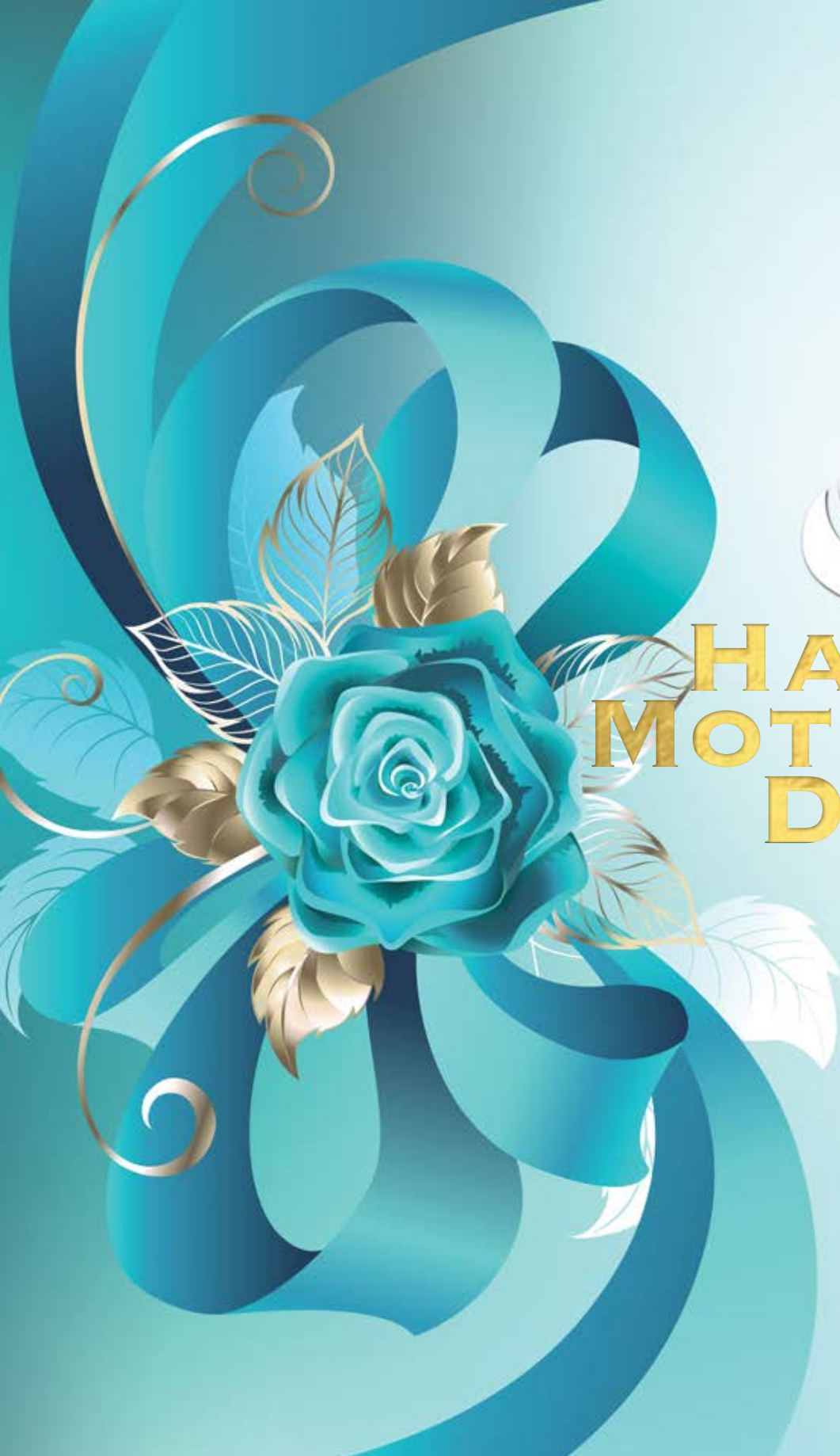




**AECST**  
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# HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

OUR SERVICE STARTS AT 10:00 AM. IF YOU ARE PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO ATTEND,  
PLEASE JOIN US VIRTUALLY VIA OUR WEBSITE, YOUTUBE, OR FACEBOOK PAGES.

