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Welcome
to
Rose
Sunday
...a time of joy
amid a period
of penance &
prayer

**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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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
Rose or Laetare Sunday
Youth Sunday
“Emerging from the Wilderness with Jesus”
March 27, 2022
10:00 AM

“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 Fourth Sunday in Lent, Rose Sunday or Laetare Sunday, and Youth Sunday. Lenten theme: “Emerging from the Wilderness with Jesus.” We welcome the **Rev. Maurice Dyer**, Associate Priest at St. David’s Church, Wayne, PA.

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. Whomever 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.



We welcome the **Rev. Maurice Dyer**,
Associate Priest, St. David's Church, Wayne, PA.
He helps facilitate the spirit's movement
in the areas of mission, outreach, and communication.
He is originally from California and is happy to be here.

UPDATE ON OUR IN-PERSON RE-ENTRY as we are “Emerging From the Wilderness with Jesus”

Beginning on Easter Sunday, April 17, and following the recommendations of the CDC, the wearing of a mask will be optional while at St. Thomas, but strongly encouraged. Based on continuing scientific research, the CDC may alter its guidelines. If so, St. Thomas will follow the guidelines of the CDC, the City of Philadelphia, and the Diocese of PA. Let us love our neighbor and worship safely!

Masks are available for all in attendance if needed. **Hand sanitizer** is also 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](#).

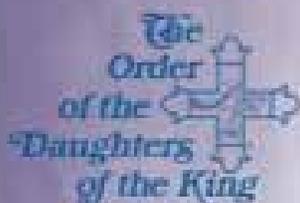
FROM THE RECTOR

Whoever you may be and however you may find yourself experiencing life’s journey, do know that you are always welcome at St. Thomas Church.

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.

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



**The St. Thomas Chapter of the
Order of the Daughters of the King**

INVITES

YOU and a FRIEND to Join Us!

Lenten Season Bible Study Series

**'Four Women who Walked with Jesus
to the Cross'**

*Mary of Bethany
+
Samaritan Woman
at the well
+
Mary Magdalene
+
Mary, Mother of
Jesus*

Led by Dynamic Speaker & Spiritual Leader

Reverend H. Jocelyn Irving

*Retired Pastor | Episcopal Church of the Atonement
Washington, D.C.*

**Virtual Sessions
Wednesday,**

**March 9
March 16
March 23
March 30
April 6
2022**

7:30pm



**For Registration & Zoom
email:**

Conchetta Brewer

ms.cbrewer074@gmail.com

**The Very Rev. Canon Martini Shaw
AECST - 17th Rector**

A Virtual Tour The Way of the Cross

AS ILLUSTRATED BY
LINKS FOUNDER MARGARET ROSELL HAWKINS



"Holy Week"
Wednesday April 13
7pm

Webinar Registration <https://bit.ly/37TXisC>

Margaret Rosell Hawkins was a gifted artist and faithful member of The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas, home to her original, watercolor paintings of the 14 stations of the cross. Experience this special ARTS showcase narrated by area members of The Links, Incorporated.



*Linked in Friendship, Connected in Service
Delaware Valley (PA) Chapter*

**Dr. Shawn Blue,
President**



**The Very Rev. Canon Martini Shaw,
17th Rector**

LENTEN GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Why we don't say Alleluia during Lent: The Alleluia comes to us from Hebrew, and it means "praise Yahweh". This praise has a joyful overtone to it and we use it, especially during happy celebrations. While we do praise God all year round, during Lent we withhold a bit of our joy and happiness because of the season's penitential and sorrowful character. After all, we are anticipating Jesus' very passion and death.

In order to emphasize the penitential nature of that journey, the Church, during Lent, removes the Alleluia from the Mass. We no longer sing with the choirs of angels; instead, we acknowledge our sins and practice repentance so that one day we may again have the privilege of worshiping God as the angels do.

Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter. It commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, and in many Christian churches, Palm Sunday is marked by the distribution of Palm leaves.

Maundy Thursday is the Thursday before Easter that commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the apostles. The significance is derived from Latin *mandatum* (a new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as I have loved you), the statement Jesus made in John 13:34 by which He explained to the apostles the significance of His action of washing their feet.

