

Happy Father's Day



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THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Father's Day

Sunday, June 20, 2021
10:00 AM

TODAY IS FATHER'S DAY
and we celebrate all fathers.
We especially want to acknowledge our
Oldest Father
Judge Robert Williams, 97 years old

Our speaker this morning
is one of our newest fathers, **Justin Trotman.**
He is the father of twin boys,
Addison and Axel Trotman.

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS
ST. THOMAS TO RESUME IN-PERSON WORSHIP!!!

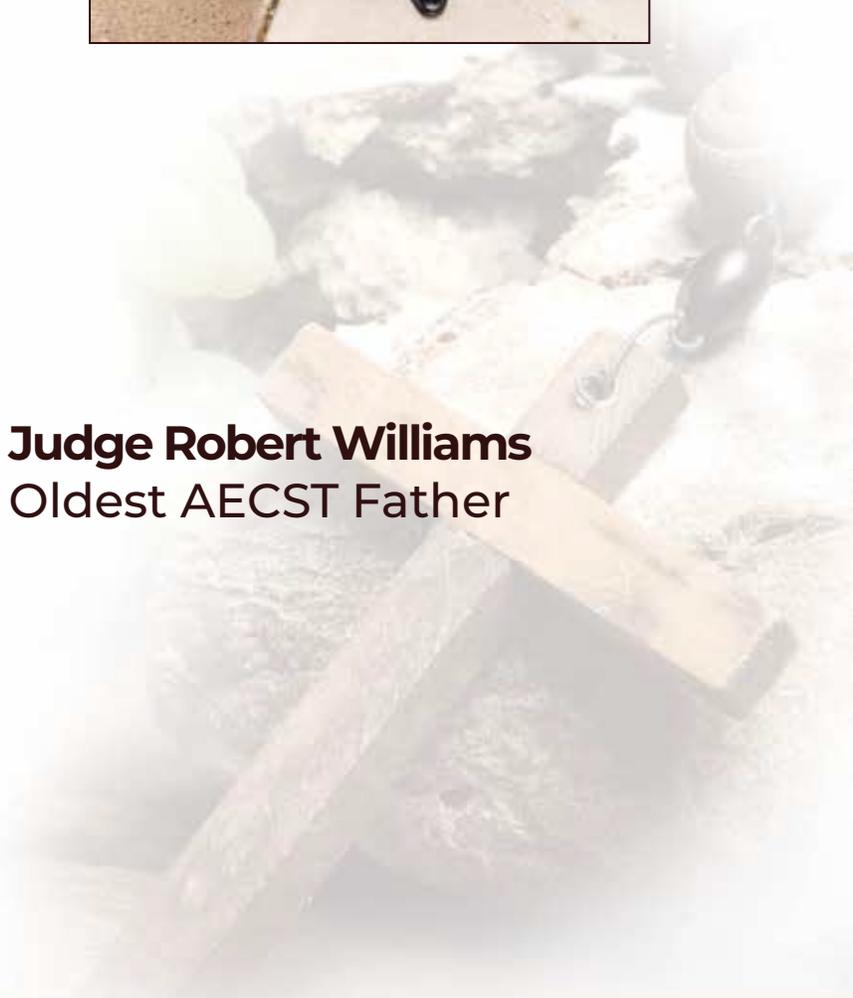
The Big countdown begins
for St. Thomas to resume In-Person worship
for all parishioners, families and friends,
Homecoming Sunday
September 12, 2021, at 10:00 AM
(14 weeks or 97 days)
If you live out of town, make your travel plans NOW.
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Church and Administrative Offices
will be closed
Fridays in July and August.
Have a great summer!

Justin Trotman
Newest AECST Father
and Father's Day
Guest Speaker



Judge Robert Williams
Oldest AECST Father



IN PERSON CHURCH SERVICE RE-ENTRY

It is our hope to return to in-person worship Homecoming Sunday, September 12th. Planning is underway to assure that we are all able to safely worship upon our return. The Rector has appointed an Advisory Committee to discern / guide the process and make recommendations to him and the Vestry. The Co-Chairs are Richard Jones, Rector's Warden, and Deborah Camp-Frye, Accounting Warden.

LIVE STREAM UPDATE

Our new livestream cameras and wiring has begun. Our livestream team has been formed and is preparing to provide a weekly livestreaming of our weekly Services beginning in September when we are back physically together.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

is now being scheduled. If you or someone you wish to be baptized, please go to our website www.aecst.org, go to "About The AECST". Use the drop down to click on HolyBaptism. All the information about baptism and the electronic application form can be found there.

A NOTE FROM AN OUT OF TOWN PARISHIONER

Dear Church Family,

I am really enjoying the Virtual Services every Sunday. I am also very happy that the church will reopen in September and that I will still be able to view the Services!! It makes me feel that I am still there in Philadelphia.

