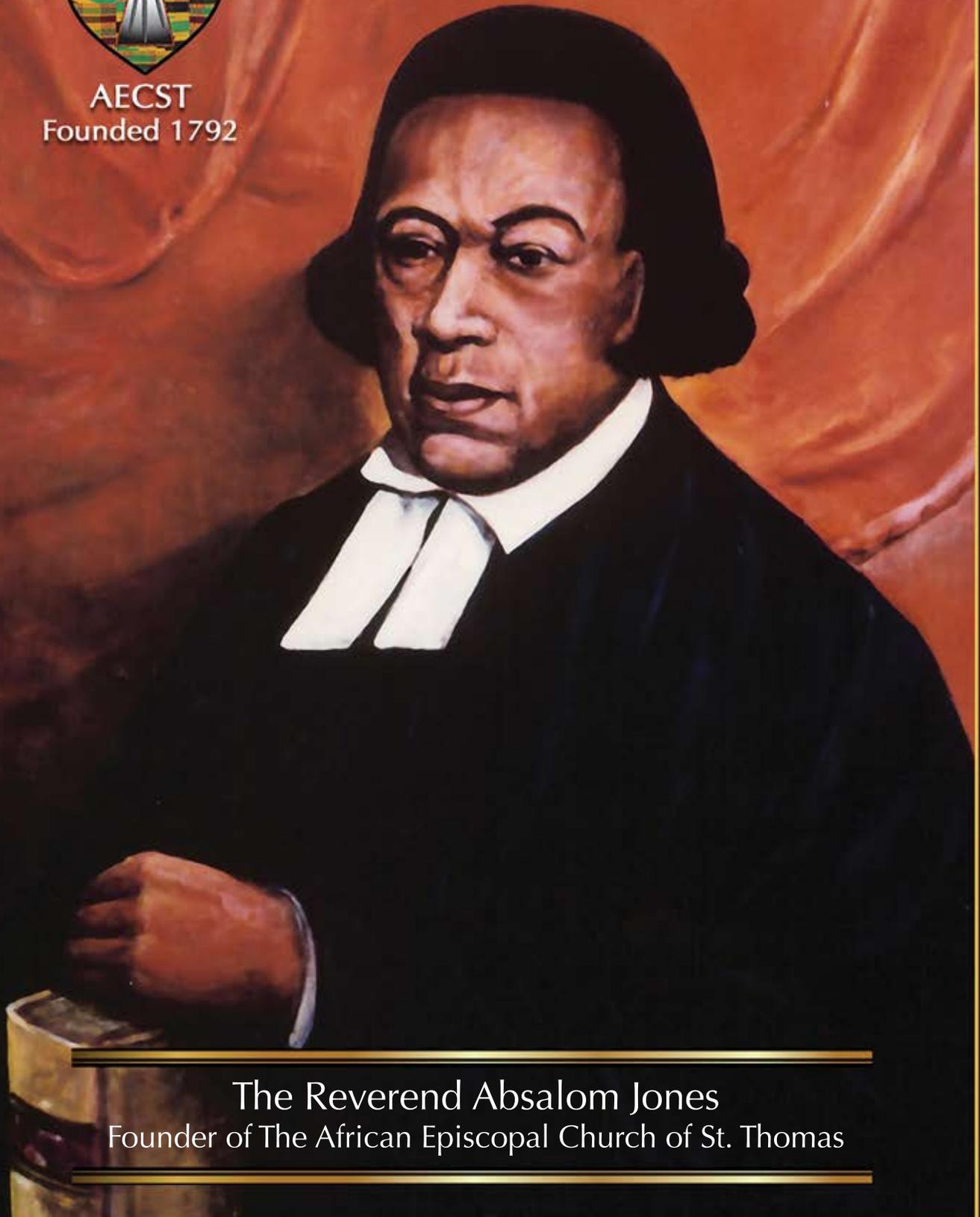




AECST
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The Reverend Absalom Jones
Founder of The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
Celebrating the Life and Ministry of
The Rev. Absalom Jones
And "Love" Sunday

Sunday, February 13, 2022
10:00 AM.



AN INVITATION TO WORSHIP
and
A Celebration of the Feast of Blessed Absalom

REVISED ABSALOM JONES BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

By Arthur K. Sudler, William Carl Bolivar Director, Historical Society & Archives, African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas.

