, Covington and Mitchell families. We greatly appreciate the many greeting cards, phone calls, emails and gifts with which you have showered us. The death of our loved-one, Lucinda Harper -- a dedicated AECST parishioner since childhood, and baby sister of Pastor Sadie -- was sudden, from acute leukemia that went undiagnosed until less than 48 hours before her passing. We miss her dearly, but find peace and comfort in knowing that she is now in the bosom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Thank you for your prayers! -- Charlene Mitchell Wiltshire
UPCOMING SUNDAY VIRTUAL SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES IN MAY

Sunday, May 17
~Annual Women’s Day~
Theme: “Living in Purpose: Prayer, Power and Possibilities” (Romans 12:2)
Special Recognition of St. Thomas women 90 years or older
If you know of a St. Thomas lady turning 90 in 2020, please send their information, including name and birthday to Gladyce at: 1792@aecst.org no later than May 12th.

Sunday, May 24
~Memorial Day~

Sunday, May 31
~Pentecost Sunday~

DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS

Week of 5/11/2020
Wednesday - Luke 12: 22-31
Thursday - Matthew 28: 16-20

Next Sunday’s Readings
- 6th Sunday of Easter (Women’s Day)

First Reading- Acts 17: 22-31
Psalm 66: 7-18
Second Reading- 1 Peter 3: 13-22
Gospel - John 14: 15-21
UPCOMING WEEK
DAILY VIRTUAL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
AT THE AECST

Sunday, May 10
10 AM - Morning Worship

Monday, May 11
7AM - Morning Music Meditation
9PM - Compline

Tuesday, May 12
7AM - Morning Music Meditation
7PM - Zoom Bible Class

Wednesday, May 13
7AM - Morning Music Meditation
9PM - Compline

Thursday, May 14
7AM - Morning Music Meditation
9PM - Compline

Friday, May 15
7AM - Morning Music Meditation
9PM - Compline

Saturday, May 16
7AM - Morning Music Meditation
12PM - Noonday Prayer
ATTENTION 2020 ST. THOMAS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Book Awards from the JFA, Sr. Scholarship Committee for the year 2020 are available. To be eligible students must be a member of St. Thomas Church and also have participated in a Youth Activity sponsored by the church for a minimum of one year. Interested students may contact Barbara Douglass at 215-480-2441, email: barbd6920@msn.com or Thomasina Hack at 215-901-2773. An application will be sent to you, which must be completed and returned to Barbara Douglass by May 25, 2020. Thank you and God Bless you.

-Jesse F. Anderson, Sr. Scholarship Committee

AECST GIVING

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 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.
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. Mail in your check or money order to the church. Please use the address listed above under AECST GIVING.
VOTING IN THE PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS
It is extremely important that we vote in the upcoming election on June 2nd and November 3rd. But will it be safe to do so? Pennsylvania has voting by mail for both the June Primary and the November 3rd General Elections this year.

How do I get a mail ballot?
Go to votespa.com and click the “Apply Online” button. Applications MUST be received by the County by 5pm on May 26th. Mail in ballots MUST be received by 8pm on June 2nd.

Please don’t hesitate, go online and get your ballot. There are no excuses for not voting!

THE VESTRY
Rector’s Warden- Richard C Jones
Accounting Warden- Deborah Camp-Frye
Clerk of the Vestry- Johanna W. Daye
Treasurer- Kelvin Johnson

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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Effective IMMEDIATELY, the church and parish offices will be closed for entry until further notice. Only staff will be on the premises Monday- Wednesday and Friday from 9am-2pm to receive calls and other emergencies. Anyone who needs to contact clergy or staff should email or call.

Address: 6361 Lancaster Avenue • Philadelphia, PA 19151
Phone: 215.473.3065 • Emergency: 215.627.1606
email: 1792@aecst.org
website: www.aecst.org
www.facebook.com/aecst1792
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>MINISTRY STAFF</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Bishop</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rector</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Assistant to the Rector</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Associate Priest</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Associate Priest</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Associate Minister</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Associate Minister</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Parish Vergers</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Executive Assistant to the Rector</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fiscal Assistant to the Rector</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Investments Advisor to the Rector</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fiscal Administrator</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sexton</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Asst Sexton</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rector's General Counsel</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chancel Choir Master</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gospel Choir Master</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jazz Ensemble Director</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Church School Superintendent</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Memorial Flowers</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Baptism Co-Chairs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ed Muse Photography Ministry</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Social Media Manager</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Scout Pack 133</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sound Ministry</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Transportation Ministry</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>William Burke Ushers Ministry</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Parish Webmaster</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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.