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**THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MOTHER'S DAY  
MAY 7, 2023**

**“WELCOME TO THE MOTHER CHURCH”**

“Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Give thanks unto Him and bless His name”.

Psalm 100:4

Grace and Peace to you from God on this  
**The Sixth Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day.**

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.

Faithfully,

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

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

**From the Rector:** Whoever you may be and however you may find yourself experiencing life's journey, do know that St. Thomas Church welcomes you.

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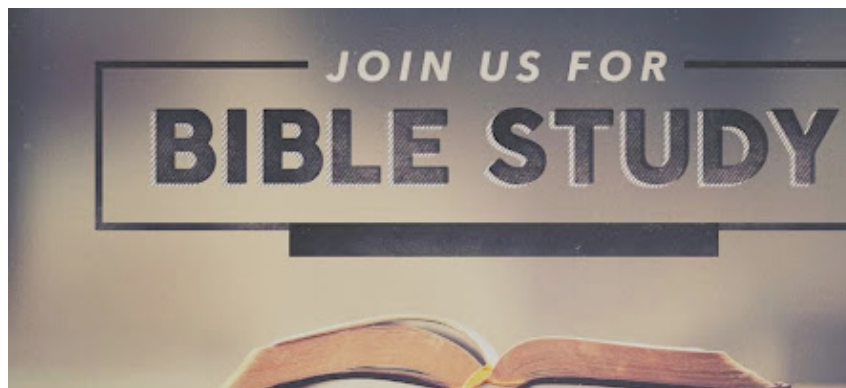


**IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

The wearing of masks **is now optional, however strongly recommended.**

Masks are available for all in attendance if needed. **Hand sanitizer** is also available.

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**AECST BIBLESTUDY MEETING WITH FR. JAY** is held on Tuesdays at **7:00 PM**. If you are interested in joining a lively, interactive Bible study group, contact Fr. Jay via email at: [associatepriest@aecst.org](mailto:associatepriest@aecst.org) to be included on our membership list. You will receive the Zoom link and our weekly lesson plan to prepare in advance for the week's meeting.



We are very pleased to announce the call of: **the Rev. Fr. Daren Evans** to the position of: Associate to the Rector for Parish Life and Youth Ministries. His appointment comes at a time when we are “Re-imagining” our ministry to young families and Spanish-speaking members. Fr. Daren is a native of the Island of Jamaica, and a priest from the Diocese of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands. He most recently served in the Spanish-speaking Diocese of Costa Rica, in the role of Dean of La Catedral El Buen Pastor and Diocesan Youth Coordinator. To relax, Fr. Daren “enjoys traveling, playing the piano, engaging in community involvement, farming, and plotting how to live off the grid”.

We look forward to welcoming Fr. Daren Evans to the City of Philadelphia and St. Thomas Church. He will officially join us on June 1, 2023. To God be the glory!

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### **AECST LIVE STREAM**

Please join us for Worship on the St. Thomas [website](#), the [Live Service](#), or on our [Facebook](#) page or [youtube](#) every Sunday morning at 10 am. You can also watch [Past Services](#) and [Highlights](#) from past services.

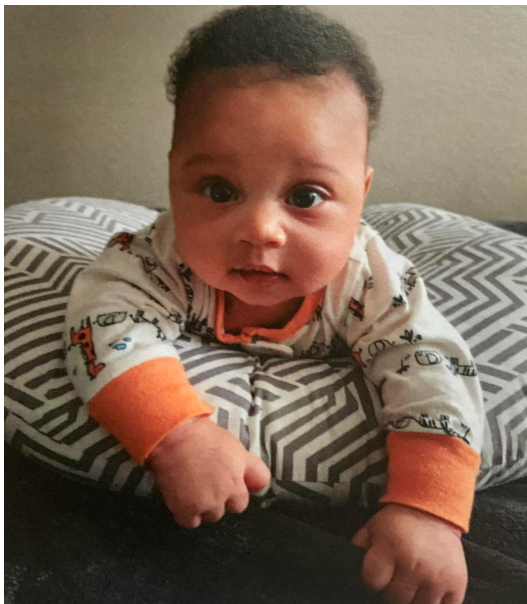
## CONGRATULATIONS



We recognize our Oldest Mother  
**Inez Turner.**  
She is the mother of  
**Glenn Turner.**



We recognize our Newest Mother  
**Dr. Toya Gordon.**  
She is the mother of  
**Ava and Ivy.**



**Congratulations**  
to our own **Khayla (Smith) and**  
**Michael Brunson**  
on the birth of their son **Weston.**

## OUR CONDOLENCES

and Prayers for Simone Pollard and Family on the death of her dear mother, **Myrtle J. Thompson**. May the soul of Myrtle rest in peace and rise in glory.

