

# "MEN ARE COOKING: CUISINES ACROSS CONTINENTS"

**Sunday, April 28, 2024 - 12 PM**

**Experience delicious dishes  
prepared by the men of St. Thomas.**



THE AFRICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS • FIRST BLACK EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE USA  
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## The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

### “WELCOME TO THE MOTHER CHURCH”

“Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Give thanks unto Him and bless His name”.

Psalm 100:4

Grace and Peace to you from God on this **Fifth Sunday of Easter and Youth and Young Adult Sunday.**

On behalf of the Clergy, Wardens, Vestry, and People of God, welcome to the historic African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas, founded in 1792 as the first Black Episcopal Church in the U.S.A. The first rector of this historic parish, The Rev. Fr. Absalom Jones was also the first Black Episcopal priest in the nation.

Our parish boldly proclaims the reconciling Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are an active, mission-minded and growing church family. Whoever you are and wherever you may find yourself on your spiritual journey of faith, you are always welcomed at St. Thomas' Church, where we are joyfully and enthusiastically committed to Jesus' message of love, hope, prayer, acceptance and faith. Today, as you worship in this place, may you experience and feel the presence of the Lord, and may you leave feeling renewed, refreshed and revived. Whoever you may be and however you may find yourself experiencing life's journey, do know that St. Thomas Church welcomes you. Again, welcome!

Faithfully,

*Martini Shaw* +

(The Very Rev. Canon) Martini Shaw, 17th Rector  
and Dean of the Schuylkill Deanery

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Please click here  
for the [Order of Service](#).

**JOIN US THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024**  
**ST. THOMAS MEN ARE COOKING**  
**(See video below)**



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**WELCOME!!!**

St.Thomas rejoices in welcoming another new member into our church family: **Stacey McCoy-Ndiaye**. Her Vestry Shepherd is Elaine Gillison. To God be the glory!!!





## **A Little bit about our Homilist Peyton Miller**

Peyton Miller is a dedicated 16-year-old sophomore at The Christian Academy, who balances her academic pursuits with a passion for literature and music. Outside the classroom, Peyton works as an aftercare assistant at Children's House Montessori

School, where she enjoys nurturing and engaging with the young students.

A voracious reader, Peyton loves to expand her personal library and immerse herself in different worlds through the pages of her books. Her love for storytelling doesn't stop there; she is also an avid writer of short stories, honing her craft with each narrative she creates.

In addition to her literary interests, Peyton is learning to play the piano, appreciating the discipline and joy it brings to her life. Family time is especially dear to her, as it offers her moments of relaxation and bonding.

Looking ahead, Peyton is driven by a deep interest in the sciences. She plans to attend college to study biomedicine, aspiring to contribute to advancements in medical research and patient care.



### **OUR CONDOLENCES TO**

the family of **Joyce Harrison**. Her memorial service will be held at St. Thomas on **Tuesday, April 30, 2024**.

The Links Incorporated and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated services will begin at 10:00 AM with the Memorial Service Mass beginning at 11:00 AM. May the soul of Joyce rest in peace and rise in heaven. Please pray for the family.





**A REMINDER TO ALL GUILDS, ORGANIZATIONS,  
MINISTRIES, AND INDIVIDUALS:**

**ANY** and **ALL** Activities using the church facilities (ie; Anderson Hall, the Undercroft, the church) or the Absalom Jones House **MUST** be scheduled and approved by the Parish Administrator: [Gladyce DuBrey](#) or call (215-473-3065) and **NOT the SEXTON** beforehand. It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that all activities are listed on the calendar of the Parish Office.

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**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Heroes' Sunday (Celebrating our First Responders)  
with Philadelphia Police Commissioner Kevin Bethel and  
Philadelphia Fire Commissioner Craig Murphy.**

**April 21, 2024**







More pictures may be found on our [Facebook](#) page.

# An Afternoon of Dining and Fellowship!

The Retired Persons Ministries of Overbrook Presbyterian and St. Thomas Churches.



## **Coffee Hour (Chat and Chew)**

Have you ever considered hosting a Coffee Hour (Chat and Chew) following Service in thanksgiving for a blessing received or in memory of a departed loved one? Please contact Gladyce for further details.

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### **ONE OF OUR OWN!!! Dr. Barbara Savage**



On Sunday, **May 5th**, please join us after Service for a Chat N Chew sponsored by **Barbara Savage**, in gratitude for the Church's support during her work on her recently released book entitled: "Merze Tate: The Global Odyssey of a Black Woman Scholar (Yale, 2023)". She will give a brief discussion about the book.

