



**AECST
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Mardi Gras JAZZ MASS

**SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 27, 2022
10:00 AM**



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

**THE AFRICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS • FIRST BLACK EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE USA
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**LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY /
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY
Mardi Gras Jazz Style Mass**

**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 Last Sunday after the Epiphany / Transfiguration Sunday and, Mardi Gras Jazz Style Mass.

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**.



A WORD ABOUT THE MARDI GRAS STYLE SERVICE

“Mardi Gras” and “Carnival season” refers to events of the Carnival celebrations beginning on or after

Epiphany and culminating on the day before Ash Wednesday. Mardi Gras is French for “Fat Tuesday”, referring to the practice of the last night of eating richer, fatty foods before the ritual fasting of the Lenten season, which begins on Ash Wednesday. In English, the day is sometimes referred to as Shrove Tuesday, from the word, shrive, meaning “confess.”

The fleur-de-lis: The fleur-de-lis is a Christian symbol associated with the lily which represents purity, which in turn represents the Virgin Mary. Because it is comprised of three (3) petals and three (3) sepals it represents the Holy Trinity. In Christian art it is also the attribute of the Archangel Gabriel.

The Beads: Why do they wear beads? In the early 1800’s the first Mardi Gras parade took place as the evolution of the beads, although it is stated that the tradition began in the 1920’s when Rex (King of the Carnival) decided to throw necklaces instead of medallions. These beautiful glass beads were grouped with almonds and coated in sugar and thrown along with other confections into the peasant crowds, who then begged for them on the side of the road. The beads thrown now are made of plastic. And no, you don’t have to raise your shirt to get them. That’s just something some people feel they need to do. Contrary to popular belief, there is no direct link between today’s Mardi Gras practices and the early pagan festivals.

