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"WHAT GOOD WILL IT BE
FOR SOMEONE TO GAIN
THE WHOLE WORLD,
YET FORFEIT THEIR SOUL?
OR WHAT CAN ANYONE
GIVE IN EXCHANGE
FOR THEIR SOUL?"

MATTHEW 16:26

THE AFRICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF
ST. THOMAS

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Summer Series "A Voice From Our Own"
The Rev. Canon Betsy Ivey

August 30, 2020
10:00 A.M.

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.governor.pa.gov/newsroom/gov-wolf-sec-of-health-signs-expanded-mask-wearing-order/> for more information.

OUR CONDOLENCES:

To Sylvia DeKnight on the passing of her mother
Jacqueline DeKnight

To Fr. Shaw and my St. Thomas Family -
Thank you so much for your prayers and condolences.
Love you all,
Diannne Winkfield and Family

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 Hutchins;
Linda Holmes; Deborah Seay

**THE BIBLE STUDY GROUP, LED BY FR. JAY COLLINS,
CONTINUES TO MEET IN SEPTEMBER. JOIN US!**

DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS

**This Sunday's Readings
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**

**Readings for
The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 6th**

**First Reading: Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149
Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14
The Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20**

Week of 8/31/2020

**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**

UPCOMING SUNDAY AND WEEKLY VIRTUAL WORSHIP

Sunday, August 30th - 10AM, Morning Worship

**Monday, August 31st
9PM - Compline**

Effective September 8th: Daily Compline or Noonday Prayers will not be held virtually. We encourage you to continue using your BCP, Pages 127 and 103.

**Tuesday, September 1st
7PM - Zoom Bible Class**

**Sunday, September 6th -
Summer Series "A Voice From Our Own"
The Rev. Dr. Thomas Snowden**

SUNDAY SUMMER MEDITATION SERIES

St. Thomas' own clergy will offer weekly meditations during our Summer Sunday Series

August 30th - The Rev. Canon Betsy Ivey

September 6th - The Rev. Dr. Thomas Snowden

September 13th - The Rev. Angelo Wildgoose

September 20th - The Rev. Isaac Bonney

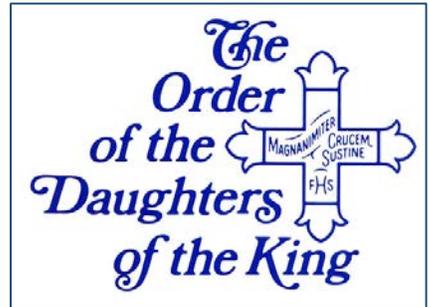
September 27th - St. Thomas Youth

October 4th - Inaugural Live Stream Service with the Rector and Vestry

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO PARISHIONERS

Celebrating Birthdays in September!

- 9/1 Evelyn Means; Bertha Mordeci
9/2 Harold Townsend; Mary Dean
9/3 Calvin Thompson
9/4 Monica Harbison; Camilla Janey; Carmella Bullock
9/5 Michael Archey, Jr.; Gari Harden
9/6 Oke Nwaneshiudo
9/7 Stephen Hannum; Ricardo Bostic
9/8 Mother JoAnn Jones
9/9 Patricia Bantom; Tyler Stafford; Margaret Awiti;
Gabrielle Alsto
9/10 Gwenda Hart; Gabrielle Hamlin
9/11 Terry Corson; Brandon Barksdale
9/13 Frank Johnson; Joe Tucker
9/14 Diana Hutchins
9/15 William Thompson; Lauren Flamer
9/16 Ann Stewart, Eric Jones, Richard Sewell;
Richard Scales; William Edmonds
9/17 Kelvin Johnson, Sr.; Angelo Cameron
9/18 Deadra Cannon; Terry Booker
9/19 Alycia Horn; William Collins
9/20 Ella Randall; Diane Winkfield; Richard Lee
9/21 Wendella Fox; Constance Lyons; Fay Alexander
9/22 Stephany Bovell
9/23 Rollo Dillworth; Elaine Curry; Leatrice Snowden;
Stephanie Foster; Onyi Nwaneshiodo; Ken Bundy
9/24 Carlia Miller
9/26 Shirley Caldwell
9/28 William Smalls; Aneesa Donohue
9/29 Joyce Stewart; Paul Alexander-Ena Camara; Evetta Sherman
9/30 Paige Cropper; Marlene Richardson
Jenelle Johnson; Catherine Bell



***ALL WOMEN of ST. THOMAS
You're Invited!***

***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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81619260619?pwd=N1c4WXprcXpKREQwUINicDhEQytJUT09>

Meeting ID: 816 1926 0619

Passcode: Peace

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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	Darryl (Bobby) Tillman
Ronnie Collins	D. Lynn Joell	Judith Tillman
	Brenda Johnson-Best	

MINISTRY STAFF

Bishop	The Rt Rev Daniel G P Gutierrez	
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Associate Priest	The Rev Fr Gerald Collins	
Associate Minister	The Rev Dr Thomas G Snowden	
Associate Minister	The Rev Dr Paul Bach	
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	Gregory J Allen, PhD	215..477..2672
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Parish Webmaster		

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.