



**SING
TO THE LORD
A NEW SONG;
SING TO THE LORD,
ALL THE EARTH. PSALM 96:1**



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THE TENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

August 14, 2022, 10:00 AM

“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 The Tenth Sunday of Pentecost.

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. Whomever 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.

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

Please click for the [Order of Service](#)
for this Sunday's service.

From the Rector: Whoever you may be and however you may find yourself experiencing life's journey, do know that St. Thomas Church welcomes you.



**CHURCH AND PARISH
OFFICE HOURS
JULY - AUGUST,
Monday - Thursday,
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
The church is closed
Mondays and Fridays.
Parish Office is closed
Fridays.**

SIX WEEK SUMMER HOMILY SERIES

Theme: "Re-Imagining the Church - Post Pandemic"

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| July 3rd | Introduction (Fr. Shaw) |
| July 10th | Re-Imagining History (Arthur Sudler) |
| July 17th | Re-Imagining Music (Dr. Jay Fluellen) |
| July 24th | Re-Imagining Resources (Albert S. Dandridge III, Esq) |
| July 31st | Re-Imagining Music (Dr. Rollo Dilworth) |
| August 7 | Re-Imagining Worship (Quentin Heyward,
Brandon Stiff, and Terri Tillman) |
| August 14 | Re-Imagining Music (Waltier Blocker) |

ST. JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING

6838 Woodland Ave. Phila., PA 19142

SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE



We Need Your Help!

Please consider donating backpacks with school supplies to benefit the children in our community. We are collecting school supplies for students in 1st- 8th grades. Supplies will be handed out at our church on Saturday, August 20th 11am-2pm.

School Supplies Drop-off Days/Times

July: Monday-Sunday 9am-12pm

August: Sundays 9am-12pm

Please drop-off supplies or your monetary donation by Sunday, August 14, 2022.



Cash App: Sstjameschurchphilly

No donation is too big or small. Everything helps! Thank you for supporting our children. Please contact Elsie Russell for additional information: elsierussell721@gmail.com



St. Thomas is blessed and looking forward to welcoming two new Seminarians into our church family, starting September 11th.



