

Episcopal HBCU

Sunday

FEBRUARY 20, 2022, 10:00 AM

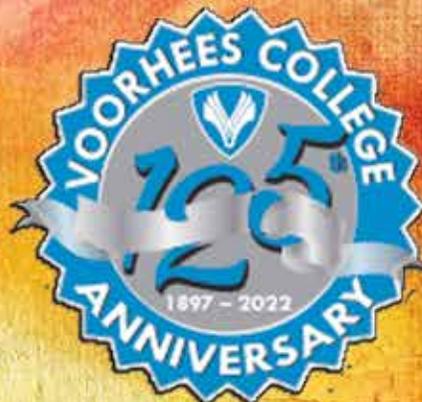


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SAINT AUGUSTINE'S UNIVERSITY

VOORHEES COLLEGE



The Absalom Jones Fund

for historically black colleges and universities
supports two institutions affiliated with

The Episcopal Church since the 1800s:

Saint Augustine's University in Raleigh, North Carolina

Voorhees College in Denmark, South Carolina.

Please make your gift payable to
St. Thomas' Church, with memo "Absalom Jones Fund".

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

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THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
Episcopal HBCU Sunday
(Historically Black Colleges and Universities)
St. Augustine's University and Voorhees Colleges

Sunday, February 20, 2022
10:00 AM.

AN INVITATION TO WORSHIP



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

“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 Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany.

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](#).

ABSALOM JONES FUND

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, indicate it's 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**.

SAINT AUGUSTINE'S
UNIVERSITY



Transform. Excel. Lead

ST. AUGUSTINE'S UNIVERSITY, RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

Saint Augustine's University is a private, historically black, Christian college in Raleigh, North Carolina. It was founded by Episcopal clergy in 1867 for the education of freed slaves.

Founded in 1867 as Saint Augustine's Normal School, the name of the school changed to Saint Augustine's School in 1893 and Saint Augustine's Junior College in 1919, when it began offering college-level course work. It began offering course work leading to a four-year degree in 1927 and changed its name to Saint Augustine's College one year later with the first baccalaureate degrees awarded in 1931. In 2012, the institution again expanded its focus and changed its name to St. Augustine's University.

In April 2014, in the midst of what The Chronicle of Higher Education characterized as "significant turmoil" and *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education* described as "financial problems... stemming from a loss in enrollment and revenue", the university's board of trustees fired university president Dianne Boardley Suber one month prior to her planned retirement. At the same time, the board reinstated two senior employees that Suber had recently fired. Suber had led the university for nearly 15 years.

Dr. Everett Ward was appointed president in 2015 after serving as interim President since 2014. Gaddis Faulcon was named interim president in 2019. The current President of St. Augustine's University is Dr. Christine Johnson McPhail.



VOORHEES COLLEGE, DENMARK , SOUTH CAROLINA

Voorhees College is a private, historically black college in Denmark, South Carolina. It is affiliated with the Episcopal Church (United States) and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

In 1897, Elizabeth Evelyn Wright founded Denmark Industrial School for African Americans. Located in a rural area and the small town of Denmark, it was modeled on the well-known Tuskegee Institute of Alabama. The first classes were held on the second floor of an old store.

In 1902, Ralph Voorhees, a New Jersey philanthropist, gave the school a donation to purchase land and construct buildings. In 1904 the South Carolina General Assembly renamed the school and incorporated it as the Voorhees Industrial Institute for Colored Youths.

In 1924, the school was affiliated with the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina. In 1947, its name was changed to Voorhees School and Junior College. In 1962, with the addition of departments and four-year curriculum, it became accredited as Voorhees College.

