“Remembering all who died while serving.”
This weekend, we join millions around the country in remembering persons who gave their lives in service to the nation, while serving in a war or conflict.

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.

Members of the Rector’s Advisory Committee on Re-Entry are:

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 Adviser / Public Health
Phyllis Cater, Health Ministry
Dr. Gregory Allen, Ph.D, Communication
Gladyce DuBrey, Rector’s Executive Assistant

Please keep this Committee in your daily prayers as it is guided by the Holy Spirit.
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**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](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.

**UPCOMING SUNDAY VIRTUAL SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES IN MAY/JUNE**

- **May 31st**
  ~Pentecost Sunday~

- **June 7th**
  ~Graduate Sunday~

- **June 14th**
  ~Caribbean Sunday~

- **June 21st**
  ~Father’s Day~

- **June 28th**
  ~Acolyte / Youth Sunday~
Next Sunday’s Readings
- The Day of Pentecost
First Reading- Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 140:25-35, 37
Second Reading- 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
Gospel - 20:19-23

Week of 5/25/2020
Tuesday - Luke 10:1-17
Friday - Luke 10:38-42
Saturday - Luke 11:14-23

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 the 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
UPCOMING WEEK
DAILY VIRTUAL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
AT THE AECST

Sunday, May 24
10 AM - Morning Worship

Monday, May 25
7AM - Morning Music Meditation
9PM - Compline

Tuesday, May 26
7AM - Morning Music Meditation
7PM - Zoom Bible Class

Wednesday, May 27
7AM - Morning Music Meditation
9PM - Compline

Thursday, May 28
7AM - Morning Music Meditation
9PM - Compline

Friday, May 29
7AM - Morning Music Meditation
9PM - Compline

Saturday, May 30
7AM - Morning Music Meditation
12PM - Noonday Prayer

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 every Sunday morning at 10 am and other times as listed on the Virtual Worship Opportunities schedule below.
To My St. Thomas Church Family,

Truly, there are no words to adequately express my sincere gratitude for your outpouring of concern, affection and prayers for Artis. But, with great confidence and assurance I know that he would have been overwhelmed with joy by your many expressions of love and affection for him.

*With sincere gratitude, Vivian Ray.* †

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

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**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](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.

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**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.

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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!

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Treasurer- Kelvin Johnson

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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.