All are welcome. (Books will NOT be on sale but she is happy to sign any copy you own.)

# Come Sunday

A Concert Celebrating the Music of Marian Anderson & Duke Ellington

## Spirituals & Jazz



The National Marian Anderson Museum and Historical Society invites you to join us for this glorious music event as we honor the iconic Marian Anderson and Duke Ellington in song with the sacred spirituals of Marian Anderson and the beloved jazz standards of Duke Ellington for which they are celebrated.

June 2, 2024  
3pm

TINDLEY TEMPLE

750 S. BROAD STREET, PHILA., PA 19146

FEATURING



Music Director  
Dr. J. Fluellen



Soprano  
Laurice S. Kennel



Soprano  
Jillian Pirtle



Soprano  
Lily Kass



Tenor  
Terrance Hart



Baritone  
Marcus Simmons



Bass  
Brenton Mattox



MAHS  
Instrumental Ensemble

FOR TICKETS: [WWW.MARIANANDERSONHISTORICALSOCIETY.WEBBLY.COM](http://WWW.MARIANANDERSONHISTORICALSOCIETY.WEBBLY.COM)

Donation: \$30

# Team Up Philly

EMPOWERING GIRLS TO WIN IN LIFE

Team Up Philly will be honoring **Nikki Franke** for her outstanding achievement in fencing and her dedication to empowering young girls through sports for over 50 years.

On Thursday, May 2nd, join us for a night to benefit Team Up Philly! We will gather at Merion Tribute House (625 Hazelhurst Ave., Marion Station) to honor Dr. Nikki Franke as our Jay Barry Harris Hero of the Year.

**Cocktails,  
Dinner, & Dessert!**  
**Silent Auction  
&  
Raffle**

Bidding will take place via the Auctria app - download it today! [Apple](#) or [Android](#).

**Purchase your ticket today!**

**Click the  
Be A Hero icon.**

**BE A HERO**

Contact Elaine Gillison for additional details, 267-971-6503.

## 2024 JAY BARRY HARRIS HERO OF THE YEAR

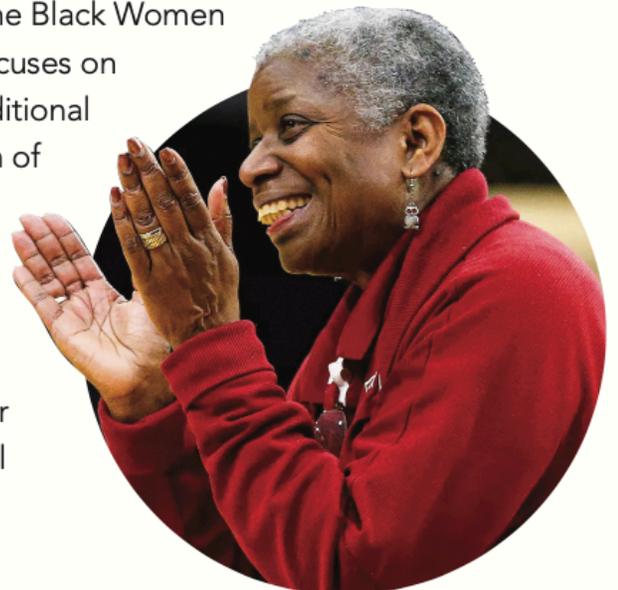
Nikki Franke was a member of the 1976 and 1980 U.S. Olympic Fencing teams, and was the USA Fencing National Foil Champion in 1975 and 1980. Coach Franke launched Temple's women's fencing team from scratch, building a club team into an NCAA Division I powerhouse.

**During her 50 years of coaching, she amassed 898 victories, making her one of the winningest collegiate coaches in fencing history. She was the first and only Black female Head Coach of an NCAA Division I fencing program when she retired in 2022.**

Franke is a graduate of Brooklyn College, and received her Master's and Doctorate Degrees from Temple University. She is an Associate Professor Emerita in Temple University's College of Public Health, where she taught for more than forty years.

Dr. Franke also co-founded the Black Women in Sport Foundation which focuses on introducing youth to non-traditional sports and mentoring women of color involved in all aspects of sport.

She has been inducted into five Halls of Fame and has received numerous honors for her trailblazing and successful career.



