“I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.”
Matthew 16:18
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.

The vestry has submitted to the Bishop our re-entry plan, which includes: Not re-entering for corporate worship until sometime in the fall. This plan has been approved by the Bishop.

Members of the Rector's Advisory Committee on Re-Entry:
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 Advisor / Public Health
Phyllis Cater, Health Ministry
Dr. Gregory Allen, Ph.D, Communication
Gladyce DuBrey, Rector's Executive Assistant
NEW SUMMER PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE HOURS:
Monday-Thursday, 9AM-2PM.
(The Church office will be closed on Fridays in August).
Please be advised that with social distancing still in effect:
1. No more than three (3) persons can visit the office at a time.
2. You must be masked to enter the building and must practice social distancing while present.
3. You must sanitize your hands upon entering the door.
4. Only entry to the entire property will be ONE DOOR, the Absalom Jones House ramp door.

AECST HEALTH MINISTRY NOTE!
Remember to wear your mask when you are out! Governor Tom Wolf’s Secretary of Health Signed Expanded Mask Wearing Order which was released on July 1st. Please go to https://www.govenor.pa.gov/newsroom/gov-wolf-sec-of-health-signs-expanded-mask-wearing-order/ for more information.

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER:
Francina Norris -Fitzgerald Mercy;
Waltier Blocker- Oakwood Healthcare & Rehab Center;
Regina Meacham Devero - Bryn Mawr Rehabilitation Hospital

RECOVERING AT HOME:
Alice Bowman-Cropper; Ken Bundy;
Lisa Stevenson Woodley; Gail Harris; Susan Waterford;
Sheryl Johnson; LeMont Johnson; Diane Huchins;
Linda Holmes; Deborah Seay
DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS

This Sunday’s Readings
The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 23rd

First Reading: Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124
Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8
The Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Readings for
The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 30th

First Reading : Exodus 3:1-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c
Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21
The Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

Week of 8/24/2020

Monday - Mark 13:14-27
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
UPCOMING SUNDAY AND WEEKLY VIRTUAL WORSHIP

Sunday, August 23rd
10AM, Morning Worship

Monday, August 24th
9PM - Compline

Tuesday, August 25th
7PM - Zoom Bible Class

Wednesday, August 26th
9PM - Compline

Thursday, August 27th
9PM - Compline

Friday, August 28th
9PM - Compline

Saturday, August 29th
12PM - Noonday Prayer

Sunday, August 30th - Summer Series
“A Voice From Our Own”  The Rev. Canon Betsy Ivey

SUNDAY SUMMER MEDITATION SERIES
St. Thomas’ own clergy will offer weekly meditations during our Summer Sunday Series

August 23rd  - The Rev. JoAnn Jones
August 30th  - The Rev. Canon Betsy Ivey
September 6th - The Rev. Dr. Thomas Snowden

The Bible Study Group, led by Fr. Jay Collins, continues to meet on Tuesdays in August for community conversation.
- Join us!
ALL WOMEN of ST. THOMAS

SAVE THE DATE!

Pentecost Peace ~ III
An Hour of Prayer and Reflection

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2020 ~ 11:30am

WOMEN of ST. THOMAS...COME AGAIN
AND PRAY WITH US!
We are living in unprecedented times
Now is the time to continue answering the call for Prayer
Now is the time for Pentecost Peace ~ III

The AECST Chapter of The Order of the Daughters of the King
Invites You to join us for a Virtual Hour of Fellowship through
Powerful Prayer, Soul Stirring Song Selections and
Inspiring Reflections

Questions? Contact: Monica Lewis Jones @ 215.806.3271
OR email: mblj03@gmail.com
(MBLJ [zero] 3@gmail.com)

You may Connect to Prayer & Reflection via Zoom video or phone
- Zoom link forthcoming -

PRAYER > POWER > POSSIBILITIES
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 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) Drop off a payment at the church anytime in the mail slot of the AJ House door on the patio or the Parish Office during office hours.

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.

Please use the envelope from your packet or place Building Fund in the Memo section of your check.

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.

Don’t have Facebook but want to see the service? Please join us for our Virtual Worship Service on the St. Thomas Website: www.aecst.org every Sunday morning at 10am.

THE VESTRY
Rector’s Warden - Richard C. Jones
Accounting Warden - Deborah Camp-Frye
Clerk of the Vestry - Johanna W. Daye
Treasurer - Kevin Johnson

Alister Allman  Albert S. Dandridge  Jonathan Muse
Patricia Bantom  Deborah Harrison  Darry I(Bobby) Tillman
Ronnie Collins  D. Lynn Joell  Judith Tillman
Brenda Johnson-Best
MINISTRY STAFF

Bishop The Rt Rev Daniel G P Gutierrez
Rector The Very Rev Canon Martini Shaw rector@aecst.org
Assistant to the Rector
Associate Priest The Rev Dr Sadie S Mitchell
Associate Priest The Rev Fr Gerald Collins
Associate Minister The Rev Dr Thomas G Snowden
Associate Minister The Rev Dr Paul Bach
Parish Vergers Stephen Hannum
Karen Ragland
Lisa Stewart
Executive Assistant to the Rector Gladlyce DuBrey 1792@aecst.org
Fiscal Assistant to the Rector Deadra Cannon
Investments Advisor to the Rector Albert S. Dandridge, III, Esq
Fiscal Administrator Jeannette Jeffrey fiscal@aecst.org
Sexton LaDon Elliott
Asst Sexton James Brown
Rector’s General Counsel Joe Tucker, Esq 215.875.0609
Chancel Choir Master Jay Fluellen, D.M.A. drjfluellen@gmail.com
Gospel Choir Master Waltier Blocker
Jazz Ensemble Director Joe Stevenson
Church School Superintendent Dottie Archey 215.474.2815
Memorial Flowers Alfreda Brockman
Baptism Co-Chairs Gail H Harris 215.450.9312
Patricia Walker-Ellison 215.643.7223
Church School Superintendent Dottie Archey 215.474.2815
Memorial Flowers Alfreda Brockman
Baptism Co-Chairs Gail H Harris 215.450.9312
Patricia Walker-Ellison 215.643.7223
Social Media Manager Gregory J Allen, PhD 215.477.2672
Scout Pack 133 Arlene Gray bsapack0133@gmail.com
Sound Ministry Joe Stevenson
Transportation Ministry J Reggie Kimble 610.585.8053
William Burke Ushers Ministry Brenda Johnson Best
Parish Webmaster Gail H Harris ghwebmaster@aecst.org

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.