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### Pictures from the Fifth Sunday of Easter May 7, 2023



More pictures may be found on our [Facebook page](#).







## UPCOMING SUNDAYS IN MAY/JUNE

**May 14th** - Mother's Day

**May 21st** - Graduate Sunday

(Please use the link for the [Graduation Profile](#) )

**May 28th** - Pentecost Sunday

Wear something red.

If you speak a language other than English, ie: German, Swahili, Spanish, etc, and would like to be a part of the service, please contact the church office.

**June 4th** - Annual Women's Day Celebration

**June 11th** - Annual Caribbean Festival

**June 18th** - Father's Day Observance

**June 25th** - Annual Youth Recognition Celebration



### TO OUR ST. THOMAS FAMILY

On May 6th, we anticipate learning more about the ballot, ballot questions and any tips for voting in person on Election Day [5/16]. These will take place from 1:00 – 3:00 pm in Anderson Hall.

All are Welcome & bring a friend or two.

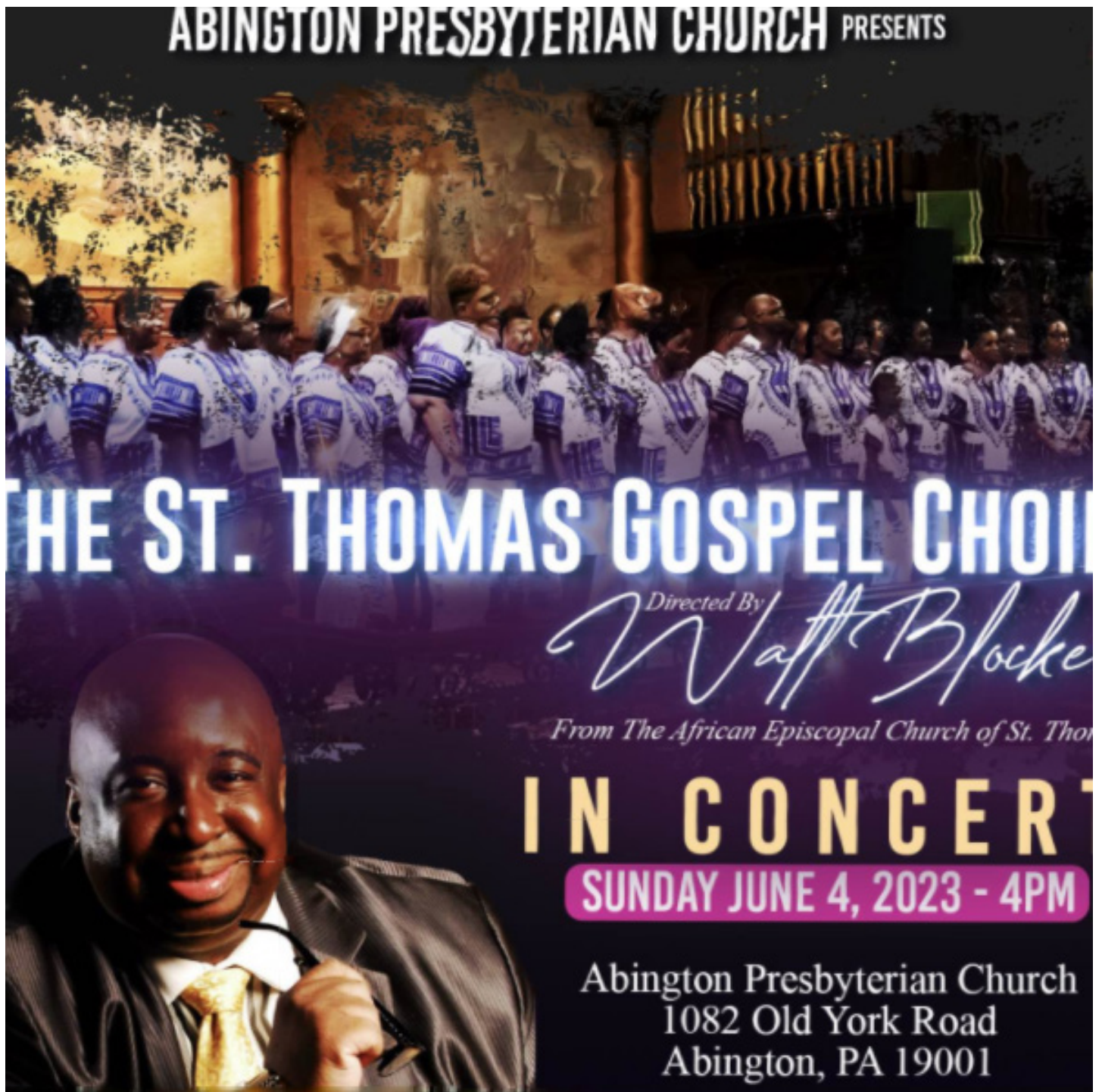
After the Pennsylvania Primary on **May 16th**, we anticipate having a meeting or two to plan next steps and other activities. All are Welcome to join!