**David King - Seminarian
at Princeton Theological
Seminary in Princeton, NJ.**



**Kathryn Brossa - Seminarian
at General Theological
Seminary, in New York.**

**PICTURES FROM THE NINTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
AUGUST 7, 2022**

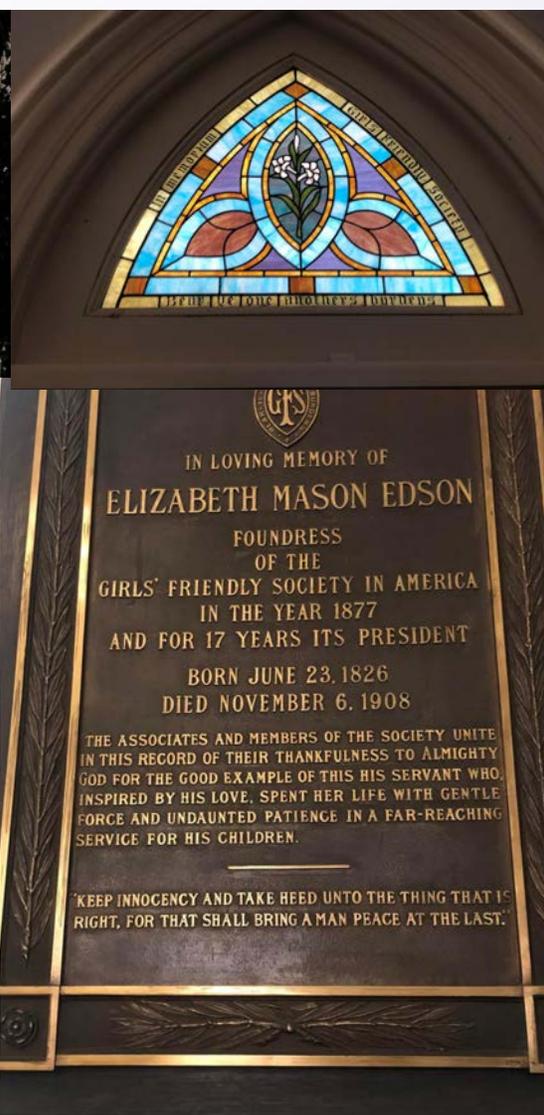


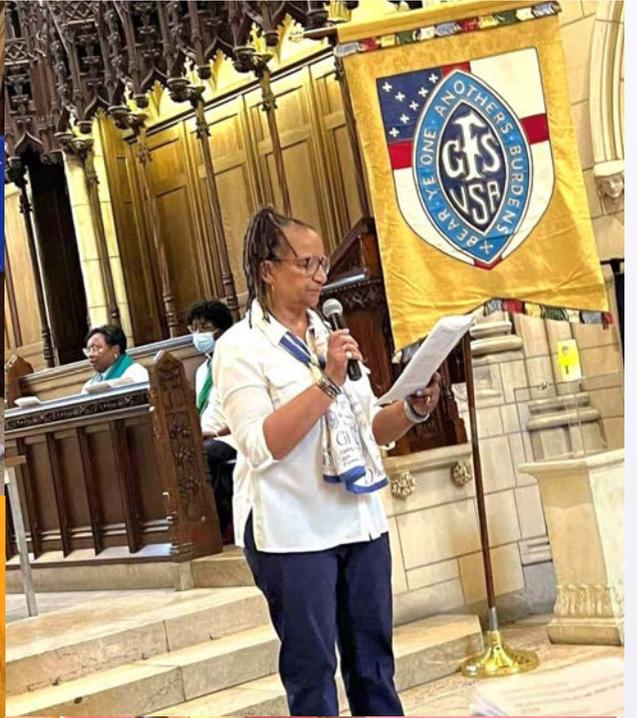






Members of St. Thomas attend the Girls Friendly Society National Assembly in Boston. Girls' Friendly Society was founded in 1877 to help working girls in Lowell, Massachusetts.







SPEARHEAD NEWSLETTER EMAILS

If you are not receiving the Spearhead emails, please use the [Newsletter](#) sign up link. 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.

ATTENTION ALL MEN

Every Sunday, ALL men are invited to briefly stop and greet other men of the parish outside under the carport after service each week.

ASSOCIATE RECTOR SEARCH

The Rector has restarted an official Search Process for the Calling of an Associate to the Rector for Youth Ministries and Parish Life.

ACOLYTES NEEDED

We are in need of Acolytes (Youth and Adults). Please consider serving God in this rewarding ministry. If interested, please contact the Rector ASAP.

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS IN SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 11th

Back to School / Educators Sunday

We will welcome the new Superintendent of the Philadelphia School District, Dr. Tony Watlington.

All students, educators, staff, and parents will receive a special blessing for the start of the new school year.

Outdoor Reception

Saturday, September 17th / Sunday, September 18th
Homecoming Weekend Celebration

(Celebrating 230th Parish Anniversary). A time to welcome back those who have been away.

Public Street Renaming Ceremony / Outdoor Reception
11:00 AM.

Sunday Homecoming Celebratory / Festive Worship

Outdoor Reception - 10:00 AM

Sunday Dedication of new addition to the Columbarium

Saturday, September 24th

Outdoor Youth Fun Day for all ages

Please see the flyer for more information.

Sunday, September 25th

Church School Kick-Off for all grades.

Immediately the following service, there will be a Rector's Reception for families with children ages infant - 5 years old.