In 1969, the school's predominantly Black student body demanded more Black study programs and the hiring of Black faculty, as well as outreach to assist the local lower income community of Denmark with scholarships. The Voorhees administration, made up of mostly whites, ignored the students' plea. A demonstration of 500 students began as a response, which eventually inspired 75 students to command a two-day armed student occupation of the college. The President of Voorhees agreed to the students' demands, but filed a formal request to the South Carolina

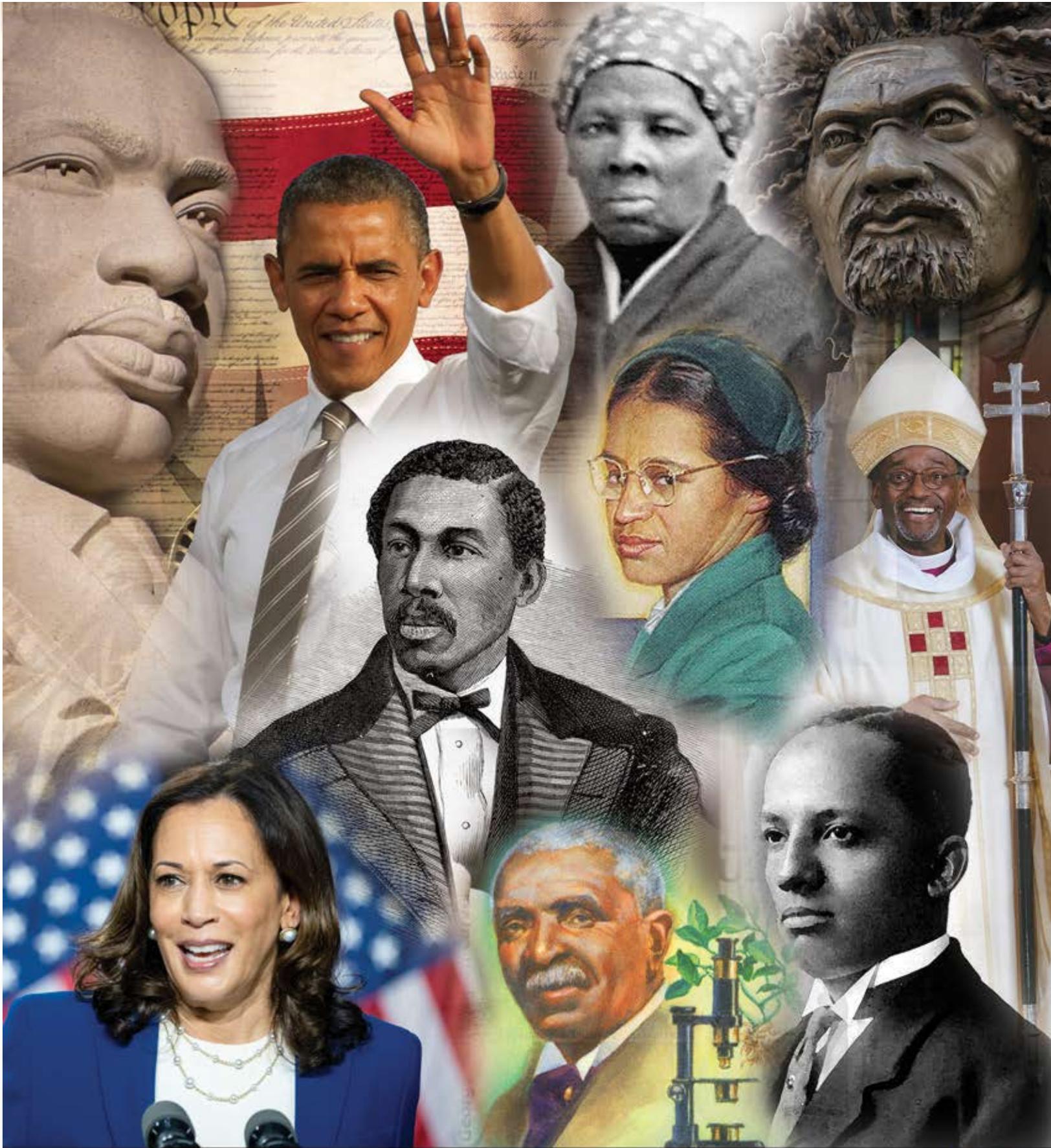
National Guard to subdue the students. The protesters surrendered, but were subsequently arrested. Many were suspended.