Ernestine Johnson, Greg Lyles, Ted Smith, Wendella Fox & Greg Allen.

## GOSPEL CHOIR NEWS

Saturday, June 3, 2023 from 3:00 PM -7:00 PM the Gospel Choir will have a mini-concert at Trinity Episcopal Church, 6587 Upper York Rd, Solebury, PA 18938 at their 2023 Lobsterfest.

For more information please go to [trinitysolebury.org/lobsterfest](https://trinitysolebury.org/lobsterfest)



ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESENTS

THE ST. THOMAS GOSPEL CHOIR

Directed By  
*Watt Blocke*

*From The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas*

**IN CONCERT**

**SUNDAY JUNE 4, 2023 - 4PM**

Abington Presbyterian Church  
1082 Old York Road  
Abington, PA 19001

**ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES,  
(PARENTS OF GRADUATES)**

**Graduate Sunday is Sunday, May, 21, 2023.**

Please fill out the form below or in the [link](#) and send it back to Gladyce in the church office or at [1792@aecst.org](mailto:1792@aecst.org). Please include a picture of the graduate so that we may include it in the Newsletter.

THE AFRICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS

**GRADUATE PROFILE FORM\***

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

FROM: NAME OF SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

Check One:

ELEMENTARY     MIDDLE     HIGH     COLLEGE

GRAD SCHOOL     VO/TECH.

TO: \_\_\_\_\_

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES: PLEASE LIST COLLEGE/VOTECH YOU WILL ATTEND:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAJOR:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE LIST ANY SPECIAL AWARDS OR RECOGNITIONS:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**COLLEGE GRADUATES: Please list college, major and future plans. (i.e., grad school, medical school, etc.)**

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**GRAD STUDENTS: Please list college, major, degree and future plans.**

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Please return to the Church Office by **Thursday, May 18, 2023.**

\*(Also students successfully moving up from one school i.e., Overbrook to GAMP, to another without graduating).

## **Attention AECST Students!**

**The Jesse F. Anderson Scholarship Fund** applications for **St Thomas Book Awards** are available for graduating high school seniors who are members of AECST and plan to attend a school of higher learning in the Fall. Applications are also available for AECST Members who are enrolled in a full-time Graduate Program.

Application Deadline: **May 15, 2023**. For more information contact **Paula Lamb: 215-620-7250**(high school seniors), **Diana Hutchins: 610-525-4322**, (Graduate Students) or **Thomasina Hack: 215-901-2773**.

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## **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.

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**The Catto Ministry** has developed a Voter's Guide for the Philadelphia Primary 2023, which includes a description of each office on the ballot, recommendations for the Judicial Commission for candidates for judge, and important deadlines to vote in Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New Jersey. Click [here](#) for more information.



