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BY
FAITH
NOT
BY
SIGHT

2 CORINTHIANS 5:7

THE AFRICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS • FIRST BLACK EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE USA
THE VERY REVEREND CANON MARTINI SHAW, 17TH RECTOR
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THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Youth Sunday

Sunday, October 24, 2021
10:00 AM

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.

ST. THOMAS IS OPEN FOR IN-PERSON SERVICE

Due to CDC and Diocesan recommendations, we can only accommodate 150 people in the church. All others will be directed to Anderson Hall. There will be a sign-in sheet. Masks are **MANDATORY** for all in attendance. Seating will be spaced. Please check the signs on each pew before you enter. Hand sanitizer will be 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**](#).

A PASTORAL NOTE

Grace and Peace to you.

I pray that this communication finds you well. Recent news reporting re: COVID19 has caused me great concern, especially for our dear brothers and sisters who have not been fully vaccinated against COVID19. If you are unvaccinated, I ask you to prayerfully consider being vaccinated ASAP. Please spread the word regarding the importance of being fully vaccinated.

Please receive this note as a symbol of my deep concern and love. And let us continue to pray for those infected with and affected by the virus.

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Reverend Dr. Sadie S. Mitchell “Pastor Sadie”
who transitioned on 12/16/2020 will be held on
Saturday, October 30, 2021, 10:00 AM, at The AECST.
Her ashes will be inurned in the columbarium at that time.

The family requests that those attending the service be fully vaccinated. Masks must be worn. Social distancing will be in effect. The service will be in-person, only.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that you please donate to the **AECST’s JFA, Sr. Scholarship Fund**, noting in the check’s memo, “In memory of Pastor Sadie.”

We look forward to celebrating our mother’s life with you.

Lovingly, The Family

THE HEALTH MINISTRY
Don't Play with you Health. Get Checked.



1 in 7 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime. Mammograms are the best way to find breast cancer early, when it is easier to treat, and before it is big enough to feel or cause symptoms.

Currently, there is not sufficient knowledge on the causes of breast cancer, therefore, early detection of the disease remains the cornerstone of breast cancer control.

When breast cancer is detected early, and if adequate diagnosis and treatment are available, there is a good chance that breast cancer can be cured. If detected late, however, curative treatment is often no longer an option. The majority of deaths occur in low- and middle-income families, where most women with breast cancer are diagnosed in late stages due mainly to lack of awareness on early detection and barriers to health services.

THE ST. THOMAS HEALTH MINISTRY HEALTH MYTHS AND TRUTHS REGARDING BREAST CANCER

MYTH:

Finding a lump in your breast means you have cancer.

TRUTH: Only a small percentage of breast lumps turn out to be cancer. But if you discover a persistent lump in your breast that is new or notice any changes in breast tissue, it should never be ignored. It is very important that you see a physician for a clinical breast exam. Take charge of your breast by performing routine self-exams, establishing on-going communication with your Physician, getting annual clinical breast exams, and scheduling your routine screening mammograms.

MYTH:

A mammogram can cause breast cancer to spread.

TRUTH: A mammogram, or x-ray of the breast, currently remains the gold standard for the early detection of breast cancer. Breast compression while getting a mammogram cannot cause cancer to spread. The benefits of mammography, however, nearly always outweigh the potential harm from radiation exposure. Mammograms require very small doses radiation. The risk of harm from radiation exposure is extremely low.



In Memory of the Life of
Octavius V. Catto,
let us remember to

VOTE

Tuesday, November 2, 2021
or before that date.