VOORHEES COLLEGE HISTORIC DISTRICT

This historic district was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on January 21, 1982. It includes thirteen contributing buildings constructed from 1905 to 1935. The historic district is noteworthy as an example of pioneering education for African Americans in the early 20th century, and for its association with co-founder Elizabeth Evelyn Wright. In addition, the buildings, constructed mostly by students, showed ambitious design and masonry techniques. Many of these buildings were constructed by the students of Voorhees College as part of their crafts program.

SPEARHEAD NEWSLETTER EMAILS

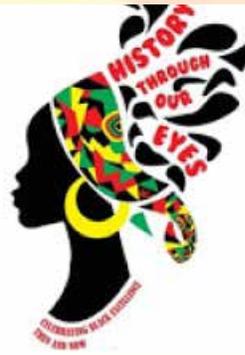
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CELEBRATING A FEW OF OUR HEROES
BLACK HISTORY MONTH
(IS JUST NOT LONG ENOUGH)



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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

BLACK HISTORY TIDBITS PART 3

JOHN PIERRE BURR (c. 1792 – April 4, 1864) was an American abolitionist, an active member of the Underground Railroad and community leader in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, active in education and civil rights for African Americans. He was Chairman of the board of the American Moral Reform Society, Burr helped publish its journal, the National Reformer. He was involved in the National Black Convention movement of the early 1830s. Burr served as an officer for the Mechanics' Enterprise Hall, the Moral Reform Retreat (a shelter for African-American women co-founded by Hetty Reckless and Hetty Burr), and the Colored Citizens of Philadelphia. He worked with other leaders such as Robert Purvis and Rev. William Catto, father of Octavius Catto. He was an organizer of the Pennsylvania Anti-Slavery Society. Burr joined the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas in Philadelphia, founded by Absalom Jones in 1782 as the first black Episcopal congregation. Burr worked with Jones, who was ordained in 1804 as the first black Episcopal priest, to build the congregation's second church. Burr also helped develop the membership, among whom were many leaders in the black community. He was an illegitimate child of Aaron Burr, the third U.S. Vice President, and Mary Emmons, an East Indian servant born in Calcutta. Buried in Eden Cemetery.

OCTAVIUS V. CATTO (February 22, 1839- October 10, 1871) was born free because his mother was free; was an educator, intellectual, and civil rights activist in Philadelphia. He became principal of male students at the Institute for Colored Youth where he was also educated. He became educated and served as a teacher, becoming active in civil rights. He also became known as a top cricket and baseball player in 19th-century Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Catto was instrumental in the passage of a Pennsylvania bill that prohibited segregation on transit systems in the state. Publicity about a conductor's being fined who refused to admit Catto's fiancée to a Philadelphia streetcar helped establish the new law in practice. Catto's crusade for equal rights was capped in March 1869, when Pennsylvania voted to ratify the 15th Amendment, which prohibited discrimination against citizens in registration and voting based on race, color or prior condition; effectively, it provided suffrage to black men. (No women then had the vote.) It was fully ratified in 1870.

A Republican, he was shot and killed in election-day violence in Philadelphia, where ethnic Irish of the Democratic Party, which was anti-Reconstruction and had opposed black suffrage, attacked black men to prevent their voting for Republican candidates. Buried in Eden Cemetery.

ROBERT PURVIS (August 4, 1810 -April 15, 1898) was an American abolitionist in the United States. In 1833 he helped found the American Anti-Slavery Society and the Library Company of Colored People. From 1845–1850 he served as president of the Pennsylvania Anti-Slavery Society and also traveled to Britain to gain support for the movement. From 1845 to 1850, Purvis served as president of the Pennsylvania Anti-Slavery Society, a biracial organization. As a supporter of the Underground Railroad, Purvis served as chairman of the General Vigilance Committee from 1852 to 1857, which gave direct aid to fugitive slaves. He used his own home as a station on the Underground Railroad.