EDUCATION SUNDAY



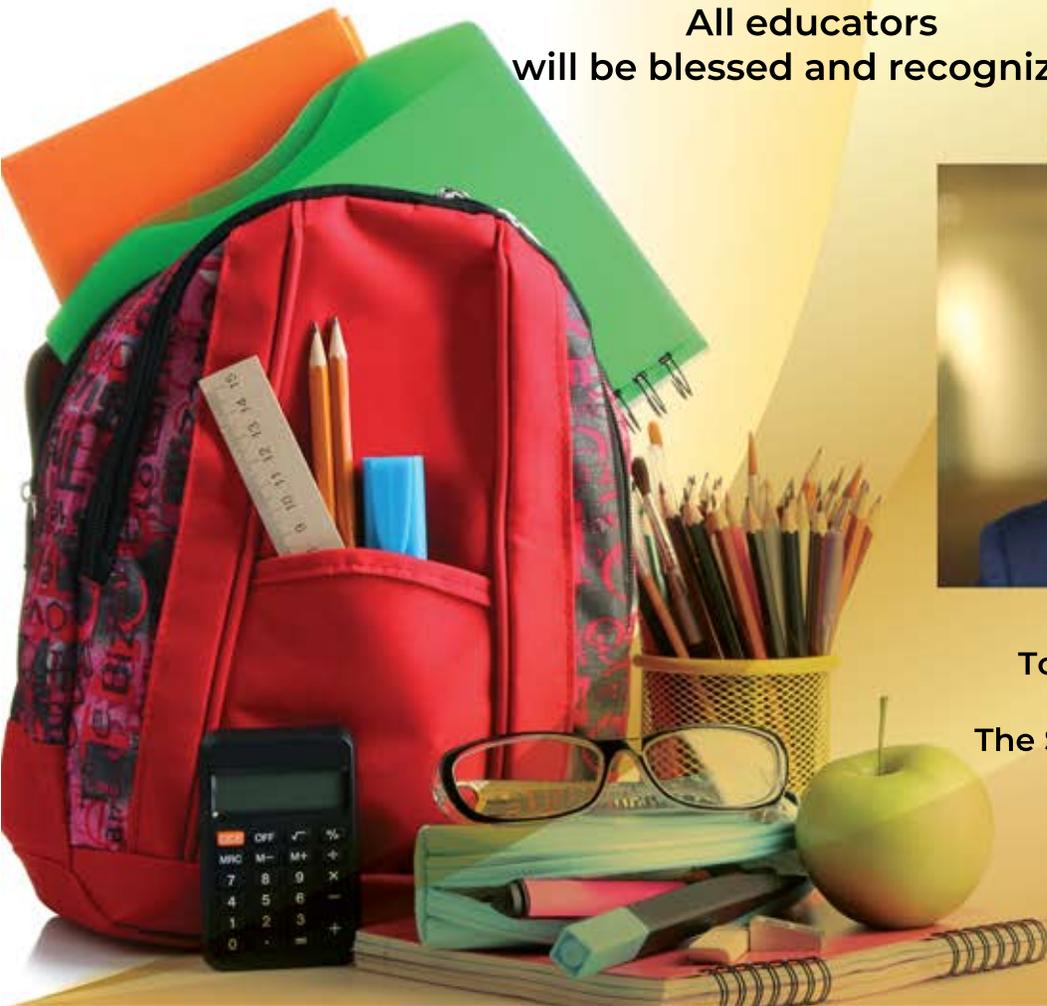
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"REIMAGINING EDUCATIONAL
ADVOCACY...
POST PANDEMIC"

ANNUAL

BACK TO SCHOOL/EDUCATION SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 11, 2022, 10:00 A.M.

Students should bring their backpacks
and school bags to be blessed.
All educators
will be blessed and recognized.



Guest Speaker::
Tony B. Watlington Sr., Ed.D.
Superintendent of
The School District of Philadelphia

CO-CHAIRS

DEIDRE R. FARMBRY, ED.D. • MONICA J. TAYLOR, ED.D.

