

**ST. THOMAS KICKS OFF**  
**BLACK**  
**HISTORY**  
**MONTH**  
**CELEBRATION**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024**  
**AT 10:00 AM**



~ Guest Speaker ~  
**DR. ASHLEY JORDAN**  
President and CEO  
African American Museum  
Philadelphia, PA



THE AFRICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS • FIRST BLACK EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE U.S.  
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**THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**  
**February 4, 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 **the the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, and our Annual Black History Month Celebration kick-off. We welcome Dr. Ashley Jordan, Ph.D., President & CEO, African American Museum in Philadelphia as our guest speaker today.**

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

Join us for **A Service in Celebration of The Life and Ministry** of The Rev. Absalom Jones on Sunday, February 11, 2024, at 10:00 AM. Please watch the video invitation below.



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We welcome Dr. Ashley Jordan, Ph.D., President & CEO, the African American Museum in Philadelphia as our guest speaker today. Her Biography can be found [here](#).

Please wear something Afro-centric if possible.

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Please click on the link provided for the [Order of Service](#) for this Sunday



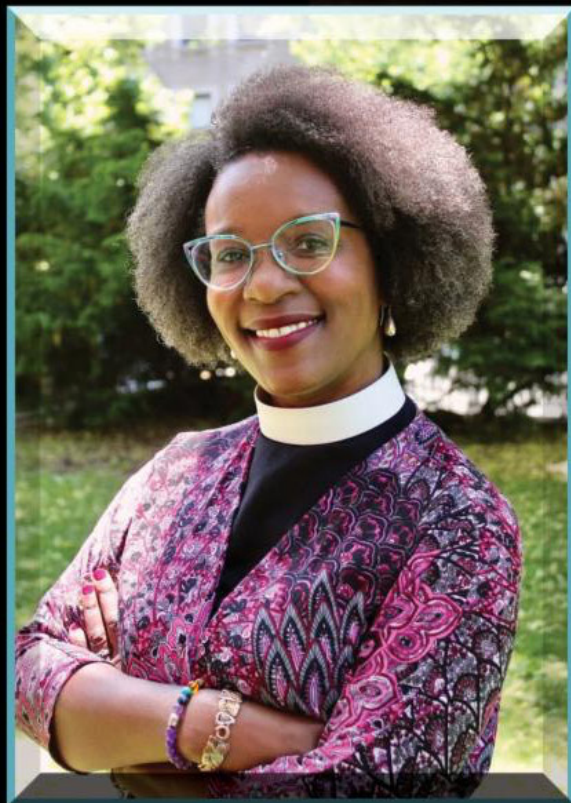


PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
**A SERVICE  
OF  
CELEBRATION**

**The Life and Ministry  
of**

**THE REV. ABSALOM JONES  
and the**

**ANNUAL MARDI GRAS JAZZ MASS**



**Sunday, February 11, 2024  
at 10:00 am**

**~ Guest Preacher ~  
The Reverend Canon  
STEPHANIE SPELLERS  
Canon to Presiding Bishop,  
The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry**

**Joining us in celebration:  
Church Farm School  
[www.gocfs.net](http://www.gocfs.net)**

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**CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILIES OF:  
Wayne Miller and Josephine Anderson.**

The viewing for **Wayne Miller** is on Saturday, Feb. 3, 2024, from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM at Claude J. Edney Memorial Chapel, 634 Sharon Avenue, Sharon Hill PA 19079.

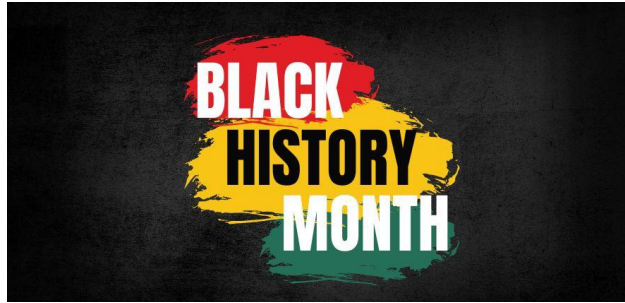
The Requiem Mass for **Josephine Anderson** will be at St. Thomas on Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2024, at 11:00 AM.

May the souls of Josephine and Wayne rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen

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**2024 Liturgical Calendars** are on sale for \$8.00 Please see Clare Mae Daniels or any member of the Altar Guild to purchase one.

