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## THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

HEARING THAT JESUS HAD SILENCED THE SADDUCEES,  
THE PHARISEES GOT TOGETHER.  
ONE OF THEM, AN EXPERT IN THE LAW,  
TESTED HIM WITH THIS QUESTION:  
“TEACHER, WHICH IS THE GREATEST  
COMMANDMENT IN THE LAW?”

JESUS REPLIED:  
“‘LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD  
WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL  
AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.’  
THIS IS THE FIRST AND GREATEST COMMANDMENT.  
AND THE SECOND IS LIKE IT  
‘LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’  
ALL THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS  
HANG ON THESE TWO COMMANDMENTS.”  
MATTHEW 22:34-46 NIV

**S** THE AFRICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF  
**ST. THOMAS**

## **The TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**The Rt. Rev. Daniel Gutierrez - Officiant**

**The Very Rev. Canon Martini Shaw - Homilist**

**October 25, 2020: 10:00 A.M.**

**Outside Communion Distribution at St. Thomas**

**You must wear a mask and practice social distancing.**

**October 25, 2020: Noon to 1:00 P.M.**

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### **IN - PERSON CHURCH SERVICE RE-ENTRY**

It is presently uncertain when we will return to worship in the church however planning is underway to assure that we are all able to safely worship upon our return. The Rector has appointed the following Committee to discern / guide the process and make recommendations to him and the Vestry.

The vestry has submitted to the Bishop our re-entry plan, which includes: Not re-entering for corporate worship until sometime in the fall. This plan has been approved by the Bishop.

Members of the Rector's Advisory Committee on Re-Entry:

Richard Jones, Rector's Warden, Co-Chair

Deborah Camp-Frye, Accounting Warden, Co-Chair

Fr. Jay Collins, Clergy

Deborah Harrison, Vestry, Building / Property Chair

Albert Dandridge, Esq., Vestry, Legal

Brenda Best Johnson, Vestry, Ushers

Deadra Cannon, Aux. Vestry, Support

Alfreda Brockman, Altar Guild

Dr. Calvin Johnson, M.D., Medical Advisor / Public Health

Phyllis Cater, Health Ministry

Dr. Gregory Allen, Ph.D, Communication

Gladyce DuBrey, Rector's Executive Assistant

## **PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday-Friday 9AM-4PM.

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 will be ONE DOOR, the Absalom Jones House ramp door.

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## **ALTAR FLOWERS:**

Flowers may now be placed on the altar in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a birthday, wedding anniversary or other celebration. Please send your payment to the church (6361 Lancaster Ave., Phila. PA 19151), in memory or care of the persons name and who it is given by. Flowers are \$50.00. The check can be made out to **The Altar Guild**.

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## **REMEMBER:**

**Daylight Savings Time**

Ends November 1st. Don't forget to set your clock back 1 hour!

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## **ELECTION:**

St. Thomas will be used as a polling place for the election on November 3rd. Those in Ward 34 Division 25 will be able to come to St. Thomas on election day. We are Not a satellite location for early voting.

## **PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER**

### **Hospitalized:**

Pastor Sadie Mitchell

### **Recovering At Home:**

Regina Meacham Devero, Katrina Harris Marshall,  
Linda Holmes, Gail Harris, Waltier Blocker,  
Rosalind Roberts Smalls, Quincina Edmonds,  
Virginia Cooke, Kenneth Dow

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### **A MESSAGE FROM STEWARDSHIP:**

The 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 A. M - 4:00P.M.) 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 theirs up, perhaps you can pick theirs up and put it in their mail slot or between their doors. Thank you.

October 11th began our 2021 Stewardship Drive. Faithful giving cards will be mailed to you with your 3rd quarter financial statement. Please prayerfully make your 2021 pledge, mail or deliver your card to the parish office ASAP so that we can begin planning for our 2021 ministries.

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](mailto:tillman_72@msn.com) or the church email [1792@aecst.org](mailto:1792@aecst.org) so that we can update the church records.

# 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

## **DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS**

### **This Sunday's Readings The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost October 25th**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 34: 1-12

Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 22: 34-46

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### **Week of 10/26/2020**

Monday - Matthew 12: 43-50

Tuesday - Matthew 13: 1-9

Wednesday - Matthew 13: 10-17

Thursday - Matthew 13: 18-23

Friday - 13: 24-30

Saturday - Matthew 13: 31-35

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### **Readings For: The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost November 1st**

First Reading: Revelation 7: 9-17

Psalm 34: 1-10, 22

Second Reading: 1 John 3: 1-3

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12

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## **UPCOMING SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER**

### **November 1st**

The First Mass of The Rev. Darrell Tiller

### **The Feast of All Saints and All Souls**

Please submit names of loved ones to be remembered with a memorial candle that will burn in memory of them.

\$2.00 per name. Deadline is Tuesday, Oct. 27th. Please submit names to the Church office by mail: 636 Lancaster Avenue, Phila., PA or email 1792@aecst.org

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### **November 6th**

Birthday Observances

The Rev. Fr. Absalom Jones (Nov. 6th), 1st Rector; and  
The Very Rev. Canon Martini Shaw (Nov. 6th ), 17th Rector

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### **November 8th**

**Veteran's Day Observed**

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### **TUESDAY ZOOM BIBLE CLASSES AT 7PM**

Please send your email to:

Fr. Collins at JayCollins@comcast.net or  
267-634-6185 to be added to the list.

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## HOW CAN I STILL GIVE TO THE CHURCH WHEN I AM ASKED TO STAY INDOORS / MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING?

- 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) Drop off a payment at the church anytime in the mail slot of the AJ House door on the patio or the Parish Office during office hours.
  
- 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.)

## **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.

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If you are not receiving the Spearhead emails, 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.

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Don't have Facebook but want to see the service? Please join us for our Virtual Worship Service on the St. Thomas Website: [www.aecst.org](http://www.aecst.org) every Sunday morning at 10am.

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### **THE VESTRY**

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

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

## MINISTRY STAFF

Bishop	The Rt Rev Daniel G P Gutierrez	
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Associate Priest	The Rev Fr Gerald Collins	
Associate Minister	The Rev Dr Thomas G Snowden	
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Parish Webmaster	Gail H Harris	ghwebmaster@aecst.org

***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.***