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A HOMECOMING WEEKEND

Celebration

**“RE-IMAGINING THE CHURCH POST PANDEMIC”
CELEBRATING 230 YEARS OF
FAITHFUL MINISTRY AND SERVICE**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2022, AT 11:00 AM

CELEBRATING OUR FOUNDER
PUBLIC RENAMING OF
LANCASTER AVENUE TO ABSALOM JONES WAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2022, AT 10:00 AM

HOMECOMING FESTIVE WORSHIP

OUTDOOR RECEPTION ON BOTH DAYS



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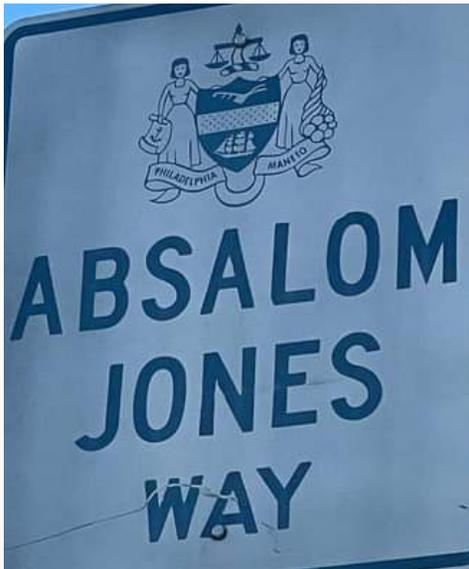
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SAVE THE DATE NOW!
Lancaster Avenue Re-naming
Saturday, September 17, 2022, at 11:00 AM

A portion of Lancaster Avenue will be renamed
Absalom Jones Way.

Homecoming Weekend:
Come join us for part of this Homecoming Weekend.
In Celebration of our 230th Year Anniversary
and renaming of a portion of Lancaster Avenue
in Memory of Blessed Absalom Jones.

Homecoming Sunday
September 18, 2022
Co-Chairs - Albert S. Dandridge, III Esq.
Monica Lewis Jones, Catherine Stafford



The street is now
being newly paved.





Youth FUN Day

**September 24, 2022
10 am – 2 pm**

Calling All Children, Teens and Families to

ST. THOMAS

for fun and fellowship.

There will be activities and games for ALL ages!



**Come learn about The Acolytes, Angels in Motion,
Church School, The Girls' Friendly Society
and the Scouts.**

Bring a friend. All are Welcome!

For more information, contact

Nikki Simms at njsimms@verizon.net
or Wendella Fox at wpfox3008@verizon.net



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THE AFRICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS

CHURCH SCHOOL RETURNS!

IN PERSON / VIRTUAL
SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2022

CALLING ALL AECST
YOUTH AGES 4 THRU HIGH SCHOOL
EVERY SUNDAY AT 10:00 AM

CHURCH SCHOOL THEME FOR 2022
“THE LORD’S PRAYER”

JOIN US AS WE RE-IMAGE OUR
CHURCH SCHOOL ADVENTURES
WITH PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP,
PROGRAMS AND FUN!

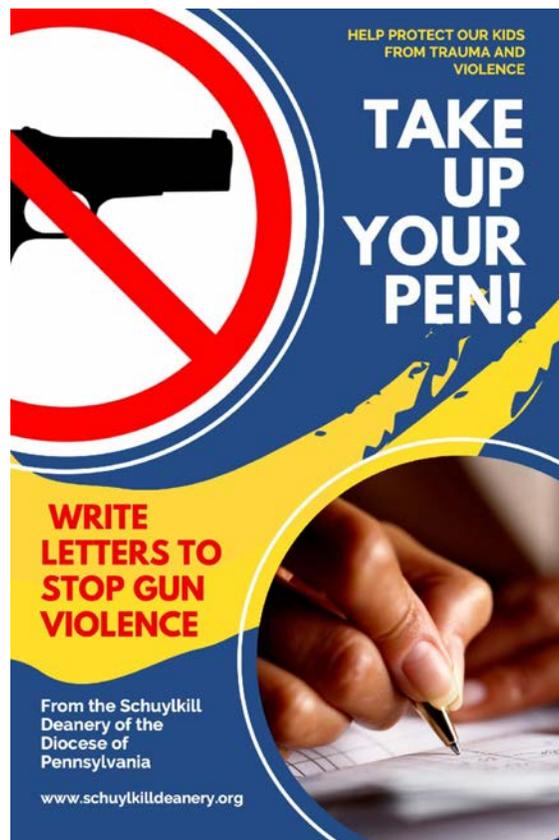


REGISTRATION STARTS AUGUST 21, 2022
IN PERSON OR USING OUR REGISTRATION LINK
[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/NAT7CGEYD7WNCS6X8](https://forms.gle/NAT7CGEYD7WNCS6X8)