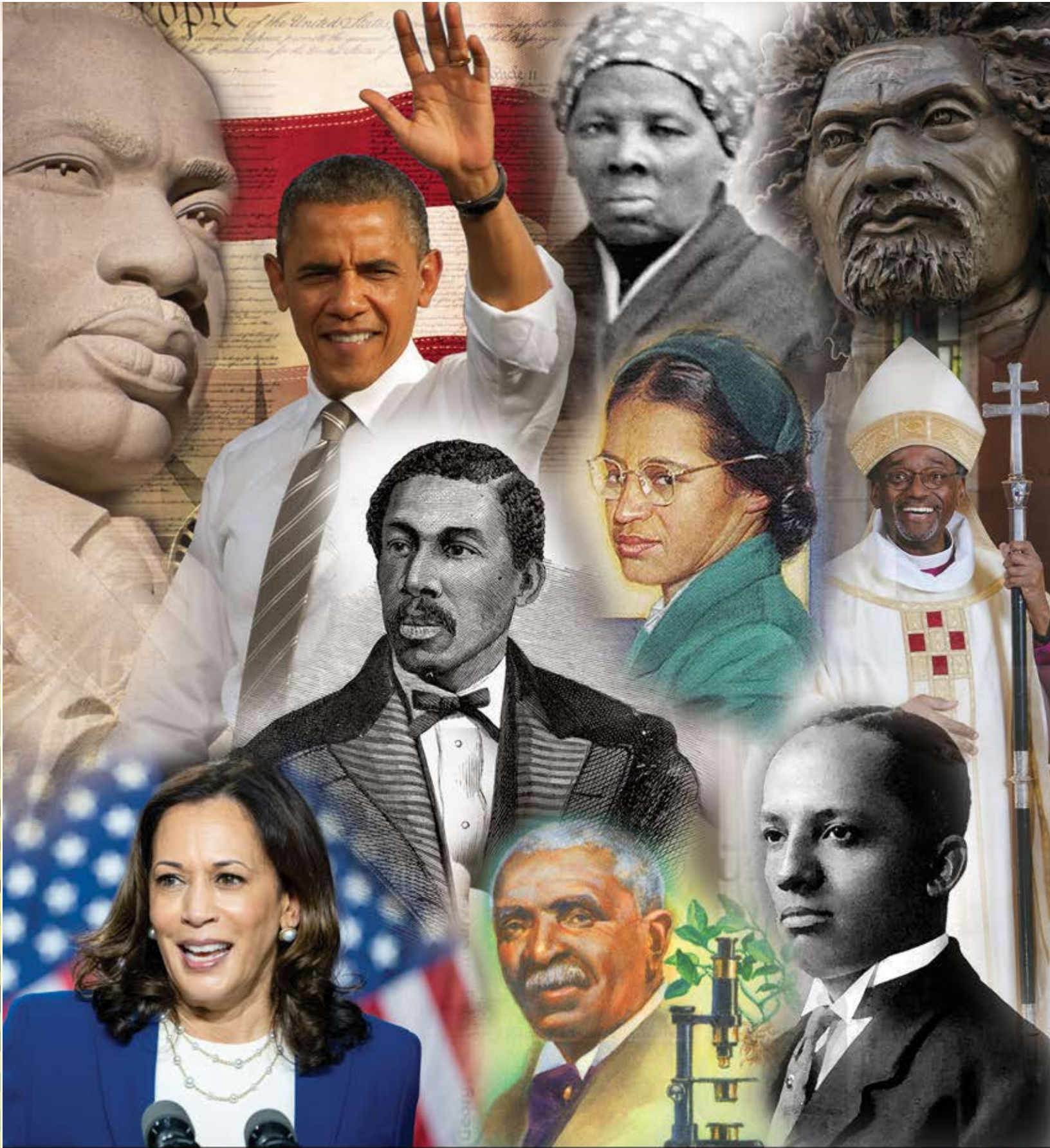


**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**



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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 4

HENRIETTA SMITH BOWERS DUTERTE was the first black female undertaker in the nation. She was born free in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and was one of 13 children born to John and Henrietta Bowers in 1817. Her family was originally from Maryland, but later moved and settled in Philadelphia around 1810.

After her husband Francis Duterte's death in 1858, she defied the gender restrictions of her era by assuming control over her late husband's business. In doing this, she became the first woman undertaker in the city and the first woman undertaker in the nation. Duterte conducted business in her own name. She later became an agent working for the Underground Railroad. Duterte often hid runaway slaves in coffins or disguised them as part of a funeral procession in order to ensure their safe passage through the city. She also supported the African-American community through philanthropic projects. Henrietta Duterte died in Philadelphia on December 23, 1903. The undertaking business was passed on to her nephew.

HENRIETTA LACKS, (born Loretta Pleasant; August 1, 1920 – October 4, 1951) was an African-American woman whose cancer cells are the source of the HeLa cell line, the first immortalized human cell line and one of the most important cell lines in medical research. An immortalized cell line reproduces indefinitely under specific conditions, and the HeLa cell line continues to be a source of invaluable medical data to the present day.

Lacks was the unwitting source of these cells from a tumor biopsied during treatment for cervical cancer at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland, U.S., in 1951. These cells were then cultured by George Otto Gey, who created the cell line known as HeLa, which is still used for medical research. As was then the practice, no consent was required to culture the cells obtained from Lacks's treatment. Consistent with contemporary standards, neither she nor her family was compensated for their extraction or use.

Even though some information about the origins of HeLa's immortalized cell lines was known to researchers after 1970, the Lacks family was not made aware of the line's existence until 1975. With knowledge of the cell line's genetic provenance becoming public, its use for medical research and for commercial purposes continues to raise concerns about privacy and patients' rights.

MISTY DANIELLE COPELAND (born September 10, 1982) is an American ballet dancer for American Ballet Theatre (ABT), one of the three leading classical ballet companies in the United States. On June 30, 2015, Copeland became the first African American woman to be promoted to principal dancer in ABT's 75-year history.

Copeland was considered a prodigy who rose to stardom despite not starting ballet until the age of 13. Two years later, in 1998, her ballet teachers, who were serving as her custodial guardians, and her mother, fought a custody battle over her. Meanwhile, Copeland, who was already an award-winning dancer, was fielding professional offers. The legal issues involved filings for emancipation by Copeland and restraining orders by her mother. Both sides dropped legal proceedings, and Copeland moved home to begin studying under a new teacher, who was a former ABT member.

