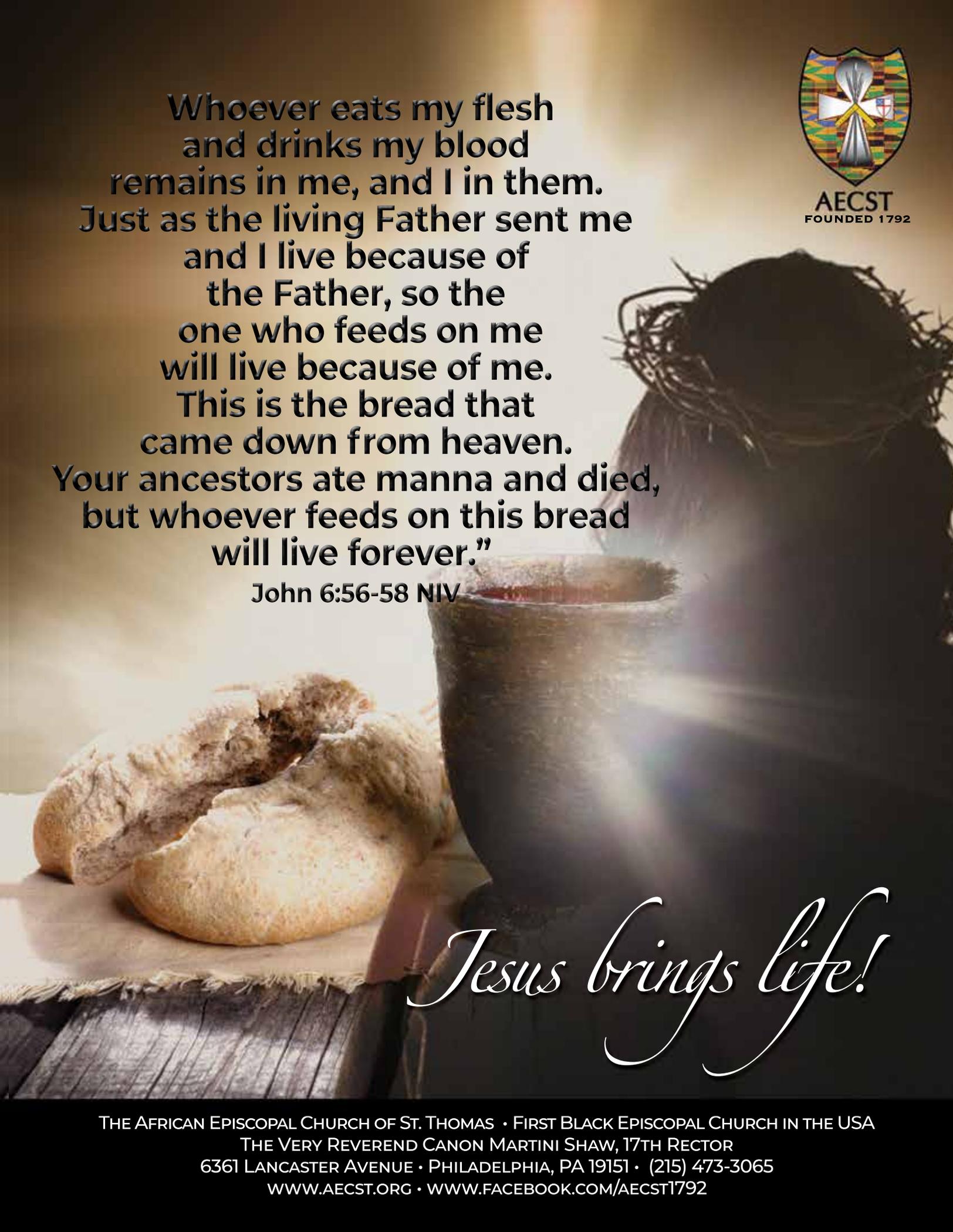




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Whoever eats my flesh
and drinks my blood
remains in me, and I in them.
Just as the living Father sent me
and I live because of
the Father, so the
one who feeds on me
will live because of me.
This is the bread that
came down from heaven.
Your ancestors ate manna and died,
but whoever feeds on this bread
will live forever.”