QUESTIONS,
PLEASE CONTACT:
DOTTIE ARCHIEY AT
CHURCHSCHOOL@AECST.ORG
OR (215) 837-6941

START CHILDREN OFF ON THE WAY THEY SHOULD GO,
AND EVEN WHEN THEY ARE OLD THEY WILL NOT TURN FROM IT. PROVERBS 22:6 NIV
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CALL TO ACTION - THE SCHUYLKILL DEANERY'S LETTERS TO STOP GUN VIOLENCE - TAKE UP YOUR PENS!

St Thomas, you are reminded to take a copy of the letter home today. YOU are asked to address the letter with your state legislature's name and address. Mail your letter this week! (Don't forget your return address). There will be additional mailings in July, August, and September. The Schuylkill Deanery will provide us with copies of letters each month as we attempt to be a consistent and constant voice addressing gun violence in Philadelphia. Here are links to the [Letter](#) and [Script](#).

If you have any specifics you would like to see added to future letters, please contact [Mary Dean](#) or [Phyllis Cater](#). Your voices need to be heard!

How to Find Your Representative: Need to find your local, state, or federal elected representatives so that you can mail our letter? <https://myreps.datamade.us/>



IMPORTANT NOTICE:

The wearing of masks will remain **MANDATORY** while at St. Thomas until further notice. St. Thomas will follow the recommended guidelines of the CDC, the City of Philadelphia, and the Diocese of PA. Let us love our neighbor and worship safely!

Masks are available for all in attendance if needed. Hand sanitizer is also available. The ventilation system has been changed to let in outside air. We request that all in attendance be **VACCINATED**. Unvaccinated individuals are requested to watch the Service via [Live Stream](#).

ATTENTION RISING COLLEGE FRESHMEN: FENCE (Families of Episcopalians Nurturing within the College Environment)

is a ministry created for the AECST's college students who will be living away from home. An Episcopal parish closest to your campus and a family or individual that is a member of that parish will help to facilitate your assimilation into your new community.

If interested, for more information, please send an email to Ms. Charlene M. Wiltshire at cwiltshi@comcast.net providing your name, telephone number, college name and address. You may also speak with her before or after Sunday services.

A FEW QUOTES AND PARAPHRASES ON “VIRTUAL WORSHIP”

“Virtual and live stream worship have been, and will continue to be, a blessing to the church. However, by no means can it substitute coming and physically receiving the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist (Communion).”
(From Fr. Martini Shaw’s Homily on Jan. 16, 2022).

“Online Masses and Spiritual Communion do not represent the church. The faithful not gathered to receive the Sacraments is not the church. Jesus’ disciples always lived their relationship with the Lord in Community. They gathered, around the sacrament, at the same table, as a sign of community”. (Pope Francis’ message)

“If you are unable to receive the Sacrament, by reasons of extreme sickness or physical disability; or when being present at a celebration is absolutely impossible, it is possible to open yourself to God’s grace and blessing”.
(Episcopal Church Book of Common Prayer).

POSITION OPENING - ST. THOMAS ASSISTANT SEXTON

Part-time position is open for an Assistant Sexton. Hours are typically some weekday evenings, Saturdays, and Sundays. Presently, reduced hours due to pandemic restrictions. Hours will increase as in-person activities increase. For more information, interested persons should contact:

[Deborah Harrison.](#)

ATTENTION:

We are so blessed to be stewards of a beautiful property that God has entrusted to our care. Persons are needed to serve on our Property Committee. If interested, please speak with [Deborah Harrison](#) or call the Parish Office to express your interest.