In 1997, Copeland won the Los Angeles Music Center Spotlight Award as the best dancer in Southern California. After two summer workshops with ABT, she became a member of ABT's Studio Company in 2000 and its corps de ballet in 2001 and became an ABT soloist in 2007. As a soloist from 2007 to mid-2015, she was described as having matured into a more contemporary and sophisticated dancer.

In addition to her dance career, Copeland has become a public speaker, celebrity spokesperson, and stage performer. She has written two autobiographical books and narrated a documentary about her career challenges, *A Ballerina's Tale*. In 2015, she was named one of the 100 most influential people in the world by Time magazine, appearing on its cover. She performed on Broadway in *On the Town*, toured as a featured dancer for Prince, and appeared on the reality television shows *A Day in the Life* and *So You Think You Can Dance*.

SIMONE ARIANNE BILES (born March 14, 1997) is an American artistic gymnast. With a combined total of 32 Olympic and World Championship medals, Biles is tied as the most decorated gymnast of all time. Biles' seven Olympic medals also ties Shannon Miller for the most Olympic medals won by an American gymnast. Biles is considered one of the greatest and most dominant gymnasts of all time.

At the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Biles won individual gold medals in the all-around, vault, and floor; bronze on balance beam; and gold as part of the United States team, dubbed the "Final Five". At the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, she won bronze on the balance beam, as well as silver with the United States team, after struggling with "the twisties", a temporary loss of air balance awareness. Her partial withdrawal, focus on safety, mental health, and perseverance was praised. Biles is also a five-time World all-around champion (2013–2015, 2018–2019), five-time World floor exercise champion (2013–2015, 2018–2019), three-time World balance beam champion (2014–2015, 2019), two-time World vault champion (2018–2019), a seven-time United States national all-around champion (2013–2016, 2018–2019, 2021), and a member of the gold medal-winning American teams at 2014, 2015, 2018, and 2019 World Artistic Gymnastics Championships. Additionally, she is a three-time World silver medalist (2013 and 2014 on vault, 2018 on uneven bars) and a three-time World bronze medalist (2015 on vault, 2013 and 2018 on balance beam).

Biles is the gymnast with the most World medals (25) and most World gold medals (19), having surpassed Vitaly Scherbo's record 23 World medals by winning her 24th and 25th, both gold, at the 2019 competition in Stuttgart. She is the female gymnast with the most World all-around titles (5). Biles is the sixth woman to win an individual all-around title at both the World Championships and the Olympics, and the first gymnast since Lilia Podkopayeva in 1996 to hold both titles simultaneously. She is the tenth female gymnast and first American female gymnast to win a World medal on every event, and the first female gymnast since Daniela Siliva in 1988 to win a medal on every event at a single Olympic Games or World Championships, having accomplished this feat at the 2018 World Championships in Doha.

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.

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

**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](#)

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.)



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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](#).



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).

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).

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 Last Sunday after the Epiphany
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 2/28/2022

Monday - [John 1:1-18](#)

Tuesday - [John 1:19-28](#)

Ash Wednesday - [Luke 18:9-14](#)

Thursday - [John 1:29-34](#)

Friday - [John 1:35-42](#)

Saturday - [John 1:43-51](#)

The First Sunday in Lent
March 6th

First Reading: [Deuteronomy 26:1-11](#)
[Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16](#)

Second Reading: [Romans 10:8b-13](#)

The Holy Gospel: [Luke 4:1-13](#)

UPCOMING SUNDAY IN FEBRUARY
The Last Sunday after the Epiphany
February 27th

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

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, Alice Bowman-Cropper,
Joseph Stevenson, Gwenda Hart, Susan Ben,
Brandon Barksdale

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 the family of **Constance Stokes**, who died on Saturday,
February 14, 2022. May her soul rest in peace and rise in glory.
Please pray for the family.

to Leslie Harris and family on the death of his brother,
David Harris. May his soul 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.
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 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.
- 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.

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.

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Darryl (Bobby) Tillman
Judith Tillman

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.