Arthur Sudler's biography of Absalom Jones is now the "official" biography in Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2018.

Absalom Jones was born enslaved to Abraham Wynkoop a wealthy Anglican planter in 1746 in Delaware. He was working in the fields when Abraham recognized that he was an intelligent child and ordered that he be trained to work in the house. Absalom eagerly accepted instruction in reading. He also saved money he was given and bought books (among them a primer, a spelling book, and a bible). Abraham Wynkoop died in 1753 and by 1755 his younger son Benjamin had inherited the plantation. When Absalom was sixteen Benjamin Wynkoop sold the plantation and Absalom's mother, sister, and five brothers. Wynkoop brought Absalom to Philadelphia where he opened a store and joined St. Peter's Church. In Philadelphia Benjamin Wynkoop permitted Absalom to attend a night school for black people that was operated by Quakers following the tradition established by abolitionist teacher Anthony Benezet.

At twenty, with the permission of their masters, Absalom married Mary Thomas who was enslaved to Sarah King who also worshipped at St. Peter's. The Rev. Jacob Duche performed the wedding at Christ Church. Absalom and his father-in-law, John Thomas, used their savings, and sought donations and loans primarily from prominent Quakers, in order to purchase Mary's freedom. Absalom and Mary worked very hard to repay the money borrowed to buy her freedom. Although he repeatedly asked Benjamin Wynkoop to allow him to buy his freedom, Wynkoop refused. Absalom persisted because as long as he was enslaved Wynkoop could take his property and his money.

Finally, in 1784 Benjamin Wynkoop freed Absalom by granting him a manumission. Absalom continued to work in Wynkoop's store as a paid employee.

Absalom left St. Peter's Church and began worshipping at St. George's Methodist Episcopal Church. He met Richard Allen who had been engaged to preach at St. George's and the two became lifelong friends. Together, in 1787, they founded the Free African Society a mutual aid benevolent organization that was the first of its kind organized by and for black people. Members of the Society paid monthly dues for the benefit of those in need. At St. George's, Absalom and Richard served as lay ministers for the black membership. The active evangelism of Jones and Allen, greatly increased black membership at St. George's. The black members worked hard to help raise money to build an upstairs gallery intended to enlarge the church. The church leadership decided to segregate the black worshippers in the gallery, without notifying them. During a Sunday morning service a dispute arose over the seats black members had been instructed to take in the gallery and ushers attempted to physically remove them by first accosting Absalom Jones. Most of the black members present indignantly walked out of St. George's in a body.

Prior to the incident at St. George's the Free African Society had initiated religious services. Some of these services were presided over by The Rev. Joseph Pilmore an assistant St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The Society established communication with similar black groups in other cities. In 1792 the Society began to build the African Church of Philadelphia. The church membership took a denominational vote and decided to affiliate with the Episcopal Church. Richard Allen withdrew from the effort as he favored affiliation with the Methodist Church.

Absalom Jones was asked to provide pastoral leadership and after prayer and reflection, he accepted the call.

The African Church was dedicated on July 17, 1794. The Rev. Dr. Samuel Magaw, rector St. Paul's Church, preached the dedicatory address. Dr. Magaw was assisted at the service by The Rev. James Abercrombie, assistant minister at Christ Church. Soon thereafter the congregation applied for membership in the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania on the following conditions: 1) that they be received as an organized body; 2) that they have control over their own local affairs; 3) that Absalom Jones be licensed as layreader, and, if qualified, be ordained as minister. In October 1794 it was admitted as the African Episcopal Church of St Thomas. The church was incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1796. Bishop William White ordained Jones as deacon in 1795 and as priest on September 21, 1802.

Jones was an earnest preacher. He denounced slavery, and warned the oppressors to "clean their hands of slaves." To him, God was the Father, who always acted on "behalf of the oppressed and distressed." But it was his constant visiting and mild manner that made him beloved by his congregation and by the community. St Thomas Church grew to over 500 members during its first year. The congregants formed a day school and were active in moral uplift, selfempowerment, and anti-slavery activities. Known as "the Black Bishop of the Episcopal Church," Jones was an example of persistent faith in God and in the Church as God's instrument. Jones died on this day in 1818.

Please Join us for
A Service

of
Celebration

The Life and Ministry
of
The Rev. Absalom Jones



A Valentine's Day
Observance
of
LOVE

Wear something red!