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.

If interested, please contact Gladyce in the Parish Office ASAP to get details on upcoming scheduled rehearsals.

VESTRY MEETING

If you are a member of St. Thomas and wish to participate in a monthly Vestry Meeting via Zoom, you must notify the Vestry Clerk. Send an email to vestryclerk@aecst.org at least two days prior to the meeting. You will then receive the link needed to join the meeting. Vestry meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m.



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African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas

Women's Day Committee Fundraiser

'Pretzels & A Bag'

*Enjoy a Delicious
Philly Pretzel*

\$1.00 each



Carry your goods in Style

with a

Limited Edition Custom Tote Bag

\$15.00 each

Women's Day Special

2 for \$25.00



*Proceeds benefit the AECST
General Fund*

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 **Gladyce** in the office if you are interested.

Calling All Future Shepherds of the AECST: Plans are in the works for resurrecting and re-imagining the **SHEEP & SHEPHERDS MINISTRY** created many years ago by parishioner Mrs. Vernetta Dow. As a telephone ministry, the goal is that every **AECST** family of parishioners (sheep) will have a shepherd that keeps in touch with them on a regular basis. We are now calling for parishioners to volunteer as shepherds. Before this ministry can be rolled-out, a sufficient number of volunteers is needed in order to minimize the number of families that each will shepherd. Please note that the Vestry will continue to shepherd new members. For more information and to volunteer, please either see **Charlene M. Wiltshire** before or after Sunday church services or send an email. Thank you!

DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS
READINGS FOR

The Tenth Sunday of Pentecost

August 14, 2022

The First Reading: [Jeremiah 23:23-29](#)

[Psalm 82](#)

The Second Reading: [Hebrews 11:29-12:2](#)

The Holy Gospel: [Luke 12:49-56](#)

**The Holy Gospel Readings for
the Week of August 15, 2022**

Monday - [Mark 11:12-26](#)

Tuesday - [Mark 11:27-12:12](#)

Wednesday - [Mark 12:13-27](#)

Thursday - [Mark 12:28-34](#)

Friday - [Mark 12:35-44](#)

Saturday - [Mark 13:1-13](#)

READINGS FOR

The Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost

August 21, 2022

The First Reading: [Isaiah 58:9b-14](#)

[Psalm 103:1-8](#)

The Second Reading: [Hebrews 12:18-29](#)

The Holy Gospel: [Luke 13:10-17](#)

**The Holy Gospel Readings for
the Week of August 22, 2022**

Monday - [Mark 13:14-17](#)

Tuesday - [Mark 13:28-37](#)

Wednesday - [Mark 14:1-11](#)

Thursday - [Mark 14:12-26](#)

Friday - [Mark 14:27-42](#)

Saturday - [Mark 14:43-52](#)

**READINGS FOR
The Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost
August 28, 2022**

The First Reading: [Proverbs 25:6-7](#)
[Psalm 112](#)

The Second Reading: [Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16](#)

The Holy Gospel: [Luke 14:1, 7-14](#)

**The Holy Gospel Readings for
the Week of August 29, 2022**

Monday - [Mark 14:53-65](#)

Tuesday - [Mark 14:66-72](#)

Wednesday - [Mark 15:1-11](#)

Thursday - [Mark 15:12-21](#)

Friday - [Mark 15:22-32](#)

Saturday - [Mark 15:33-39](#)



AECST BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. JAY

Bible Study with Fr. Jay will resume on Tuesday,
September 13th at 7:00 PM.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers on the Columbarium are In Loving Memory of my wife **Phyllis B. Johnson**, given with love by your husband Bobby.

To order flowers for the Sunday, please return the form with payment to:

Clare Mae Daniels or Alfreda Brockman.

Please do not place in the collection plate or give to the church office) Thank you.

