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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
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TODAY IS WOMEN’S DAY!
We are grateful to our 2020 Women’s Day Co-Chairs for the hard work they have done during this pandemic season: Monica Lewis Jones, Katrina Marshall, Yvonne Caldwell White

We celebrate all the Women of St. Thomas, especially the women turning 90 years young: Soiesette Robinson, Corneila “Connie” Camp and Shirley Winkfield.

We also celebrate our members who have died since Women’s Day 2019:
- Mabel “Teena” Harris
- Isabel Hamill
- Mary Lou Sullivan
- Bertha Jackson
- Louise Burke
- Doris Coleburn
- Dolores Alleyne
- Ruth Parker
- Hattye Canty
- Ruth Hayes
- Tanya Johnson
- Audrey Dean
- Karen Campbell Smith
- Lucinda Harper
- Judy Fischer
- Ruth Chandler
- Beatrice Tomlinson

Our condolences to Daryn and Debbie Stewart and Walter Blocker on the death of Daryn and Debbie’s father James “Jim” Stewart a beloved member of the Gospel Choir and Senior Partners. Please keep the Stewart and Blocker families in prayer. May James’ soul rest in peace and rise in glory. †

Our condolences to the Napoleon Family: Vincent, Lisa, Ian and Erin on the death today of Vince’s mother, Rosa L. Napoleon. Please keep the Napoleon family in prayer. May the soul of Rosa rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen. †

Our condolences to Patrick Doe and Musu Doe, on the death of Patrick’s father, Davis S. Chea. Please keep the Doe and Chea families in prayer. May Davis’ soul rest in peace and rise in glory. †

Our condolences to Gwendolyn Cottman and family on the death of Gwen’s brother, Charles Medley. Please keep the Cottman and Medley families in prayer. May Charles’ soul rest in peace and rise in glory. †
OUR ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE is next Sunday, May 24, 2020. The Scouts of Troop 133 will once again honor those who died in combat or through hostile action. If you have names of Veterans that you would like to honor, please submit the following information to J.R. Brockman at brock.man133@gmail.com:

- Name
- Branch of Service
- Rank (if known)
- Conflict (WWII, Vietnam, Afghanistan, Iraq, etc.)

Thank you

St. Thomas has been identified as one of the Testing Sites for COVID-19. The date will be announced.

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.

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.

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.
DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS

Week of 5/18/2020

Monday - Matthew 7:7-14
Tuesday - Luke 7:36-50
Wednesday - Luke 8:16-25
Thursday - Luke 8:26-39
Friday - Luke 8:40-56
Saturday - Luke 9:1-17

Next Sunday’s Readings
- 7th Sunday of Easter
  First Reading - Acts 1:6-14
  Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36
  Second Reading - 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11
  Gospel - John 17:1-11

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.

GRADUATES AND PROUD PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF GRADUATES!
I know these are trying times but let us celebrate you! Please send your graduate(s) information: Name, School attended, New school attending; for college graduates please add major and degree received. Send all information to Gladyce at: 1792@aecst.org by Friday, May 29th, also by 29th, please text a photo to 267-399-0193. Congratulations!

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
Don’t have Facebook but want to see our Virtual Worship Services? Please join us for service on the St. Thomas Website at: [www.aecst.org](http://www.aecst.org) every Sunday morning at 10 am and other times as listed on the Virtual Worship Opportunities schedule below.

### UPCOMING WEEK
### DAILY VIRTUAL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
### AT THE AECST

**Sunday, May 17**  
10 AM - Morning Worship

**Monday, May 18**  
7AM - Morning Music Meditation  
9PM - Compline

**Tuesday, May 19**  
7AM - Morning Music Meditation  
7PM - Zoom Bible Class

**Wednesday, May 20**  
7AM - Morning Music Meditation  
9PM - Compline

**Thursday, May 21**  
7AM - Morning Music Meditation  
9PM - Compline

**Friday, May 22**  
7AM - Morning Music Meditation  
9PM - Compline

**Saturday, May 23**  
7AM - Morning Music Meditation  
12PM - Noonday Prayer
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    Deborah Harrison    Steven Lewis
Patricia Bantom  D. Lynn Joell      Jonathan Muse
Ronnie Collins   Brenda Johnson-Best Darryl (Bobby) Tillman
Albert S. Dandridge

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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.