## UPCOMING SUNDAYS

**May 5, 2024**

Sixth Sunday of Easter.  
Dr. Barbara Savage - Book Talk

**May 12, 2024**

Seventh Sunday of Easter  
Mother's Day

**May 19, 2024**

Pentecost Sunday  
Wear Something Red

**May 26, 2024**

Memorial Day Observance /  
Youth and Young Adult Sunday.

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### Attention AECST Students

The Jesse F. Anderson Sr. Scholarship Fund applications for St. Thomas Book Awards are available for graduating high school seniors who are members of AECST and plan to attend a school of higher learning Fall 2024.

Applications are also available for AECST members who are enrolled in a full-time Graduate Program. For more information contact [Paula Lamb](#) (high school seniors) [Diana Hutchins](#) (Graduate Students) or [Thomasina Hack](#).

Application deadline **May, 20, 2024**

# DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS

## READINGS FOR

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 28, 2024**

The First Lesson - [Acts 8:26-40](#)

[Psalm 22:24-30](#)

The Second Lesson - [1 John 4:7-21](#)

The Holy Gospel - [John 15:1-8](#)

**The Holy Gospel Readings for the  
Week of April 29, 2024**

Monday - [Luke 7:36-50](#)

Tuesday - [Luke 8:1-15](#)

Wednesday - [Luke 8:16-25](#)

Thursday - [Luke 8:26-39](#)

Friday - [Luke 8:40-56](#)

Saturday - [Luke 9:1-17](#)

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**Calling ALL WOMEN of St. Thomas!  
Save the Date!**

**AECST Women's Ministry**

Annual Celebration of Women

**Sunday, June 2, 2024 at 10:00 AM**

**"Walking in the Spirit of God's Love"**

Guest Homilist

**The Rev. Kelly Brown Douglas, Ph.D.**

Ordained Episcopal Priest, Author and

Interim President of the Episcopal Divinity School

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**The 11th Annual Caribbean Festival**  
**will be held on Sunday, June 9, rain or shine!**

The festival committee is already hard at work planning for this year's event - any and all are welcome to join us. For more information, please contact Gillian Wilson or [email](#) the committee. Like or follow us on Facebook by searching for our page: Caribbean Festival Committee.

Once again Jamaican patties will be for sale on May 5th, May 19th, and May 26th. See any member of the Caribbean Committee for more information.

Stay tuned for more updates, including when we'll once again have Jamaican patties for sale as a fundraiser. **One Love!**

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**Looking for a nice quiet getaway?**  
**Come to Holiday House in Cape May, New Jersey**

**GFS PA HOLIDAY HOUSE**

**OPENING FOR THE 2024 SEASON! JUNE 1ST- SEPTEMBER 30TH**

**2024 Season Donation Rates**

\$125/night: single occupancy

\$225/night: double occupancy

\$250/night: triple occupancy

\*Family and Group rates available

No meals \$90/night: single occupancy. Must be indicated at the time of reservation.

JUNE/SEPT Bed and Breakfast Rate \$100/night: single



**Ask for details about our SPECIALS! \$250/person (Children 12 and under ½ price.)**

**Out of School- Two weeks!**

- Mon., 6/17- Fri., 6/21
- Mon., 6/24- Fri., 6/28

- 4th of July Special- Choose Mon., 7/1- Fri., 7/5  
OR Wed., 7/3 - Sun., 7/7
- Labor Day Weekend Fri., 8/30- Mon., 9/2

For reservations e-mail [gfsholiday@yahoo.com](mailto:gfsholiday@yahoo.com) or call \*609-846-6097 \*New phone number!

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers on the Columbarium are in memory of my wife,  
**Phyllis K. Johnson.** Given by Bobby Johnson.

To order flowers, please return the form with payment to  
Clare Mae Daniels or Alfreda Brockman.

I would like to place flowers on the High Altar - \$60.00.

I would like to place flowers on the Absalom Jones Altar -  
\$50.00.

I would like to place flowers on the Columbarium- \$40.00.

**(Please PRINT/ TYPE.** You may use an additional piece of  
paper for more names.)

a) In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

b) In Thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## RE-IMAGINING OUR MINISTRIES

Persons are needed:

-to lift their voices on the **Comfort Choir** during funeral services at St. Thomas. Please contact [D. Lynn Joell](#) if interested.

-to serve with the **Sound Ministry** for Sunday morning service and weekday funeral services. If interested, please contact Gladyce in the Parish Office.

-to serve on the **Altar Guild**. This amazing group of individuals prepares our altar each week for the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Interested people should contact [Alfreda Brockman](#).