John 6:56-58 NIV



Jesus brings life!

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THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Sunday, August 22, 2021
10:00 AM**

FROM THE RECTOR

Whoever you may be and where you may find yourself experiencing life's journey, do know that you are always welcome at St. Thomas Church.

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS

**ST. THOMAS TO RESUME IN-PERSON WORSHIP!!!
Sunday, September 12th at 10:00 AM**

DUE TO THE CONTINUED RISE OF COVID CASES

details regarding our First In-Person Service are developing. We will be monitoring CDC updates and following ALL city and diocesan protocols.

Masks are required for all in attendance.

**WE REQUEST THAT ALL IN ATTENDANCE
BE VACCINATED.**

Unvaccinated individuals are requested to watch the service via Live Stream.

A PASTORAL NOTE FROM THE RECTOR

Grace and Peace to you.

I pray that this communication finds you well. Recent news reporting re: COVID19 has caused me great concern, especially for our dear brothers and sisters who have not been fully vaccinated against COVID19. If you are unvaccinated, I ask you to prayerfully consider being vaccinated ASAP. Please spread the word regarding the importance of being fully vaccinated.

Please receive this note as a symbol of my deep concern and love. And let us continue to pray for those infected with and affected by the virus.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE/CHURCH SUMMER HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

Closed Fridays in **July** and **August**.

Have a safe, healthy and enjoyable summer!



COMMUNITY FOOD GIVE OUT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 2021

11:00AM-1:00PM

AT

**HOLY APOSTLES & THE MEDIATOR
51ST & SPRUCE
IN THE COURTYARD**

ALL ARE INVITED

**NO ID OR INCOME VERIFICATION
REQUIRED**

**FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES, FROZEN MEATS, AND CAN GOODS WILL BE
GIVEN OUT**

PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASK!

WELCOME BACK VIRTUAL CHURCH SCHOOL

Church school will meet by ZOOM with an Open House and registration on Sunday, September 19th at noon. All parents and church school aged children are encouraged to attend. The Zoom link will follow. If you need more information please contact Dottie Archey at 215-474-2815 or dottie.archey@gmail.com

LIVE VIDEO UPDATE

Our new Live-Stream system has been fully installed. In the Fall, when we return to **in-person** worship, our parishioners, friends and visitors who cannot be in physical attendance will be able to continue to worship with us each week. To God be the Glory!

SPEARHEAD EMAILS

If you are not receiving the Spearhead emails, or have someone else you wish to receive, 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.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER MINISTRY

The Monday Morning Circle of Prayer will resume in September.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

is now being scheduled. If you wish to be baptized, please go to our website www.aecst.org, go to “About The AECST”. Use the drop down to click on Holy Baptism. All the information about the Sacrament of Holy Baptism and the **online application form** can be found there.

PROPERTY UPDATE - GOOD NEWS!

Major work has started on our entire roof, pointing of all exterior and interior stones, and ultimately the cleaning of the interior stones. If you have questions, please speak with our Vestry Property Chair, Ms. Deborah Harrison.

PLEASE JOIN THE NEW ST. THOMAS KITCHEN COMMITTEE

This ministry is a part of our Property Committee. It will NOT involve any food preparation. The purpose will be to assure that our kitchen is well organized, tidy and pristine looking at all times.

Please speak with one of the Co-Chairs, Deadra Cannon, Clare Mae Daniels or Dottie Archey immediately to join.

The proverb says: “cleanliness is next to godliness”.

DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS

Readings For The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost August 22th

First Reading: Joshua 24: 1-2a, 14-18

Psalm 34: 15-22

Second Reading: Ephesians 6: 10-20

The Holy Gospel: John 6: 56-69

Week of 8/23/2021

Monday - John 6: 52-59

Tuesday - John 6: 60-71

Wednesday - John 7: 1-13

Thursday - John 7: 14-36

Friday - John 7: 37-52

Saturday - John 8: 12-20

Readings For The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 29th

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4: 1-2,6-9

Psalm 15

Second Reading: James 1: 17-27

The Holy Gospel: Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

2021 SUNDAY SUMMER SERIES

All services can be viewed on our Facebook,
Website or Youtube channels
at 10:00 AM

These Sundays we will offer morning prayers, scripture
and music officiated by our clergy and vergers.