**O.V. CATTO VOTER  
EDUCATION MINISTRY**

# **ROAD TO THE PRIMARY**

*Voting With Purpose*

**SPRINGTIME ELECTION SERIES**

**POWER Mayoral forum Off-Site (must register)|  
Open Forums with candidates & officials | Social Engagement  
and much more...  
\*Check weekly updates in AECST Facebook/ Spearhead**

**For more information contact  
Wendela Fox [wpfox3008@verizon.net](mailto:wpfox3008@verizon.net)**

## **DATE(S):**

- **\*Sunday April 16th  
(Off Site Must Register  
3pm-6pm)**
- **Saturday April 22nd**
- **Saturday April 29th**
- **Saturday May 6th**

## **Time:**

**1:00pm - 3:00pm**

**Doors open at 12:30pm**

**Location: St. Thomas  
6361 Lancaster Ave Phila  
PA 19151 - Anderson Hall**

# **PRIMARY ELECTION: TUES MAY 16TH**

**The African Episcopal Church of St.Thomas**

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IT'S ALMOST HERE!

MAY 14TH!



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The St. Thomas Gardener's Annual:

## Mother's Day

Honor your mother  
by wearing a gifted  
red, pink or white  
carnation

## Flower Day

Free will donations  
help the purchase of  
colorful  
Summer and Fall flowers.



See D. Lynn Joell or any Gardener member for donations.

OUR SERVICE STARTS AT 10:00 AM.

IF YOU ARE PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO ATTEND,

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The Reverend Canon Thomas Wilson Stearly Logan, Sr.  
Memorial Scholarship  
The Schuylkill Deanery of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania

Review Committee

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Marcia L. Hinton, Chair

Meredith Wiggins

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The Reverend Canon Thomas Wilson Stearly Logan, Sr.

March 19, 1912—May 2, 2012



Education and achievement were very important to, and stressed by the Logan family. Throughout his life, he was surrounded by accomplished men and women and he was encouraged to make his own significant contributions to society.

He graduated from Central High School and attended Johnson C. Smith University and Lincoln University graduating in 1935. He earned a Bachelor of Sacred Theology from General Theological Seminary (GTS) in New York City, and a Masters of Sacred Theology from Philadelphia Divinity School in 1941. Father Logan also received five honorary doctorates, including Lincoln University, Hampton University and St. Augustine's College.

Father Logan selflessly devoted over seventy-three years of his life to the Episcopal Church. At the time of his death, he was the oldest serving African American priest in the Episcopal Church, USA.



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[More information](#) and an application can be found at the link provided.

**The Caribbean Festival Committee** is pleased to host the 11th Annual Caribbean Festival on **Sunday, June 11th**. Join us for the sweet sounds of steelpan music, samplings of delicacies from the Caribbean, and lots of fellowship and fun! The committee is already meeting and planning is in full swing. If you'd like to be a part of the planning, please email us at **caribfestaecst@gmail.com**. This event is free and open to all!

In order to raise funds to host this event, the committee is planning a few fundraising events before the festival. On **May 7th** and **21st**, join us immediately after service for the sale of Jamaican patties! We will have chicken, beef, and vegetarian options.

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**A ST. THOMAS HEALTH MINISTRY NOTE**

STAY UP TO DATE with vaccinating against COVID-19 and the Flu. The new COVID-19 (Bivalent) booster is now available for anyone 12 and over.

For guidelines on when to get your booster go to the [CDC](#) or consult with your doctor's office. Both the COVID-19 booster and the Flu vaccine are available at local pharmacies (RiteAid, CVS and Walgreens). Go on their website to schedule an appointment.

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# Save the Date

## 2023 ANNUAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION

### "Celebrating 40 Years"



**GUEST SPEAKER:**  
**THE HONORABLE**  
**JOANNA MCCLINTON**  
FIRST WOMAN ELECTED  
PA SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE



**AECST**  
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**Sunday**  
**June 4, 2023 - 10:00 AM**

**Theme:**  
**"And now these three remain:  
faith, hope and love.**

**But the greatest of these  
is LOVE"**  
**1 Corinthians 13:13**

**CO-CHAIRS:**  
**MONICA LEWIS JONES**  
**YVONNE CALDWELL WHITE**

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

Flowers on the High Altar are In Loving Memory of **Rosa L. Napoleon** and In Loving Memory of **Evelyn Chapman** given by Lisa and Vincent Napoleon.

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

- I would like to place flowers on the High Altar - \$60.
- I would like to place flowers on the Absalom Jones Altar - \$50.
- I would like to place flowers on the Columbarium - \$40.

(Please PRINT/ TYPE. You may use an additional piece of paper for more names.)