Good Friday ("good" meaning pious or holy) is the Friday of Holy Week, observed primarily by Christians commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and His death at Calvary.

Holy Saturday is the day before Easter and the day of Holy Week in which Christians prepare for Easter. It commemorates the day that Jesus Christ's body was laid in the tomb.

Triduum (TRID-uh-wum) is the period of three days that begins the evening of Maundy Thursday and ends the evening of Easter Sunday. It recalls the passion, burial, and resurrection of Jesus.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Lenten Theme: "Emerging from the Wilderness with Jesus"

Palm Sunday, April 10th, 9:45 AM.

Outdoor Blessing, Distribution of the Palms and Procession.

We welcome the **Rev. Andrew Kellner** and students from St. James School participating in our Service.

Holy Wednesday, April 13th, 7:00 PM. - Stations of the Cross
A Special Zoom Presentation, sponsored by The Delaware Valley (PA) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, at St. Thomas. Please tune in to either Facebook or Youtube.

Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday), April 14th, 7:00 PM.
Washing of Feet, Holy Eucharist, Special music, and Stripping of the altar.

All-night telephonic Vigil until Noon Good Friday, sponsored by St. Thomas Chapter of the Daughters of the King (More details to follow soon).

Good Friday (April 15th), Noon
Special Liturgy with music.

Resurrection (Easter) Sunday, 10:00 AM.
A Festive Celebration.
EASTER EGG HUNT FOR ALL YOUTH



**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 30th and April 6th.

A BUSY FOURTH WEEK IN LENT AT AECST

Which did you participate? Which will you join next week?

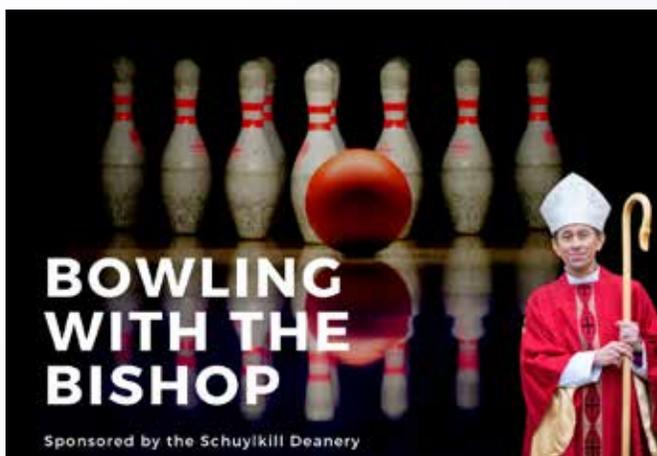
Monday - Confirmation and New member Class;
7:00 PM - Zoom.

Tuesday - Bible Class studying women in the Bible;
7:00 PM - Zoom.

Wednesday - Laying on of Hands and Anointing Healing
Mass; 6:00 PM - In-Person.

Wednesday - Lenten Bible Study sponsored by St.
Thomas' Daughters of the King. (All are invited).
7:30 PM - Zoom.

Last Wednesday - Chamber Orchestra Concert Featuring
a piece by our own Dr. Jay Fluellen.



Bowling with the Bishop!
Youth Ministry Bowling with
the Bishop at Wynn-ewood
Lanes, 2228 Haverford Ave,
Ardmore PA,
April 30th, from 2:00-4:00 PM.
You may register for this event
[here.](#)



EASTER EGG HUNT FOR ALL YOUTH
(outside immediately following service)

“A Special Surprise Visitor”

Who will find the Golden Egg?

Adult volunteers needed, Please contact [Dottie Archey](#),
Church School Superintendent

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](#) for more information.

**Then HE returned to His disciples
and found them sleeping.**

“Simon, HE said to Peter, are you asleep?
Couldn't you keep watch for one hour?”

Mark 14:37

The St. Thomas Chapter of the Order of the Daughters of the King invites you to pray with us on this year's Maundy Thursday Night watch Vigil on April 14, 2022, from 8:00 PM to 12:00 noon on Good Friday.