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**A “History Note” from Arthur Sudler, director,  
St. Thomas Historical Society and Archives**

**Audacious Freedom: African Americans in Philadelphia 1776-1876:**

The African American Museum in Philadelphia

Audacious Freedom: African Americans in Philadelphia 1776-

1876 is the title of the core exhibit at the African American

Museum in Philadelphia (AAMP). Audacious. Intrepidly daring.

Marked by originality and verve. The African Episcopal Church of

St. Thomas (AECST) is acutely apparent in this all-powerful and

authoritative affectation of a centenary of the abundant aptitude

of African Americans in Philadelphia. It is described on the AAMP

website as a “narrated, interactive timeline ... highlight[ing] a

sequence of images and documents ... drawn from the historical

record, that illuminate and explore topics of relevance including

entrepreneurship, environment, education, religion, and family

traditions.” It runs the gamut from the Free African Society

through Reconstruction.

This exhibit, according to the AAMP website, “recounts the

stories of and contributions made by people of African descent in

Philadelphia during the tumultuous years following the founding

of our nation.” AECST entrepreneurs sailmaker James Forten and

caterer Robert Bogle are there. AECST educators Fanny Muriel

Jackson [Coppin] and Octavius Valentine Catto are there. AECST

artist David Bustill Bowser is there. AECST physician Dr. Rebecca

Cole is there. AECST rectors Rev. Absalom Jones and Rev. William

Douglass are there. AAMP posits that “[t]hrough this exhibit [we]

learn who the people were, how they lived and worked, and their

unheralded impact on our nation.” Skillfully curating, and adeptly

contextualizing, a broad swath of local history, AECST members

will meet their congregational forebearers throughout the

multimedia presentation.



**SAVE THE DATE!!  
MARDI GRAS BRUNCH!  
Sunday, February 11, 2024, 12:00 noon,  
ANDERSON HALL**

**GREAT FOOD, MUSIC, SILENT AUCTION,  
PRIZES, And FUN!**

**Donation: \$25 Adults, \$10 Youth,  
Children Free(under 5yrs)**

**For more information:  
contact any member of JFA Scholarship Committee,  
or [Paula Lamb](#) or [Thomasina Hack](#)**

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**Any Group, Guild, Ministry, or Fellowship wishing to  
have a flyer placed in the bulletin will have to provide  
the copies to the office no later than Wednesday for  
insertion in the Sunday bulletin.**



## CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!!!!!

Our own Church School Superintendent,  
**Ms. Tynecia Wilson** has been crowned Miss Philadelphia!!!!

She will now represent Philadelphia in the state competition and prayerfully the national to become Miss America! Tynecia, your church family is so proud of you.



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## MEMBER INFORMATION FORMS

In an effort to get correct member information, we are asking **EVERY** parishioner to fill out a Member form. The church has received many returned mailings because of bad addresses. We would appreciate your new address, phone number, and email address. Please fill out the [form](#) and return it to the [church office email](#). Please fill out 1 form for each adult member of your family, children may go on one of the forms.

Forms are also available on the table in the back of the church.

Thanks so much for your help with this.



**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY,  
JANUARY 28, 2024.  
GFS SUNDAY AND INDUCTION**







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



## OUR CHURCH FAMILY CONTINUES TO GROW!

We welcome **Thelma Amazan** and **Hisos Henry** (grandson of Denise McKinney).

Note: Hisos passionately expressed his strong desire to officially become a member of St. Thomas. We give God thanks for Thelma and Hisos.





## Upcoming Events



**OUR LENTEN JOURNEY BEGINS**  
**Ash Wednesday Services**  
(Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist)

**February 14, 2024**  
**7:00 AM, 12 :00 Noon**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**Wednesdays in Lent**  
**Lenten Theme: "From Gaza to Calvary"**  
**6:00 PM - Holy Eucharist**  
**6:30 PM - 7:15 PM**  
**Lenten Presentation / Discussion**

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**Confirmation Classes** are on Sundays at 8:30 A.M. Please speak with [Fr. Daren](#) or [Seminarian Kathryn Brossa](#) for further details.