-to serve as **Readers and Intercessors** to read the Holy Scripture during our weekly services. Interested persons should contact Gladyce in the Parish Office to sign up.

-to join the **Transportation Ministry**. The main mission of the ministry is to provide transportation to parishioners who attend Sunday Service who may be parked in a nearby remote parking lot. Please contact Gladyce in the office if you are interested.

-as **Acolytes** to serve on the altar. Please contact [Fr. Daren](#) if you are interested.

-**Photography Ministry** is in need of additional photographers. You do not need to be a professional photographer but do enjoy taking pictures. Anyone interested can contact [Bill Edmonds](#) or [Dale Williams](#).

**The Shepherds Ministry** is still in need of many more volunteers to be able to shepherd all households of our congregation. Shepherds set their own schedules to be in regular touch with their households of sheep by phone, email, text or various social media platforms. Each is assigned no more than 4 households. All Ministry meetings are held via Zoom. Please note that the Vestry will continue to shepherd, for one year, all new members joining the congregation. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact [Charlene M. Wiltshire](#).

## **DO YOU PLAY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT?**

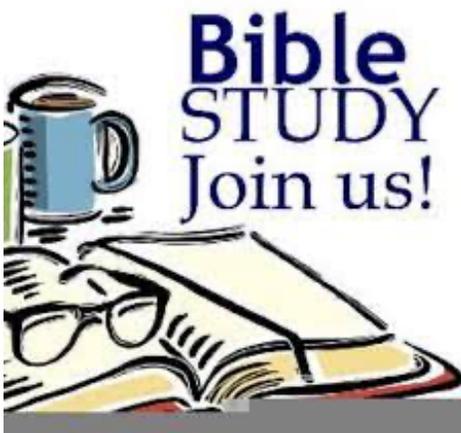
Have you ever thought about using that talent to glorify God in worship? Please prayerfully consider joining our St. Thomas Jazz Ensemble, St. Thomas Chancel Choir or St. Thomas Gospel Choir. If interested, please contact [Gladyce](#) in the Parish Office ASAP to get details on upcoming scheduled rehearsals.

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## **AECST LIVE STREAM**

Please join us for Worship on the St. Thomas [website](#), the [Live Service](#), or on our [Facebook](#) page or [youtube](#) every Sunday morning at 10:00 AM. You can also watch [Past Services](#).

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**Bible Study** with Fr. Jay is every Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM. If anyone is interested in joining the group, contact [Fr. Jay](#).



## **Young Adult Bible Study**

**Bible Study** will resume on Wednesday, April 17 at 6:00 PM in the Absalom Jones House. During the Spring, we will explore the Acts of the Apostles. Join our exciting journey with the Apostles of Jesus. All are welcome!

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### **Podcast Series**

Stay tuned for an upcoming parish podcast series for parents with young children, and those who are responsible for the care of children. The series will explore the text: *When Kids Ask Hard Questions: Faith-filled Responses for Tough Topics* edited by Bromleigh McCleneghan and Karen Ware Jackson.

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### **Church School begins at 10:00 AM.**

The theme this year is :”Exciting Stories of the Bible.” Registration forms may be found on the tables in the Undercroft Sunday School room or the registration [link](#).

## **Youth Council**

Do you feel called to work with Youth? Do you have great ideas that will help the church to connect with the youth of today (and vice versa)? You are invited to be a part of our parish Youth Council. Please contact [Fr. Daren](#) for more details.

## **Young Adult Gathering**

All young adults are invited to a time of fellowship on the 4th Sunday of every month in the parish hall immediately following worship.

## **Vacation Bible School**

If you would like to be part of a team to help with the planning of a Vacation Bible School, please speak with [Fr. Daren](#).



## **Join the Girls Friendly Society!**

Meetings are on Saturdays from 11:00 AM -1:00 PM. All girls aged 3-30 are welcome. Girls participate in: Service Projects, Girl Talk, Arts & Crafts, World Day of Prayer, Founder's Day, Mission Day and GFS Day, along with trips to the Theatre, Museums, Ice Skating, Mini Golf, trips to the Pumpkin Patch and Holiday House in Cape May, NJ.