This year we invite you to join us in a silent vigil where you can pray in your own space, in your own way, and share a deeper connection with God. In keeping with scripture, and to ensure that we have continuous prayer throughout the night, we ask that you sign up prior to Maundy Thursday indicating which hour you and your family will be in prayer with us. As a note, this year there will be no in-person vigil.

When you sign up, we will forward additional information to you along with several suggested prayers and meditations you may use.

Your commitment to the hour, in whatever space and place you may be, will be between you and God. We only ask you to commit to one hour.

Sign up forms will be in the rear of the church on Sundays prior to Maundy Thursday, or you may register by email to [Sharon Bullock](#).

THE ST. THOMAS O.V. CATTO VOTER EDUCATION MINISTRY

is reminding its Pennsylvania members to please check their Voter Registration Status for the 2022 Midterm Elections and the Primary. Go to [pavoterservices.pa.gov](https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov) and verify your voting status. You will need to do this to confirm that you are registered to vote, your voting district and if you are a mail-in voter. You will also be able to get directions to your polling location as well if needed. Please contact [Gregory Allen](#) or [Gregory Lyles](#) for more information.

Remember that the Mid-term elections, voter turnout is as important if not greater than the general. Make sure you know your status as soon as possible!!!

DUE DATES AND DEADLINES:

[https://www.vote.pa.gov/
About-Elections/Pages/
Upcoming-Elections.aspx](https://www.vote.pa.gov/About-Elections/Pages/Upcoming-Elections.aspx)

May 2 - Last day to register to vote.

May 10 - Last day to request a mail-in or absentee ballot.

May 17 - Primary Election

Link to PA Voters

<https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov>

GREETINGS ALL LEADERS OF ALL GUILDS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND MINISTRIES OF ST. THOMAS

There will be a meeting of the Council of Guilds with the rector **Saturday, March 26, 2022, at 10:00 A.M.**

We will check in to see how your individual ministries have exercised their re-imagined ministry during the past two years of the Pandemic.

It will also be an opportunity for you to share how your ministry is planning to serve as we now “Emerge from the Wilderness with Jesus”.

If you are unable to be present, please make sure that another individual is representing your group. This will be a ZOOM meeting.

Please check your email for the Zoom information.
Looking forward to seeing you **Saturday, March 26th.**

ACOLYTES NEEDED

We are in need of Acolytes (Youth and Adults) Please consider serving God in this rewarding ministry. If interested, please contact the Rector ASAP.

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](#).

WONDERFUL NEWS!

On Tuesday, May 24, 2022, St.Thomas will be honored at the 2022 Scholarship Benefit for St. James School. The theme of the event is “On the Horizon”. It will be held at The Mann Center for the Performing Arts. St. Thomas will also be joined by another honoree, Dr. Ala Stanford, founder of the Black Doctors COVID-19 Consortium. For more information please contact [Wendella Fox](#) or [Phyllis Cater](#).

YOUR ASSISTANCE IS REQUESTED

Since we are back to In-Person Service, we are in need of Readers and Intercessors, Youth and Adult. If you are interested in helping spread the Word of God through a reading, Psalm, or Intercessory prayers, please contact Gladyce in the parish office. Thank you.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

Over 200 Scholarships are available through the Philadelphia Foundation. Philadelphia Foundation’s 2022 Scholarship. Application process is now open!

The window to apply for more than 200 available post-secondary education scholarships offered through the Philadelphia Foundation is open now through May 9, 2022. Click [here](#) for the website.



ANNUAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION

St. Thomas Annual Women's Day
will be held in person, on Sunday, May 22, 2022.
We invite you to join the Women's Day Committee in
celebration of our annual Women's Day.

Interested women, please contact:

[Deborah Matthews](#) or [Yvonne Caldwell-White](#)

On Wednesday, April 20, 2022, the Temple University
Concert Choir, University Singers, and Wind Ensemble
will perform the Philadelphia premiere of "Weather,"
composed by **Dr. Rollo Dilworth** and with text by author
and poet Claudia Rankine. The concert begins at 7:30 PM
and will be held at the Temple Performing Arts Center,
1837 N. Broad Street.