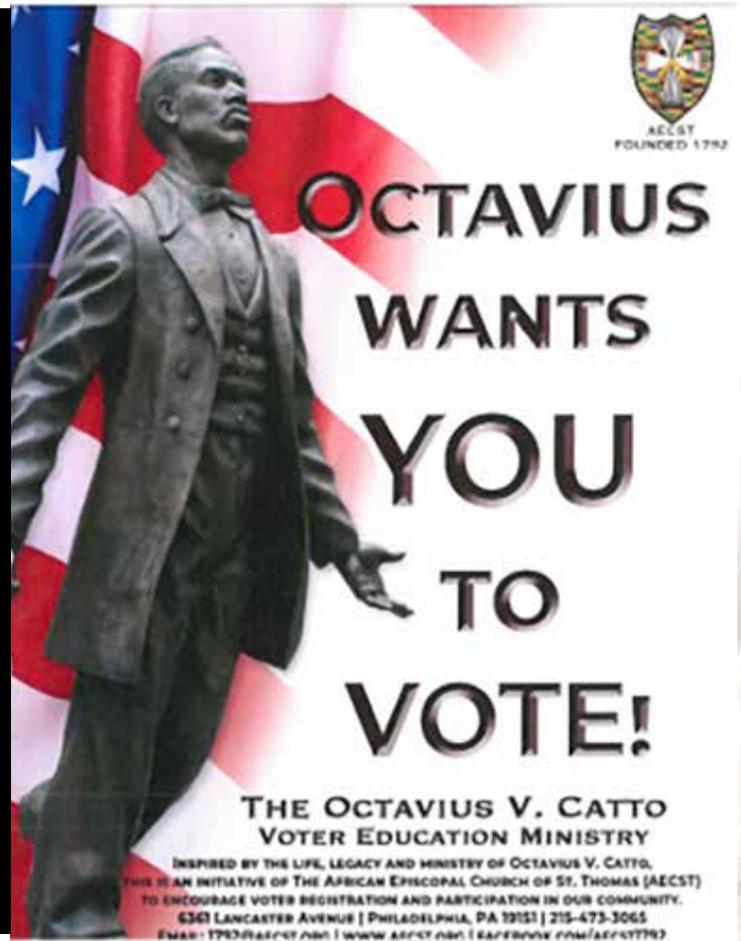
Visit [PA Voter Registration](#) for
more information.

Pennsylvania 2021 Elections

1. Special State Legislative
2. State Supreme Court
3. Appellate Court
4. State Ballot Measures
5. Local Ballot Measures
6. School Board Seats
7. Municipal Government

ballotpedia.org/Pennsylvania_elections_2021

<https://www.google.com/search?>



O.V. CATTO VOTER EDUCATION MINISTRY

Election Day Update

November 2nd is Election Day for municipal elections in PA. Our local elections are as important as the national elections.

Your participation could affect some major decisions that involve local schools, gun violence prevention and fair wages.

Here are some tips for Election Day.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ELECTION DAY

MAIL IN BALLOT:

If you have received your ballot, we suggest you take your ballot to a local drop off site to insure delivery.

Last day to request a mail-in or absentee ballot is

October 26th, 2021

VOTING AT THE POLLS:

Make sure you know your polling location, have a plan for going to the polls, dedicate time to vote as lines may be long, and make sure you have the proper ID required.

Poles are open on Election Day from **7:00AM-8:00PM**.

For questions on finding your Polling Location and required ID, go to: <https://votespa.com>

This initiative is provided by
The AECST O.V. Catto Voter Education Ministry
at the www.aecst.org or [Facebook](#)

THE CIRCLE OF PRAYER MINISTRY

Please join us for the Circle of Prayer Ministry Call on
Monday, October 25, 2021 at 6:30 AM!

Thanks so much to this week's
Circle Of Prayer ministry participants:

Fr. Martini Shaw, Wanda Tarawaly, Cynthia Muse,
Clara Mae Daniels, Terri Barber, Regina Meacham,
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, October 25, 2021. We start promptly at 6:30 am.

We encourage you to reach out to us at circleofprayer@aecst.org to submit prayer requests or if you are interested in leading the Intercessory Prayer, offer a prayer(s) or provide a meditation in song. The

Teleconference call number is: **605-313-6361**.

The access code is **268105**. Prayer is the Answer!

**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 PANDEMIC HAS EMPOWERED THE CHURCH TO RE-IMAGINE

Please join our rector in RE-IMAGINING.

We will Re-imagine new ways to view our relationship
with Jesus Christ.

We will Re-imagine new ways to proclaim the Gospel.

We will Re-imagine new ways to feed and nurture others.

We will Re-imagine new ways to evangelize
and grow the church.

We will Re-imagine new ways to serve
our seniors and youth.