**Sunday, February 13, 2022
at 10:00 am**

~Guest Preacher~

The Rev. Claire Nevin-Field
Rector, St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia
(Where Blessed Absalom once attended.)



**If you are physically unable to attend,
please join us virtually via our website, YouTube, or Facebook pages.**

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THE REV. CLAIRE NEVIN-FIELD

Guest Speaker

The Rev. Claire Nevin-Field was born in the northeast of England, the child of a priest in the Church of England. Her family moved to the States (Delaware) when she was young and she attended St. Andrew's School, then the University of Delaware (BSN), the University of Pennsylvania (MSN) and the General Theological Seminary (MDiv). In addition to being Rector of St. Peter's Church, I am a former nurse-midwife and the mother of two daughters, Rachel (a priest and farmer) and Ellie (a scientist). My husband, Andrew, our dog Harriet, and I live near Washington Square Park in Philadelphia.

Rev. Nevin-Field had a lifelong fascination with Jesus and find following him to be: joyful, puzzling, funny, frustrating, humbling, deeply engaging, and life-giving. Believing that Anne Lamott was right when she called laughter "carbonated holiness", she loves to laugh and find much humor and joy in life—and in church.

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

The Diocese of Pennsylvania will celebrate the Life and Ministry of the Rev. Absalom Jones on **Saturday, February 12, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.** in a previously recorded video service. Please visit www.diopa.org to register.

“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 Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany.

Celebrating the Life and Ministry of the Rev. Absalom Jones and Love. We welcome **The Rev. Claire Nevin-Field** and our brothers and sisters from St. Peter’s Church worshiping with us 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. Again, welcome! May Jesus reveal himself to you during the Season of Epiphany.

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

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.

SAINT THOMAS IS OPEN FOR IN-PERSON SERVICE

Masks are **MANDATORY** for all in attendance. Hand sanitizer is 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](#).

SPEARHEAD NEWSLETTER EMAILS

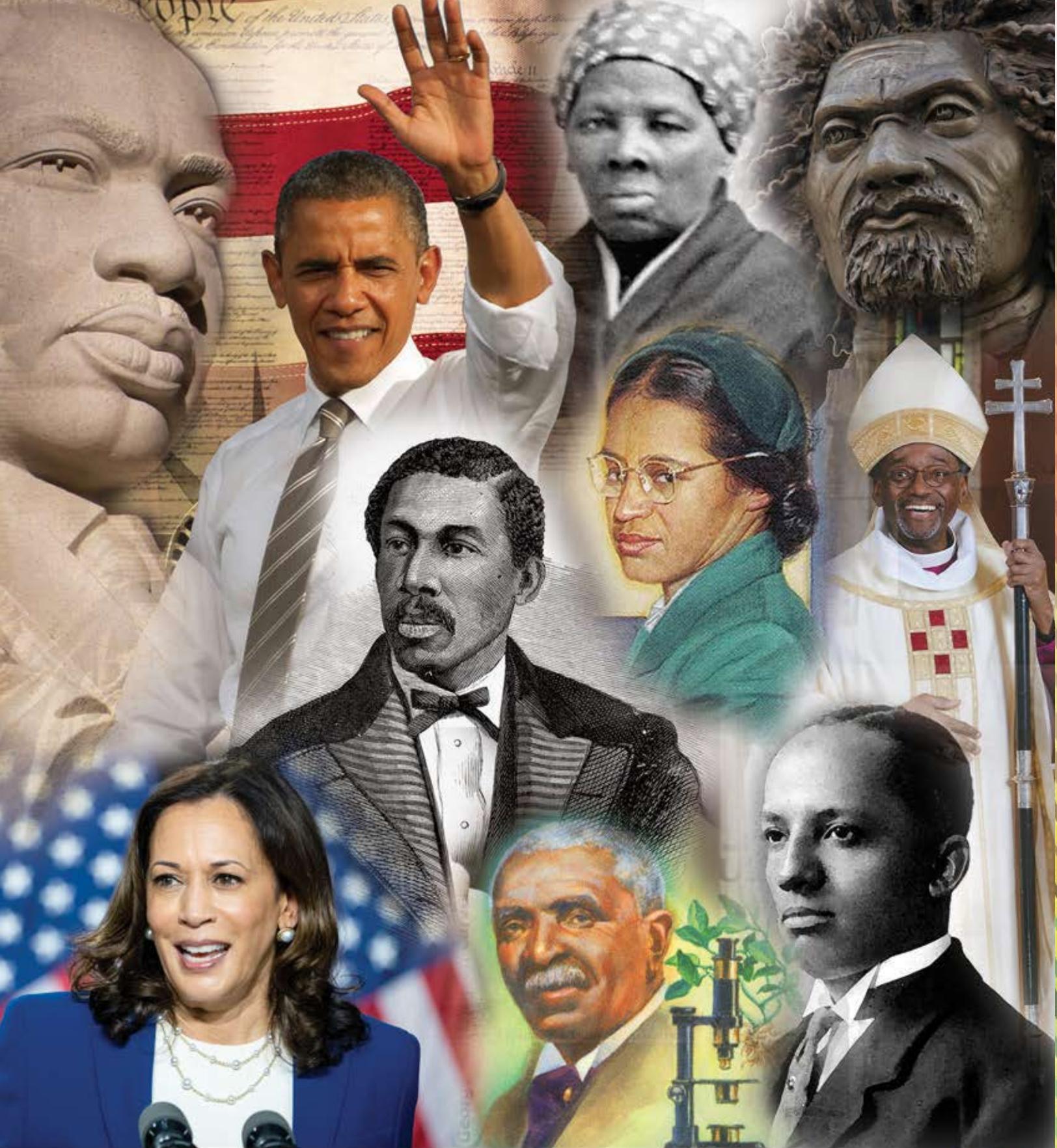
If you are not receiving the Spearhead emails, please use the [Newsletter](#) sign up link. Your information will NEVER be shared or sold and you can **UNsubscribe** at anytime by following the instructions provided at the bottom of every email message.

