Please Join us for
A Father’s Day Celebration

THE AFRICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF
ST. THOMAS

FAITH OF OUR FATHERS
The Third Sunday after Pentecost
Our Annual
Father’s Day Celebration
June 21, 2020
10:00 AM

Today is Father’s Day and we celebrate all fathers. We especially want to acknowledge our

OLDEST FATHER
William “Fish” Thompson
(99 years old, born September 15, 1921)
Father of Lance and Calvin Thompson.

NEWEST FATHER
Justin (Crosby) Lyon father to Crosby Harrison Lyon
born May 22, 2020

We give thanks for all the fathers in our lives, our birth fathers, foster fathers, adoptive fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, “play and other fathers”, and anyone who expressed the love of a father.

We Welcome our Guest Homilist, the Right Rev. Nathan Baxter, retired bishop of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania.

New Parish Administrative Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9AM-2PM. Please be advised that with social distancing still in effect:
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4. Only entry to the entire property will be ONE DOOR, the Absalom Jones House ramp door.
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.

DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS

This Sunday’s Readings
The Third Sunday after Pentecost -June 21st
First Reading - Genesis 21:8-21
Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17
Second Reading - Romans 6:1b-11
Gospel - Matthew 10:24-39

Week of 6/22/2020
Wednesday - Luke 22:14-23

Readings for The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost -June 28th
First Reading - Genesis 22:1-14
Psalm 13
Second Reading - Romans 6:12-23
Gospel - Matthew 10:40-42
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.

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.

Please keep in prayer: Francina Norris at St. Francis Nursing Home in Yeadon, PA and Waltier Blocker hospitalized in Jefferson Hospital. †

Our condolences to Dale Williams, and his family, on the death of his mother, Willie Mae Seguea Williams. †

Our condolences to Rosita Taylor and her family on the death of her mother, Sallie Pearl Hollerman Taylor. †

Our condolences to Leatrice and Thomas Snowden on the death of her brother, Samuel Thompkins. †

May the souls of Willie Mae, Sallie Pearl and Samuel rest in peace and rise in glory. Please continue to keep the Williams, Taylor, and Snowden families in prayer. †

St. Thomas will soon be a testing site for COVID-19. The date will be announced very soon.
UPCOMING WEEK
DAILY VIRTUAL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
AT THE AECST

Sunday, June 21
10 AM - Morning Worship

Monday, June 22
7AM - Morning Music Meditation
9PM - Compline

Tuesday, June 23
7AM - Morning Music Meditation
7PM - Zoom Bible Class

Wednesday, June 24
7AM - Morning Music Meditation
9PM - Compline

Thursday, June 25
7AM - Morning Music Meditation
9PM - Compline

Friday, June 26
7AM - Morning Music Meditation
9PM - Compline

Saturday, June 27
7AM - Morning Music Meditation
12PM - Noonday Prayer

Don’t have Facebook but want to see our Virtual Worship Services? Please join us for services 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. Click on the VIRTUAL WORSHIP link to see the services. If you missed a service but would still like a chance to see it, log onto the AECST website, click on the Virtual Worship link & select a previous service.

UPCOMING SUNDAY VIRTUAL SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES IN JUNE
June 28th
~Acolyte / Youth Sunday~

July 5th
Independance Day Observance

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~Save the Date~

Wedding Announcement

Verger Lisa J. Stewart and Mr. Harold D. New announce that they will be united in Holy Matrimony on Friday, June 26, 2020 at 11 am. You are all cordially invited to join them virtually via Zoom. Please send your name and email address to Lisa at LJS210@msn.com to receive your personal evite and to let them know that you will be celebrating with them. Here is the Zoom link: https://wedfuly.zoom.us/j/97314863898

This link should not be shared with others outside of St. Thomas without permission. Please keep Lisa and Harold in your prayers as they prepare to be united in Christ.

Thank you!

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.
The Order of The Daughters of the King
St. Thomas Chapter

Presents

Pentecost Peace
An Hour of Prayer, Reflection and Open House

Sunday, June 28, 2020
11:30am - 12:30pm

CALLING ALL WOMEN of ST. THOMAS!
We are living in unprecedented times.
Now is the time to answer the call for Prayer.
Now is the time for Pentecost Peace.

Join us for a Virtual Hour of Powerful Prayer, Soul Stirring Song Selections, Inspiring Reflections, and Information on how YOU can join the DOK mission of Prayer, Service and Evangelism for the spread of Christ’s Kingdom

The Lord is thy keeper; the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.
The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.
Psalm 121:5-7 (KJV)

Please RSVP to:
Monica Lewis Jones
at: MBLJ03@gmail.com
(email: MBLJ [zero] 3)
Zoom information forthcoming. You can connect via Zoom Video or telephone

The St. Thomas Chapter of The Daughters of the King
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. June 30th is the last Tuesday until it resumes in the Fall.

In these trying times, our children may be scared and confused. Here is resource from The St. Thomas Health Ministry that may be able to help with the conversation: https://childmind.org/article/racism-and-violence-how-to-help-kids-handle-the-news/

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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.