We will Re-imagine new ways of community
outreach and service.

We will Re-Imagine new ways to engage in
social justice and politics.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

is now being scheduled. If you or someone you know wish to be baptized, please go to our website www.aecst.org, go to "About The AECST". Use the drop down to click on [Holy Baptism](#). All the information about baptism and the [electronic online Application Form](#) can be found there.



AECST
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The African Episcopal Church
of
St. Thomas
Church School
is

BACK!

Calling ALL AECST
Students K-12, Parents and Teachers

WELCOME TO A NEW AND EXCITING YEAR
OF ADVENTURE IN OUR CHRISTIAN JOURNEY
- LEARNING AND LIVING THROUGH CHRIST

**KNOW JESUS.
CHANGE THE WORLD!**

**JOIN US
THE AECST CHURCH SCHOOL
EVERY SUNDAY AT NOON**

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

Please register using our AECST Church School Registration Link
<https://forms.gle/nat7CGEYd7WNcS6X8>

Once you register, you will receive the Zoom link to attend.
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
churchschool@aecst.org for more information.



ALTAR FLOWERS

To order flowers, please send in information with payment to the church C/O Clara Mae Daniels or Alfreda Brockman at: St. Thomas Church, 6361 Lancaster Ave., Phila. Pa 19151

___ I would like to place flowers on the High Altar - \$55.00

___ I would like to place flowers on the Absalom Jones Altar- \$50.00

___ I would like to place flowers on the Columbarium- \$40.00

Please PRINT the following:

a) In Memory of _____

b) In Thanksgiving for _____

c) Given by Envelope #_____Amount \$_____

ATTENTION AECST GRADUATE STUDENTS!

The Jesse F. Anderson Scholarship Committee would like to know and be in touch. Please text your name and contact information to Paula Lamb at 215-620-7250 or Thomasina Hack at 215-901-2773 before 10/ 23/ 2021.

WELCOME BACK VIRTUAL CHURCH SCHOOL!

Church school will meet by ZOOM Sundays, at noon. You can still register your child using AECST Church School [Registration Link](#)

Once you register, you will receive the Zoom link to attend Church School. 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 churchschool@aecst.org for more information.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

[WORSHIP LIVE STREAM](#) on the St. Thomas website, on [Facebook](#) or [Youtube.com](#) every Sunday morning at 10:00 AM.

SPEARHEAD EMAILS

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.

DOK ANNUAL THANKSGIVING COLLECTIONS 2021

Dear Church Family,

This year, The Order of the Daughters of the King - St. Thomas Chapter will again be collecting donations for families through our Annual Thanksgiving Service project. Daughters will be collecting outside of the Church after services beginning **Sunday, October 10th through Sunday November 21st.**

If you wish to donate via check, make the check out to AECST; in memo please note: ThksProjDOK.

And if you aware of a household(s) associated with St. Thomas Church and in need of a Thanksgiving contribution, please contact:

Ms. Thomasina Hack @ 215-901-2773 or email:

Sharon Bullock at scmci@aol.com

The deadline to submit names is Sunday, November 14, 2021.

May you be a blessed and a blessing to others.

The Order of the Daughters of the King
of the African Episcopal Church of Saint Thomas.

JOIN *Brian Jenkins* AT A CHURCH NEAR YOU.

Schedule

- **SUNDAY, OCT. 3RD @ 10:30 AM**
WAYNE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
210 S. Wayne Ave., Wayne, PA 19087
- **SUNDAY, OCT. 10TH @ 11:00 AM**
LOVE ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
2521 N 23rd St, Philadelphia, PA 19132
- **SUNDAY, OCT. 17TH @ 10:00AM**
AFRICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS
6361 Lancaster Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19151
- **SUNDAY, OCT. 24TH @ 10:00 AM** *Virtual Only*
PRAYER, PRAISE AND WORSHIP CENTER
Watch on   @PPPWCC
- **SUNDAY, OCT. 31ST @ 9:45 AM**
1ST AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH- SHARON HILL
901 Clifton Ave., Sharon Hill, PA 19079
- **SUNDAY, NOV. 7TH @ 10:30 AM**
1ST AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH- PHILADELPHIA
6700 Lansdowne Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19151
- **SUNDAY, NOV. 14TH @ 11:00 AM**
1ST BAPTIST CHURCH- HUNTINGDON VALLEY
2451 Murray Ave, Huntingdon Valley, Pa. 19006