THE ST. THOMAS ALTAR GUILD

is selling Liturgical Calendars. They are \$7.00 and can be purchased from Alfreda Brockman or Clare Mae Daniels.

THANK YOU

A heartfelt "Thank You" to my church family for all the calls, cards and prayers as I continue to rehab at home.
Deborah "Binky" Seay



CELEBRATING A FEW OF OUR HEROES
BLACK HISTORY MONTH
(IS JUST NOT LONG ENOUGH)



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BLACK HISTORY MONTH TIDBITS

PART 2

The Human Computers of NASA

Mary Jackson- From Hampton Virginia. Received her Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics and Physical Science from The Hampton Institute. She began her career as a schoolteacher before joining NASA. As a computer with the all-black West Area Computing section, she was involved with wind tunnels and flight experiments. Her job was to extract the relevant data from flight tests. She also tried to help other women advance in their career, according to the biography, by advising them on what educational opportunities to pursue.

After 30 years with NACA and NASA (at which point she was an engineer), Jackson decided to become an equal opportunity specialist to help women and minorities. Although described as a behind-the-scenes sort of worker, she helped many people get promoted or become supervisors. She retired from NASA in 1985. Jackson died on Feb. 11, 2005 at the age of 83.

KATHERINE JOHNSON - Began attending West Virginia State College at age 18. After graduating with highest honors, she started work as a schoolteacher in 1937. Two years later, when the college chose to integrate its graduate schools, Johnson and two male students were offered spots. She quickly enrolled, but left to have children. In 1953, when she was back in the workforce, Johnson joined the West Area Computing section at Langley. She began her career working with data from flight tests, but her life quickly changed after the Soviet Union launched the first satellite, Sputnik, in 1957. Some of her math equations were used in a lecture series compendium called Notes on Space Technology.

These lectures were given by engineers that later formed the Space Task Group, NACA's section on space travel. computers, Glenn reportedly wanted Johnson herself to run through the equations to make sure they were safe.

Johnson retired from NASA In 1986. At age 97, in 2015, she received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor in the United States. Johnson died on Feb. 24, 2020 at age 101.

DOROTHY VAUGHAN -Vaughan joined the Langley Memorial Aeronautical Laboratory in 1943 after beginning her career as a math teacher in Farmville, Virginia. Her job during World War II was a temporary position, but thanks in part to a new executive order prohibiting discrimination in the defense industry, she was hired on permanently because the laboratory had a wealth of data to process.

Still, the law required that she and her black colleagues needed to work separately from white female computers, and the first supervisors were white. Vaughan became the first black NACA supervisor in 1949 and made sure that her employees received promotions or pay raises if merited.