Robert married Harriet Davey Forten (James Forten's daughter) who was a darker complexion than him and were sometimes mistaken for an interracial couple. A strong supporter of women's rights, Robert encouraged Harriet to be active in the Philadelphia Female Anti-Slavery Society, in the Pennsylvania Anti-Slavery Society, in the Colored Free Produce Association, and in several literary societies, and provided her with household help. The Purvises had been members of St. Thomas African Episcopal Church at 5th and Walnut, and owned a pew there. Buried in Fair Hill Burial Ground.

JAMES FORTEN (September 2, 1766 – March 4, 1842) was an African-American abolitionist and wealthy businessman and a member of St. Thomas in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Born free in the city, he became a sailmaker after the American Revolutionary War. Following an apprenticeship, he became the foreman and bought the sail loft when his boss retired. Based on equipment he himself had developed, he established a highly profitable business. It was located on the busy waterfront of the Delaware River, in an area now called Penn's Landing.

James Forten used his wealth and social standing to work for civil rights for African Americans in both the city and nationwide. Beginning in 1817, he opposed the colonization movements, particularly that of the American Colonization Society. He affirmed African Americans' claim to a stake in the United States of America. He persuaded William Lloyd Garrison to adopt an anti-colonization position and helped fund his newspaper *The Liberator* (1831–65), frequently publishing letters on public issues. He became vice-president of the biracial American Anti-Slavery Society, founded in 1833, and worked for national abolition of slavery. His large family was also devoted to these causes, and two daughters married the Purvis brothers, who used their wealth as leaders for abolition. Buried in Eden Cemetery.

JULIAN ABELE (April 30, 1881 - April 23, 1950) was a prominent American architect, and chief designer in the offices of Horace Trumbauer. He contributed to the design of more than 400 buildings, including the Widener Memorial Library at Harvard University (1912–15), Philadelphia's Central Library (1917–27), and the Philadelphia Museum of Art (1914–28). He was the primary designer of the west campus of Duke University (1924–54).

Julian Abele was born in Philadelphia into a prominent family. His maternal grandfather was Robert Jones, who in the late 18th century founded the city's Lombard Street Central Presbyterian Church. He was also related to Absalom Jones, who established the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas in 1794, the first Black church in Philadelphia. He was the first Black student admitted to the Department of Architecture at the University of Pennsylvania. Buried in Eden Cemetery.

CRYSTAL BIRD FAUST (June 27, 1893 – March 27, 1965) was a civil rights activist, social worker, race relations specialist, and the first female African American state legislator elected in the United States, based in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Born in Maryland and raised in Boston, Fauset started her professional career as a public school teacher in Boston. She would then go onto work for the Young Women's Christian Association, and then with the American Friends Service Committee. In 1935, she became assistant to the director of Philadelphia's Works Progress Administration and also began politically organizing for the Democratic National Committee. In 1938, Fauset was elected to the Pennsylvania state legislature. She served for a year as a state representative in which she introduced nine bills and three amendments on issues ranging from affordable housing projects to fair employment legislation.

During the Roosevelt administration, Fauset was appointed to the Office of Civilian Defense on October 20, 1941, and worked as a race relations advisor. In 1944, she broke away from the Democratic Party and publicly supported the Republican presidential candidate. In her later years, Fauset turned to global issues and helped found the United Nations Council of Philadelphia, later known as the World Affairs Council.

Her influential accomplishments for African American people earned her a Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission Marker. It was unveiled in 1991 and can be found outside her old home on 5402 Vine Street in Philadelphia. The memorial reads "The first Black woman elected to a state legislature in the U.S., Fauset, who lived here, won her seat in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, 1938. She later served as a Civil Defense race relations advisor under Franklin D. Roosevelt."