Sincerely,
Mercedes Sadler

**ST. THOMAS
CIRCLE
OF
PRAYER MINISTRY**

**PLEASE JOIN
US WEEKLY FOR
MONDAY MORNING
PRAYER CALL**

AT 6:30 AM

**THE TELECONFERENCE NUMBER IS:
(605) 313-6361 CODE: 268 105**

**YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND
AN INTERCESSORY PRAYER
REQUEST TO:**

CIRCLEOFPRAYER@AECST.ORG

**PHYLLIS B. CATER * DAPHNE GILSTRAP
FACILITATORS**

**THE VERY REV. CANON MARTINI SHAW
RECTOR**



**THE AFRICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS
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THE CIRCLE OF PRAYER MINISTRY

Thank you Verger Lisa New, Regina Meacham -Devero,
Carolyn Summers, Jann Minor, Linda Royal,
Daphne Gilstrap, the members and all others who
continue to participate and support our weekly
Circle of Prayer call.

We look forward to our next prayer session on
Monday, June 21, 2021.

You are encouraged to reach out to us at:
circleofprayer@aecst.org
to submit prayer request or
if you are interested in leading the
Intercessory Prayer, the Prayers of the People,
or a Meditation in Song.

We start promptly at **6:30 AM.**
The teleconference call number is
605-313-6361: access code is 268105.

DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS

Readings For The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost Father's Day June 20th

First Reading: Job 38: 1-11

Psalm 107: 1-3, 23-32

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13

The Holy Gospel: Mark 4: 35-41

Week of 6/21/2021

Monday - Matthew 19: 13-22

Tuesday - Matthew 19: 23-30

Wednesday - Matthew 20: 1-16

Thursday - Matthew 20: 17-28

Friday - Matthew 20: 29-34

Saturday - Matthew 21: 1-11

Readings For The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Youth / Young Adult / Church School Sunday June 29th

First Reading: Wisdom of Solomon 1: 13-15; 2: 23-24

Psalm 30

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 8: 7-15

The Holy Gospel: Mark 5: 21-43

UPCOMING SUNDAYS IN JUNE

(All Services below can be viewed on our Facebook,
website or youtube channels)

June 20th

Father's Day

We celebrate all Fathers

June 27th

Youth and Church School Sunday

TUESDAY ZOOM BIBLESTUDY

will not meet at 7 pm from July 6, 2021 to
August 31, 2021. We will resume meeting on the
Tuesday following Homecoming Sunday
at 7 pm via Zoom.

RECOVERING AT HOME

Linda Holmes, Joseph Stevenson, Lisa Woodley,
Regina Meecham Devero, Deborah Joell,
Carol Williams Green

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

Kenneth Dow, Donald Young, Suzanne Closson,
Rosalind Roberts Smalls, Carl Dean, Georgia Sawyer,
Adinah Edwards, Francina Norris, Isedora "Gwen" Francis,
Shirley Winkfield, Robert Brown, Judith Simpkins-Booth,
Joyce Jackson, Shirley Caldwell, Stephanie Williamson,
Joan Hall, Ridart "Butch" Farmer, Donald Young,
Dr. Thomas Snowden, Leatrice Snowden.

WE PRAY FOR

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

OUR CONDOLENCES

We are sad to announce the death of one of our faithful
members of St. Thomas, **Donald Young**. Please keep his
wife, Alice (St. Thomas), his daughter, Gail (St. Thomas) and
the entire Young family in your prayers.
May the soul of Donald rest in peace and rise in glory.

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.



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The African Episcopal Church
of
St. Thomas
Church School

Calling ALL AECST
Students K-12, Parents
and Teachers

JOIN US
FOR OUR
VIRTUAL CLASSES
EVERY
SUNDAY @ 12:00 NOON

KNOW JESUS.
CHANGE THE WORLD!

Registration required via email
To RSVP contact Supt. Dottie Archey
(215) 837-6941 or email at churchschool@aecst.org

Interested in becoming a Church School Teacher?
Contact Dottie Archey to learn more.

The Very Reverend Canon Fr. Martini Shaw, Rector

"Start children off on the way they should go,
and even when they are old, they will not turn from it"

Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)





THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 1, 2021

African Episcopal Church of Saint Thomas Church School
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Students,

Thank you for writing to me! I really enjoyed hearing from you and reading your thoughts about the issues most important to you.

Our country faces many challenges, and the work we have ahead of us is going to be really tough. I am certain that if we set aside our differences and come together as a Nation, we will create positive change. It will not be easy, and I am going to need your help.

Even at your young ages, you have the power to impact the future for generations to come. Throughout your lives, remain curious, creative, and fearless. These traits will serve you well and allow you to experience the best life has to offer.

I wish you the best in the years ahead and look forward to seeing where your futures take you. Study hard. Keep challenging yourselves. And be kind.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Biden". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 9:00AM-4:00PM.