Segregation was ended in 1958 when NACA became NASA, at which point NASA created an analysis and computation division. Vaughan was an expert programmer in FORTRAN, a prominent computer language of the day, and also contributed to a satellite-launching rocket called Scout (Solid Controlled Orbital Utility Test). She retired from NASA in 1971. Vaughan died on Nov. 10, 2008 at the age of 98.

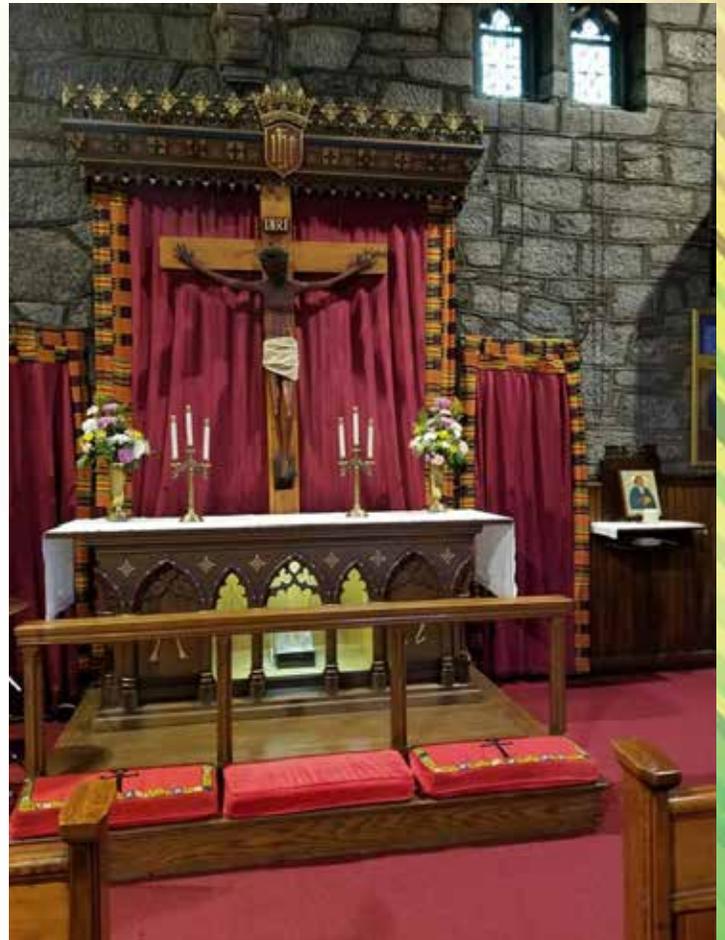
AECST LIVE STREAM

Please join us for Worship on the St. Thomas [website](#), the [Live Service](#), or on our [Facebook](#) page or [youtube](#) every Sunday morning at 10:00AM. You can also watch [Past Services](#).



**We will come to
Blessed Absalom's
table (altar) for the
Holy Eucharist.**

**Special prayers
will be said at the
final resting place
of Blessed
Absalom Jones**



**THE ST. THOMAS HEALTH MINISTRY
FEBRUARY IS
AMERICAN HEART AWARENESS MONTH**

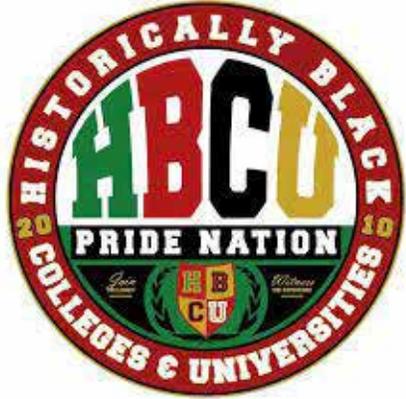
ABOUT HEART ATTACKS

A heart attack occurs when a part of the heart muscle is damaged or dies because blood flow is reduced or completely blocked. Every 40 seconds, someone in the United States has a heart attack.

A heart attack, also called a myocardial infarction, occurs when a part of the heart muscle doesn't receive enough blood flow. The more time that passes without treatment to restore blood flow, the greater the damage to the heart muscle. One of 5 heart attacks is silent - the damage is done, but the person is not aware of it. Coronary artery disease (CAD) is the main cause of heart attack. A less common cause is a severe spasm, or sudden contraction, of a coronary artery that can stop blood flow to the heart muscle. If you know the signs and symptoms of a heart attack and recognize that you or someone near you is having a heart attack, seek immediate treatment by calling 9-1-1. The longer you wait, the more damage to the heart muscle can occur. Learn more about what you can do to prevent a future heart attack.