- ___ flowers on the High Altar - \$60.00
- ___ flowers on the Absalom Jones Altar - \$50.00
- ___ flowers on the Columbarium- \$40.00
- ___An Easter Lily @\$25.00 each (5 names per plant)

Please PRINT

In Memory of _____, In Thanksgiving for _____,

Name _____, Envelope# _____, Amount _____.

CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS

to D. Lynn, Debbie, Roger, D'Lalah, and family on the deather of her former husband, father, and grandfather, **Robert, Warner Joell**. May the soul of Robert rest in peace and rise in glory. Please pray for the family.

to Ella Randall and her family on the death of her sister, **Betty D. White**. May the soul of Betty rest in peace and rise in glory. Please pray for the family.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE:

IN THE HOSPITAL:

Leatrice Snowden - Simpson House

Linda Holmes - Penn Rehab

RECOVERING AT HOME

Alice Bowman-Cropper, Grace Wetzel, Gwenda Hart,
Rosalind Rodriguez, Charles Flemming,
Deborah "Binky Seay, Daryn Stewart, Joan Hall.

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

Louise Lewis, Terri Barber, Adinah Edwards, Joan Hall, Robert
Brown, Georgia Sawyer, Isedora "Gwen" Francis, Shirley
Winkfield, Dr. Thomas Snowden, Shirley Caldwell,
Stephanie Williamson, Francina Norris, Ridart "Butch" Farmer,
Leotta Griffith, Karen Ragland, Winston Lowe, Kenneth Dow,
Linda Holmes, Edita Gauthney, Justin Trotman,
Teena Watson Matthews, Gail and Roosevelt Harris, Sr.

WE PRAY FOR

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

ST. THOMAS COLUMBARIUM INURNMENT

If you have a loved one who has passed away in the last
year and would like to schedule a St. Thomas columbarium
inurnment, please contact the church office at 215-473-3065.

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](#).

THE 2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES

are now ready for you to pick up in Anderson Hall. If you're unable to pick them up on Sundays after church you may do so Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. If you have a parishioner who lives near you who can't get to church, perhaps you can pick theirs up as well.

You can now complete your pledge card by mail or on our website.

If you have decided to use the Givi App or Online Giving Donations, please email me at stewardship@aecst.org with your name and envelope number.

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.

Thank you very much.

Judy Tillman, Stewardship Committee

A CHART TO ASSIST US WITH OUR FAITHFUL GIVING

Holy Scripture commends a minimum tithe of
(10% of our earnings)

Where are you on your spiritual journey?
Annual Faithful Giving

Yearly Income	2%	5%	10%
\$10,000.00	\$200.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
\$15,000.00	\$300.00	\$750.00	\$1,500.00
\$20,000.00	\$400.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
\$25,000.00	\$500.00	\$1,250.00	\$2,500.00
\$30,000.00	\$600.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00
\$40,000.00	\$800.00	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00
\$50,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00
\$60,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$3,000.00	\$6,000.00
\$70,000.00	\$1,400.00	\$3,500.00	\$7,000.00
\$80,000.00	\$1,600.00	\$4,000.00	\$8,000.00
\$90,000.00	\$1,800.00	\$4,500.00	\$9,000.00
\$100,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00
\$110,000.00	\$2,200.00	\$5,500.00	\$11,000.00
\$120,000.00	\$2,400.00	\$6,000.00	\$12,000.00
\$150,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$15,000.00
\$175,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$8,750.00	\$17,500.00
\$200,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$20,000.00

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

**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.
Please click the links below for the type of device you own to 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 Parish Office during regular business hours. 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.
- 6) **Pledge Cards:** Pledge cards can still be sent for 2022. Please send them via the US mail to the church or **[electronically](#)** through the **www.aecst.org** website or send an email to our **[Fiscal Administrator](#)**. Thank you so much and thank you to all who have sent them in.

MINISTRY STAFF

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Rector	The Very Rev. Canon Martini Shaw	rector@aecst.org
Assistant to the Rector		
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