# Sundays at Four

2023-2024 Concert Series

William P. Fenimore, Artistic Director

## THE AFRICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS GOSPEL CHOIR



**Celebrating the  
Heritage of  
African Americans**



**Sunday, February 18, 2024, at 4:00 pm**

**St. Mary's Episcopal Church**

18 White Horse Pike & Green Street

Haddon Heights, New Jersey

(856) 547-3240



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

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**KNITTING CLUB:**  
Is back in the Absalom Jones House on Tuesdays from **10:00 AM - Noon**. Bring your yarn, and patterns and join in on the fun!

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**The Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania** will celebrate the **Feast of Absalom Jones**, on **Saturday, February 17, 2024**, at 10:00 A.M., at Episcopal Academy Chapel, 1785 Bishop White Drive, Newtown Square, PA. Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Daniel G.P. Gutierrez; Preacher: The Rev. Canon Rondald C. Byrd, Sr. There will be a bus going to the service. For a reservation on the bus, please call the church office.





**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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**ATTENTION ALL GUILDS, MINISTRIES AND  
ORGANIZATION PRESIDENTS:**

The Parish Annual Meeting, **Sunday, Feb 18, 2024**, following 10:00 AM Service. End of the Year Reports for the Annual Parish Meeting must be submitted no later than February 5, 2024. Your 2023 reports should be 1(One) page and include: Your vision, 2023 activities, and 2024 Planned activities and any other information you would like to share. Please send to Gladyce at [1792@aecst.org](mailto:1792@aecst.org).

The deadline for reports is **Monday, February 5, 2024**. The Agenda at the Parish Annual meeting on February 18, 2024, will include the Vestry's November 16, 2023 approval of the Amended Bylaws. Copies will be available.

**Candidate profiles can be found at this [Link](#)**

## **UPCOMING SUNDAYS**

### **February 4, 2024**

Black History Month Kick Off Celebration.  
Guest Speaker - Dr. Ashley Jordan, President and CEO  
of the African American Museum.  
Wear something Afrocentric.

### **February 11, 2024**

Celebration of the Feast of Absalom Jones and Annual  
Mardi Gras Jazz Mass.

JFA Mardi Gras Brunch - Noon in Anderson Hall. See any  
member of the JFA Scholarship Committee, [Paula Lamb](#)  
or [Thomasina Hack](#) for more information.

### **February 18, 2024**

Annual Church Meeting after church.

Love Sunday (In celebration of St. Valentine/Valentine's  
Day) Tokens of love will be distributed to all in attendance

Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge  
Founders Day Service- 4:00 PM

### **February 25, 2024**

Youth and Young Adult Sunday  
St. Thomas Celebrates Episcopal HBCUs  
Scout Sunday

### **\*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.

## 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](#).



**Men's Ministry & Fellowship**  
The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas



**BSA Scout Troop**  
**133**



# Gifts of The Magi

**All the Month of January**



During the month of January BSA Troop 133 and the Men's Ministry and Fellowship will collect men's articles for delivery to St. John's Hospice, a shelter for homeless men. A list of requested is below. Please ensure used articles of clothing etc. are cleaned and useable. Thank You!

**Jeans – Waist Size 30, 32, 34, 36, 38**

**Men's underwear: Boxer Briefs, M, L, XL, 2X L (NEW ONLY)**

**Hoodies – All Sizes**  
**Backpacks for Men**  
**Bath Towels**  
**Washcloths**

Donations accepted and we will make the purchase for you. contact J.R. Brockman to arrange to donate.

Checks can be made out to

Donation Box is located near the Undercroft.

For more information contact J.R. Brockman at 609-381-9981 or at [brock.man@verizon.net](mailto:brock.man@verizon.net)