A) In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

B) In Thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## CHURCH SCHOOL

is held in the undercroft at **10:00 AM** for Youth ages 4 through High School. The theme for this church school year is "The Lord's Prayer".

Join us as we RE-Imagine our Church School Adventures with Prayer, Fellowship, Programs, and Fun! Register in person or contact [Dottie Archey](#) for more information or 215 837-6941.

## Calling All Toddlers, Children, Teens, and Families of St Thomas

June 10th from 1:00– 4:00 pm – the Youth Leadership of the Diocese of Pennsylvania is hosting its Summer Youth Jam at St. Peter's in the Great Valley in Malvern. All Toddlers, Children, Teens, and Families are invited for fun, food & fellowship. Parents, please stick around – there will be fellowship activities for you too. More details to follow.



Nikkol Simms  
Branch Advisor  
njsimms@verizon.net

For more info:  
<http://gfsus.org/>

Find us on Facebook!  
GFS PA African  
Episcopal Church of St.  
Thomas

# GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

GFS is ready to begin a new year of worship, study, play and service! We are excited to recharge our continuous mission of uplifting our young ladies and preparing them for today's society. We are also preparing for this year's theme to Love, Serve, and Grow and remembering our 75 years of legacy at St. Thomas.

**Meetings  
begin**

**Oct. 1, 2022**

**11am-1pm**

Membership Ages:

Teddy Bears: 3-5 yo.

Junior Members: 5-13 yo.

Senior Members: 14-21 yo.

Ambassadors: 18-30 yo.

Girls participate in:

Service Projects

Girl Talks

Arts & Crafts

World Day of Prayer

Founder's Day

Mission Day

GFS Day

Past Recreational Opportunities:

White water rafting

Theaters

Museums

Ice Skating

Segway/Ziplining

Mini Golf

Holiday House in Cape May, NJ

## **JOIN THE GIRLS FRIENDLY SOCIETY!**

Meetings are from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. All girls aged 3 - 30 are welcome. Girls participate in: service projects, girl talks, arts & crafts, World Day of Prayer, Founder's Day, Mission Day and GFS Day along with trips to the theater, museums, ice skating, mini golf, trips to the Pumpkin Patch and Holiday House in Cape, May, NJ. If you would like to volunteer as a leader or sponsor, please contact our Branch Advisor, [Nikkol Simms](#).

**Please help support our St. Thomas GFS Branch** with a love donation. Donations will go to helping them go on their Founders' Day trip to Washington D.C. in March and World Council in South Africa August 3-11, 2023. If you have any questions, please contact [Nikkol Simms](#).

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## **SCOUT TROOP #133 -**

Our Cub Scout Program is open to boys grades 1-5. The Cub program meets at 2:00 PM on Saturdays.

The Scout Program is open to children aged 11-17 years old. The Scout Program will meet at 3:00 PM on Saturdays according to the schedule.

Please contact Scout Master [Howard Chapman](#) for more information.

## **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.

## RE-IMAGINING OUR MINISTRIES

Persons are needed:

-to lift their voices on the **Comfort Choir** during funeral services at St. Thomas. Please contact [D. Lynn Joell](#) if interested.

-to serve with the **Sound Ministry** for Sunday morning service and weekday funeral services. If interested, please contact Gladyce in the Parish Office.

-to serve on the **Altar Guild**. This amazing group of individuals prepares our altar each week for the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Interested people should contact [Alfreda Brockman](#).

-to serve as **Readers and Intercessors** to read the Holy Scripture during our weekly services. Interested persons should contact Gladyce in the Parish Office to sign up.

-to join the **Transportation Ministry**. The main mission of the ministry is to provide transportation to parishioners who attend Sunday Service who may be parked in a nearby remote parking lot. Please contact **Gladyce** in the office if you are interested.

-as **Acolytes** to serve on the altar. Please contact **Gladyce** in the office if you are interested.

-**Photography Ministry** is in need of additional photographers. You do not need to be a professional photographer but do enjoy taking pictures. Anyone interested can contact [Bill Edmonds](#) or [Dale Williams](#).