Brian C. Jenkins
Chosen 300

Support our mission

 Chosen300.org |  \$Chosen300 |  PO BOX 95, Ardmore, PA 19003

DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS

Readings For
The Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost
October 24th

First Reading: [Jeremiah 31 :7-9](#)

[Psalm 126](#)

Second Reading: [Hebrews 7: 23-28](#)

The Holy Gospel: [Mark 10: 46-52](#)

Week of 10/25/2021

Monday - [Luke 11: 14-26](#)

Tuesday - [Luke 11: 27-36](#)

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

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

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

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

Readings For
The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
October 31st

First Reading: [Deuteronomy 6: 1-9](#)

[Psalm 119: 1-8](#)

Second Reading: [Hebrews 9: 11-14](#)

The Holy Gospel: [Mark 12: 28-34](#)

UPCOMING SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

October 24th
Youth Sunday

October 31st
Health Ministry Sunday
Breast Cancer Awareness Sunday

Nov. 6th
Celebrating the Birthdays of
Fr. Absalom Jones (1st Rector) and
The Very Rev. Canon Martini Shaw (17th Rector)

November 7th
Celebration of the Feast of All Saints / Souls
The celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Links

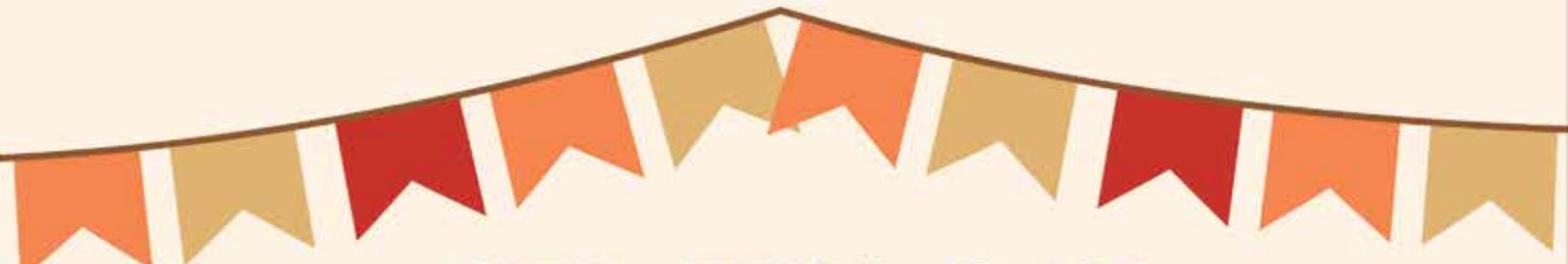
November 14th
The Observance of Veterans Day

November 28th
Youth Sunday

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

Tuesdays at 7:00 PM via Zoom.
Please contact Fr. Jay by email to be added
to the list and receive the Zoom link at:

jcoll1906@gmail.com



**GFS FUN DAY
CHERRY CREST FARM'S
PUMPKIN FESTIVAL!**



150 CHERRY HILL ROAD, RONKS, PA 17572

SAVE THE DATE:

11.6.21

ANIMALS, RIDES, GAMES, CORN MAZE, AND FOOD!

Calling all GFSers AND girls ages 3+ interested in joining GFS!
Parents, tag-a-longs, and GFS leaders are all welcome.

Please contact Nikkol Simms at njsimms@verizon.net if interested.

For their COVID policies:

<https://www.cherrycrestfarm.com/covid>

Varying discounts are available on regular ticket price.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE:
IN THE HOSPITAL**

Alice Cropper, Inez Turner, Kenneth Dow

RECOVERING AT HOME

Harold Yates

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

Suzanne Closson, Shirley Caldwell, Carl Dean,
Adinah Edwards, Francina Norris, Shirley Winkfield,
Robert Brown, Stephanie Williamson, Linda Holmes,
Ridart "Butch" Farmer, Georgia Sawyer, Joan Hall,
Rosalind Roberts Smalls, Dr. Thomas Snowden,
Leatrice Snowden, Isedora "Gwen" Francis, Lisa Woodley.