**Happy Birthday to all our Parishioners who are celebrating  
birthdays in February**

- 2/1 Lisa Renee Dumas  
2/3 Karen Vaughn  
2/4 Signe Griffin, Leah Sheppard  
2/5 Winston Lowe, James Kimble, Raquel Smith, Everett Miles  
2/6 Robert Meyers, Bernadette Wyche  
2/7 Tiffani Davis, Ronald Jones, Arlene Gray  
2/8 Asia Archey, Dieynaba Diagne  
2/9 Angela Kelly  
2/10 Janice Smith, Lisa New  
2/11 Courtney Williamson  
2/12 Robin Lynch, Grizzle Wilmore, Carole Williams-Green  
2/13 Colby Jones, Arthur Sudler, Karen Whittle, Rosalind Roberts-Small  
2/13 Edward Geiger  
2/14 Robert McNeal  
2/15 Anita Robinson, Lisa Smoots  
2/16 Musu Doe  
2/18 Justin & Jason Brockman, Dr. Jay Fluellen, Erica Hill-Yates  
2/19 Katrice Mathurin  
2/20 Gordon Sedziafa, Iyun Williams  
2/22 Inez Turner, Alaina Farooq  
2/23 Nancy Lee, Jumba Muawanya  
2/24 Alliyah Miller, Denise Wing  
2/26 Cary Smith, Shawn Evans  
2/27 Joyce Harrison, I. Page Bowser, Deredre McAlpin  
2/18 Clara Watson-Williams

## 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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## JOIN THE GIRLS FRIENDLY SOCIETY!

Meetings are on Saturdays from 11am -1pm. All girls aged 3-30 are welcome. Girls participate in: Service Projects, Gir 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)**

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## Young Adult Bible Study

Fr. Daren is offering a Bible Study series for Young Adults on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM.

Fall Topic:

“If It’s Not About Love, It’s Not About God”



## 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 Boy Scout Program is open to children aged 11-17 years old. The Scout Program will meet at 3:00 PM on Saturdays according to the schedule. Please contact Scout [Master Howard Chapman](#) for more information.

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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.](#)

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

### **IN HOSPITAL:**

Sheryl Johnson - Jefferson Hospital  
Leotta Griffin - Lanckenau Hospital.

### **IN REHAB:**

Helena Allen - Simpson House  
Fr. Darryl James -Stapeley Rehab; Joyce Harrison,  
Patricia Ellison, Terry Corson.

### **RECOVERING AT HOME:**

Adinah Edwards, Robert Brown, Ridart "Butch" Farmer,  
Gwendolyn Langford, Laverne Hudson, Shirley Winkfield,  
Lemont Johnson, Ronald Coleman, Thelma Silvers,  
Dr. Thomas Snowden, Linda Holmes. Gladyce DuBrey,  
Alletta Parris-Olday, Kenneth Dow.

### **KEEP IN PRAYER:**

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

### **WE PRAY FOR**

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



**Palm Sunday is March 24th** and we would love to have a donkey to lead our procession. Please assist us in securing a donkey with a donation to **"Sponsor a Donkey"**! Any amount is appreciated. Envelopes can be found on the table in the back of the church.

# DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS

## READINGS FOR

the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 4, 2024

The First Lesson: [Isaiah 40:21-31](#)

[Psalm 147:1-12](#)

The Second Lesson: [1 Corinthians 9:16-23](#)

The Holy Gospel: [Mark 1:29-39](#)



## ALTAR FLOWERS

To order flowers, please return the form with payment to: Clare Mae Daniels or Alfreda Brockman. (Please do not place it in the collection plate or give to the church office.) Thank you.

I would like to place flowers on the High Altar - \$60.

I would like to place flowers on the Absalom Jones Altar - \$50.

I would like to place flowers on the Columbarium - \$40.

(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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## **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



## 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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**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](#) me. 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 could slot their envelopes.

Thank you

## 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 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 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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	Arlene Gray	bsapack0133@gmail.com
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Transportation Ministry		
Videography Ministry	Quentin Heyward	recordedvideo@aecst.org
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William Burke Ushers Ministry	Arlene Singletary	leaniepo302@gmail.com

## **THE VESTRY**

Rector's Warden - Richard Jones  
Accounting Warden - Deborah Camp Frye  
Clerk of the Vestry - Clare Mae Daniels  
Treasurer - Albert S. Dandridge, III Esq.

Brenda Johnson Best  
Judith Simkins Booth  
William Burke  
Deadra Cannon  
Wendella Fox, Esq.  
Marie Golson  
Deborah Harrison  
D. Lynn Joell  
Kelvin Johnson  
Jonathan Muse  
Judith Tillman

## **THE AUXILIARY VESTRY**

Conchetta Brewer  
Ronnie Collins  
Eugene Golson  
Dr. Monica Johnson Taylor  
Pamela Johnson  
Patricia Lynch  
Cynthia Muse  
Darryle "Bobby" Tillman

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**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 re-imaged, taught, lived and spread.