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

**HYPERTENSION
THE SILENT KILLER**

What is HYPERTENSION? It is High Blood Pressure. Blood pressure is the force of blood against the artery walls as it pumps through the body. Normal is 120/80 mm Hg. or less. It is diagnosed when the top number is greater than 140 and the bottom number is greater than 90. Both numbers are above 140/90. There is no warning signs or symptoms. Symptoms can be headache, chest pain, difficulty breathing, being overly tired and dizziness.

Learn more: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:
<https://www.cdc.gov/bloodpressure>

American Medical Association/targetbp.org:
<https://www.targetbp.org/Hypertension/Resources>

**LEARN MORE ABOUT PREVENTION, TREATMENT, AND
RECOVERY AT:
www.americanheartassociation.org**

AECST WEBSITE PROJECT

A Message from the St. Thomas Chapter of the Order of the Daughters of the King

“Our long-term commitment to racial justice and reconciliation is embedded in our identity as baptized followers of Jesus. We will still be doing it when the news cameras are long gone.” Excerpt from a word to the Church from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, May 30, 2020

In keeping with Presiding Bishop Curry’s sentiments, the St. Thomas Chapter formed the Anti-Racism Initiative Committee (ARIC) in September of 2020 to actively pursue the goal of promoting racial justice, reconciliation, and healing, consistent with our Baptismal Covenant and the Motto of our Order. In connection with this effort, ARIC has delivered brief educational programs to the chapter about the language of and best practices for advancing anti-racism efforts. The group also created some supporting documents, including a [Prayer for Racial Equity and Healing, a Glossary of Anti-Racist/Bias Terms, and a list of Suggested Resources that Support Anti-Racism Efforts.](#) This month, as we continue to honor Black History, we encourage you to review them at your leisure.

For more information about this effort, feel free to contact ARIC’s chairperson, [Karen Jackson Vaughn](#)

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
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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 this link [AECST website](#) for donations. For questions email Sharon Cotton-Bullock: scmci@aol.com



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AN ENORMOUS and EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT

Last Sunday on the Feast of Absalom Jones Day, the Rector and 230th Year Church Anniversary Committee announced that the Philadelphia City Council recently passed a Resolution to Rename a portion of Lancaster Avenue
ABSALOM JONES WAY.

To God be the glory!!!

SAVE THE DATE:

Public and Commissioning Ceremony
Saturday, September 17, 2022

(during the 230th Year Anniversary Weekend Celebration).



**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).**

Registration is encouraged for Zoom on the link provided [here](#).

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

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 _____.

THE ST. THOMAS ALTAR GUILD

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

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 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](#)

February 27th

First Reading: [Exodus 34:29-35](#)

[Psalm 99](#)

Second Reading: [2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2](#)

The Holy Gospel: [Luke 9:28-36, 37-43a](#)

Week of 2/21/2022

Monday - [Matthew 5:1-12](#)

Tuesday - [Matthew 5:13-20](#)

Wednesday - [Matthew 5:21-26](#)

Thursday - [Matthew 5:27-37](#)

Friday - [Matthew 5:38-48](#)

Saturday - [Matthew 6:1-6](#)

UPCOMING SUNDAYS IN FEBRUARY

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

ATTENTION:

We are so blessed to be stewards of a beautiful property that God has entrusted to our care. Persons are needed to serve on our Property Committee. If interested, please speak with **Deborah Harrison** or call the Parish Office to express your interest.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE:

IN THE HOSPITAL: Rosalind Rodriguez - U Penn

RECOVERING AT HOME

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

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 Elizabeth Derr (Timothy and Brandon Barksdale) on the death of her sister, **Zelma Bowers**. Please pray for the family.

to Karen Ragland and family on the death of her cousin, **Wayne Mitchell**. Please pray for the family.

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

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
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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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If you have any questions, please speak with **Deadra Cannon, 215-844-6115**.
- 4) Bring your check directly to the Parish Office during regular business hours. After business hours, drop your envelope in the door mail slot located on the front patio of the Absalom Jones House.
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St. Thomas is an open, Christ-centered community of faith in which the Gospel is taught, lived and spread.