WE PRAY FOR

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

OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

Travis Minott and family on the death of his father,
Carl Minott. His funeral will be held here at St. Thomas on
Wednesday, October 27, 2021. Viewing is at 10am, Requiem
mass is at 11:00AM. May his soul rest in peace and rise in
glory. Please pray for the family.

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.

The African Episcopal Church of Saint Thomas
6361 LANCASTER AVENUE
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19151
The Very Reverend Canon Martini Shaw, Rector

PEW MEMORIAL PLAQUES



THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2021
DEDICATE A PEW PLAQUE
IN MEMORY OF YOUR LOVE ONES

\$500.00

(Payment Deadline: October 10, 2021)

Checks or money orders can be made payable to: AECST.

You may pay also through the “givi” app.

Make certain to indicate your wish to purchase a
Pew Memorial Plaque and include contact information.

Visit the Church’s website at <http://www.aecst.org/donations.htm>

for other Payment options.

For additional questions or information contact:

Victoria A. Mosley Rivers

victoria.rivers@verizon.net or 215-878-3651



ALL SAINTS / ALL SOULS MEMORIAL CANDLES



On November 7th, we are celebrating the Feast of All Saints / All Souls, you are encouraged to bring in photographs of your loved ones to place on the Columbarium. In addition you will be able to dedicate a

Memorial Candle to your loved one. Candle Memorials will be \$2.00 per single name, married couples would be \$4.00. Please give all forms and money to Clara Mae Daniels, Freda Brockman, or mail to the church office at 6361 Lancaster Ave. Phila. PA., 19151. The Deadline is Tuesday, November 2nd.

PROPERTY UPDATE -GOOD NEWS!

Major work has started on our roof, pointing of exterior and interior stones, and ultimately the cleaning of the interior stones. If you have questions, please speak with our Vestry Property Chair, Ms. Deborah Harrison.

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.

OCTOBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH

During this month, you are asked to please bring both your offering and 2022 Faithful Giving Card to the High Altar of God.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM STEWARDSHIP

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.

If you have moved and have not sent your new address to the church office, call 215-473-3065 or [email](#) us 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.

You can now complete your pledge card by mail or on our website via the online [Pledge Form](#). For the members who weren't in church your pledge cards will be mailed in October.

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.

Thank you very much.

Judy Tillman, Stewardship Committee

WELCOME GREETINGS FROM THE RECTOR

Greetings My Dearest Sisters and Brothers,
Grace and Peace to you.

Let me first express enormous gratitude to you for your commitment and dedication to stewardship. Because of your continued and amazing support during the past Pandemic year, we have been able to accomplish so much around our church in upgrades and beautification, both inside and outside.

As we look forward to coming out of the Pandemic, we can now further focus our attention and energies on Re-Imagining ministry. This will require your continued and increased support.

I ask that you, using the chart below to assist you, prayerfully filling out your 2022 Faithful Giving Card. Please place it in the offering plate, postal mail, or electronically on our Faithful Giving [Pledge Form](#).

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

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 |

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) 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. 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, the AJ House, 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.

2022 FAITHFUL GIVING CARDS

If you have not submitted your Faithful Giving Card, please place your card in the offering plate today.

Thank you! To the following people who have submitted their 2022 Faithful Giving Cards.

Clergy, Vestry, Auxiliary Vestry Leadership

Fr. Martini Shaw

Fr. Gerald Collins

Ronnie Collins

Deadra Cannon

Albert Dandridge, Esq.