Admission is free and there will be a pre-concert lecture/
discussion from 6:30 – 7:15 PM.

**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](#)

DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Readings for The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 27th

Rose Sunday

First Reading: [Joshua 5:9-12](#)

[Psalm 32](#)

Second Reading: [2 Corinthians 5:16-21](#)

The Holy Gospel: [Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32](#)

Week of 3/28/2022

Monday - [John 4:43-54](#)

Tuesday - [John 5:1-18](#)

Wednesday - [John 5:19-29](#)

Thursday - [John 5:30-47](#)

Friday - [John 7:1-2,10,25-30](#)

Saturday - [John 7:37-52](#)

Readings for The Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 3rd

First Reading: [Isaiah 43:16-21](#)

[Psalm 126](#)

Second Reading: [Philippians 3:4b-14](#)

The Holy Gospel: [John 12:1-8](#)

March 27, 2022

YOUTH SUNDAY

Fourth Sundays of each month (except for July and August) are designated YOUTH SUNDAY at ST. THOMAS; The Rector has restarted an official Search Process for the calling of a new Rector's Associate for Youth and Young Adult Ministries.



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.

CONGRATULATIONS

to our own Dr. Jay Fluellen,
who was awarded a grant from the 2022 Black City Music Awards. He will be working on a new creative project: Symphony for McCoy Tyner for Musicopia String Orchestra. Your church family is so proud of you!

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.



**ROSE SUNDAY /
LAETARE SUNDAY FLOWERS**

Flowers are not placed on the Altar during Lent (except for Rose Sunday / Laetare Sunday, March 27, 2022). Please place your order for Easter Flowers now.

Please place your order for EASTER FLOWERS

Your gift of Easter Lilies and Altar arrangements will help beautify the church for the Easter Holiday or be a beautiful tribute to someone you love, a token of Thanksgiving for a blessing received. To order flowers, please return the form with payment to **Clare Mae Daniels** or **Alfreda Brockman**. (Please **do not** place in the collection plate or give to the church office) Thank you.

**Easter Flowers and Lilies Deadline:
Monday, April 4, 2022**

- flowers on the High Altar - \$125.00
- flowers on the Absalom Jones Altar - \$90.00
- flowers on the Columbarium- \$55.00
- An Easter Lily @\$25.00 each (5 names per plant)

Please PRINT

In Memory of _____, In Thanksgiving for _____,

Name _____, Envelop# _____, Amount _____.

Flowers on the High Altar

Given in Thanksgiving for **Landon Leys Birthday**, given by The Family.

In Thanksgiving for **Corey & Cam Williams, Maverick & Mason Pinkney, Iris & Jordan Graves, Marisa & Gina Bell, Maya Corbin, and Tara Graves**, given by Sharon Cotton-Bullock.

Flowers on the Columbarium

are given in Loving Memory of **Frederick W. Burgess, Jessie Burgess Johnson, George A. Johnson**, given by Bonita Burgess.

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).

THE ST. THOMAS ALTAR GUILD

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

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE:

IN THE HOSPITAL: Rosalind Rodriguez

RECOVERING AT HOME

Inez Turner, Dorothy Smith, Kenneth Dow, Gwenda Hart, Alice Bowman-Cropper, Susan Ben, Justin Trotman, Teena Watson Matthews.

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, Brandon Barksdale, Joseph Stevenson, Edita Gauthney.

CONDOLENCES

to Bobby Johnson, on the death of his wife, **Phyllis Johnson**. Her service will be here at St. Thomas on Tuesday, April 5th at 10:00 AM. May the soul of Phyllis, rest in peace and rise in glory.

to Jonathan Edwards and family on the death of his Daughter-in-Law, **Adia**. May the soul of Adia rest in peace and rise in glory. Funeral arrangements are pending.

Please pray for the families of Phyllis and Adia.

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.
- 6) **Pledge Cards:** Pledge cards can still be sent for 2022. Please send them via the US mail to the church or **electronically** through the www.aecst.org website or send an email to our **[Fiscal Administrator](#)**. Thank you so much and thank you to all who have sent them in.

MINISTRY STAFF

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