Please be advised that with social distancing still in effect:

1. No more than three (3) persons can visit the office at a time.
2. You must be masked to enter the building and must practice social distancing while present.
3. You must sanitize your hands upon entering the door.
4. Only entry to the entire property is the Absalom Jones House.

FROM THE RECTOR

There is still time for you to prayerfully submit your 2021 Faithful Giving Card. You may do so by several methods: mail, drop off in the office, on our website: www.aecst.org or [www.facebook/aecst1792](https://www.facebook.com/aecst1792).

If you have questions, please contact the Fiscal Administrator, Jeanette Jeffrey in the Fiscal Office from 10:00 AM-1:00 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.

PARISH GIVING

Quarterly Statements will be mailed in July to cover mid-year giving (January-June).

A MESSAGE FROM STEWARDSHIP

Our theme for this year's Stewardship - "Our Doors Are Open"
2021 St. Thomas Offering Envelopes are now ready for pick up in Anderson Hall. You may pick them up during Parish Office Hours (M-F 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM) by entering through the A.J. House entrance with the ramp.

Please don't forget your mask. If by chance you live in the same neighborhood of a church member who is unable to pick up their envelope, perhaps you can pick it up for them and put it in their mail slot or between their doors.

If you have decided to use the Givi App or Online Giving donation button and no longer want to receive offering envelopes please let me know by **Sunday, August 8th**. Please email me at stewardship@aecst.org with your name and envelope number.

If you have changed your address, home/cell phone number or email address, please send your changed contact information to Judy Tillman at: tillman_72@msn.com or the church email: 1792@aecst.org so that we can update the church records. Thank you very much.

WAYS TO CONTINUE TO BE FAITHFUL TO GOD AND THE CHURCH THROUGH STEWARDSHIP

- 1) Mail in your check or money order to the church.
Please use the following address:
The Historic African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas
c/o Fiscal Administrator.
6361 Lancaster Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19151

- 2) Use the **Givi app**. If you don't already use the app and don't have an account, it's easy to obtain.
Please click the links below for the type of device you own to download the **givi app (givi iOS App)** for your Apple (iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch) or **(givi Android App)** for your Android device.

If you have any questions, please speak with **Deadra Cannon, 215-844-6115**.

- 3) Bring your check directly to the Parish Office during regular business hours (In August, Monday - Thursday 9AM-2PM). After business hours, drop your envelope in the door mail slot located on the front patio of the Absalom Jones House.

- 4) Church website <http://www.aecst.org/donations.htm>
Simply select the button/s on the page that represents where you'd like your payment to be applied, i.e. your pledge, Church School, Chosen 300, 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.

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

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

PROPERTY UPDATE -GOOD NEWS!

Major work will finally soon begin on our entire roof, pointing of all exterior and interior stones, and ultimately the cleaning of the interior stones.

CAPITAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN

Thank you to all who have contributed to the fund. Everyone is asked to please make a minimum sacrificial gift of \$40 per month.

Please use the envelope from your packet or place Building Fund in the Memo section of your check.

If you are not receiving the Spearhead emails, or have someone else you wish to receive, please visit <http://eepurl.com/djyGiD> to subscribe. Your information will NEVER be shared or sold and you can UNsubscribe at anytime by following the instructions provided at the bottom of every email message.

Please join us for worship on the St. Thomas Website www.aecst.org or our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/aecst1792> or youtube.com every Sunday morning at 10:00 AM.

MINISTRY STAFF

Bishop	The Rt Rev Daniel G P Gutierrez	
Rector	The Very Rev Canon Martini Shaw	rector@aecst.org
Assistant to the Rector		
Associate Priest	The Rev Fr Gerald Collins	
Associate Minister	The Rev Dr Thomas G Snowden	
Associate Minister	The Rev Dr Paul Bach	
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	Lisa Steward-New	
	Karen Ragland	
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Investments Advisor to the Rector	Albert S. Dandridge, III, Esq	
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Asst Sexton	James Brown	
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Jazz Ensemble Director	Joe Stevenson	
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	Patricia Walker-Ellison	215.643.7223
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	Dale Williams	
Social Media Manager	Gregory J Allen, PhD	215.477.2672
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William Burke Ushers Ministry	Brenda Johnson Best	
Parish Webmaster	Gail H Harris	webmanager@aecst.org
Property Chair	Deborah Harrison	215.473-3065

THE VESTRY

Rector's Warden - Richard C. Jones
Accounting Warden - Deborah Camp-Frye
Clerk of the Vestry - Johanna W. Daye
Treasurer - Kelvin Johnson

Alister Allman	Albert S. Dandridge	Jonathan Muse
Patricia Bantom	Deborah Harrison	Darryl (Bobby) Tillman
Ronnie Collins	D. Lynn Joell	Judith Tillman
	Brenda Johnson Best	

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.