Upcoming Sundays in September
September 19th

Church School Resumes (Zoom at 12 Noon)

September 26th

Education/ Back to School / Youth Sunday

TUESDAY ZOOM BIBLESTUDY

will not meet

from **July 6, 2021** to **August 31, 2021.**

Bible Study will resume meeting on
Tuesday following Homecoming Sunday
via Zoom at 7:00 PM.

Have a most blessed respite.

Thank you for participating in our
ministry of love for Holy Scripture.

From Father Jay

The African Episcopal Church of Saint Thomas
6361 LANCASTER AVENUE
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19151
The Very Reverend Canon Martini Shaw, Rector

PEW MEMORIAL PLAQUES



THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2021
DEDICATE A PEW PLAQUE
IN MEMORY OF YOUR LOVE ONES

\$500.00

(Payment Deadline: October 10, 2021)

Checks or money orders can be made payable to: AECST.

You may pay also through the “givi” app.

Make certain to indicate your wish to purchase a
Pew Memorial Plaque and include contact information.

Visit the Church’s website at <http://www.aecst.org/donations.htm>
for other Payment options.

For additional questions or information contact:

Victoria A. Mosley Rivers

victoria.rivers@verizon.net or 215-878-3651



RECOVERING AT HOME

Linda Holmes, Joseph Stevenson,
Lisa Woodley, Rosalind Roberts Smalls.

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

Suzanne Closson, Shirley Caldwell, Carl Dean,
Adinah Edwards, Francina Norris, Isedora "Gwen" Francis,
Kenneth Dow, Shirley Winkfield, Robert Brown,
Judith Simpkins-Booth, Stephanie Williamson,
Ridart "Butch" Farmer, Georgia Sawyer, Joan Hall,
Dr. Thomas Snowden, Leatrice Snowden.

WE PRAY FOR

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

OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

Deborah Billips and family on the death of her dear twin
sister, **Barbara Billups**. May Barbara's soul rest in peace
and rise in glory. Please pray for the family.

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.

FROM THE RECTOR

There is still time for you to prayerfully submit your 2021 Faithful Giving Card. You may do so by several methods: mail, drop off in the office, on our website or Facebook/aecst1792.

If you have questions, please contact the Fiscal Administrator, Jeanette Jeffrey in the Fiscal Office from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Monday - Thursday.

Thanking you in advance for the many ways that you share your Time, Talents and Treasures toward the ministries of St. Thomas Church.

A MESSAGE FROM STEWARDSHIP

Our theme for this year's Stewardship - "Our Doors Are Open."

2021 St. Thomas Offering Envelopes are now ready for pick up in Anderson Hall. You may pick them up during Parish Office Hours (**M-F 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**) by entering through the A.J. House entrance with the ramp.

Please don't forget your mask. If by chance you live in the same neighborhood of a church member who is unable to pick up their envelope, perhaps you can pick it up for them and put it in their mail slot or between their doors.

If you have decided to use the Givi App or Online Giving donation button and no longer want to receive offering envelopes please let me know by **Sunday, August 31st**. Please email me at stewardship@aecst.org with your name and envelope number.

If you have changed your address, home/cell phone number or email address, please send your changed contact information to Judy Tillman at: tillman_72@msn.com or the church email: 1792@aecst.org so that we can update the church records. Thank you very much.

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

- 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 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**.

- 3) Bring your check directly to the Parish Office during regular business hours (In August, Monday - Thursday 9AM-2PM). After business hours, drop your envelope in the door mail slot located on the front patio of the Absalom Jones House.

- 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, Church School, Chosen 300, 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.

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

FINANCE OFFICE

Mid-year Financial Reports have been mailed. If you have not received yours, please contact Jeannette in the Fiscal office ASAP. We ask that you please continue your financial support of our Parish ministries. Thanks for all your contributions to date.

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.

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

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	Brenda Johnson Best	

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.