**If you would like to volunteer as a leader or sponsor, please contact the Branch Advisor, Nikkol Simms at**

**[njsimms@verizon.net](mailto:njsimms@verizon.net)**

## Calling for Youth Acolytes!



All youth of our church are invited to serve in the AECST Acolyte Ministry. No prior experience is needed as training will be provided. This is an excellent way for our children and youth to be involved in the life of the church. For more information please speak with [Fr. Daren.](#)

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**Scout Troop #133** - Our Cub Scout Program is open to children grades 1-5. The Cub program meets at 2:00 PM. on Saturdays. Our Scout Program is open to children aged 11-17 years old. The Scout Program will meet at 3:00 PM on Saturdays.

Please contact Scout [Master Howard Chapman](#) for more information.

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE:**

**IN THE HOSPITAL:**

Waltier Blocker - Jefferson Hospital  
Roy Ellison - University of Pennsylvania

**IN REHAB:**

Helena Allen - Simpson House  
Fr. Darryl James -Stapeley Rehab  
Leotta Griffin - Saunders House  
Ola Bass - Saunders House

**AT HOME:**

Adinah Edwards, Robert Brown, Ridart "Butch" Farmer,  
Gwendolyn Langford, Shirley Winkfield, Lemont Johnson,  
Ronald Coleman, Thelma Silvers, Linda Holmes,  
Alletta Parris-Olday, Kenneth Dow, Patricia Ellison, Carl Dean,  
Laverne Hudson, Mary Ann Jones, Dr. Thomas Snowden,  
Dr. Alice Bowman-Cropper, Karina Phillips, Terry Corson,  
Norman Franke, Dr. Cassandra Ruffin.

**KEEP IN PRAYER:**

Justin Trotman, Daryn Stewart, Cathy Stafford, Teri Taylor,  
Lisa Woodley, Irving Stevenson, Sandra Bryant Miller,  
Cedric Babb.

**WE PRAY FOR**

those who are Incarcerated and their families, as well as  
those affected by their actions.

## **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 or click the Donation Button or Capital Improvement [Donation Button](#) on our [website](#).

## **STEWARDSHIP NEWS**

Please pray about your Faithful Giving for 2024. We need strong support for our budget and many endeavors and outreach projects at St. Thomas. You'll be able to either complete your Faithful Giving Card or go on our website, Spearhead, Facebook page, or this [link](#) to complete your Faithful Giving Card. You can also mail your Faithful Giving Card or bring it to the Altar at Church.

**The Building Fund Envelopes** have been placed in Anderson Hall beside the Offering Envelopes. Please pick them up with your offering envelopes. And if you've already picked your offering envelopes up please pick up your Building Fund envelopes. You can also do your Building Fund offering online once a month. Each box of Building Fund envelopes will include twelve envelopes, one for each month. Thank you

**IMPORTANT:** Please make sure your name, number, and amount are placed on your offering envelope. This is very important to keep bookkeeping accurate. If you're unsure of your number, please don't hesitate to [contact](#) Judy Tillman. We appreciate your help with this.

If you have moved and have not sent your new address to the church office at 215-473-3065 or [email](#), please do so **ASAP**. The church has received many returned mailings because of bad addresses. We would appreciate your new address, phone number, and email address. Thanks so much for your help with this.

If you have decided to use the Givi App or [Online Giving](#) Donations, please [email](#) your name and envelope number. Thank you very much. Judy Tillman

A list of the Sick and Shut-In parishioners has been put in Anderson Hall with the Offering Envelopes. If you live near a parishioner who is unable to come to church, it would be much appreciated if you would bring their envelopes to them. Thank you.

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## WAYS TO CONTINUE TO BE FAITHFUL TO GOD AND THE CHURCH THROUGH STEWARDSHIP

“To whom much is given, much is required.” Luke 12:48

- 1) **Sunday Offering Plate.**
- 2) **Mail in** your check or money order to the church.  
Please use the following address:  
The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas  
c/o Fiscal Administrator.  
6361 Lancaster Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19151
- 3) **Use the Givi app.** If you don't already use the app and don't have an account, it's easy to obtain. 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.
- 4) **Bring your check** directly to the Fiscal Office during regular business hours ( Monday - Thursday 10 am-2 pm) **After business hours**, drop your envelope in the door mail slot located on the front patio of the Absalom Jones House.
- 5) **Church website - [Online Giving](#)**  
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.)
- 6) **Pledge Cards** - Please send them via the US mail to the church or fill out the form **[electronically](#)** through the **[www.aecst.org](http://www.aecst.org)** website or send an email to our **[Fiscal Administrator](#)**.

Thank you so much to all who have return them.

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**THE AFRICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. 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 re-imaged, taught, lived and spread.