-**The Shepherds Ministry** is still in need of many more volunteers to be able to shepherd all households of our congregation. Shepherds set their own schedules to be in regular touch with their households of sheep by phone, email, text or various social media platforms. Each is assigned no more than 4 households. All Ministry meetings are held via Zoom. Please note that the Vestry will continue to shepherd, for one year, all new members joining the congregation. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact [Charlene M. Wiltshire](#).

**Readings for the Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**May 14, 2023 - Mother's Day**

The First Lesson: [Acts 17:22-31](#)

[Psalm 66:7-18](#)

The Second Lesson: [1 Peter 3:13-22](#)

The Holy Gospel: [John 14:15-21](#)

**The Holy Gospel Readings for the  
Week of May 15, 2023**

Monday - [Luke 9:18-27](#)

Tuesday - [Luke 11:1-13](#)

Wednesday - [Luke 12:22-31](#)

Ascension Thursday - [Matthew 28:16-20](#)

Friday - [Luke 9:28-36](#)

Saturday - [Luke 9:37-50](#)

**Readings for- the Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**May 21, 2023**

The First Lesson: [Acts 1:6-14](#)

[Psalm 68:1-10,33-36](#)

The Second Lesson: [1 Peter 4:12-14;5:6-11](#)

The Holy Gospel: [John 17:1-11](#)

**The Holy Gospel Readings for the  
Week of May 22, 2023**

Monday - [Luke 9:51-62](#)

Tuesday - [Luke 10:1-17](#)

Wednesday - [Luke 10:17-24](#)

Thursday - [Luke 10:25-37](#)

Friday - [Luke 10:38-42](#)

Saturday - [Luke 11:14-23](#)

## Readings for the Day of Pentecost

May 28, 2023

The First Lesson: [Acts 2:1-21](#)

[Psalm 104:25-35](#)

The Second Lesson: [1 Corinthians 12:3B-13](#)

The Holy Gospel: [John 20:19-23](#)

## The Holy Gospel Readings for the Week of May 29, 2023

Monday - [Luke 11:24-36](#)

Tuesday - [Luke 11:37-52](#)

Wednesday - [Luke 11:53-12:12](#)

Thursday - [Luke 12:13-31](#)

Friday - [Luke 12:32-48](#)

Saturday - [Luke 12:49-59](#)

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If you are a member of St. Thomas and wish to participate in a **monthly Vestry meeting** via Zoom, you must notify the Vestry Clerk. Send an email to [vestryclerk@aecst.org](mailto:vestryclerk@aecst.org) at least two days prior to the meeting. You will then receive the link needed to join the meeting. Vestry meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE:**

**IN REHAB:**

Nora Corbin- Little Flower Rehab; Linda Holmes; Fr. Darryl James - Magee Rehab Center; Gladys Tucker - Rosemont Care and Rehabilitation Center.

**RECOVERING AT HOME:**

Rosalind Rodriquez, Alletta Parris-Olday, Harold Yates, William Smalls, Pearl Henderson, Fr. Jay Collins, Teri Taylor, Tyrone Keller, Ronald Coleman.

**KEEP IN PRAYER:**

Louise Lewis, Adinah Edwards, Robert Brown, Justin Trotman, Georgia Sawyer, Shirley Caldwell, Stephanie Williamson, Francina Norris, Leotta Griffith, Ridart "Butch" Farmer, Kenneth Dow, Gwendolyn Langford, Eleanor Chestnut, Joan Hall, Dorothy Smith, Alice Bowman-Cropper, Daryn Stewart, Sheryl Johnson, Shirley Winkfield, Dr. Thomas Snowden, Dr. Walter Bantom, Bill Edmonds, Leatrice Snowden, Lemont Johnson.

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**WE PRAY FOR**

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

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**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

Parishioners, please remember to include your envelope number as well as your name on your offering envelope. The number is especially important. If you don't have your envelope number please don't hesitate to contact me. Thanks so much for your help with this. [Judy Tillman](#)

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.

If you have decided to use the **Givi App** or [Online Giving Donations](#), please email your name and envelope number. Thank you very much. Judy Tillman

A list of the Sick and Shut-In parishioners has been put in Anderson Hall with the Offering Envelopes. If you live near a parishioner who is unable to come to church, it would be much appreciated if you could slot their envelopes. Thank you

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## 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](#).

## 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 now be sent for 2023. Please send them via the US mail to the church or electronically by clicking this link [Click>](#) 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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