LEARN MORE ABOUT PREVENTION, TREATMENT, AND RECOVERY AT:

www.americanheartassociation.com



During the month of February, St. Thomas will be collecting donations to the Episcopal Church ABSALOM JONES FUND for our two HBCUs (St. Augustine's and Voorhees Colleges). Fr. Shaw is the Chair of the Episcopal Church HBCU Committee.

If you would like to make a donation toward this rewarding effort, please make check payable to St. Thomas Church, indicating for the **ABSALOM JONES FUND**.

On behalf of the Episcopal Church HBCU Committee, please read and listen to the important message, contained in the link, from our Presiding Bishop, **The Most Rev. Michael Curry**.

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.

Old Pine Conservancy Presents

Under the direction of Musical Director &
Choirmaster, Waltier Blocker

The St. Thomas Gospel Choir



A concert highlighting the vitality of African American music from the past to the present.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2022 - 4:00 P.M.

Old Pine Street Presbyterian Church
412 Pine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106



FREE EVENT!
MASKS AND
VACCINE ID
REQUIRED



HOUSE OF MIRACLES HEALING CATHEDRAL

February
20
2022
@ 4:00pm

Bishop Designated
J.C. Chandler
Honoree

Bishop
Derrick Bentford,
Guest Speaker
Baltimore MD

FOUNDERS

Day

CELEBRATION



THE SAINT THOMAS GOSPEL CHOIR
GUEST CHOIR



ALL SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT PINN MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH CHAPEL
2251 N 54ST PHILADELPHIA PA 19131

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

is now being scheduled. If you or someone you know wish to be baptized, please go to our website www.aecst.org, go to "About The AECST". Use the drop down to click on About the [Sacrament of Baptism](#). All the information about baptism and the [Baptism Application Form](#) can be found there.

FEBRUARY IS THE MONTH OF LOVE.
What better way to show your love
than to donate to these wonderful campaigns.



CHOSEN 300
“HAVE A HEART FOR THE HOMELESS/HUNGRY”
FUNDRAISER

Our 2022, Fundraiser for Chosen 300 will be in February, “Heart Month.” The funds will provide meals to be served at the Chosen 300 Spring Garden St. site and the Lancaster Ave, site.

Checks should be made payable to: **AECST Chosen 300:**
Put Chosen 300 and your envelope number on the memo line.

Mail checks to: **St. Thomas Church**
6361 Lancaster Ave.
Phila. PA 19151
Attention: Chosen 300

Use the AECST website: You may give online at Donations in the drop-down menu:
Chosen 300 or place your check in the collections plate.
Questions: scmci@aol.com



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**May I Have
Your
Attention
Please**

**ATTENTION ALL GUILDS,
MINISTRIES AND
ORGANIZATION PRESIDENTS:**
The Annual Parish Meeting is
**Sunday, February 27, 2022, 11:30
AM. (In-Person and via Zoom).**

Please have End of the Year Reports submitted for the Annual Parish Meeting no later than **February 14, 2022.**

Your 2021 reports should be 1 (one) page and include: Officers, Your vision, 2021 activities and meetings, plans for Re-Imagining in 2022 and any other information you would like to share.

Please send to Gladyce at: 1792@aecst.org. During the Annual Meeting elections will be held for Vestry, Auxiliary Vestry, Schuylkill Deanery and Delegates to the Diocesan Convention. Candidate profiles [can be found here.](#)



AECST BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. JAY

Tuesday Evening Bible Study will resume via Zoom at 7:00PM. If you are interested in joining a lively, interactive Bible study group, contact Fr. Jay via email: associatepriest@aecst.org to be included on our membership list serve. You will receive the Zoom link and our weekly lesson plan to prepare – in advance for the week's meeting.

.ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers on the High Altar are in Thanksgiving and Celebration of **Courtney Williamson's** 30th Birthday, given by Gladyce, Ginger and Cheyenne.

Flowers in front of the Absalom Jones Table (Altar) are in Thanksgiving for the Life and Ministry of **Blessed Absalom Jones**.

To order flowers, please return the form with payment to Alfreda Brockman or Clare Mae Daniels.