Clara Mae Daniels

Barry and Deborah Camp-Frye

Deborah Harrison

D. Lynn Joell

Kelvin & Pamela Johnson

Brenda Johnson Best

Richard Jones

Cynthia Muse

Darryle & Judith Tillman

Joyce Adams

Patricia Akins

Jeanne Arnold

Terri Barber

Susan Ben

Theresa Bramwell

Conchetta Brewer

Carmen Brown

Jayne and Robert Brown

Sandra Bryant-Milller

Carmella Bullock

Sharon Cotton Bullock

Kevin Carter

Lynada Coleburn Bryant

Gwendolyn Cottman

Elizabeth Derr

William & Quincina

Edmonds

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Loretta Fergueson

Edita Gauthney

Barbara Glenn

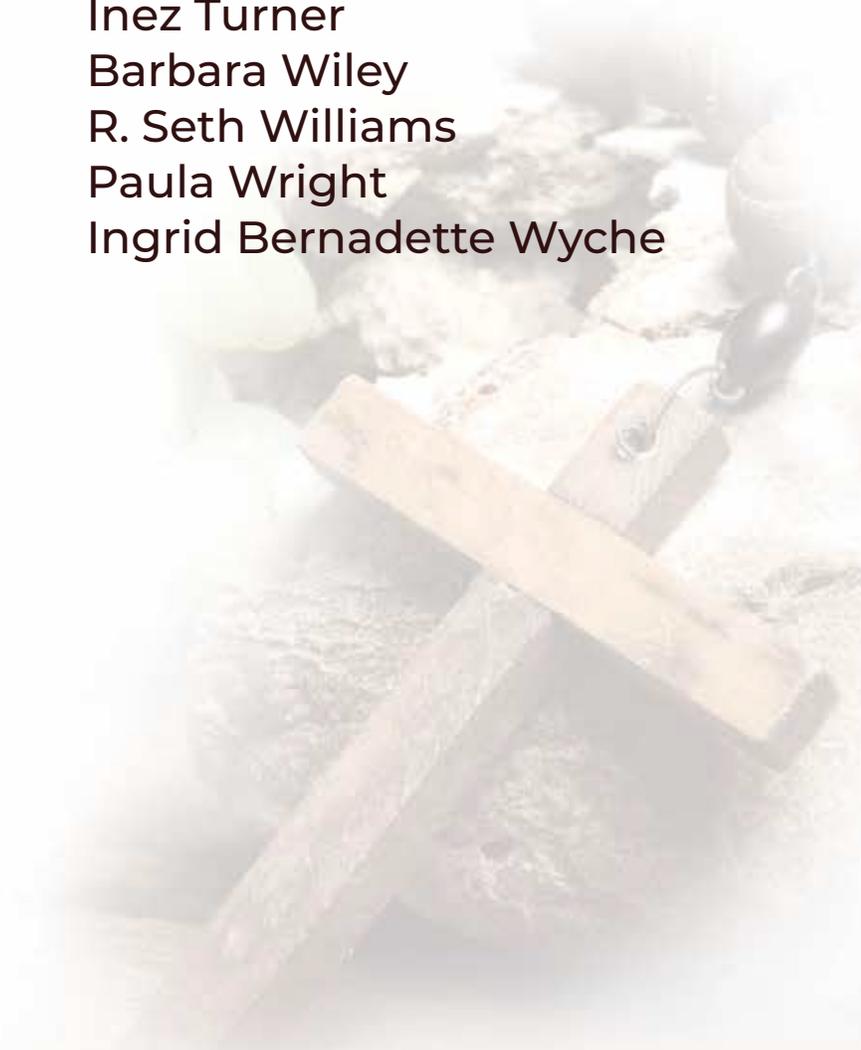
Christopher Golson

Eugene & Marie Golson

**Thank you! To the following people who have submitted their
2022 Faithful Giving Cards.**

Arlene Gray
Linda Greaves
Thomasina Hack
Joyce Harrison
Stephen Hannum
Rene Hays
Linda Holmes
Kim Hyde
Jenelle Wilson Johnson
Tyrone Keller
Denise McKinney-Gibson
Colin Mitchell
Jonathan Muse
Lisa New
Francina Norris
Kim Phillips
Stephen Pugh
Karen Ragland

Clarence Rice
Rosalind Roberts Smalls
Dr. Cassandra Ruffin
Yvonne Ruiz
Deborah Seay
Arlene Singletary
Anita Smith
Catherine Stafford
Joseph Stevenson
Art & Michelle Sudler
Linda Tapper Smith
Justin & Lee Anne Trotman
Inez Turner
Barbara Wiley
R. Seth Williams
Paula Wright
Ingrid Bernadette Wyche



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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.