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

TO PLACE FLOWERS:

on the High Altar \$60.00

Absalom Jones Altar \$50.00

the Columbarium \$40.00

Please PRINT

In Memory of _____, In Thanksgiving for _____,

Name _____, Envelop# _____, Amount _____.

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](#).

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’ recent 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).

ASH WEDNESDAY is March 2nd

The Start of the Lenten Season
(in the church)

Imposition of Ashes and
Holy Eucharist

12:00 Noon and 6:00 PM



**SPECIAL LENTEN WEEK DAY
HEALING MASSES**
Wednesdays 6:00 PM.

Come to receive laying of hand and anointing of oil
for a physical, mental, and spiritual healing.

**March 9th , March 16th , March 23rd,
March 30th and April 6th.**

(A Special Concert will follow on March 23rd.)

VIRTUAL CHURCH SCHOOL

Church school will meet by ZOOM on Sundays at noon. All parents and church school aged children are encouraged to attend. If you need more information please contact Dottie Archey at: 215-474-2815 or you can send an email to [Dottie Archey](mailto:Dottie.Archey@stthomasparish.org) for more information.

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.

NEW MEMBERS/ CONFIRMATION CLASS

Attention All New Members Adults and Youth: Have you been confirmed yet? The bishop will be making his Visitation to St. Thomas on Sunday, May 1st, 2022. Classes will begin Monday, February 14th at 7:00PM. They will be Zoom classes facilitated by Fr. Shaw and Fr. Jay. There are eight(8) meetings before the Bishop's visit. We are in the process of forming a New Member / Confirmation Class of 2022. Please contact Gladyce DuBrey in the Parish Office to add your name.

DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS

Readings For

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 13th

First Reading: [Isaiah 42:5-9](#)

[Psalm 126](#)

Second Reading: [Ephesians 4:1-6](#)

The Holy Gospel: [John 15:12-15](#)

The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

February 20th

First Reading: [Genesis 45:3-11, 15](#)

[Psalm 37:1-2](#)

Second Reading: [1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50](#)

The Holy Gospel: [Luke 6:27-38](#)

Week of 2/14/2022

Monday - [Mark 11:1-11](#)

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

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

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

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

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

UPCOMING SUNDAYS IN FEBRUARY

February 13th

Annual Celebration of the Feast
of Blessed Absalom Jones

Special Guest: The Rev. Claire Nevin-Field,
Rector of St. Peter's Church

"Love Sunday"

in observance of Valentine's Day.
(Wear Something RED)

Fr. Shaw will be giving each person
in attendance a token of his love.

Fr. Shaw will be making a Special Announcement

February 20th

The Episcopal HBCUs Sunday
(Historically Black Colleges and Universities)
St. Augustine's and Voorhees Colleges

February 27th

Youth Sunday / Mardi Gras Jazz Mass
(Before the start of Lent)
Annual Parish Meeting

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE:

RECOVERING AT HOME

Inez Turner, Edita Gauthney, Dorothy Smith, Kenneth Dow, Leotta Griffith. Alice Bowman-Cropper, Joseph Stevenson.

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

Shirley Caldwell, Adinah Edwards, Shirley Winkfield, Robert Brown, Stephanie Williamson, Linda Holmes, Ridart "Butch" Farmer, Georgia Sawyer, Joan Hall, Rosalind Roberts Smalls, Dr. Thomas Snowden, Francina Norris, Leatrice Snowden, Leotta Griffith, Karen Ragland, Isadora "Gwen" Francis,

CONDOLENCES

to Katrina Harris Marshall, Eugene Harris and Family on the death of their brother **Ronald Harris**. May the soul of Ronald rest in peace and rise in glory. Please pray for the family.

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.

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

FROM THE RECTOR

You should have received your Third Quarter Statement of the Stewardship year. I am urging everyone to please assure that your 2021 Pledge is current. If you have questions, please contact the Fiscal Administrator, Jeanette Jeffrey in the Fiscal Office from **9:30 AM-2:00 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.

I ask that you, using the chart below to assist you, prayerfully fill out your 2022 Faithful Giving Card. Please place it in the offering plate, postal mail, or electronically use our Faithful Giving. [Pledge Form](#) on our website.

Again, thanks so much for your continued support to the ministries of our amazing parish.

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

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

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](#).

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

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

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.
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